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Star Performers at Disneyland, Paris



The girls of Star Performers in a sequence from their dance 'Chariots of Fire'



Annette May writes:

In the early hours of 12th August, a bus full of excited dancers from the Isleham School of Performing Arts and their families set out from the rec. Our destination was Disneyland Paris and the mission was to dance on stage there and take part in a Disney parade.

In all there were 24 dancers, ranging in age from seven to 17. The whole event was part of the Disney Magic Music days, and was organised by a dance company called Mardi Gras. The troupe from Isleham, who travel under the name Star Performers, had sent an audition DVD to Mardi

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St Andrew's Crafts & Collections



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From the Editor

Welcome to the penultimate *Isleham Informer* of the 'noughties'. You will notice that this is a rather less weighty tome than some recent issue. The reason for this is simple: there has been rather less going on in the village in the past couple of months than normal. I hope you feel compensated for this lack of content by the fact that this issue is actually on time for once!

I now have an urgent request: the inestimable Zoe French, who has been doing such a frabjous job of the design and layout for the *Informer* since December 2006, has, rather belatedly, decided to treat herself to a spot of maternity leave. We will therefore need a replacement, at least for a few months. We are looking for someone with something of a design flair and preferably some experience with desktop publishing software such as Adobe InDesign or Quark XPress. If you can help, please contact me as soon as possible at ed@islehaminformer.org.uk ■

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Consecration of the cemetery land

A number of notices have been placed regarding the consecration of the cemetery land. It will be consecrated as soon as it has been approved by the Lord Bishop of Ely. Note: Could the family of George Wilson please contact the Parish Clerk about the vase on his grave.

Parish Plan

This questionnaire was distributed to every house in the village before Christmas. Almost 300 households responded, expressing their views on the environment, local services, social activities and sports, transport, housing and traffic. The results of the survey have been analysed, and an action plan is being drawn up. 73.2% of respondents said they would like the results reported in the *Informer*; this is planned for a future edition. Copies of the full report will be available on request.

3 Rivers Car Scheme

A voluntary car scheme for all reasonable local journeys, and longer journeys to West Suffolk and Cambridge hospitals. More volunteer drivers are needed. If you can help please phone 07549 892322.

Isleham Nature Reserve: Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to take on roles such as wardening, litter picking, supporting events, being Chairman/Treasurer/Secretary etc. of the Isleham Nature Reserve, and also to take part in Volunteer Work Party days with the Wildlife Trust on Wednesday 21st October and Wednesday 27th January. If you are interested and would like to have a go please do contact Charlotte Lowry, Greenspaces Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council, tel: 01223 715557.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTH

Dunbavin Ian and Gill are delighted to announce the birth of their son Zack Robert, a brother for Joe, on 9th September 2009 at the West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, weighing 8lbs 14oz.

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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Gras, and subsequently performed in the West End with them, and had then been invited to dance at Disneyland Paris. As you can imagine, everyone was incredibly excited.

We all spent Wednesday enjoying the delights of Disney, but Thursday 13th was the all important performance. Four dance schools each put on a 20 minute show in the Fantasy Land Theatre. Star Performers were on last and at exactly 3pm the curtain went up.

The auditorium was packed with people, all cheering and clapping. The girls looked fantastic in their costumes, and they smiled and sparkled as they danced their routines. They had several quick changes and by all accounts things were pretty hectic backstage; however, to the audience the performance was very professional, and met with thunderous applause (and suddenly much wider smiles from the girls!) as it came to a close.

Later that evening the girls from all four dance schools took part in a Mardi Gras parade, marching through the park just before the main parade of the day. The route was packed with thousands of people, and the clapping and cheering that followed the girls' cheerleading routine was tremendous. As a parent of a child involved it was quite overwhelming, but the girls smiled and waved and took it all in their stride.

