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High Street Celebration



The weekend of 4th-6th May was a special one for High St Church as we celebrated our 200th anniversary.

The weekend began with an exhibition illustrating "200 Years of Church and Village Life".

This was announced to the village on Saturday morning by a group of church members suitably dressed in Victorian garb with a most un-Victorian megaphone!

More than 300 people visited the exhibition, many coming more than once. They were given the opportunity to see how much things have changed since the church was founded. The attractions included photographs, DVDs and films of church outings from earlier years. People had great fun identifying themselves and those they know. Some of the photographs showed previous church leaders and groups of Edwardian ladies wearing large hats and severe expressions. Of particular interest were two letters from the well-known Baptist preacher

Charles Spurgeon, who apparently employed two gardeners from Isleham at his London home. The more tactile objects in the exhibition included artefacts found in Victorian households. There were also reminders to the older ones amongst us of the restrictions imposed by the Second World War. Our thanks go to Burwell Museum for the loan of artefacts.

During the Saturday of the exhibition, transport was provided at regular intervals for those who wished to visit the site of the new church building. Many people took the opportunity to do so.

We had intended to use the new site as the venue for children's fun activities and an evening BBQ, but unfortunately the very inclement weather forced us to postpone that part of the weekend's activities.

The weather did not, however, affect the celebration meal on

Sunday evening. Church members worked hard to transform the main chapel and extension into two very pleasant venues and 160 people sat down to a three-course meal. This was cooked on the premises by other church members and served by a team of youngsters from the 11 to 14s section of Junior Church. We are extremely grateful to them and all who made the evening such a memorable one.

We are of course extremely grateful to God who prompted William Norman to found the church and provide the finance to construct the chapel 200 years ago. It was thus fitting that a major part of the weekend was the family service on Sunday morning during which we worshipped and gave thanks to God for the faithfulness and service of those countless people who have gone before us. At the conclusion of the service our junior church children released 200 balloons.

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2. Application Forms may be obtained from the Proper Officer, Mrs Diane Bayliss of 37 Croft Road, Isleham, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 5QR.
3. Completed Application Forms must be received by the Proper Officer no later than Friday 8th June.

Diane Bayliss

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Priory Garage removal of fuel sales

I would like to thank all of you that have used Priory Garage for fuel, but due to the increased cost of providing this service coupled with the ageing fuel tanks and pumps that no longer conform with petrol legislation, and the decline in fuel sales, it is with regret that I have had to take the decision to remove this service. However, we are still very much here for vehicle servicing, repairs to all makes and models, and sales of quality vehicles.

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Let us know if there is anything you would like included here for future issues.

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First Sunday Isleham Community Skate Park car wash. 10.00–13.00

June

Sunday 3rd	Jubilee Tea	Lidgate Farm	from 14.00
Thursday 7th	Mobile Library	Church Street	14.15–15.00
		Mill Street	15.05–17.00
Saturday 9th	Coffee Morning	Social Centre	10.00
Monday 11th	Isleham Parish Council		19.00
Thursday 14th	WI		19.30
Friday 15th	Mobile Library	Church Street	09.30–10.10
Saturday 16th	Isleham Pre-School fundraising		14.00
Tuesday 19th	Isleham Gardeners		19.30
Thursday 21st	Isleham Society		19.30
Friday 29th	Limestone Community Centre Quiz		19.30

July

Monday 2nd	Isleham Parish Council		19.00
Thursday 5th	Mobile Library	Church Street	14.15–15.00
		Mill Street	15.05–17.00
Thursday 5th	Gala Talent Contest		
Friday 6th	Gala Ball		
Saturday 7th	Gala Family Party		
Monday 9th	INFORMER DEADLINE		
Thursday 12th	WI		19.30
Sunday 13th	BBQ and Band, Social Centre		14.00
Tuesday 17th	Isleham Gardeners		19.30
Thursday 19th	Isleham Society		19.30
Friday 20th	Mobile Library	Church Street	09.30–10.10
Saturday 21st	Children's Disco, then Adults' Disco to follow.		
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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. Fares: Adult Bus Pass Holders £2.50 Return Adults £5 Return

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	Arrive	Depart
1st Thursday of the month:		
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.

