

YOUR NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE HAS BECOME A REALITY

All systems go!

inally, after 6 years' hard work by many people, and now that all funding is in place, at the November meeting, the Parish Council gave the green light for the Community Centre project to proceed. This decision is quite momentous, not least given that our ageing village hall and sports pavilion, both of which have served the village very well over many years, will be demolished at some stage during the Centre construction process. But, looking to the future, these:





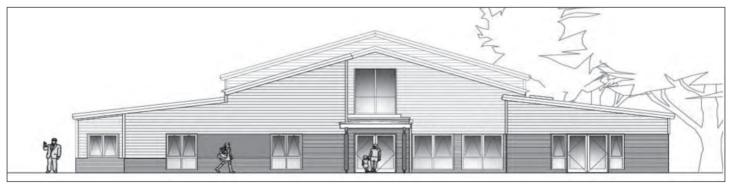
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obtained over £360,000 worth of grants and £20,000 raised by our fundraisers. Our assessment, however, is that we have still only reached the end of the beginning. There is still much to be done in terms of equipping and organising the smooth running of the Centre.

There will be ongoing grant and fundraising ahead and with this in mind we are, as always, looking for additional help, so if you are willing to help with any of these then please contact Mark Goldsack (780350) or Diane Bayliss, the Parish Clerk (781687) for an informal, no obligations chat.

A farewell to the Village Hall party is being planned for early 2013 (watch this space).

The football and cricket clubs have not been forgotten, with plans in hand to provide temporary facilities for when the pavilion is demolished.



We now need to press on quickly with the build, in part to ensure compliance with the rules laid down by some of the grant providers. When you read this some of the topsoil should have been removed and the archaeologists should then be on site for 2–3 weeks for their investigations. Given no significant delays we hope the appointed contractors (C.J. Murfitt Ltd) will be able to commence the build in December, after the site has been fenced off.

A ground breaking ceremony has been planned for 8th December at 11am to mark the start of the build – please come along if you are able.

There will no doubt be disruptions during the ensuing months and we ask you all to be patient and bear with us – the end result will be well worth it. The build is planned to take about 42 weeks, weather and other possible factors permitting.

The village owes gratitude to all of those involved in this project, having

Watch this space, Facebook or the village website www.isleham-village. co.uk for details of progress and the latest news.

We'll sign off now and wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. The reality of a new, multipurpose Community Centre leaves us with much to look forward to.

Clive Patterson / Philip Aspland For the Parish Council / ICA Management Committee.

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From the Editor

will begin with an appeal for help. We require a kind soul to deliver copies of the Isleham Informer to the houses of Peyton Place and Windmill Terrace. This would not be an arduous task – some 14 copies every other month, but it's a bit of exercise and might give you a chance to chat to your neighbours. If you can help, please call Fred Preece (details below).

Looking back through archive editions of the Informer (all available online at www.islehaminformer.org.uk), it occurs to me that we are long past due a design rethink - the current layout has hardly changed since early 2006. And, as software engineers are fond of saying, "If it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features." If anyone has any ideas on and/or is able to offer some expertise in producing a new look for Isleham's Favourite Parish Magazine™, please get in touch with me (details below).

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has taken the time to contribute to the Isleham Informer. Imagine how dull it would be if I had to write it all myself! As the editor of a village magazine I have to keep my ear close to the ground. The trouble is that I tend to go a bit further and actually bury my head in the sand and so do not have the faintest idea what is going on. So thank you for keeping the Informer informed. Many thanks also to all the advertisers who continue to support the publication, to Glenda and Kelvin who help keep me sane(ish) and to all the wonderful folk who push the final product through the doors of every home in the village.

Ed Mayall

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VILLAGE NOTES

Dates for Your Diary

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

Every Tuesday Coffee Morning at the Social Centre 09.00–12.00

December

Saturday 1st	Christmas Cracl Village Hall	ers 19.30	
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	Raffle/cake stal	_	10.00–12.00
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Thursday 6th	Mobile Library		14.15–15.00
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Saturday 8th	ICA 'Ground Bre	eakina'	11.00
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	Village Hall	, ,	from 14.00
	Festival of Light		15.00-18.30
Sunday 9th	Festival of Light		15.00-18.30
Thursday 13th	WI Christmas Pa	ırty	19.30
Saturday 15th	Festival of Light	,	15.00-18.30
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Friday 21st	Mobile Library	Church St	9.30-10.05
January 2013	}		
Thursday 3rd	Mobile Library	Church St	14.15-15.00
		Mill Street	15.05-17.00
Sunday 6th	Car Wash, Priory	/	10.00-13.00
Monday 7th	Isleham Parish C	Council	19.15
Wednesday 9th	dnesday 9th INFORMER DEADLINE		
Thursday 10th	WI		19.30
Tuesday 15th	Isleham Garder	ners	19.30
Friday 18th	Mobile Library	Church St	09.30-10.05