The whole experience was marvellous and I'm sure



that the troupe would like to join me in saying a big thank you to Ruth and Lizzie Bendall who made the whole thing possible. We also thank Irene Bentley, who helps Ruth and made all the costumes, and to the committee who ran fund raising events for the trip. Finally on behalf of all the parents who were there I'd like to say well done to all the girls. You worked really hard over a long period of time, and when it came down to it, you really were Star Performers. ■

St Andrew's Crafts & Collections

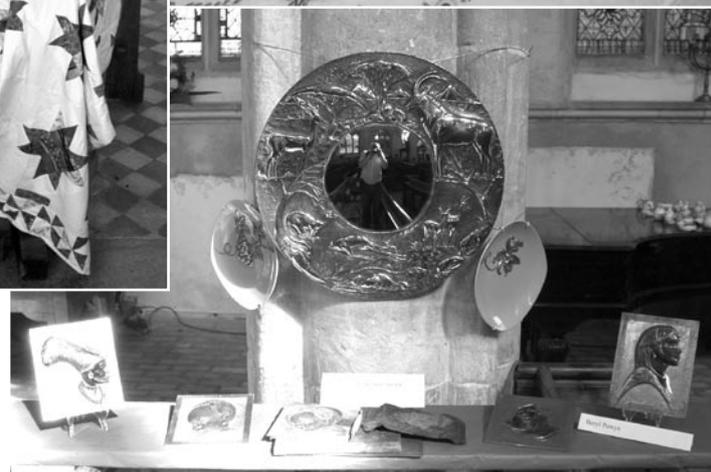
A big thank you to all who contributed to our festival over August Bank Holiday weekend, with so many crafts and collections. Also, thanks to everyone who helped in the Social Centre preparing sandwiches, cakes and serving refreshments, and to all those who 'manned' the church. The total raised over the weekend was £1900.

Gift Day 25th July

Many thanks to all who contributed to our Gift Day. £1675 was the total raised; thank you all for being so generous.

Festival of Light

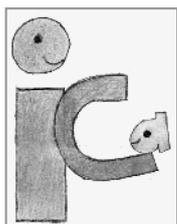
Yes, it will soon be that time of year again! The dates this year are: Friday 27th November, 2pm – 6pm; Saturday 28th, 11am – 7pm; Sunday 29th, 11am – 7pm. There will be mulled wine, mince pies, refreshments, a draw, tombola and bric-a-brac available in the Social Centre. There will be a Carol Concert on Friday 27th at 6.30, and a Group Service on Sunday 29th at 10.30am.



Janice Pope

ICA Community Centre News

Crucial business donations



I reported in the last issue that a £50k grant has been received towards the cost of renewing and removing the All-Weather Pitch next Spring. I am pleased to report that it seems very likely that the balance of the cost will be met by the Football Foundation.

Between me writing this update and you reading it, three important things should have happened. The first is that hopefully we will have received outline planning permission, the second that a grant application has been made to the Football Foundation for about £200k (in addition to that above) and the third that news has been received about our Stage 1 application to Sport England. All of these will be confirmed in the next *Informer*.

Many other applications have still to be made, the timing of which, in many cases, is dictated by the grant providers. What is becoming clear now that, with planning permission sought, we are able to more actively pursue grants, is that many providers demand identification of what aspect of the development we wish them to fund. They will not permit their grant money to just go into the project 'pot'. At the moment some of them can be satisfied, but others, at this stage, cannot. Many are only prepared to consider commitment later in the project cycle. This may cause a problem, and

makes it even more vital the need for maximising private and business donations. Revenue is needed to meet some of the earlier costs. After that the more reticent grant providers referred to will more likely come on board.

A Special Edition of the *Informer* is devoted to the pursuit of private donations and I need add no more. The level of business donations will equally determine the fate of our Centre, and your help is very much needed to maximise them. A brochure, aimed at businesses, has been produced. Copies are being distributed to parish councillors, ICA members and interest groups within the village. They will ensure that the brochures reach the desks of various business leaders. Will you also help? Copies of the brochure are available in the Co-op and Post Office. Please collect one (or more) and ask your employer, or any employer you know, to donate. This is likely to be far more effective than the intended mail shot. Equally you could email me (faspland@sky.com) with contact details of potential donors. I stress again how important such donations will be, and would reiterate the point made in previous reports that, without your support and help, the chances of getting this superb Centre are much reduced.

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Philip Aspland, ICA Chair

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High Street Church

High Street Church has been established in Isleham for almost 200 years. The church was founded in 1812 by a small group led by William Norman. The present building was completed a few years later. The church grew in numbers and has had 21 Pastors.