Useful phone numbers

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Addenbrooke's Hospital (Cambridge) 01223 245151
Newmarket Hospital 01638 564000
West Suffolk Hospital (Bury St Edmunds) 01284 713000
Staploe Medical Centre (Soham)
- Appointments 01353 624121
- Prescriptions & Dispensary 01353 727695
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Minor Treatment Centre, Ely 01353 656675
NHS Direct (for advice) 0845 4647
Electricity Emergencies 0800 7838838
Gas Emergencies 0800 111999
Anglian Water Leaks 0800 771 881
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Social Services - office hours 0345 0455202
- out of hours emergency 01733 561370
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Isleham Village Hall (Diane Bayliss) . . . 01638 781687
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Board Games	Alison Young	01638 780351	Last Thursday	2–5pm Sept–June	High St. Church
Book Club	Doreen Spiers	01638 780783	2nd 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	6.15–7.45pm	Village Hall
French Conversation	Francine (all levels)	francine@the waytofrance.com	Monday	6–7.15pm	1 Mill St
Guides	Janine Taylor Caroline Hinit	islehamguides@ yahoo.co.uk	Tuesday	6.30–8.30pm	Social Centre
Isleham Gardeners	Jenny Hodd	01638 780729	3rd Tuesday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Isleham Society	Vernon Place	01638 780449	3rd Thursday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Paper, Patch & Sew	Victoria Rattle	01638 781301	Saturday Bi-monthly	10–4pm	High St. Church
Tea & Toast	Emma Champion	01353 727188	Thursdays	9.15–11.30am	Village Hall
WI	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

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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.

Soham Family Fun Saturdays 10am–12noon fortnightly from 21st January. At Ross Peers Sports Centre, Soham. A free play and chill session for families with children under five. Just turn up.

Time Out Tuesdays For parents under 25 years. Every Tuesday 9.30–11.30am. Come along and make friends, have a chat and get support and information.

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 parents.

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Friday 29th: Lewis Mokler

- JULY -

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Saturday 14th: Band - Eden Burns

OPENING TIMES

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Tuesday to Sunday: 12 noon to Close



Gala Royals

Isleham School PTA proudly announce the winners of the 2012 Gala Queen, princess and prince competition. Jenny Ruddock (aged 15) is the 2012 Gala Queen. Jenny will be helped by the princesses Lottie White (aged 8) and Ruby Christie (aged 8). The 2012 Gala Prince is Connor Forder (aged 10).



Isleham Primary School

Year 4 have been writing their own riddles.

What am I?

I live in water but not in the sea.
I have teeth but I'm not a crocodile.
I am a meat eater but I'm not a mammal.
I live in the Amazon but I'm not a snake.
People hunt me but they do not eat me.
Where I live is in a rain forest.
What am I?

Callum

What am I?

I live in a mud hole but not in a tree.
I have a bill but I am not a bird.
I am venomous but I'm not a snake.
My tail flaps but I'm not a beaver.
I'm rare and not common.
I live in a very hot place.
What am I?

Connor

What am I?

I live in a cave but I'm not a bear.
I have fur but I'm not a cat.
I have wings but I'm not a bird.
I live in a rocky place but I'm not a crab.
My claws are sharp but I'm not an eagle.
Where I live is dark and damp.
What am I?

Noel

(Answers on Page 10.)

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Planning for this year's Gala, which takes place on the 7th July, is well and truly underway and we are looking forward to putting on a fantastic event for everyone in the village. As always, this year's event includes a parade, children's races, BBQ and fun run. There will also be a craft marquee and stalls

and if you would like to book one of these or enter a float into the parade contact Barbara Murfitt on 01638 780373. Following the success of last year's fruit, veg and home baking competition we are hoping for even more entries this year. Details of the categories, including new categories for this year, can be found in the enclosed programme. If you would like to help on the day of Gala come along to recreation ground from 8am, all help is extremely welcome. If you would like to help in any other way or would like further details contact Steve Rust on 01638 780104. The next committee meeting takes place 18th June at 8pm in The Griffin.

Steve Rust
steven.rust@tiscali.co.uk

Fenrose Farm

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Open Farm Sunday - After being involved with this national farming event for 5 years, we have decided not to open this year.

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We wish to take this opportunity to say a VERY BIG thank you to all our friends and family who gave up their Sunday in June for the past 5 years to help cook on the very hot, smoky and busy BBQ, drive our visitors around the farm with the tractor and trailer, serve tea and cake, run the shop, run competitions and much, much more.

We really appreciate all the hard work put in – you know who you are!

