

# Isleham Informer

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## Isleham Community Centre



**Great Progress**

in place. Decisions are now being taken by the team on the internal colour schemes and the finer details of the internal build.

Demolition of the old village hall and removal of the playground equipment starts week commencing 24th June. Apologies to all the parents and children who would have used the equipment but removal is part of the build plan. On a positive note plans are being drawn up for a replacement playground, utilising some of the existing equipment, which will be refurbished, and new equipment that will provide an exciting play

**W**ith the weather staying fine, building continues at a good pace.

During March and continuing into April it was very pleasing to see the steelwork going up, timber work being installed ready for the roof

panels, concrete surrounds to the columns and substructure brickwork in progress, making it easier to identify the individual rooms.

The weather in

April and May saw steady progress, with the roof panels being installed and laying of the floor slab starting during the 3rd week of May.

At our monthly site meeting held in May progress was reported at being at 30% completion. This was only 6% behind the planned point, and can soon be made up once the slab and roof are

area for the children. We will keep you informed of progress.

The handover of the finished building from CJ Murfitts is still on track for the 15th November.

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# VILLAGE NOTES

## Gala Day Races Are Different This Year

Early Gala Days were centred around cycle races and this year we are reverting to these but with a modern theme.

Do not forget to bring your bicycle with you on Gala Day if you want to be part of the exciting races being organised for us by Mildenhall Cycling Club.

## Ballet Classes

If there are any children who would like ballet classes when the new Community Centre opens then get in touch with me on 01638 781951.

*Ruth Bendall*

## Pyramid Rock Holiday Club

**Tuesday 30th July – Friday 2nd Aug 2013**

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All our leaders will be trained and CRB checked.

## Dates for Your Diary

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

**Every Tuesday June** Coffee Morning Social Centre 09.00–12.00

Sunday 2nd	Car Wash, Priory Green	10.00–13.00
Monday 3rd	Isleham Parish Council	19.15
Thursday 6th	Mobile Library Church St	14.15–15.00
	Mill Street	15.05–17.00

Thursday 13th	WI Summer Outing	
Friday 14th	Book Club Social Centre	14.00
Tuesday 18th	Isleham Gardeners	19.30
Thursday 20th	Isleham Society	19.45
Friday 21st	Mobile Library Church St	9.30–10.05

**July**

Monday 1st	Isleham Parish Council	19.15
Thursday 4th	Mobile Library Church St	14.15–15.00
	Mill Street	15.05–17.00

Sunday 7th	Car Wash, Priory	10.00–13.00
Tuesday 9th	INFORMER DEADLINE	
Thursday 11th	WI	19.30
Friday 12th	Book Club Social Centre	14.00
Tuesday 16th	Isleham Gardeners	19.30
Thursday 18th	Isleham Society	19.30
Friday 19th	Mobile Library Church St	09.30–10.05

## INFORMATION

**Thursday bus from Isleham to Ely Market** Circular route:

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As always the hard work continues in the background; this includes continued monitoring of the build progress, further fund raising, grant seeking and management infrastructure, such as Centre working documents, all of which are now moving at a pace.

We are as always still looking for any additional help, so if you run or belong to a local organisation that will be using the Centre when completed and you want to have an input into the Centre's facilities, or even if you just want to help now is the time to get involved. So if you are willing to put yourself forward for possible inclusion in any aspect of Centre management, fund raising or grant seeking please contact Mark Goldsack 01638 780350, or the Parish Clerk 01638 781687 for an informal, no obligations discussion.

Since the last update we have had a good response to our plea for additional help and welcome four new members to the team.

Please continue to watch this space, Facebook or the village website [www.isleham-village.co.uk](http://www.isleham-village.co.uk) for details of fund raising etc. Photographs are being uploaded on a regular basis, to give everyone a view of the progress on site.

Hoping for good weather for the build and all the events planned in the village over the next few months.

