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Green Light for New Community Centre

How the recreation ground may look once the new Community Centre is completed

On behalf of Isleham Parish Council I would like to thank all the people who turned out to the meeting on Monday 10th January. It was good to hear the queries and concerns that were raised pertaining to the new Centre and I can assure you that the Council will take these on board and consider them as we move forward. In particular I would like to make it clear that it is not the intention of the Council or the ICA that businesses in the village should be adversely affected by the Centre.

After debating the matter, the decision was made that the Council would apply for a loan to enable the New Community Centre project to move forward. The vote was recorded at six in favour and three against.

This is an exciting project for the village and we hope it will enhance people's lives and leisure activities for many years to come. The main purpose of this building is to serve the village by being available to parishioners at special rates for functions and leisure activities, especially among young people.

As a Council we would really value your support as the project moves forward to make this something for the village to be proud of.

Derrick Beckett
Chairman of Isleham Parish Council



Jemma Norman and Richard Murfitt who were married at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 27th November, during the annual spectacular Festival of Light. Photo: Vernon Place



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VILLAGE NOTES

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 28th March 2011 at Isleham Village Hall, 7.30pm. Come and listen to what has been going on in your village over the last year. This is an opportunity to express your views and make suggestions about the future of your village. All welcome.

Tuesday Coffee Morning

At St Andrew's Social Centre. This is a regular, informal event to which all are welcome. There is a Bring & Buy stall where donated items are sold. We are unable to sell furniture or electrical goods. Unfortunately, large items of furniture – a bedstead and an armchair – have been left outside the Social Centre recently. We would ask that such items are not left in the future, as we have had to arrange for their disposal.

Isleham School News

As many of you will already know, our Reception class teacher for many years, Miss Bowden, left at the end of the Autumn term to live nearer friends and family in Wales. Miss Davidson, our temporary Year 3 class teacher, has moved on to a new job in Suffolk.

We wish both teachers all the best for the future, and want to say a big thank you for all the hard work, support and energy they have given during their time here. From January onwards Mrs Deeks will be teaching our Reception Class and Miss Pates will take over as permanent Year 3 Class teacher.

Nicola Bramley

PTA Quiz Night 2011

The Annual Quiz Night is to be held this year on Friday 18th February at Isleham Primary School, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. The cost including supper is £20 per team (up to four people). Bring your own drinks and cutlery. Places are limited, book yours now by calling the School Office on 01638 780336.

Thanks from Channel Mums

The *Isleham IceFish* – seven mums from Isleham – completed their 22 mile 'channel swim' at Newmarket Leisure Centre overnight on Friday 3rd December, in a little under three-and-a-half hours, raising £1,000 for spinal injuries charity Aspire. Grateful thanks to everyone who supported us.

INFORMATION

Thursday bus from Isleham to Ely Market

Circular route: 9:15am Limestone Close – Malting Lane – Beck Road – The Causeway – East Road – Sun Street – Church Street – West Street – Hall Barn Road – Fordham Road – arrive Ely 10:00am; Return 12:00 noon.

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Church Street	14:15	15:00
Mill Street	15:05	17:00
3rd Friday of the month: Church St	09:30	10:10

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.

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Parish Council (Diane Bayliss: Clerk) . . 01638 781687

Member of Parliament (Jim Paice) . . . 01954 211450

Festival of Light 2010



St Andrew's Church sparkles once more in the lead-up to the festive season. It is difficult to capture the twinkling colours enjoyed by the many visitors over the Festival of Light weekend, but these photos taken by Vernon Place give some idea of the variety of displays by local groups and businesses for those who were unable to visit.

Right: Jemma Norman and Richard Murfitt were married on Festival of Light Saturday, pictured with bride's parents Paul & Sonia Norman.