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Answers to Year 4 Riddles (Page 9)

Callum: I'm a piranha

Connor: I'm a platypus

Noel: I'm a bat

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Thank you for continuing to support Bags to School for our school pool. For those of you not familiar with the scheme, we send bags home with the children for you to fill with:

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- Bedding
- Soft toys

You then return the blue bag (or any large bag will do) to the school before 9.30am on collection day. Our next collection day is Wednesday 13th June. The Bag2School Organisation then pay us 50p per kilo. That's £500 per ton! For more information about what you can send in your bags or what happens to the clothing, please visit: www.bag2school.com



We have two collections a year so please save your soft recyclable items for us. 2013 collection dates will be Thursday 14 February and Thursday 13 June.

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Women's Institute

In April our speaker was Mrs C. Simms who spoke about "Confessions of a Diplomat's Wife". Mrs Simms was married to a member of the Commonwealth, and travelled with her husband to his different postings. She said her three girls were all born in different countries. Learning the 'correct' way to do things was not always easy, but Mr Simms had enjoyed her way of life, and brought with her several albums of photographs to illustrate her talk.

By contrast, our May speaker's talk was a more home-based affair. Mrs Browne, a quilter, brought a selection of waistcoats she had produced, and instructed members how to make them. Many of the items were quite complicated and members were impressed by their originality.

Our Federation Council Meeting was held in May, and was attended by a group of Isleham ladies. The speaker was Adam Henson, of Country File fame; an enthusiastic speaker who kept everyone entertained.

Finally, we went to Chippenham where the ladies there held our annual Group meeting. This was also attended by members from Fordham and Soham WIs. The speaker was Peter Carter whose family has been eel fishing in the Cambridgeshire Fens for the past 500 years. Peter was born in Isleham but now lives in Outwell, near Wisbech. He believes he may be England's only remaining eel catcher who makes and uses traditional willow traps. He related many anecdotes from his life, and proved a really interesting, amusing and informative speaker.

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, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, and new members are always welcome.

For further information contact:

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Isleham Gardeners

Well I know we wanted rain but this is quite enough thank you. At the time of writing this we have just had the wettest April on record and May hasn't started much better. The main problem for gardeners is that the soil is so cold and wet that seeds are slow to germinate and when they do growth is held up. Still, look on the bright side, hopefully the soil will retain much of the moisture to sustain our plants well in to the summer.

Isleham Gardeners held a very pleasant and successful curry night at our April meeting with several new faces attending.

We have very interesting speakers on numerous topics to educate and entertain. On 19th June we have Angela Whiting from the D'Arcy & Everest specialist alpine nursery to talk to us about alpines and alpine troughs.

A few dates for your diary:

9th June we are holding a Coffee Morning in the St Andrew's meeting rooms starting at 10am.

16th June we will have a stall selling plants at the Isleham Pre-School fundraising event at the village hall starting at 2pm.

4th August Cream Teas at St Andrew's meeting rooms 2.30 to 5pm.

In the meantime I wish you good gardening.

Phil Adelphus

A message from our Chairman.

The Isleham Gardeners, a group of local leisure gardeners and allotmenters, have been meeting regularly in the Village Hall for the past 2 years. We are affiliated to the National Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners which affords us, amongst other benefits, a discounted seed scheme, insurance and legal advice and online access to their quarterly magazine.

At our instigation, and with Parish Council support, a bore-hole was installed at Dunstall Field allotments last March. This, together with improvements made to the track across the Field, encouraged allotment enthusiasts to take up more of the vacant plots.

Isleham Gardeners welcome new members so if you are interested in joining us, please call Jenny Hodd on 01638 780729, or just come along to one of our Open Meetings to see what it's all about. We meet at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month in the Back Room of the Village Hall.

Jenny Hodd



BECKen

Jubilee Teas

Sunday 3rd June from 2pm. In the garden at Lidgate Farm (in the barn if wet).

Come and celebrate and enjoy Afternoon Teas, Cream Teas, or just Tea, Coffee and Cake. Fun and Games and a raffle.

All monies raised go to BECKen Charity.

Family Disco and BBQ

Saturday July 21st. Children's Disco, then Adults Disco to follow.

To be held at Lidgate Farm, in the barn. Licensed bar.

Watch out for more details, or look on www.becken.co.uk, or check out our BECKen face book page.

Sponsored Bike Ride

We will be doing a 25 mile sponsored bike ride on **Sunday 5th August**. If anyone would like to take part please contact Chris on 07990542872.

There will be more information on our web site and on our face book page.

If you would like to sponsor us please contact Chris or email us on becken@hotmail.co.uk.

One Way 2012



14th-17th June

organised by Pound Lane Free Church

Roger is back in Isleham!