Gardener required

Lady Frances Peyton Charity

The charity is asking for tenders for the job of gardener.

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- Hedges bushes and shrubs tendered
- Leaves collected
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- Flower Beds tended

For further details contact the clerk

Michael Siggs Clerk to the Charity PO Box 993 Colchester, CO3 3TQ 01206 765138

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 12.00noon. Fares: Adult Bus Pass Holders £2.50 Return Adults £5 Return

Our buses are accessible to all; however, to improve customer service, wheelchair users and those with small children requiring booster seats are advised to contact Ely/Soham Dial-a-Ride in advance: Ely Soham Dial-a-Ride 01353 661161 This service is financially supported by Isleham Parish Council.

Mobile Library

1st Thursday of the month:	Arrive	Depart
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

Emergency for Police, Fire, Ambulance 999
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Newmarket Hospital01638 564000
West Suffolk Hospital (Bury St Edmunds)01284 713000
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Anglian Water Leaks 0800 771 881
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Christmas Lights Display 1st December – 31st December



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Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service consultation

Dear all,

am writing to inform you that a consultation on further collaboration, up to a full merger, between Cambridgeshire and Suffolk fire and rescue services is currently taking place.

This is your opportunity to give your views on the two services collaborating further in the coming years, potentially up to merging together into one service for both areas. Your views will be included within the full business case, which is currently being put together and is likely to be presented to the Fire Authority and Suffolk County Council Cabinet in the New Year.

You may already be aware that Cambridgeshire and Suffolk have collaborated successfully in recent years, resulting in the first Combined Fire Control in the country. This set up of Combined Fire Control allowed both services to save significant sums of money annually, and with further funding cuts expected in the coming years, it is essential that further opportunities to collaborate and potentially save money are fully explored.

The consultation pack and online feedback form is available on our website (http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/6667.php). We are keen to receive as much feedback as possible so I would encourage you to let others know that this public consultation is taking place and to fill in the form yourselves and provide your honest opinions. The form does not ask for any personal information.

I would like to emphasise that there is still a lot of work to do, and that we will only proceed with further collaboration if it is the right decision for the residents of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Hard copies of the consultation pack and feedback form are available at libraries and fire stations around Cambridgeshire. If you would like a hard copy posted to you, contact the fire service on 01480 444500.

Many thanks,

Graham Stagg, Chief Fire Officer Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service www.cambsfire.gov.uk

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Angling Society	Ivan Houghton	01638 780333			
Board Games Church	Alison Young	01638 780351	Last Thursday	2–5pm	High St.
				Sept-June	
Book Club	Doreen Spiers	01638 780783	2nd Friday	2pm	Social Centre
Brownies Village Hall		Bridget Clements	01353 624103	Thursdays	6–7.15pm
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[at]the waytofrance.com	Monday	6–7.15pm	1 Mill St
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 Julie Porter	01638 781301 01638 781390	Saturday Bi-monthly	10-4pm	High St. Churcl
Tea & Toast	Emma Champion	01353 727188	Thursdays	9.15–11.30am	Village Hall
WI	Glenda Preece	01638 780734	2nd Thursday	7.30pm	Village Hall

Sure Start Children's Centres





What's on for FREE for families with children under five at Soham Children's Centre, next to Weatheralls Primary School

Isleham Tea & Toast Every Thursday at Isleham Village Hall, 9.30–11.30am. Play session for the under 5s and a chance to meet other parents and carers. Just turn up.

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

Well 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 18th August. 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 9.45–11.30am. Come along and make friends, have a chat and get support and information.

Stay and Play Fun play session. Every Monday 9.30–11.30am at St Andrews Primary School, Soham. Just turn up.

Twins and Multiples A chance to chill and chat with other parents. Every Wednesday 9.30am to 11.30am at St Andrews Primary School, Soham. Just turn up.