## Farewell to the Village Hall

The Junior Disco went down well with the children, with about 70 attending. Mark Goldsack provided the disco lights and music, and all had a great time. At times the screams of agreement to some of the more popular songs I'm sure caused temporary deafness amongst the helpers. There was plenty of help from volunteer parents and ICA members, myself included which ensured that the children stayed safe, and I found it heart warming to see all the children having a really enjoyable afternoon. Many thanks to all that helped make this successful event possible.

As a result of the feedback from parents and children, plans are being put forward to have a junior disco possibly once a term, when the new centre is open.

The *Afternoon Tea Dance* was also an outstanding success. Over 80 people turned up to be entertained by the International organist Nicholas Martin, who played a wide variety of music to an enthusiastic audience, the floor never being empty from start to finish, this excludes the half time break, when the volunteers from the WI laid on an excellent selection of cakes and sandwiches with the tea or coffee. Comments made by people during the event and as they were leaving has provided a great incentive to lay on more tea dances after centre completion.

A message from Nicholas Martin the next day thanking everyone for a very enjoyable afternoon also included the message, "We collected £93.56 in the Miracles Pot. Quite brilliant" The Miracles pot was available to take donations for the very worthwhile *Miracles to Believe In*, a charity for children with autism.

Again for this event I would like to pass on my thanks to the WI for the refreshments, Walter Gunston for the lighting,

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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	Bridget Clements	01353 624103	Thursdays	6–7.15pm	High St. Church
Craft Club	Hazel Thompson	01638 780633	Tuesdays	1.30–4pm	Limestone Centre
Cubs	Angela Dann	01638 781947	Tuesdays	6.15–7.45pm	Chippenham Village Hall
French Conversation (all levels)	Francine	francine@the waytofrance.com	Monday	6–7.15pm	1 Mill St
Isleham Gardeners	Jenny Hodd	01638 780729	3rd Tuesday	7.30pm	Isleham Marina
Isleham Society	Vernon Place	01638 780449	3rd Thursday	7.30pm	Limestone Centre
Paper, Patch & Sew	Victoria Rattle Julie Porter	01638 781301 01638 781390	Saturday Bi-monthly	10–4pm	High St Church
WI	Glenda Preece	01638 780734	2nd Thursday	7.30pm	Limestone Centre

## 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**

**Stay & Play** Play and chill session for parents/carers and under fives. Every Monday 9.30–11.30am at St Andrews Primary School, Soham.

**Breast Friends** Breastfeeding support group meeting every Tuesday 11.30am–12.30pm, for new and pregnant mums. Come along for some free advice and support from a Lactation Consultant.

**Well Baby Clinic** Tuesdays 9.15–11.15am. Weigh your baby and have tea and a chat with the Health Visitor about any of your concerns.

**Time Out Tuesdays** For parents under 25 years. Every Tuesday 9.45–11.30am. Come along and make friends and get support.

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

**Sensory Saturdays** A free play session for families of children with additional needs of any age. First and third Saturday of the month, 2–3.30pm at Soham Children's Centre.

**Call or email Soham Children's Centre to book your place.**

For more information call us on 01353 727188

sohamchildrenscentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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or follow us on Facebook at Sure Start Children's Centres – Bottisham, Burwell and Soham areas



## Saturday 6th July 2013

**D**espite the lack of a Village Hall and a large portion of the recreation ground being a building site, this year, the Isleham Gala will be bigger and better than ever!

There will be the usual parade of floats and marchers led by the Gala Queen and attendants (identities still closely guarded secrets at the time of writing), followed by displays by Ruth Bendall Dancers, the Soham Fenland Majorettes and the Glenmoriston Pipe Band. Because there is no ICA Festival this year, the extended playing field is available for use. This means that, in addition to various running and fun races (organised by and in aid of Isleham Under Fives' Association), there will be a series of cycle races, courtesy of Mildenhall Cycling Club – so don't forget to bring your bike!

Refreshments, supplied by Newmarket and District Youth for Christ and T4Free, will be available. Or there's the beer tent and barbecue. And that's just for starters!