Leading One Way 2012 events this June, Roger Carswell will be joined by Richard Todd, head gardener at Anglesey Abbey and John Mosey, father of a teenage girl killed in the Lockerbie bombing. Together they will be bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to Isleham.



PLUS: Bouncy castle, BBQ and various craft activities.

Roger will also be preaching at Pound Lane Free Church on 17th June at the Father's Day Family Service at 10.30am and again at 6.30pm.

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Spring has arrived and the blossom is on the trees and with all the rain we have had lately, everything is beginning to grow. Wildlife is starting to appear with the odd butterfly and even a few snakes trying to warm themselves in the sun.

One new addition to the Reserve is a new white board, which has been situated on the gate in the car park. The board is in place so we can record any interesting sightings such as snakes, lizards and birds.

This year we are organising a few events, one being Gala Day on the 7th July. On this day we will be holding a stall, which will have lots of information for you all to look at and maybe the odd thing to buy. Also we will be holding a Fun Day with the Children's Centre, where you will be able to bring all the family. We will have bug hunting, and many more activities for the children. You can even bring a picnic. Lastly, on 18th September we are getting together with Iain Webb from the wildlife trust to run a Bat Night with the Cubs and Guides from the village. Last year we had a great time and even had a few cubs being invested on the reserve. Please do look out for more events when they arise, like the odd guided walk. At our last meeting we had our Cambridge Outreach Biodiversity Officer, Jane Andrews-Gauvain join us; she is trying to compile a map of what animals and plants live around Isleham, amongst other areas, and has produced some record sheets to send in data by computer or snail-mail. If you notice any unusual animals, e.g. cuckoo, elephant etc., then please make a note of the location, date and time and let her know on 01954 713572 or ask for your own files or sheets to send in the data. If you notice them at the Reserve you can always write them down on the Noticeboard up there – with a non-permanent pen please.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Friends of Isleham Nature Reserves then we are having our next meeting on 25th June, 7.30pm at the Social Centre, opposite the church. Here are the dates for our following meetings 16th July, 17th September, 19th November and lastly 21st January 2013 (all are on a Monday nights at the social centre.)

We are a friendly group of all ages so please don't be worried about popping along; we would love to see you.

Andrew Garbett (07903 092899)

Alastair Burn (01638 780553)

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Staying independent, safe and well

Adult social care roadshow to visit libraries

Library visitors will have the chance to find out about local services to help them stay independent, safe and well at a series of roadshows taking place throughout 2012. The roadshow has been visiting libraries across the county since the end of January. It will be at Ely Library from 10th July to 4th August.

The roadshow features a display of information leaflets including information about assistive technology resources to help you remain independent, and details of Trading Standards approved trader scheme – Buy With Confidence.

Demonstrations of Your Life, Your Choice Cambridgeshire's adult social care website and AskSARA, an online guide to equipment to make staying independent easier, will take place on the last Saturday of the roadshow. Trading Standards staff will also be on hand to tell visitors more about the Buy With Confidence scheme.

Anyone interested in information to help them remain independent but unable to visit the roadshow whilst it is at Ely Library, will have a second chance to find out more when the roadshow returns to East Cambridgeshire with a visit to March Library between 1st and 27th October.

For more information about the roadshows and the full schedule, visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social telephone 0345 045 5225 or email: yourlifeyourchoice@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

If you are unable to visit any of the roadshows but require information about staying independent, safe and well, phone Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 045 5202 or see the Your Life, Your Choice website at www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk

Isleham Community Skate Park



A big thank you to everyone who supports us with our car washes the first Sunday of each month: they seem to be a great success. We will be continuing during the hosepipe ban with just buckets and watering cans – no hosepipe.

We will be at the Gala again this year. It was a great day last year and hopefully this one will be the same.

We are still looking for new committee members to help in any way, shape or form as the young people of our village need your support.

Thank you.

Please contact Pauline 01638781179 or Marc 0781422776

Pauline Dunbavin

Brass Band, Blossom and BBQ



Sunday 13th May finally brought sunshine over Isleham and St Andrew's Social Centre for its third annual Brass Band, Blossom and BBQ event. This followed a miserable week weather-wise and the sad news of the passing of Graham Wells.

Graham had bravely fought illness and was inspirational to all privileged to know him. With his positive attitude and good nature he managed to bring a smile to cheer the darkest of days. The event was Graham's vision for fund raising after he had built a veranda for the Social Centre and the gardens had been cleared and tended. Collaborating with David Bailey and the Newmarket Brass Band the afternoon successfully provided a Springtime celebration of Graham's life together with music, food, family and friendship.