When Tom and Audrey Chipper arrived in Isleham in 1965 to pastor the church, there was a membership of 60. Today we have a new leadership team, a membership of 250, activities throughout the week for all age groups and have out grown the building in which we worship each week. Our Junior Church meets in the village hall every Sunday at present.

Three years ago we realised that we needed to look very seriously at what we would need to enable High



New church for future generations

Street Church to continue to grow and worship God in our village. An earlier extension and the addition of a temporary building in the past meant that the present site has very little space to improve our facilities and parking continues to be a problem.

It was then that God began to open our eyes to the possibilities that He had for us; the offer of some farm land just outside the village meant that we might be able to construct a new building. An approach to the local council to investigate the requirements for planning showed that relocating to a position on the edge of the village would be beneficial to all.

Building a new church is a once in a life time experience. We want to build as God directs us to accommodate our church as it is now but also to provide a centre that will be used by generations to come, just as William Norman did 200 years ago.

Our plans were submitted and approval received in September 2007. We then explored various construction techniques, realising that out-sourcing the whole build would be expensive and opted for a 'self build' that would enable us to reduce these costs considerably.

And so we are embarking on a 'green oak framed' self build project using skills that we have in our church membership. Paul Hedger, our church leader and pastor will be heading up the oak frame construction, joined by a small team of church members. This is a huge task that will result in the construction of one of the largest oak frame buildings in living memory. Timber has been purchased from Elveden Forest and from the Forestry Commission in the New Forest.

Little activity will be seen on the field at the end of Beck Road for some time, but the timber will be milled, cut, jointed and numbered over the coming months before it arrives on site to be erected.

If you would like to know more about this project, please contact me on 01638 780832. Jane Darley

An advertisement for Emma's Beauty. The background is a light-colored illustration of a large, detailed flower, possibly a lily or a similar species, with long, slender leaves and a decorative ribbon-like element at the top left. The text is arranged in a clean, professional layout. The name 'Emma's Beauty' is written in a large, elegant serif font. Below it, a quote in a smaller, italicized serif font describes the services. The professional title 'NAIL TECHNICIAN, BEAUTY AND HOLISTIC THERAPIST' is in a bold, sans-serif font. Contact information, including telephone, mobile, and email numbers, is provided at the bottom in a simple sans-serif font.

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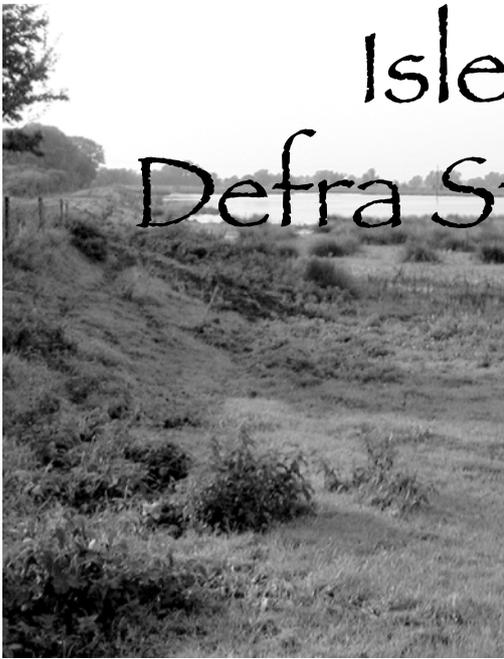
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Isleham Washes and the Defra Stewardship Schemes

A report by
Roseanna Thompson



The Thompson family have been the tenants on the Washes for more than 20 years. It has always been grazed and because of this it has been kept as natural as possible.

The two Washes have now been in the Entry Level Stewardship and Higher Level Stewardship schemes for a number of years and we are seeing encouraging differences since our application to Defra was accepted.

The Little Wash

The Little Wash is off Fen Bank, with a road running through it over the river to the Marina, which is in Suffolk. The River Lark is the boundary between Cambridgeshire and Suffolk.

Under the Stewardship Scheme it is classified as permanent grassland with very low inputs i.e. grassland managed with no fertiliser and with a high value of wildlife; traditionally managed, and important to maintain. Permanent pastures with very low inputs of fertiliser and herbicide make better wildlife habitats.