For more information call us on 01353 727188

sohamchildrenscentre[at]cambridgeshire.gov.uk

www.cambridgeshirechildrenscentres.org.uk

Police News

Vehicle crime warning

POLICE are warning motorists to take security precautions following a series of thefts from vehicles in East Cambs



Creating a safer Cambridgeshire

In October, there were 22 thefts including two of number plates from cars in Burrough Green, near Dullingham, and Soham, and five thefts, or attempted thefts, from vans.

On most occasions the thieves have targeted vans containing power tools under cover of darkness and have smashed windows to get in.

Half of the crimes have taken place in villages in the south of the district.

Sue Loaker, community safety officer, said: "Officers are patrolling and using various tactics to catch the people responsible for these thefts, however, as the evenings get darker at this time of year it is also a good time to take extra security precautions. Doing so could prevent your vehicle becoming a target for thieves."

Security advice:

- Avoid leaving your vehicle in isolated areas and where possible park in a garage or on a driveway. The use of security lights is a benefit as they alert you of any movement. If you have to park on the roadside, try to park near a street light and where surveillance is at its best.
- Always lock your vehicle, even if leaving it for a short time. Never leave the vehicle running and unattended to de-ice the windows.
- Remove items on display, this includes Sat Nav cradles and the marks they leave behind on the windscreen.
 Leave the glove box open to indicate that there is nothing of value to steal.

- Consider using an alarm, Immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, removable stereo, handbrake lock, steering wheel lock, window grills, tool vaults and warning stickers displayed on the vehicle.
- Remove tools and equipment from the van whenever possible, particularly overnight. Park the vehicle tight up against a wall to prevent the back doors being easily accessible.
- It is a proven deterrent to mark and/or register your property. This can be done in a number of ways: the use of a bright coloured paint, engraving or anything that identifies the property as being yours makes it less attractive for thieves. Look at www.immobilise.com to register your property.

Issued by Neil Franklin on 29/10/2012

Phone scam warning

PEOPLE are being warned not to fall victim of a telephone scam

Several victims have been left hundreds of pounds out of pocket after being contacted by companies offering loans.

The caller asks for an upfront payment in the form of Ukash vouchers – an online payment.

However, these companies are fraudulent and victims will lose the transferred cash.

Community safety officer Sue Loaker said: "This is a scam, genuine loan companies will never ask for advance fees to be paid in this way.

"We would also urge people not to send these vouchers to any caller claiming to be able to sell a timeshare of holiday bonds, or to pay for items purchased from classified adverts."

For more information, visit the official site http://www.ukash.com/uk/en/security-tips.aspx

Issued by David Old on 19/09/2012



From the Vicar

e all had a great time on 28th October at Kate's final service with us and then a fabulous lunch for around 120+ and from all five villages in our parish. There was enough for all and some to spare too. A fitting celebration all round. So thank you to all who worked so hard at making it a success and who also came to bid Kate, Daniel, Emma and Alice farewell. We shall soon be setting out to celebrate again as she is instituted on 18th December at Great Hormead.

Moving, I am told, is a stressful time. Helen and I too are moving, in early January, but only into the Vicarage at Fordham. I will remain as Rector of all five parishes, so I will still be in and around Chippenham and Snailwell as usual. And we'll keep the same telephone number so you can contact us as easily as before.

Moving though makes you take stock of what you have. We have lived in Chippenham for the past nine years. We've collected much and now that some of the boxes have arrived at the Vicarage, it's time to begin sorting out. It's a bit of a hint about the rest of our lives too, for us all. What do we carry around that we no longer need? Past resentments at some imagined slur, some deep hurt that we really should let go, some relationship in the family that needs mending, or at the very least, tending a bit. Some long held ambition which fear or lack of opportunity holds us from doing.

That was Jesus' question to many of those who came to him. "What do you want me to do for you?" In some cases there was a ready answer, "Lord, I want my sight back." Jesus meets us where we are, responds with love to us, and gives us the reason for living.

Do join us on Sundays to give thanks for all our many blessings.

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House Day Poems

very year, we vote in new house captains for the Kingfisher (blue), Robin (red),

Goldfinch (yellow) and Greenfinch (green) teams. The voting comes after a whole day spent working in our house groups on a variety of creative activities. One of the activities we completed recently was to write a list poem linked to the colour of our house team. Here are some of the fantastic results produced by poets from each house.