St Andrew's joins the village and wider community in sending heart felt condolence to Angela and the family.

Gill Pederson

Photos by Vernon Place. Left: Graham Wells at the first Brass Band, Blossom and BBQ in 2010. Above: Isleham star Sarah Bailey takes a baritone solo.

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Eggs cause salmonella someone once said
So one lightly boiled can put you in bed.

Eating low-fats and yoghurts we must start,
As butter and cream are bad for the heart.
Coffee and tea will keep you awake.
You could get 'mad cow' from a piece of steak.

They say mobile phones make you dizzy or deaf,
And too much T.V. makes you blind as a ref.
Red wine is good for you, so is stout,
But too much port will give you the gout.

Fruit juice and sugar will rot teeth and gums,
And fizzy drinks often upset our tums.
But we still can eat pork and lovely ham
With bread and marge and plenty of jam.

Do not despair folks, don't believe all you hear.
If we took much notice we'd all live in fear.
Have a pint of good ale to drown your sorrow,
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The Isleham Society

19th April AGM The new committee elected was as follows: Chairman Vernon Place, Vice Chairman – Peter Platt, Secretary – Rosemarie Evans, Treasurer – Bryan Wynn, Programme Secretary – Betty Ashley, plus Committee Members – Barbara Brown, Ann Cant, Beryl Powys and Ian Powys.

The Chairman reviewed the year's activities. This review is not included in this report as all meetings have been fully reported in each edition of the *Informer*. He also spoke of the following: The calibre of the speakers during the past year ensured good attendance at the meetings by members and visitors; it was encouraging to welcome new members too. In January, the President, Arthur Houghton died in his 101st year. A founder member of the Isleham Society, he played a significant role in its inception and formation. One of his lasting legacies was the gift of his albums, writings and memorabilia to the Society for safekeeping. Also remembered were the lives of two of our former members, Deidre Deller and Maureen Aves. Condolences were sent to all the bereaved families. Best wishes, with a gift of a camellia for their garden, were sent to Brian and Janice Pope as they move to their new home in Sheringham – they will be missed in our village.

Vernon thanked the members and the committee for their support throughout the year, making special

mention of the ladies who provide the refreshments following the meetings also to Clive Patterson and Vera and John Johnstone for their help and work. A special thanks to those with specific tasks such as Secretary Rosie Evans, Treasurer Bryan Wynn and Programme Secretary Betty Ashley for booking all the speakers and arranging the outings.

The chairman outlined the programme for the coming year including the visit, next January, of Dr Carenza Lewis (Time Team) to report on the results of the archaeological digs carried out in our village (made possible by those who kindly allowed digs on their properties).

After the business meeting, Dr Ann Noble, of Isleham, gave an excellent and thought provoking talk entitled "Food for the Future" prompting many questions, discussions and comments from a very interested audience. The meeting finished with refreshments provided by the members.

Next Meeting **17th May** "Poaching" An illustrated talk by Peter Carter. A return visit by the last commercial Eel Catcher in the Fens. His mother is a member of the Wells family of Isleham.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to any of our meetings. The cost for non-members is £2.

If we are unable able to use our Village Hall for all our meetings next year, we will inform you of any change of venue.

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Community Centre Update

Another major step towards the start of the build!

We have now received approval for the public works loan and the Section 106 monies £87,752 have also been approved; these two funds give a significant boost to the total needed for the build.

Total funds raised to date stand at over £1.2M, which is well on the way to the £1.4M target.

To save money on the initial tender prices, the Parish Council/ICA quantity surveyor and architect worked on the plans; there are no significant changes to the footprint of the building. Most savings were made reducing paving, by specifying different materials, alternative finishes to some internal walls and removing some of the fancy bits internally.

Following the public meeting held in January, we hope that everyone is aware that the tender process has now finished, with the preferred builder being CJ Murfitts. We are now working with CJ Murfitts finalising minor points of the build.

With the tender process complete and a huge amount of time and effort from the grant seeking team (led by Tim Washtell), they have now been able to submit three major grant applications. Grant seeking is an on-going process and will continue even when building has started.

Oxford Archaeology are looking to commence site investigations in the week commencing the 21st May for one week, so as you read this the archaeological surveys should have been completed. Whilst the expected start date at present is September 2012 this may change if the archaeologists find buried treasure or similar. Mind you if treasure is found it may pay for some, or all, of the new centre!

If there are no hold ups in the build it is hoped the centre will be open by the Spring/Summer of 2013. Oakley's will be carrying out the ground investigations and are likely to start these at the end of May (exact dates to be confirmed). So don't be concerned if you notice people digging holes in the area of the new build.