The Main Wash

You can reach the Main Wash by following Fen Bank towards Fenland Boats (you would eventually reach Prickwillow). This road was the main road linking Isleham and Prickwillow many years ago.

Under the Stewardship Scheme it is classified as maintenance of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl: the aim is to continue the management of wet grassland that already has suitable conditions and supports wintering populations of waders and wildfowl. The existing water management regime is to be continued or modified to provide conditions that will continue to attract these birds, and also contribute to protecting valuable landscapes and archaeology and the promotion of good soil conditions.

Stewardship update

Indicators of success in these schemes are: wintering

waders, ducks, geese and swans present between 1st November and the end of February; good soil conditions in so far as weather permits; a certain amount of standing water should be present in so far as weather permits; and cover of tussocks of grass and rushes should be monitored.

The Washes have been in these Environmental Stewardship schemes now for three years, and although we are not yet certain that breeding waders have started to re-colonise, wintering and passage migrant numbers are impressive, and their variety underlines just how important this area is for wetland birds.

Teal have built up to more than 200 birds, and snipe to 50 to 100 birds over-winter, and there is always a small over-wintering population of redshank.

A few of all of these species stay during summer, and management of the site is intended to try to encourage these species to breed.

This winter, the regular birds were joined briefly by a great white egret – much rarer than the little egrets that are now becoming a familiar site in the fens.

Up to a dozen avocets now regularly pass through on migration, with smaller numbers of black-tailed and bar-tailed godwits, green, wood and common sandpipers, ringed and little-ringed plovers, greenshank, ruff and oystercatchers.

Parts of the Washes are now developing a more typical wet fen vegetation, with plants like ladies smock, tubular water dropwort, bur-reed and water plantain becoming more widespread. Over time, we are hoping to improve the habitat for these colourful plants alongside making conditions more suitable for breeding wetland birds. ■

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Parish Council News

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 6th JULY

Present Cllrs Beckett, Carter, Neal, Baines, Mrs Wilkes, Mrs Malkin, Mrs R Thompson, Mrs Hobbs, Mrs H Thompson.

Five parishioners

Apologies Cllr Earl, CCllr Powley.

PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS

- Cutting the recreation ground after the YFC. Nets had been pulled out and the spikes were left exposed and the mower ran over them. (Recreation Ground Committee.)
- Recreation Ground needs spraying.
- Mr Houghton has contacted the EA about the gate on the little wash.
- Would it be possible to put another bridge over to the lugger bank up near JayJay lodge?
- Junction of West Street/Hall Barn Road there is a pothole.
- A number of bushes and trees are hanging over the footpaths.

POLICE MATTERS

- The latest police report was read to the Council.
- The neighbourhood panel meeting was held on 1st July and no one from the PC attended.

ICA

- The ICA has been successful in obtaining a grant of £50,000 from WREN towards the cost of moving the all weather pitch in preparation for building the new centre. It was agreed that a cheque be sent to Wren for £5500 to unlock the Landfill Communities Fund monies. A cheque will be issued.

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

- The gents' urinal has been replaced.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- Meeting to be held on Tuesday 21st July.
- Trees on Mill Street.
- Spraying of recreation ground: discuss at finance committee meeting.

CEMETERY AND CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- The next burial to take place in a new grave will be in the cemetery extension by the wall running alongside The Causeway.
- Cemetery Land Sale: The meeting was adjourned to discuss the sale of the cemetery land.
- Consecration of the Cemetery Land: Notice of this will be put in *Newmarket Journal*, *Ely Standard*, *Cambridge Evening News* for four consecutive weeks. It will also be publicised in the *Informer*, on the website and on the Notice board.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Mr Beckett welcomed Mr James Palmer who introduced himself as our new County Council representative. Mr Palmer is a Conservative and lives in Soham.

HIGHWAYS FOOTPATH MATTERS

- The footpath on the Prickwillow Road (Byway) is not a legally designated footpath. The CC is responsible for cutting the verges. Individual users of the path should apply to CC to have it designated as a footpath. It is not a PC matter. CCllr Palmer will look into the matter at the County Council. The concrete path along Coates Drove is very overgrown.

- It was agreed that on the grounds of highway safety a bridge not be allowed up near the Luggar Bank.
- Weir to JayJay Lodge cut back so well that it could become a rat run; can an invalid gate be placed at the top of the lugger bank. Wash Working Party will look at this.
- Pot hole on West Street/Hall Barn Road – write to Highways.
- Trees and bushes overhanging – Gavin Wiseman.