There will be a wide range a stalls and craft tables, and burgeoning interest means that the competition tent will be the biggest yet.

Book a Stall, Float or place in the Grand Parade by ringing Barbara Murfitt on 01638 780373.

The winning Float receives £100, the runner-up £75 and third place £50. ALL other Floats receive £15 for just entering, so it is WELL WORTH JOINING IN!

### Main Ring Timetable

- 1.00 Parade of Floats led by the Gala Queen and Princesses starting from East Road/The Causeway
- 1.30 Judging of Floats
- 1.50 Presentation to Gala Queen, Princesses and Prince
- 2.45 Cycle Races organised by Mildenhall Cycling Club.
- 5.00 Grand Draw

Watch for further details of categories etc., on the village website, Facebook and posters around the village from 1st June 2013.

Do not forget to bring your bicycles if you want to be part of the exciting Gala Day races.

According to time availability, other events may include: Tug-of-War; wheelbarrow races etc.

Due partly to lack of support in previous years and the need for more volunteers to help on gala day there will be no small ring events this year, i.e. Baby Show; Fancy Dress (will be judged on floats before the start of the Parade); Mini Mr. and Mrs. The Gala Association Committee sincerely regret this necessary decision.

## Gala Competitions

### Open Competitions

All categories qualify for Rosettes for First, Second and Third Places, and Trophy for overall Best in Show

### Scarecrow or Unusual Bird Scarer Competition

A Dr. Who Character (50 years of Dr. Who to choose from)

### Fruit & Vegetable Competition

1. Four Potatoes
  2. Four Broad Beans
  3. Four Carrots
  4. Four Beetroot
  5. Four sticks of Rhubarb
  6. A Container (basket, tray or box) of Produce from my Allotment or Garden
  7. A Bowl of Soft fruit from my Allotment or Garden (single fruit or mixed)
  8. Six matched hens eggs\*
  9. Six eggs from mixed poultry\*
- \* please specify – must be free range from garden or allotment – and fresh laid
10. An out of season vegetable/fruit – Outdoor or Greenhouse (please specify)
  11. A bowl of salad

### Floral Competition

Rules: Staging maximum 2'6". Accessories may be used but no artificial flowers or foliage (fresh foliage permitted)

1. An arrangement to celebrate 50 years of Dr. Who
2. A vase or bowl of flowers from your garden or allotment
3. A vase of mixed fresh herbs
4. A bouquet of mixed dried herbs
5. Three or five stems of sweet peas
6. Three or five pansies
7. A single rose
8. Three or five roses – single or mixed colours
9. A hanging basket or Garden Container\*

\*Weather permitting these entries will be a special feature outside the Marquees this year, so, gardeners: please get creative.

### Home Baking (Breadmakers permitted)

1. Six white or wholemeal rolls
2. Loaf of white bread (approx 1 lb)
3. Loaf of wholemeal bread (approx 1 lb)
4. Loaf of Soda Bread
5. Four Scones – cheese, fruit, or buttermilk
6. Two Pastry Pasties (describe filling)
7. A Summer Pudding
8. A Madeira Cake – recipe below
9. A Victoria Sponge – own variation

### Madeira Cake Recipe

Preparation time: 20 mins  
Cooking time: 1–1 hr, 15 mins

**Ingredients:** 6 oz (175g) butter or margarine; 6 oz (175g) caster sugar; 3 large eggs; 5 oz (150g) self-raising flour; 4 oz (110g) plain flour; pinch of salt; grated rind and juice of half a lemon; citron peel

**Method:** Grease and line (greaseproof paper) a 7" (18 cm) Round cake tin.

Beat the butter until soft, then add the sugar and cream until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well between each addition. Fold in the sifted flours and salt, alternately with the strained lemon juice and rind. Turn the mixture into the prepared tin and level the surface. Arrange thinly sliced citron peel over the top.

Bake in the centre of an oven pre-heated to 170°C (325°F; Gas Mark 3) for 1–1 hr, 15 mins. Leave in the tin for 10 mins. And then turn out onto a wire rack.