The village hall is still planned to be demolished 20 weeks before the end of the project (40 week build time) to allow for essential services to be routed through to the new centre avoiding the tree roots. The exact date of closure will be announced when a firm date has been agreed for the start of the build. Local groups will be notified of the hall closure and with the help of the Parish Council should be able to make temporary alternative arrangements

The ICA website (www.islehamca.co.uk) is now being incorporated into the village website (www.isleham-village.co.uk), where we are adding to the information provided.

Anyone interested in assisting with fund-raising or grant seeking for the new Centre please contact the parish clerk Mrs Diane Bayliss on 01638 781687.



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From the Vicar...

As I write, the hosepipe ban has brought the rain, the heating remains in the 'on' position and I'm wearing boots with socks, not sandals or pumps, and I've yet to enjoy any asparagus! So we can celebrate that the English summer has well and truly arrived. And what a summer it will be! I for one am very excited about the Olympics (seems to me it's time for fun and celebrations) and the Jubilee will bring its own sense of community celebrations and thanksgiving to our Monarch and Supreme Head of the Church of England. It is set to be a summer of red, white and blue; and gold, silver and bronze.

In our churches this summer we will be celebrating and praying for Her Majesty; as we give thanks for her 60 years as defender of the faith. It is a remarkable achievement, for anyone to be so dedicated and so tireless in their work. As a Diocese and as a parish we have all signed and sent a 'Great Big Thank You' card to the Queen, as a sign of our gratitude. Her role as defender of the faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England is as you can perhaps imagine a huge task and a real responsibility – also as head of the Church it does rather make you wonder why all the fuss about Women Bishops; but I suspect that debate is for another time!

In our parish we are also celebrating a record 35 weddings this year (in some churches several on one day – any brides reading this please don't be late!). In each marriage service we pray that the couple's love may be a 'seal upon their hearts and a crown upon their heads' (indeed in the Orthodox Churches Brides and Grooms do wear crowns). It is an outward sign of their love, which as Christians we celebrate in church, and as a Queen is a sign of her love and service of her country.

To wear a crown is joy and responsibility as any Monarch or as a wedding couple will tell you – a crown is a sign of love. Each wedding service begins with the words from John's Letter – God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them. Amen to that! This summer let us celebrate our weddings, our Olympic Glory and our Queen's Reign, and whether we dress up or not, let us wear our crowns of love – love for each other and love for God. And do join us in Church as we give thanks for what looks set to be a great summer of fun and celebration (whatever the weather!).

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ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

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Police Matters

- PCSO Matt Chennell has taken over the south area of East Cambs and he is the point of contact for Isleham.
- There were a number of thefts from garages and sheds during March; however, these seem to have now ceased.
- Parking outside the school is an ongoing problem and the PCSO will be monitoring this more regularly and issuing tickets where appropriate.
- Please be aware that recently padlocks have been superglued on Humans Drove and police are looking for the prepatrators.

Village Hall Report

- The village hall floor has been professionally cleaned by Stainbusters. There are a number of light fittings not working in the hall – unfortunately it is unlikely that these can be repaired although they will be looked at by an electrician in the next couple of weeks.

Recreation Ground Report

- Following the inspection and risk assessment by Wicksteed the baby cradle swings have had to be removed. As a temporary measure two of the bigger swings will be removed and replaced with two cradle swings.

ICA Report

- The archaeological survey was due to be carried out during May along with other soil investigations.
- Borrowing Approval has been granted by the DCLG. The loan will be taken out during the next year from the Public Works Loan Board.
- Section 106 monies of £87,752 have been awarded to the project by ECDC.
- A grant application has been submitted to the Football Foundation and was well received at the initial meeting. A final decision will be made on 29th May.

Cemetery and Churchyard Matters

- The quotation for re-painting the railings around the War Memorial from Mr Wilding was approved by the Council. Some work to the coping stones will be carried out before this work can be done.

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- A memorial bench is to be placed on The Pound by the family of Professor Lesley Audus on Saturday 9th June.

Financial Matters

- The Internal Audit report has been completed and no issues have been raised for consideration. It is likely that an interim audit will be required in December if building commences at the end of the summer.

Policy Review

- The Child Protection Policy has been updated and an Equal Opportunities Policy was approved by the Council.
- The financial regulations have been reviewed and updated,

Highways Matters

- There are a large number of pot holes in the village and surrounding roads, which are currently on the County Highways 'to do' list.