ALLOTMENT MATTERS

- The allotment working party will meet to discuss arrangements for maintenance to be carried out on the Three Tree allotment site.

PLANNING MATTERS

- Single storey bedroom extension at 13a Station Road, Isleham for Mrs Wendy Davies - no objection.
- 7 Coates Drove, Isleham has been approved.

OTHER MATTERS

- The Parish Clerk will write to RAF Mildenhall about the activity over the village during the last week, the height of the aircraft and flying around with the wheels down; flying over the village; if there is necessity for this type of work could they please notify the PC. ■

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Bowls Club Report: 2009 season

This has been one of our better seasons of recent years. Success has been attained at both individual and team levels.

Our ladies' team won the Cambs Ladies' Triples League by defeating Coleridge in the final at Newmarket. They also finished runners-up to Newmarket Ladies in the Ely and District evening league. Our ladies' captain, Sylvia Pinder, also reached two singles finals at an individual level but unfortunately lost both, the first in the county over 55s singles and then in the Ely and District ladies' singles final at Chippenham.

2009 has been a momentous year for the sport in that the governing national bodies have merged to promote the sport of lawn bowls as a mixed gender activity. There were two mixed team competitions staged at county level in 2009 and we lost in both semi finals, the first to March Town in the Roy Peacock Trophy for three rinks of four and then to Chesterton in the Huckle Cup for four mixed triples.

The men have had a very mixed season. In the Ely and District league, victory in the last two matches ensured we did not finish rock bottom; that honour went to the Soham 'B' team. Never before in my 28 years with the club have we struggled so badly in this competition, but on the positive side I was able to allow 31 different men to play in these matches throughout the season.

However, the silver lining around the dark cloud shone brightly at Chippenham on Sunday 6th September. In my 16 years of being club captain we had only reached one semi final about 10 years ago (I did joke mid season

by saying that if I was a football manager I would have been sacked by now!) but after wins against Soham 'A', Soham 'B' and then Fordham (oh what joy in the local Derby – sorry, any Fordham readers!) we played Newmarket Avenue in the final. The rink of Robert Cole, Jeff Marsh and skipped by teenager Christopher Dunkley picked up seven shots on the first end of the match and then never looked back, eventually winning by 16 shots. However, this is a team match which also had nine other players on three more rinks that managed to gain enough shots to win the match by 13 shots overall. So a big well done after being in the shadow of our lady bowlers for many seasons!



Barry Grimwood, Club Captain and County Champion

On a personal note, I was extremely proud to become the first ever club individual County Champion. This competition has taken two seasons to win because in 2008, I became the Isleham club champion and therefore in 2009 represented Isleham against club champions from other clubs across the county. The final was played at the end of July at Chesterton Bowls Club against Dennis Lewis from the City of Ely Club. After a close start I took control of the match and went on to win 21 – 12.

This has been reward for many hours of hard work and devotion to the sport at both Isleham Bowls Club and as a representative of the Bowls Cambridgeshire executive committee.

In the internal club championships, all matches were played in a good spirit and the finals played over a weekend of contrasting weather in September. We had glorious sunshine for the Saturday matches but a cloudy Sunday with a fresh north east wind. The finals were followed by a superb roast meal prepared by Sharon Grimwood.

The winners were:

- Men's Singles** Robert Burling; R-Up Keith Munns
- Handicap Singles** Barry Clarke; R-Up Michael Bartlett
- Ladies' Singles** Celia Clarke; R-Up Doreen Raven
- Pitcher Memorial Singles** Barry Clarke; R-Up Michael Bartlett
- Club Pairs**; Darren Dunbavin and Jeff Marsh; R-Up Sheila King and Barry Grimwood
- Club Triples** Vic Jugg, Heather Munns and Bob Mitchell; R-Up Shane Dunbavin, Barry Moate and Barry Clarke
- Husband and Wife Pairs** Diane and Robert Burling; R-Up Celia and Barry Clarke
- Tenrich Trophy** Terry Sharplin and Michael Bartlett; R-Up Bob Mitchell and Robert Cole
- Telfer Trophy** Sheila King; R-Up Rebecca Blyth

September always signals 'out with the grass' and 'in with the carpet' as we launch our two teams that are involved in the East Cambs League.