## Jams, Pickles and Chutneys

All to be home-made/prepared

### A Jar Of:

1. Jam – Fruit of choice – Please mark clearly
2. Marmalade
3. Pickled Onions
4. Pickled Shallots
5. Mixed Pickles
6. Beetroot
7. Tomato Chutney
8. Mint Jelly
9. Apple Sauce
10. Redcurrant Jelly
11. Onion Marmalade
12. Beetroot Chutney

## Competitions for Children

Must be under 12 years of age on 31/8/2013

### Gardening Section

1. Wild flowers in a hand decorated container
2. A garden on a plate
3. A salad bowl
4. A bunch of mixed herbs
5. A hand decorated box of mixed produce

\*These entries may be from an individual child or a group effort. It should be noted that there are no exceptions to children of any age entering the adult categories, providing the efforts are as a result of their own work.

### Other Competitions for Children

1. A toy – soft or otherwise – dressed as a Dr. Who character
2. An unusually shaped vegetable
3. A dressed clothes peg (or similar) – own choice of subject

### Pre-School Competitions

1. Individual salad items – i.e. salad leaves/lettuce; radish; spring onions

2. A selection of anything grown on the Pre-School allotment plot, e.g. carrots/turnips
3. A collage of the Pre-School allotment plot
4. BAKING – if appropriate – a plate of biscuits, gingerbread men etc.

## Children's Baking Competition

1. Four Butterfly buns
2. Four Brownies
3. Four Sausage rolls
4. Any type of bread product, e.g. bread, rolls, pizza base

## Junior Baking Competition

(open to 12–16 year olds)

1. A boiled fruit cake (lots of recipes on internet or I can provide one if you contact Margaret Davies on 781175)
2. Four decorated cup cakes
3. Six chocolate chip cookies

Don't forget – the adult section is open to this age group

## Arts and Crafts Section

Open to all age groups and abilities

1. A piece of home-made: Quilting; Tapestry/Embroidery; Knitting; Crochet (if you are exhibiting a quilt please provide your stand).
2. A painting or drawing – any medium
3. A piece of woodwork or modeling
4. Photographic art.
5. A piece of handmade jewellery
6. A hand or machine finished home-made garment
7. An item of feltwork

The above are but a few suggestions. New last year, this Competition Section surpassed all expectations. Lessons learnt last year are being applied and we look forward to record entries from the amazing wealth of talent in our midst.

Entries for all categories in both Marquees will be accepted From 10am to 12noon.

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- Place your barbecues on level ground where it will not tip over.
- Site barbecues away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and the house.
- Avoid positioning barbecues where people have to pass closely by it.
- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area.
- Never leave barbecues unattended.
- When cooking is finished, ensure the barbecue is cool before moving it
- NEVER pour petrol or other highly flammable liquids over any barbecue.

For more advice about coal or gas barbecue safety, log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety).

The last of the Service's six new rescue pumps will be rolled out across Cambridgeshire in May, providing more life-saving equipment for fire crews who are first to arrive at the scene of incidents.

The service also welcomed 13 new on-call firefighters into its ranks at various stations across the county during March. If you are interested in becoming an on-call firefighter, get in touch by calling 01480 444500.

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## Isleham Community Skate Park



We would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who is supporting us to achieve our goal. We attended the Parish Council meeting on Monday 29th April Gavin Dunbavin and Callum Luker stood up and read our progress report to the council. They did so well and the council are fantastic with all their help and support.

See you all at the next car wash!

Pauline Dunbavin





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Visitors to the Festival will also be able to enjoy musical performances and recitals, floral demonstrations and shopping in the Gift and Craft Marquee. The Festival will offer plenty of opportunity to sit down for some refreshments including snacks, lunches, afternoon teas and a dedicated picnic area.

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In Year 2 we have been learning about nocturnal animals. We have enjoyed learning about many different types and would like to share some of the things we have learned about our favourite creatures of the night.