Allotment Matters

- A portion of the Dunstall Allotment Land has been set aside to be used as a Community Orchard – for further details please contact Mrs Jeanette Malkin 01638 780283.
- There has been an increase in the number of allotments let on the Dunstall site; however, there are still a few plots still to rent on Station Road and a large number on Beck Road, please contact the Parish Clerk Mrs Diane Bayliss for more information.

Planning Matters

- 'Isleham Vision' - Discussions are still going on with ECDC re the future development of the village. Stuart Patience is expected to attend the parish council meeting in July to discuss.
- The council considered and raised no objection to planning applications at Richborough, Common Gate Drove; 24 Hall Barn Road; 79 The Causeway and 43 Pound Lane.
- The council objected to the planning application at 3 Hall Barn Road, Isleham.
- Planning approvals were received for Karma Farm; 26 Hall Barn Road; 18 Prickwillow Road.
- A planning refusal was received for 45 West Street.
- Planning Applications are available for viewing on the East Cambs District Council Website or an appointment can be made with the Parish Clerk.

Street Lighting

- Balfour Beatty is in the process of replacing the street lighting throughout Cambridgeshire over the next several years. There will be 10% fewer lights; however, the new white light source will be brighter therefore the impact on the street will not be great. There is no more detailed information at the moment.
- If your street light is not working please contact the Parish Clerk with the light number, she will then report it to the County Council.

Dog Fouling

- A number of dog bins have been installed around the village although there are still a number of incidents of dog fouling. The dog warden can be contacted on 01353 665555 or you can file a report on the website www.eastcambs.gov.uk ■

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CHURCHES

Pound Lane Free Church

Pastor: Dave Hall (01638 781343 or 01638 780636, email pastor@plfc.org.uk)

Elder: David Brown (01638 780410)

Sunday:

Sunday worship: 11am and 6.30pm.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

1st Sunday following evening service

3rd 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 (Sue Thompson 01638 780030)

All Stars (Years 4–6): 10–11.15am (John Martin 01638 737212)

Covies (Year 7–18 years): 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.

Monday:

Music Mayhem: 9.30–10.30am.

(Sue Thompson 01638 781343 Preschool children during school term only)

A fun time for your pre-school children – action songs, musical instruments and the ever-popular "Sockeroo". Followed by refreshments and a time to relax with friends whilst the children play. New members always welcome.

All Stars Fun Night: 7.00–8.15pm.

Tuesday:

18 – 30s: 7.00p.m.

(Suzanne Hall 01638 781805) Meeting in homes with monthly social events.

Wednesday:

Fellowship: 2.15–3.15pm.

(David Brown 01638 780410) Meeting on alternate Wednesdays and catering for the more mature in age. They enjoy meeting together for a Bible talk, spiritual songs and prayer. Various fun events and meals are also organized during the year. New members are always welcome.

Church Night: 7.40–9pm.

Bible study, prayer and fellowship; for mid-teens upwards.

Thursday:

Coffee Morning: 10–11.30am.

Turn up any time between 10 and 11.30am for free tea, coffee and cakes. Chat with friends and make new friends. Open to any age. Includes an eight minute "In the News this Week" slot in the middle.

Covies Club Night: 7–9pm.

Friday (fortnightly in members' homes):

Women's Meeting 10.30–11.45am (Sue Hall 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)

01638 780636 (Pastor's Home)

Email: pastor@plfc.org.uk

secretary@plfc.org.uk

Web sites: www.plfc.org.uk & www.isleham.com

We are very excited that our friend Roger Carswell is returning to Isleham after nine years to join with Richard Todd, head gardener at Anglesey Abbey who will present his audio visual "creative world of flowers" and John Mosey who lost his 19 year old daughter Helga in the Lockerbie bombing. Roger will also be at Isleham Priory – a venue he has loved speaking at previously, and at plfc for both morning and evening services.

Roger's schedule:

Thursday 14th June

10.00–11.30am plfc

Roger at Coffee Morning

7.00 for 7.30pm

plfc Roger with Richard Todd

Friday 15th June

7.00 for 7.30pm

plfc Roger with John Mosey

Saturday 16th June

5.00–6.30pm Isleham Priory

Bouncy castle, crafts and BBQ followed by Roger

Sunday 17th June

10.30am & 6.30pm

plfc Roger will be preaching. ■

Three Rivers Group St Andrew's Parish Church

Regular Church Services

Sundays: The main service is at 9.30am. Junior Church is in the Social Centre, and in church at the All Age Communion Service on the third Sunday of every month. Third Sunday 8am Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer. All welcome.