As with any club that depends on volunteers, a big thank you must go to those members of our club that give up valuable time to ensure we have a first class facility within the village.

Barry Grimwood, Club Captain



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Isleham Under Fives: dates for your diary

We hope all the under fives are settling into the new term at pre-school and reception and we look forward to seeing some new faces at Busy Bees too. Here are a few dates for your diaries:

On Tuesday 13th October, Busy Bees toddler group is holding a Christmas shopping morning as part of the usual session. There will be a chance to buy cards, wrapping paper, books and other gifts such as handmade soap and chocolates. Emma Mitchell will be there with her beautiful jewellery providing the opportunity to have your children's fingerprints cast in silver to make into a charm, earrings or cufflinks. Find out more at www.emmamitchelldesigns.co.uk. Fingerprint casting needs to be booked, so please call me on 01638 780902 or visit Busy Bees before 13th October if you are interested.

Busy Bees meets every Tuesday in the Village Hall, 9.30-11.30 in term time. All under fives are welcome with parents/carers, £1 for one child, £1.50 for two or more.

Our next Nearly New Sale is on Saturday 14th November 10am to 12 noon at Isleham Village Hall. Items for sale will include good quality children's Winter and Spring clothing (ages 0-5), toys, books and general baby items - highchairs, nursery and feeding equipment, pushchairs, buggies etc. This is an excellent opportunity to buy great items at good prices. For more information please call me on 01638 780902 or email fundraising@iufa.org.uk.

Melanie Jones, IUFA

Women's Institute

August/September 09 report



In August Rodney Tibbs came to talk to our meeting about 'Gardening Now and Then'. He gave a very interesting talk, illustrated by slides, on the changes in popular gardening tools over the last two or three hundred years. Amazingly some haven't altered much at all, although the clothes we wear when cutting the grass and trimming hedges are now rather more informal!

We held a coffee morning on 22nd August at the house of our secretary, Eve Graham. Thanks go to Eve and Ray. In September we held our Harvest Supper, which was delicious. It was a very happy evening that all members seemed to enjoy. Thanks to Margaret Davies for the table decorations.

Next month is Members' Night, when proceedings will be organised by Ann Cant and Pauline Wilkes. A surprise for us all!

Have you ever thought about joining the W.I.? It is a very friendly group of people who 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. ■

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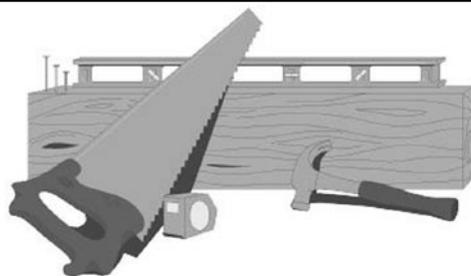
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News and advice from your local PCSO

Just a quick update for you regarding the travellers that set up camp in some of our villages recently. The travellers were evicted from Soham Lodge Hotel and moved to Isleham Nature Reserve where they planned to stay for a couple of weeks; however, within 24 hours they had moved on to land at Larkbank, Fordham: this was due to them seeing snakes on the nature reserve (so walkers please beware!). They were evicted from Larkbank on 17th July and appear to have moved away for now. If you are a landowner please try to make it as difficult as possible for them to set up camp, and if you see any camps being set up then please let us know.

If you have any items that you would like covering in future editions then please let me know and I shall do my best to include them, and please feel free to report any suspicious or antisocial behaviour on the following numbers: South Neighbourhood Policing Team: 0345 456 456 4 for non emergencies, and of course 999 for emergencies.

Barb Neill PCSO 7237 Mobile: 077360 86870 Mobex: 7111222 E.mail: barb.neill@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Neighbourhood Panels Update

The last Soham and East Neighbourhood Panel meeting on Wednesday, 1st July began with a minute's silence in memory of Liam Fairhurst – an exceptional, well-loved and inspiring young man.

Local crime figures have shown a seasonal increase, but are lower than for the corresponding period in 2008.