Village clubs: information

If you would like details of your club meeting times to appear here, please contact Glenda Preece on: 01638 780734 or email gjpreece@aol.com

CLUB	CONTACT	TEL	DAY/DATE	TIME	PLACE
Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Assoc.	Jenny Hodd	01638 780729	3rd Tuesday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Angling Society	Ivan	01638 780333			Back Room
Board Games	Alison Young	01638 780351	Last Thurs	2–4.30pm Sept–Jun	High St. Church
Book Club	Deidre Deller	01638 780544	Fortnightly Friday	2pm	Social Centre
Brownies	Caroline Zwierzchowska-Dod	07766 336694	Thursdays	6–7.15pm	Village Hall
Busy Bees	Kelly Chawner	01638 781098	Tuesdays	9.30–11.30am	Village Hall
Craft Club	Hazel Thompson	01638 780633	Tuesdays	1.30–4pm	Social Centre
Cubs	Angela Dann	01638 781947	Tuesdays	6–7.15pm	Village Hall
French Conversation	Francine (All levels, beginners welcome)	francine@the.waytofrance.com	Monday	6–7.15pm	1 Mill St
Gala Committee	Fred Preece	01638 780734	3rd Monday	8pm	The Griffin
Guides	Janine Taylor Caroline Hinit	01353 624615 islehamguides@yahoo.co.uk	Tuesday	6.30–8.30pm	Social Centre
Isleham Society	Vernon Place	01638 780449	3rd Thursday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Line Dancing	Andrew Palmer	01354 696063	Mondays	7.45–9.15pm	Village Hall
Paper Craft Evening	Victoria Rattle	01638 721128	2nd Friday	7.30pm	High St. Church
Ruth Bendall School of Dance	Ruth Bendall	01638 780260	Wednesdays Saturdays	4.30pm 9am	Village Hall Village Hall
Tea & Toast	Claire Freeman	07827 234442	Thursdays	9.30–11.30am	Village Hall
W.I.	Glenda Preece	01638 780734	2nd Thursday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Jill Bercovici	01638 510801	Thursdays (term-time only)	9.15–10.15am	Bowls Club
Zumba Fitness	Michelle Jacobs	07842 112190	Fridays	7.30pm	Village Hall

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Breast Friends Breastfeeding support group meeting every Tuesday 11.30–12.30pm. For new and pregnant Mums. Pop in for some free advice and support from the Lactation Consultant.

Baby Clinic Every Tuesday 9.30–11.30am. Weigh the baby and have tea and a chat with the Health Visitor about any worries or concerns.

Stay & Play Every Monday 9.30–11.00am at St Andrew's Extended Schools Unit in Soham. Tea, coffee and play session for parents/carers and their under 5s. Just turn up!

Isleham Tea & Toast Every Thursday at Isleham Village Hall, 9.15–11.30am. Pop along for some tea and toast, a play session for the under 5s and a chance to meet other mums.

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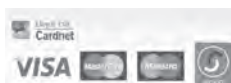
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IUFA's New Building

The Isleham Under Fives Association has used several names (Playgroup, Parent/Toddlers etc.) since Margaret Cornell started it in 'The Old Dairy' in Little London over 34 years ago.

It has moved its location several times too, to venues such as the Village Hall and Limestone Close. In 1986, a major change occurred when a purpose-built building was erected adjacent to the school near to Malting Lane. An enormous amount of fund raising and practical work was required for such an undertaking and many people were involved in making the dream into a reality.

Later, that building was relocated to where the new building stands today, releasing the vacated area as a car park for the school.

The names of those involved over the years in helping to run this organisation may be unfamiliar to some today; they include Margaret Cornell, Barbara Murfitt, who was also on the area committee, Brenda Morley, Janet Ayres, Gill Aspland, Ruth Kitley, Mary Downey, Linda Chandler, Angela Wells, Pauline Wilkes and many more.

Those who are currently engaged in the IUFA appreciate the support of parents, families, friends and village people who have enabled this new building to be erected. It's a long way from a room in a house in Little London!

Vernon Place

Below: The celebration party marking the opening of the new building in December. Photo: Vernon Place



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Planning Boundary Consultation

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A consultation process has been established to review and consider possible development areas as a 10-year strategy. Applications for land to be moved inside the planning boundary will be considered by IPC, who will then make a recommendation to ECDC. Should any recommendation be accepted in full or in part then the planning envelope for Isleham could be redrawn. IPC views the strategy as long term and it does not automatically infer the granting of any permission. Any subsequent application outside this process for planning boundary modification may have to wait until the next consultation occurs.