Midweek services

Monday 9.15am Morning Prayer. 7, The Close, Kennett

Tuesday/Wednesday. 9am Morning Prayer Fordham

Wednesday: 4.15pm Evening Prayer Snailwell

Thursday/Friday 8.15am Morning Prayer Fordham

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

Churchwardens Rob Savage: 01638 780218, robert.savage@islehamchurch.org.uk; Nick Carver: 01638 781116, nick.carver@islehamchurch.org.uk

Tower Captain Ruth Ogden: 01638 780646, ruth.ogden@islehamchurch.org.uk

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For more information about the Group and St Andrew's please visit our website at www.islehamchurch.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 babies 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. The older Junior Church meet at the Village Hall. This is for children who are 7 to 11 years old. 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 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

Our midweek care structure called **High Street Life** gives a whole range of fresh initiatives to care, support and be involved in the local community. It includes: Life groups, plus Men's and Ladies' groups; a Media and Creative Arts group using modern technology to convey the message of hope; a Healthy Living group; practical DIY advice; a Quilting group, Papercraft group, and much more. Are you new to the village? High Street Life is more than just Church on Sunday so why not contact us, we'd love to get to know you and tell you what makes us tick.

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 £2.50 not to mention the great company! For further details of any of the above, please contact Kathryn of 01638 780652 of the Church Office.

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!

So whether it's on a Sunday or midweek, we would love to see you. Why not come along, give us a call or 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. ■

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Isleham Cricket Club



As the rain smashes against my office window on the 3rd May I suddenly come to the realisation that it's not the hosepipe ban that has inadvertently caused the 'heavens to open'. It is, of course, the onset of the English Cricket Season.

This weekend (5th May 2012) should have been the first league games for the club but as I write this, we are more likely to be playing water polo on the square than cricket.

This year the club will be running four men's teams (two in league cricket on a Saturday, a Sunday friendly team, and a mid-week team). The Sunday friendly team will, however, have a strong bias towards youth, with a few 'veterans' making an appearance if they are not too stiff from the Saturday!

We will also be running two youth teams at under-12 and under-15 levels. There will also be coaching with qualified ECB coaches for all age groups, both boys and girls, from the ages of 6 to 15 on the recreation ground on a Friday night from 6pm.

We have a tremendous youth football set-up in the village and the aim is to replicate this within the Cricket Club, which will enable the children of Isleham and the surrounding areas to have sport all year round. So even if your children have never played cricket before bring them up to the recreation ground on a Friday night and we might just discover the next Ian Botham or Freddie Flintoff in the village.

Anyone, young or old, wanting further details on playing for or training with Isleham Cricket Club please contact

Adrian Sheldrick (Club Chairman) – 01638 780780 or Robert Blair – 01638 780024.

Robert Blair

parents and coaches for their sportsmanship over the weekend. A big thank you to all the local businesses that provided sponsorship and all the willing volunteers from Isleham Youth FC that made the whole weekend a resounding success.

We would also like to say that our thoughts go out to the Wells family: Graham was a keen supporter of Isleham Utd Youth FC.

Craig Boneham, Festival Organiser

Bowls Report

The carpet bowls season has now concluded and despite both league teams being relegated from their respective divisions, Team 1 did reach the final of the KO Cup. However, they came up against a very strong Over team in the final at Soham sports centre and were well beaten on the night.

In the internal club competitions, the results were:

Singles Peter Doe beat Doreen Raven

Pairs Margaret Marsh & Ivan Hymus beat Janice Pope & Diane Burling

Fours Kris Dunbavin, Janice Pope, Celia Clarke & Ivan Hymus beat June Watts, Ken Brown, Sheila King & Barry Clarke

Friday Night Triples League Kris Dunbavin, Diane Burling & Ivan Hymus beat Heather Munns, Robert Burling & Doreen Raven

Well done to Kris on winning two trophies this season, at 12 years old. Who says that bowls is an 'oldies' game'!

The outdoor season has now commenced and a full 17 weeks of fixtures will keep us all very busy.

Barry Grimwood, Club Captain

Fourth Festival of Football

A total of 96 teams attended over the weekend of 12th-13th May, with age groups ranging from Under-5s to Under-15s. Teams from all across the county were in attendance. This was a wonderful advert for local youth football, which highlighted the good work being done by so many at the 'grass roots' of the game. The two days were played in a wonderful spirit with all teams proving themselves winners over the weekend. Isleham United Youth FC would like to thank all clubs that participated and for

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