Blue is...

Blue is a summer's sky soaring over calm clouds.

Blue is ice cracking as if it had a heart.

Blue is crashing waves, rushing to shore.

Blue is frozen toes snapping!

Callum Bond (Y5)

Red is...

Red is a robin hopping along in the snow.

Red is poppies swaying in the breeze.

Red is blood dripping from a vampire's bite.

Red is nail varnish glittering on your fingertips.

Red is a dragon's breath of fire.

Red is a ruby glistening in the sun.

Red is Dorothy's sparkly shoes catching the glow of the spotliaht.

Red is tomato sauce covering hot chips!

Beth Buchan (Y6)

Yellow is...

Yellow is a squidgy banana

Yellow is a glorious sunflower

Yellow is a bright goldfish

Yellow is crumbly sand

Yellow is a ripe lemon

Yellow is creamy custard – YUM!

Lewis Winnington (Y4)

Green is...

Green is a leaf swishing down from a tree.

Green is a greenfinch swooping to a branch.

Green is a piece of lush grass swaying by a river's edge.

Green is a grasshopper jumping from reed to reed.

Green is a turtle swimming in the sun dappled water.

Green is a bush that whispers to its friends.

Sophie Hughes (Y3)

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We'll show you how to use a video camera, how to interview and share it with the rest of your community. This role is perfect for anyone wanting to get involved in their local community, meet new people or learn some new skills.

www.ShapeYourPlace.org has received thousands of visitors since its launch in East Cambs in April this year. Local groups and individuals regularly share their news and promote events so it's a great source about what's happening where you live.

People can also raise issues where they live. When this happens, local councils, the police and the fire service are notified and will respond on the site about how they will try and resolve the problem if possible.

Want to report an issue or promote an event? Here's how you do it:

- 1. Go to www.ShapeYourPlace.org
- 2. Click on your area on the map
- 3. Click on 'Have your Say' and start blogging. It's that easy!

Contact

If you would like to find out more about community reporting or want to know more about the project email matthew.hall[at]cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 07799 861339.

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Twinning

Joyeux Noël!

s joint chairpersons of the Isleham Twinning Association (ITA) Keith and I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Isleham a Merry Christmas. We have taken over from David Styman, who after 3 years of doing an excellent job decided to step down as chairman this year. We are looking forward to a busy year of fundraising and the visit from our French amis next April.

This year it was the turn of the ITA to visit their French counterparts in the village of Nesles. The visit took place in April and like the rhyme says there were many showers over the weekend but this did not spoil the fun and hospitality given to us from our French friends. As usual we enjoyed lots of wine, food and a very informative visit to Chartreuse abbey. We presented our friends with a gift of bilingual dictionaries for the school and a book about Isleham past and present, which were gratefully received. We hope we can return their kindness next year when they come to visit.

We are always looking for new members young, old, families, couples, French speakers or not (Keith doesn't speak a word of French but he has managed two visits to Nesles without getting into trouble!). If you

are interested then please call or email me (see below). We have many social gatherings during the year as a group, fund raising events and of course the visit to/ from Nesles.

Our main fund raising event next year is a SAFARI SUPPER. This is where each course is hosted at a different address around the village. It is taking place on Saturday 3rd March and tickets are available from myself or Brian Wynne. The cost of £25 includes all food and drink and the fine hospitality of members of the ITA. This is a great opportunity to get to know members, have a chat about what we do and sample some fine wine and tasty morsels.

Bonne nouvelle anneé!

Michelle Woollard



Co-op

Isleham Co-op staff have been busy collecting donations of small change for East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Co-op customers and staff presented the donation of £200 to a representative from East Anglian Air Ambulance on Friday 9th November. A BIG thank you to all those who have contributed over the past 6 months.



Co-op Christmas Raffle

Tickets are available to purchase from Isleham Co-op, proceeds go to the Carers Trust.

Top prize: £50 Food Hamper. Raffle will be drawn on Saturday, 22nd December.

Cambridge Re-Use Wins Community Award

ambridge Re-Use has won the Community Support category in the Cambridge News Community Awards for 2012. The award recognises nearly 25 years of service to the local community by the charity. The award was presented to Cambridge Re-Use volunteers by Cllr Sheila Stuart, Mayor of Cambridge in a ceremony at Downing College.