Applications should consist of a map outlining the area of ownership with a signed and dated statement that the applicant is the land owner and they wish the land to be considered by IPC for planning envelope matters. The application should be addressed to Mrs Diane Bayliss, Clerk to the Council, 37 Croft Road, Isleham.

In addition the applicant should specify their:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone
- Email
- Intended use(s) of site (50 words or fewer)
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Parish Council News

The following are the abbreviated and incomplete versions of the IPC minutes for the November and December 2010 meetings. Full minutes are available from the IPC and on the Isleham Village Website at www.isleham-village.co.uk/pcminutes.html.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Present Cllrs Beckett, Neal, Carter, Baines, Earl, H. Thompson, Malkin, Hobbs, Wilkes, Clerk D. Bayliss
County Councillor Palmer

Apologies CC Powley, Cllr R. Thompson

POLICE MATTERS

The caravan parked on Little London Drove was reported to the Police.

ICA

The ICA management committee met on 26th October. A letter has been sent to all the interest groups regarding the forthcoming questionnaire (a copy of this was sent by email to all councillors last week); the questionnaire must be returned to the Clerk as previously discussed.

SCHOOL

The matter of a new school for Isleham was raised and JP confirmed that he would fully support a request from IPC to the County Council that they consider the need for a new school in Isleham and, although there is currently no funding available, it is necessary to get the ball rolling.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

1. A dozen slabs have been laid at the entrance to the new MUGA at a cost of £200 by Rod Billet.
2. Bloor Homes will be erecting a sales cabin 30' x 12' on the recreation ground under the terms agreed at the last meeting
3. As it is the wrong time of year to re-seed the area, it was agreed that Tim Wilding is asked to rope off the old All Weather with thick stakes and tape.
4. Mrs Malkin and the Clerk visited Barcham Trees last week and it was agreed that two Hornbeams will be ordered to fill in the gaps at the edge of the recreation ground. SP Landscapes will plant the trees at a cost of £250 + VAT and maintain them as required for the first year at a cost of £20 per week.
5. Work on the new MUGA has been completed and it will be open for use this week. The new security system is in place and all users will be notified of the appropriate code for their booking.
6. There are a number of issues that need addressing by Cambridge Courts and £5,000 of the final payment has been withheld until these matters are addressed. A meeting will be held to discuss this.
7. It was agreed that Mrs Badcock is allowed to take her vehicle onto the recreation ground in order that she can watch her son play football. The Youth Football Club will be asked to ensure that no other vehicles are allowed onto the ground.
8. It was proposed by SB and seconded by JM that £10,000 is set aside for the proposed skate park at the recreation ground. The money will be earmarked for a maximum of three years before being reconsidered if the work has not commenced at that point.
9. The grant payment of £50,000 has been received from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Group) towards the cost of the new MUGA.

CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

The Beech Tree will be removed on Monday 6th December.

ISLEHAM PARISH PLAN

A second plastic recycling container is to be placed on Coates Drove.
Concerns about cars parking on the grass verges opposite the school are still being considered and County Highways will be contacted to see if planting or fencing these areas would interfere with the visibility splays for Croft Road.
It was agreed that £250 is made available towards the cost of hiring a digger to dredge the pond on East Fen Road.
The Parish Council will continue to support the Dial-a-Ride Bus Service and will review it again in 6 months. They also support the increase in fares suggested by ESDAR. The Council are unable to consider a further donation for the work of Dial-a-Ride at this time.
The Council are unable to give donations to the work of Victim Support or MAGPAS, as there is no budgetary provision for this.
It was agreed that the precept is provisionally set at £89,900 for the financial year 2011-12.

Parish Councillors address list

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Diane Bayliss (Parish Clerk)	37 Croft Road, Isleham CB7 5QR Tel: 01638 781687 islehampc@btinternet.com www.isleham-village.co.uk

ALLOTMENT MATTERS

It was agreed that the Council approve the quotation from Ian Cowan for £1,020 to install a borehole on the Dunstall Allotment using monies from the Dunstall Charity Fund.