### Night Time

Hedgehogs, owls, bats and foxes are all awake at night and these are called nocturnal animals. Humans and other creatures that are awake during the day are called diurnal animals.

*Harry Smith*

### Owls

There are lots of types of owls, such as Barn Owls, Tawny Owls, Short eared Owls and Little Owls. A Tawny Owl is the only one that says "twit-t-woo" and you would need a male and a female to make that sound.

*Hannah Cole*

### Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs' spines are made out of hair. Hedgehogs can float but only in shallow water. Baby hedgehogs are called hoglets and they hibernate all winter because it is too cold.

*Izzy French*

### Bats

Bats hang upside down with a little bit of help from their hook shaped toes. Bats don't have very good eye sight so they use echolocation. This means they use click noises to locate their prey. Did you know that a pipastrelle bat is no bigger than your thumb?

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If anyone can assist us in resolving these issues, or has any information whatsoever to help our cause, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01638 780256 or email: [icbishop@islehamnet.co.uk](mailto:icbishop@islehamnet.co.uk)

Alternatively, please voice your concerns with the local Parish Council, or maybe even the local MP! Telephone numbers can be found in this *Isleham Informer* issue.

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At our meeting in April we welcomed Karen Newton who came to talk to us about 'The Work of Milton Hospice'. Karen is a fund-raiser for East Anglia Children's Hospices (EACH) and she spoke movingly about the history of the facilities, and the work they do in supporting

children and their families with the challenges that having a life-threatening condition can often bring. Services may be provided in the family home, the community or the hospice.

We would all hope that we never have need of the services of EACH, but for those who do it is comforting to know that these superlative Hospices are there to help.

The hospices that make up EACH need an enormous amount of money to run the three facilities, in Milton, Ipswich and Norfolk; and the fundraisers run events throughout the year. Look out for the Dragon Boat Racing on Saturday 7th September on the River Cam at Ditton Fields.

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After Karen's talk, members held a collection on behalf of EACH.

In May we had invited a storyteller to our meeting. Mr Malcolm Busby entertained us with 'Tales from Cambridgeshire'. Oral storytelling was, for many years, the only way that stories were passed from generation to generation. Malcolm stressed the importance of this, related several stories to us and explained that similar stories can be heard all over the world.

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

For further information contact:

*Glenda Preece  
01638 780734, [gjpreece@aol.com](mailto:gjpreece@aol.com)*



# The Isleham Society

## 21st March Old Isleham Photos (No.1 updated)

A good crowd turned up to the PowerPoint presentation by Vernon Place using slides from the Arthur Houghton Collection plus other old photos loaned by Alwyn Clements, Colin Cresswell, Leslie (Fryer) Roland and Vernon Place. The areas covered were Church Street, Mill Street, Isleham Station, Pound Lane and Sun Street. Thanks to Walter Gunston who supplied the largest screen we have ever had for viewing the slides! We thank all those who loan us old photos of the village to copy and keep a record of; we then return the originals to the owners. Although many don't ask for the originals to be returned we prefer to send them back as their children or grandchildren might treasure them one day!

## 18th April AGM

Chairman's report April 2013 – March 2013

The officers and committee members were elected as follows:

**President:** Ian Powys. In recognition of the work done for the Isleham Society, and the research and publication of information relating to the village, all of which has added to the recorded history of our village. This post has not been filled since the death of Arthur Houghton.

**Chairman:** Vernon Place; **Vice Chairman:** Peter Flatt; **Secretary:** Ann Cant; **Treasurer:** Bryan Wynne; **Programme Secretary and Books:** Betty Ashley.

**Other Committee Members:** Barbara Brown, Rosie Evans and Beryl Powys.

The Chairman reported: "A special thanks to committee members over the past year, particularly those with specific tasks such as Secretary Rosie Evans (who has retired as secretary but still serves on the committee), Treasurer Bryan Wynne and Programme Secretary Betty Ashley who books all our speakers and arranges our outings.