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The Isleham Society

18th October The Tharp family of Chippenham and Jamaica. An illustrated talk was given by Jill Shapland describing how the Tharp family were involved in using slaves on their Estate in Jamaica. Records were carefully kept and stored detailing all the finances the Estate which included buildings planned and erected. The records continued when they decided to move to Chippenham, although during the latter years some of the records were stored in a damp environment and are more difficult to read – the work is on-going. We were fortunate to have several visitors from Chippenham, some of whom were involved with the Estate and were able to add to the story and the history of Chippenham Park as we know it today.

15th November A Magic Lantern Show. Richard Ridby and his wife, dressed in appropriate costume, brought a Magic Lantern on which they showed a whole variety of glass slides; they described how the earliest slides from the 1600s were drawn, later being painted by hand. The early lanterns were lit by oil lamps, fortunately their Lantern has been converted to electricity, otherwise we would have had the smell of oil lamps to add to the atmosphere! They went on to show slides that gave moving pictures. There was much audience participation by making sounds using the props they provided, plus the

shouting booing and cheering all added to the stories being told. A most enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting will be on 17th January 2013 when Dr Carenza Lewis (*Time Team*) will talk to us about the *Isleham Archaeological Digs*. She has been involved with the digs in our village gardens with students from Mildenhall College over the last two years.

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

NB. If our Village Hall is unavailable for any of our meetings during the year, we will inform you of any change of venue.

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CHURCHES

High Street Church

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: We will be holding a special Family Service on Sunday 23rd December at 10.30am followed by a Carol Service that evening at 6.30pm. Our service on Christmas Day is for all the family and will be 11am until noon. Please come and join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Everybody is welcome.

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 involvement in the local community. It includes: Life groups, plus Men's and Ladies' groups; Bible Studies; a Media and Creative Arts group using modern technology to convey the message of hope; a Quilting group, Papercraft group and much more. **The Inside/Out group returns this autumn, looking at ways to serve the community. Look out for them!** 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 at the Church Office on 01638 780652.

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!

The **Inside/Out** group returns this autumn, looking at ways to serve the community. Look out for them!

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. ■

Three Rivers Group St Andrew's Parish Church

Christmas Services at

Sunday 16th December No 9.30 service; 16.00 Carol Service **Sunday 23rd December** 9.30 Normal service

Christmas Eve 16.00 Crib Service; 23.30 Midnight Eucharist **Christmas Day** 9:30 Family Eucharist

Sunday 30th December No 9.30 service at Isleham; 10.30 group service at Fordham

Sunday 6th January 2013 No 9:30 service; 16:00 Epiphany Carol Service

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[at]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[at]yahoo.co.uk

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For more information about the Group and St Andrew's please visit our website at www.islehamchurch.org.uk

Pound Lane Free Church

Pastor: Dave Hall (01638 781343 or 01638 780636, email

pastor[at]plfc.org.uk)

Elder: David Brown (01638 780410)

Sunday: Sunday worship: 11am 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 (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.

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All Stars Fun Night: 7.00–8.15pm. **Tuesday: 18–30s:** 2pm.

(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.

Craff (third Wednesday of month) 9.30–11.30am (Suzanne Hall 01638 781805).

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: Women's Meeting (fortnightly in members' homes) 10.30–11.45am (Sue Hall 01638 780636).

Christianity Explored courses are run regularly – please ask for dates of next course.

Craft (first Friday of month): 7–9pm (Martha Thompson 01638 7870030).

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

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Email: pastor[at]plfc.org.uk; secretary[at]plfc.org.uk Web sites: www.plfc.org.uk; www.isleham.com

As we write, this, the "silly season", as one church member calls it is just starting! What he means is the 2-3 weeks of Operation Christmas Child when we are almost submerged in gift filled shoe boxes, hats, scarves and gloves, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps and other "fillers"! It's a really busy but very happy time when we collect, check and pack over 3,000 boxes from postcodes CB6, 7 and 8. Each box will be a valued present and display of God's love to the child who receives it. This year our boxes will once again be going to Serbia and Kyrgyzstan.

If you are one of the many people who donated a box or items to make up a box and/or came and helped in any way we want to say a HUGE thank you to you. You have been a part of the process that sends around 1.1 million gift filled shoe boxes to children from the UK, reminding them that God loves them and someone in the UK cares for them. It will have been great to work with friends from Isleham and the surrounding villages again.