PLANNING MEETING MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Planning Applications

Proposed four-bedroom detached 1½ storey dwelling to replace existing derelict two-bedroom semi-detached dwellings and conversion of existing clunch outbuilding to new garage at 44 East Fen Road for Mr Mayes – no objection.

Modified proposals of previously approved application at Field Farmhouse 1 Temple Road, Isleham for Mr and Mrs Connor – no objection.

Planning Approvals

Construction of a single detached dwelling and garage at land rear of 28 Hall Barn Road for Mr I. Smalley.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER

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Apologies C Cllrs Powley, Palmer, Cllr Garbett

OPEN FORUM

Patrick Pearce asked whether the New Community Centre would be self-sustaining and also whether it was planning to have a full-time bar open, as this would potentially affect the pubs in the village. The Chairman replied that the Centre should be self-sustaining and that it was not the intention of the Council or the ICA that the Centre should adversely affect any of the other businesses in the village.

ICA

A number of points have been raised by people objecting to the proposed council tax increase to help pay towards the cost of the new centre. These will be taken into account when the proposal is discussed at the January meeting.

BLOOR HOMES

Mr Beckett and the Clerk met with representatives from Bloor Homes and the cabin will be erected on the recreation ground this week. Part of the barrier will be removed and a parking space will be reserved for visitors. The recreation ground will be restored to its current state when the cabin is removed in June 2011. A sign will be placed on the Fordham Road advertising the site. The site rent will be paid 3 monthly in advance.

CEMETERY MATTERS

The work has been carried out to the remaining lime trees as previously agreed. It was agreed that a new tree is purchased to replace the Beech in the Old Cemetery as soon as possible. It was also agreed that £600 is set aside for planting and maintenance of the tree for the first year.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from Soham Town Council requesting that Isleham Parish Council join at a community event to celebrate the Olympics on 27th July 2012. The

general feeling of the Council was that they would prefer to hold their own event in Isleham.

HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

It is uncertain who is responsible for repairing the footpath at the side of no. 2 Church Street; the Clerk will try to clarify the legal position with CPALC. A letter has been received from Stephen Moir regarding the boundary at Isleham Marina. It was agreed that the request be forwarded to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. An enquiry has been made to County Highways about having a 'gateway' into the village on the Fordham Road. The cost would have to be met entirely by the Parish Council and would be approximately £2,500. It was agreed that two members would meet with a representative from Highways to discuss the possible siting of such a scheme. A complaint has been received from a parishioner about the speed bump outside the village hall. Gavin Wiseman from County Highways has inspected the site and can find nothing that needs addressing at the moment.

PLANNING MATTERS

Approvals Single storey side extension at 14 Beck Road, Isleham for Mr B Houghton.

Refusals New two-storey house in place of previously approved garage at 23 Little London for Mr P Clarke.

A Housing Needs survey has been sent out to every home in the village by Cambridgeshire ACRE in conjunction with ECDC.

Steven Baines addressed the Council regarding possible changes to the development boundary in the village and the need for an affordable housing site outside of the boundary.

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The days are starting to lengthen and I am sure some of you will be itching to get out into the garden or allotment to start preparing for the new growing season ahead. The IALGA, which in future is to be known as "Isleham Gardeners" are planning events for the coming months which I hope will be of interest to you.

On the 15th February we have as a guest speaker Mr Tim Fitzgerald "Master Composter".

On 15th March we are planning a Curry Night, and on 19th April we will be holding a Quiz Night with Tapas. These events will be held in the back room of the Village Hall so we hope to see you all there.

I am going to attempt a monthly blog, hopefully on the www.isleham-village.co.uk web site, so if you have any questions or tips to do with any form of gardening I would be grateful for your input. In the meantime, happy gardening.

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The Isleham Society

January 2011

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December no meeting.

20th January David White, the RSPB information officer will give an illustrated talk entitled "17 years at Lakenheath Fen".

17th February Old Isleham photos (no. 4) - Vernon Place using some of Arthur Houghton's collection plus other old photos of Isleham schools, village sports and social events.

17th March "Isleham Air Crash - 13th Oct 1949" Stewart Evans and Guy Bettley-Cook will jointly present an illustrated talk on their investigations into this disaster.