Councillor Joe Pattison provided an update on the Speedwatch scheme in the Soham and East area, April 2008 – June 2009. (Speeding was identified as travelling in excess of 37 mph in a 30 mph zone.)

The volunteer team were concerned about speeding in Isleham (21%), Snailwell (15%) and Wicken (20%), where there was particular concern about HGVs, and Mereside (Soham) at 25%.

Overall during the 13 months, 10,348 vehicles had been recorded, 1403 warning letters had been sent and 14% of all drivers had been speeding. 26% of the speeding drivers were from the immediate village/town.

More volunteers are needed to join the Panel's Speedwatch team, even if only offering a few hours each month. Please contact Cllr Joe Pattison at joseph.pattison@btinternet.com.

The next meeting of the Soham and East area Panel is at 7pm on Tuesday, 6th October at Soham Village College (Beechurst Hall).

Please come along, become involved and help to bring about improvements in your locality! If you are unable to attend, and have an issue to be raised with the Panel, please contact Geoff Garbett – Parish Council representative on the Soham and East area Panel. ■

JOYCE'S CORNER

Armchair Traveller

I'm just an armchair traveller now,
I don't go far from home.
My passport's long ago expired
Though once I loved to roam.

But still I'm not complaining,
You'll see no sign of gloom.
I've books and films and photos
To help my interest bloom.

Times change, today we fly with ease
To warmer countries and blue seas.
But older memories still remain
Of lovely rides by bus or train.

We leave old homes and lose old friends,
We have a joy and it comes to an end.
There are things that we thought we forgot,
The mind forgets, but the heart does not.

By the flickering light of an old log fire
We sit and dream of an old desire,
And gazing deep in the dying flames
We think of faces, remember names.

But now my brightest days of all
Are when our children's children call.
Each moment holds a memory
Of how our children used to be.

Joyce Drayton

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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

Emergency for Police, Fire, ambulance. 999
 Police (Cambridgeshire) 0845 4564564
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 Addenbrooke's Hospital (Cambridge) 01223 245151
 Newmarket Hospital 01638 665111
 West Suffolk Hospital (Bury St Edmunds)
 01284 713000
 Staploe Medical Centre (Soham) - Appointments
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 Minor Treatment Centre, Ely 01353 652162
 NHS Direct (for advice) 0845 4647
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Isleham Guides are back! Calling all girls and young women

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A newcomer to the area, Caroline is very excited about the new venture. 'I am really looking forward to starting up the Guide Unit. I have just left a thriving group of 25 girls in Lancashire and so I was delighted to be asked to help out in Isleham.

'Guiding is a fantastic organisation, which is well known and trusted by generations of parents as a safe, girl-only environment for their daughters. Re-opening the unit will mean that up to 24 local girls aged between 10 and 15 will be able to make the most of all the opportunities offered by Guiding as we enter our Centenary year.'

At the moment, the location and day of the new Guide unit has not been decided and Caroline would like to find out which day is most convenient for most of the girls.

If you are interested in joining the UK's largest youth organisation in Isleham either as a Guide, Young Leader, Helper or Adult Leader, please e-mail Caroline on islehamguides@yahoo.co.uk outlining your name, age and preferred day to meet. ■

Village clubs: information

If you would like details of your club meeting times to appear here, please contact Glenda Preece on 01 638 780734 or email gjpreece@aol.com

CLUB	CONTACT	TEL	DAY/DATE	TIME	PLACE
Art Group	Sally	01 638 780023	Tuesdays	7-9pm	Village Hall
Book Club	Anna Chataway	01 638 561005	Fridays	2pm	Social Centre
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
Craft Club	Hazel Thompson	01 638 780633	Tuesdays	1.30-4pm	Social Centre
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
Little Stars Drama	Stephanie Eustice	07788 425733	Tuesdays	4.30-6pm	Village Hall
Ruth Bendall School of Dance	Ruth Bendall	01 638 780260	Wednesdays Saturdays	4.30pm 9am	Village Hall Village Hall
Tea & Toast	Claire Freeman	07827 234442	Thursdays	9.30-11.30am	Village Hall
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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. Mrs Hannah White tel: 01638 780935.

All Stars Fun Night 6.45–8.15pm

Wednesday: Fellowship: 2.15–3.15pm, Mrs Sandra Rampley tel: 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

High Street Church

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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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.

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