Why not make a note in your diaries and come to our:

Candle lit Christmas Carol Service Sunday 23rd December 6.15pm

when we shall be showing the Operation Christmas Child DVD and have an update on this year's campaign.

The service is followed by refreshments.

Don't forget our:

Christmas Day Service Tuesday 25th December 10.30am where the children are invited to bring a Christmas gift to "show". The service is followed by a mince pie and tea or coffee.

Craft – this NEW EVENT will be starting in the New Year – the third Wednesday of the month 9.30 – 11.30am and the first Friday of the month 7.00-9.00pm. We have several really talented "crafters" at plfc and the idea is you come along equipped with your own craft and have the opportunity to see what others are doing and learn a new skill if you so wish. All are welcome – see our website for more information. ■





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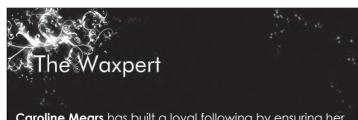
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Sunday 12 noon to 10.30pm

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THE SUN TO THE SEA

e are a group of 15 lads who have decided to raise some money for the charity EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospice).

EACH recently looked after Lily-May Taylor and her parents so well during their time of need.

Lily-May lost her fight to SLOS (Smith-Lemli-Opitz Syndrome) at only 4 months old to a disorder, which is extremely rare as it takes both parents to carry and pass on a defective copy

of the DHCR7 gene for it to be passed on to newborn babies. In the most severe cases of SLOS (where almost no cholesterol is produced) infants usually die a few months after birth, which is how we so sadly lost the beautiful Lily-May.



Lily-May's MAMIL (middle aged men in Lycra) has been formed, which consists of around 15 fellow Islehamers, who have taken on the epic challenge of cycling from the Rising Sun pub to Brighton Pier in two days. This is in excess of 140 miles; the first leg to London is 85+ miles, leaving from the pub at 8 am 23rd April 2013.

We are funding the entire event from our own pockets, with the generous help of Tim Drayton (TJD Building Contractors Ltd.), who is providing the support vehicle.

Every penny you donate will go straight to EACH. If you could and would be willing to spare a little of your hard earned money to our cause, we would be most grateful.

There will be a quiz night at the Rising Sun in late January 2013 and a race night on 2nd March. Please come along and help us to help EACH.

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Team Isleham (Lily-May's MAMIL)



Our October meeting was organised by Emily Radcliffe and Sheila Taylor on behalf of the members. They had invited Kathy Carver, who spoke to us about her career as

a heart care nurse; and about how to look after our hearts. I am sure it spurred many of us to think about what we eat, and to exercise a little more. Thank you to them all.

Also in October we held a Coffee morning at the Social Centre, entered two teams in the St Andrew's Quiz at the Bowls Club, and spent an enjoyable evening bowling at Strikes. Well done to the winner, Angela Wells.

In November we welcomed back Mrs Jacob who talked about 'Confessions of a Newsagent'. With great humour she described her experiences over the years with customers and salesmen. Starting work at 4.30 each morning and often delivering newspapers herself when

paperboys didn't turn up, made us all realise how hard newsagents work.

A number of members visited the Victoria and Albert Museum, on a trip organised by Cambridge Federation of WIs, to enjoy the "Glorious Gowns' exhibition. A very good outing.

We are organising another Coffee Morning on 1st December, and then our final event of the year will be our Christmas Party on 13th December when members will either be dancing, or laughing, in the company of Ron Coxall.

At our first meeting of the New Year on 10th January, Barbara Redman cockeralwill be leading a craft evening.

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 PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council normally meets on the first Monday of every month at 7.15pm in the Village Hall (Back Room). Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and 15 minutes are set aside each month for public question time. Full copies of the minutes are available on the Website, the Notice Board and from the Parish Clerk Tel: 01638 781687 islehampc[at] btinternet.com



Code of Conduct

 The new Model Code of Conduct as published by ECDC was adopted by Isleham Parish Council at the meeting held on 6th August 2012

Police Matters

- New Contact Number for Police 101
- Neighbourhood Panel forums have been set up to allow Parish Councils and members of the public to engage with the police and other services. The next meeting is on 9th January 2013 at Soham Village College 7pm.
- The Parish Council are very concerned to report that

on Monday 12th November that paint had been taken from the shed at the rear of the pavilion and had been used to graffiti the MUGA including painting in the access keypad. While this problem was being rectified it was discovered that 2 hens had been 'painted' and left in a very poorly condition in the field to the right of the



MUGA. The police and the RSPCA have been informed and the hens have been taken into 'care' to see if they can be cleaned up. If you are missing two hens please contact the Parish Clerk.