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Women's Institute



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Our January meeting was a complete contrast. Fran Saltmarsh, who makes the most beautiful wedding dresses, gave us a very interesting talk on wedding fashions through the ages. She had slides of the different styles, starting in the 18th century. Fran also brought a selection of dresses which members admired, including some she had made for family members.

Also in January four of our members took a City and Village Tour organised by the Cambridge Federation, entitled 'Kill or Cure'. Their tour included tales of body snatchers, barber surgeons and scientific endeavours. A most unusual, but very interesting day.

Following a visit to London entitled 'All the King's Men', that members made earlier in the year, in December two of our members Janice Pope and Margaret Davies were invited to a Carol Service in the Guards Chapel. Janice wrote to express her appreciation for a splendid service, and a wonderful day. After the service they had a lovely lunch in the Strand before returning to Isleham. Janice says it is a day she will never forget.

Our AGM is held in February, and in March we will be visited by Mrs Biggs who will talk on 'My Life as a Personal Shopper'.

We are holding a Jumble Sale at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th February.

If you would like to join the WI or simply come to a meeting to see what it is like, please do come along. We meet on the second Thursday of each month in the Village Hall, 7.30 for 7.45 pm, and new members are always welcome.

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"Software", that wasn't even a word.
Of Kentucky Fried Chicken we never had heard.
No computers – a chip was a small piece of wood,
And smoking a fag we all thought was good.

Teenagers never wore slacks or jeans.
And we'd never, ever eaten baked beans.
We were before pizzas, instant coffee, blue smarties.
And being gay was the life and soul of the party.

We came before dishwashers, dryers and panty hose,
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We thought "cleavage" was something butchers did.
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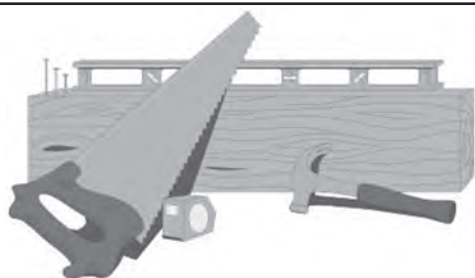
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Sunday 6th February: 3pm Arthur and the Great Adventure (PG) The tale that began in 'Arthur and the Invisibles' with this tale of a young boy who embarks on a wondrous journey into a magical land of microscopic creatures.

Sunday 6th February: 7.30pm My Afternoons with Margueritte (15) An uplifting story of one of those chance encounters that can radically change the course of your life.

Sunday 13th February: 3pm Animals United 2D (U) In the Okavango Delta, Billy, the little mischievous meerkat, and his best pal Socrates, the friendly lion, wait for the annual flood, essential to the Delta and all the animals living there. Wanting to prove to his adoring son that he's not the screwball loser everyone thinks he is, Billy sets out to find water.

Sunday 13th February: 7.30pm Breakfast at Tiffany's (PG) 1961. Truman Capote's novel set in an idealised early-1960s New York that was nominated for several Oscars. Audrey Hepburn stars as the good-time Manhattan call girl Holly Golightly.

Thursday 17th February: 7.30pm Little Fockers (12A) A hilarious family comedy that takes a light-hearted approach at the trials of parenthood and the concerns that come with growing old. Greg and Pam Focker, are now proud parents of five-year-old twins Henry and Samantha and it's off to the in-laws for a holiday season reunion.

Sunday 20th & Thursday 24th February: 3pm Gulliver's Travels 2D (PG) In this modern-day update of Jonathan Swift's cherished 18th-century novel,

Sunday 20th February: 7.30pm Made in Dagenham (15) Back by popular demand. In 1968 a group of female workers went on strike at the Ford Dagenham car plant over unequal rates of pay.

Friday 25th February: 3pm & 7.30pm also Sunday 27th February: 3pm & 7.30pm The King's Speech (12A) A sure fire Oscar contender. Documenting the incredible but little-known friendship between King George VI and the speech therapist who cured him of a debilitating stammer.

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

Kingdom Kids (3 years – Yr 3): 10–11.15am (Mrs Sandra Robertson 01638 781343)

All Stars (Yr 4 – Yr 6): 10–11.15am (Mr John Martin 01638 781747)

Covies (Yr 7 – early 20s): 9.30–10.30am (Mr 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.