"Good attendance has been maintained at most of our meetings and it's encouraging to welcome new members and visitors. I appreciate the support given by our members; the ladies who provide our refreshments after the meetings; Clive Patterson; Vera and John Johnstone plus those who help set out chairs and tables and return them afterwards

"In April we 'lost' Janice and Brian Pope when they moved to Sheringham, they are missed in the Isleham Society and their participation in many of the village activities but we wish them every happiness in their new home.

"Thanks to all who allowed digs on their properties last October by students from Mildenhall College under the supervision of Dr Carenza Lewis and her team from the Cambridge archaeological dept – it is likely they will ask to return again this autumn. It is possible for Isleham to conduct its own digs (under supervision) if we wanted to do so.

"I attended the Annual Parish Meeting to report on last year's activities. I also dealt with an increasing number of enquiries regarding peoples past relatives or friends mainly by email – very interesting but time consuming!

"We are grateful for being allowed to use Limestone Close as the venue for our meetings following this year's AGM whilst our present Village Hall is being replaced; any further change of venue following the re-build will be publicised."

He gave a written report to all who attended the meeting with a summary of all the meeting and outings that occurred during the past year.

After the business meeting, Liz Howe of Isleham, updated us with her work with orphans and hospitals in Romania and

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of how those demands and the way they are best met are ever changing. She showed pictures to illustrate her on-going work, which is so worthy of our support.

The evening was finished off with refreshments brought by the members.

### Future meetings

**16th May** Royal Newmarket and Palace House: An illustrated talk by Christopher Garibaldi. Director of the Racing Museum of Newmarket.

**20th June** Coach visit to Kings Lynn for a guided 2 hour walk FULLY BOOKED!

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

NB. Future meetings will be at Limestone Close until further notice.

*Vernon Place, Chairman of The Isleham Society*

# Isleham Gardeners

**W**ell, we thought last year was a difficult time for gardeners and allotmenters but it would seem that this Spring is really going to test our mettle. I think the worst thing about May so far was the false start that we had at the beginning of the month. We had all been so patient through a bad April so we couldn't wait to get started with the planting. Fortunately we have not had any frost but the driving rain and gale force winds have made our task unpleasant.



My cherry and apple trees have made a wonderful show of blossom this year but I am not sure if there will be any fruit set because I haven't seen many bees around to do the pollinating. I am keeping my fingers crossed.

There is still plenty of time to sow vegetables, such as carrots, beetroot, lettuce and the like, at two to three week intervals to ensure a supply throughout the summer and into the autumn.

Our last Isleham Gardeners' meeting before our Summer recess will be on the 18th of June and will be held in the club house on Isleham Marina when our speaker will be Julien Ives from

Dragonfli to talk to us about pest control. Hope to see you there.

The next thing on the horizon is the Isleham Gala; look out for our stall where we be selling plants and produce, and why not have a go at entering the flower and produce competition and show us what you can do.

Hoping that the weather has improved by the time this edition comes out, I wish you all...

Happy Gardening.

*Phil Adelphus*

## Isleham Angling Society

The AGM was on Wednesday 24th April. Fishing season starts on 16th June.

Our fishing match dates are as follows:

<b>Adult Matches:</b>	<b>Junior Matches:</b>
28th July	21st July
25th August	18th August
22nd September	15th September
27th October	20th October
10th November	17th November
1st December	15th December
15th December	19th January 2014
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# A Visit To Spurgeon's Baptismal Stone