Village Hall Report

- The broken light fittings in the hall have been replaced.
- The hall will remain in use until approximately the end of April. A final date should be available in the next edition of the Informer and user groups will be contacted so that they can make alternative arrangements for the summer period.

Recreation Ground Report

- The Recreation Ground will inevitably suffer some difficulties during the building works, however the Parish Council will do their best to see that this disruptions are kept to a minimum.
- The Pavilion will be closed at the end of April at the same time as the village hall. Temporary facilities will be provided so that the clubs are able to continue to play.
- The MUGA is available to hire during the day and at weekends – please contact the Clerk for more details.

ICA Report

• By the time you read this report, work should have begun on the New Community Centre. It is anticipated that the Centre will be open by October 2013.

Cemetery and Churchyard Matters

• The hedge to the right of the new cemetery is to be replaced.

Financial Matters

• The Parish Council have agreed to take the 'Option to Tax' with HMRC in order to be able to reclaim the VAT on the new community centre. This means that from 1st January all Parish Council activities including letting the village hall and recreation ground will become vat-able.

Dog Fouling

- PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG!
- 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

Highways Matters

• The grass-cutting contract is up for renewal in the spring of 2013. The environment working party will be meeting to discuss areas to be included in the contract.

Allotment Matters

- Weather permitting the community orchard will be planted on 19th January 2013 for further details please contact Mrs Jeanette Malkin 01638 780283.
- There are still a number of allotments for rent on Station Road and Beck Road. Please contact the Clerk for further details.

Planning Matters

- Isleham Vision is underway and the public consultation is now likely to take place in the New Year. For more details please contact the Clerk.
- Planning applications were received to replace extant permission for the New Community Centre, 34 Prickwillow Road, Isleham and Chalk Farm, Temple Road, Isleham.
- Planning approvals were received for, 34 Sun Street, 9 Fordham Road, and land adjacent to 19 Hall Barn Road Industrial Estate.
- 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.
 The Parish Council will be consulted on the process and residents will be sent information a few weeks before work begins
- 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

The Parish Council continues to support the Ely/Soham Dial-a-Ride Bus Service to Ely on a Thursday morning and the Fenland Elite Youth Bus which visits The Priory on a Thursday evening (term time only).

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Isleham United Youth FC

sleham United Youth FC Under 12s play in Division b of the BM Kempton 9v9 youth league and have started well, winning their opening two league games 8-0 v Chatteris and 5-2 v Ely Crusaders. The bulk of the team has been together nearly 5 years. The picture shows Isleham United Youth FC Under 12s receiving their new sponsored kit from Tim Griffin representing Thurlow Nunn Toyota.

Russell Boneham Isleham United Youth FC



Back row standing (L-R): Gary Cowling (Coach), Russell Boneham (Manager), Stuart Tuffs (No 1 Fan), Tim Griffin (Thurlow Nunn), Craig Pawson (Coach)

Middle row seated (L-R): Josh James, Danny Baxter, James Harvey, Oliver Cowling, Jordan Tuffs, Max Parsley, Joe Griffin
Front row kneeling (L-R): Charlie Cummins, Kieran Pawson, Harry

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Bowls Report

s autumn chugs along with ever-darkening evenings, attention has now turned to the carpet bowls season. Both teams have started well in their respective divisions in the East Cambs League but it is still early days. In the knockout cup, Team 1 lost away at Willingham in the first round, whilst Team 2 received a bye into the next round and have been drawn away to Swaffham Bulbeck.

On Friday evenings, nine teams are contesting the clubs' triples league and again that is in its early stages.

In mid-November, the club holds its AGM, and thanks must go to all the officials and committee members that help to keep our club moving forwards.

As in all clubs and associations, these people are all too often taken for granted. So thanks to those who are standing down, thanks to those continuing and many grateful thanks to those willing to have a go!

Barry Grimwood, Club Captain