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All Stars Fun Night: 6.45–8.15pm.

Wednesday:

Fellowship: 2.15–3.15pm.

(Mrs Sandra Rampley 01353 624733)

This caters for the more mature who are retirement age or over. They enjoy meeting together for a Bible talk, spiritual songs and prayer. Various fun evenings and meals are also organised during the year. Refreshments are served at the end and it's a good time to catch up with friends and all their news. New members are always welcome.

Church Night: 7.40–9pm.

Thursday:

Coffee Morning: 10–11.30am.

Covies Club Night: 7–9pm.

Friday: (fortnightly in members' homes):

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For further information on any of the above, or if you would like to speak to Pastor Dave:

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We want to say a huge "Thank you" to all who helped in any way with Operation Christmas Child last year. We were able to process 3,770 boxes, which went to Kyrgyzstan.

Dates for your diaries this year

Mothers' Day Family Service 3rd April at 10.30am

Easter Day Family Service 24th April at 10.30am.

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Spotlight on All Stars

This is our group for school year 4 to year 6 age children. They meet on Sundays at 10.00am to 11.15am and their Fun Nights are on Monday from 7.00pm to 8.15pm. On Sundays the youngsters study the Bible, enjoy worship and prayer times and do various activities. Fun Nights include chip tasting, Wii nights, night walks, DVD nights and having tuck! Other events are held through the year including sleep-overs, trips to the cinema, visits to local parks and fun days. They are always on the look out for new members so why not come along and give it a try?

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Regular Church Services

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

Midweek services

Mon–Weds: 9am Morning Prayer, Fordham

Thurs, Fri: 8.15am Morning Prayer, Fordham

Monday: 3.30pm Evening Prayer, Kennett (in school in term time)

Tuesday: 4.30pm Evening Prayer, Limestone Close (Last Tuesday of the month, Holy Communion)

Wednesday: Evening Prayer 4.15pm Snailwell, Holy Communion 5.30pm Chippenham

Weekly Activities

Tuesday: 9am–12 noon: Coffee Morning in Social Centre

Friday: Choir Practice 6.30pm in church. All welcome. Contact Mark Liversidge 01638 781696. Bell ringing practice 7.30pm – beginners welcome! Contact Ruth Ogden, the Tower Captain, for more information

Sundays@6

Our Youth group meets twice a month at the Old Vicarage in Isleham; we hope that many other young people will join us. Details from Rev'd Kate or Rev'd Mike.

Priests The Rev'd Mike Banyard 01638 721616 banyardmg1@yahoo.co.uk. The Rev'd Kate Peacock 01638 723960 kate.peacock@btopenworld.com

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High Street Church

NEW TO HIGH STREET CHURCH...

January has seen the launch of two big changes to High Street Church. On Sunday 2nd January we launched our new midweek care structure called High Street Life – a whole range of fresh initiatives to care, support and venture out into the community. It includes new Life groups, plus Men's and Ladies' groups; a new Media and Creative Arts group using modern technology to convey the message of hope; a Healthy Living group; practical DIY advice and much more.

Alpha (the relevance of the gospel in today's world) and the Marriage Course (designed to help strengthen marriages) will also continue to run from time to time.

The second change was the new revamped High Street website. Why not take a look at what we do on www.highst.org.uk. If you would like to know more then please contact our church office on 01638 780985.

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!

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Junior Church, for those who are aged 3 to 7, is a fun-filled session with singing, crafts, drama and stories. The older Junior Church meet at the Village Hall. This is for children who are 7 to 11 years old (that's the noise you've heard from the Village 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!

Impact 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 they all have a lot of laughs!

OTHER WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Are you interested in how to stay active in later life? If so, we are running an exercise class for the more mature on Monday afternoons at 2pm at the Chapel.

Our **Rendezvous** group – for the more mature among 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 not to mention the great company! For further details on any of the above, please contact Kathryn on 01638 780652 or the Church Office.

Little Lambs is our parent/carer and toddler group which runs term time Fridays from 9.15–11.15. 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! So whether it's 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.

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