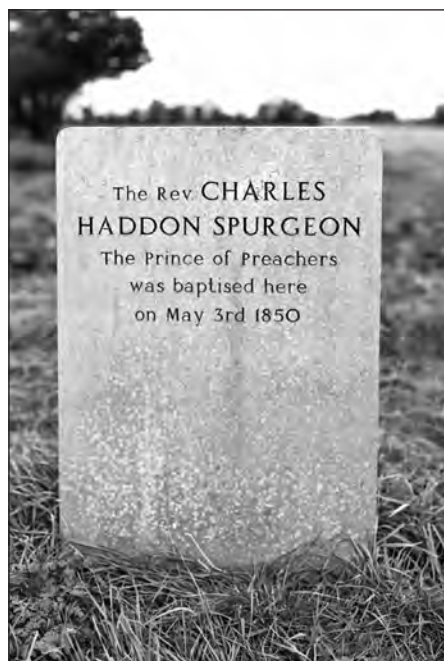


About 40 men, women and children – representatives and others from Pound Lane Church, High Street Church and The Three Rivers Group – met in East Fen Road on Friday afternoon, 3rd May, for a leisurely half-hour amble along Ferry Drove to the River Lark, by kind permission of Mr Derrick Beckett.

This novel event was planned to mark what we believe may have been the 40th anniversary of the siting of a memorial stone, marking the place where the Reverend Charles Haddon Spurgeon was baptised by total immersion in the River Lark on that very day in 1850.

He earned the title of 'The Prince Of Preachers,' because his sermons proved to be the most powerful means of persuading thousands of people to become Christians.

The ecumenical trundle was a relaxed and pleasant occasion in bright sunshine, and a wonderful way of making friends, and getting to know one another. A small souvenir publication was



given to all present, with illustrations of former baptisms there, the ferry, Spurgeon himself, and other interesting photos; and Dave Hall, of Pound Lane Church, spent a moment highlighting some of the facts about Spurgeon's great Ministry.

It was surprising, however, that nobody seemed to know for certain who put the stone there, who paid for it, or who planned it. Even more

surprising is the fact that so few people today even know of its existence, and few have ever seen it. Of all the things that Isleham is known for, the guide books are remarkably silent about the huge importance to the Christian Church of the Baptism of this remarkable clergyman.

Our 2013 visit was held to be such a success that we have been asked to make it an annual occasion. Next year, 3rd May falls on a Saturday. Now that we all have a year's notice, maybe we could arrange to have our choirs, a brass band and some hearty hymn-singing at the Spurgeon baptismal stone? Maybe a different aspect of his Ministry each year could be featured, maybe some snippets from some of his sermons, and

full Media coverage?

Do let us have your ideas, photos, thoughts, and suggestions about next year's visit. But please don't delay – because 3rd May 2014 is less than a year away!

Want to know more about Charles Spurgeon?:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_Spurgeon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Spurgeon)

<http://www.spurgeon.org/aboutsp.htm>

*Christopher Goodwins*



Photos by Christopher Goodwins

# CHURCHES

## Three Rivers Group St Andrew's Parish Church

Welcome to St Andrew's, the Parish Church here in Isleham. All are welcome in this community of faith in Jesus Christ. St Andrew's is part of the Three Rivers Group, including the villages of Chippenham, Fordham, Kennett, Snailwell & Isleham. Do join us for worship and fellowship on Sundays and during the week.

**Rector:** The Rev'd Mike Banyard: 01638 721616, banyardmg1@yahoo.co.uk

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### WORSHIP

**Sundays.** The main service is at 9.30 am. Junior Church meets in the Social Centre. On the third Sunday of every month we worship together at an All Age Holy Communion service.

### Midweek.

**Monday:** 9.15 Morning Prayer at 7 The Close, Kennett

**Tuesday:** 8.15 Morning Prayer, Social Centre Isleham

**Wednesday:** 8.15 Morning Prayer, Chippenham  
4.15 Evening Prayer Snailwell

**Thursday:** 8.15 Morning Prayer, Fordham

**Friday:** 8.30 Holy Communion (BCP) Fordham

**Tuesday Coffee Morning** 9am – 12 noon Social Centre

### Fridays

6.30 pm Choir practice. All welcome. Contact Mark Liversidge 01638 781696

7.30 pm Bell Ringing, beginners especially welcome .Contact Ruth Ogden 01638 780646

**Sundays @ 7** Our Youth Group meets twice a month, alternating between Soham and Isleham, (usually in the Social Centre). Details from Rev'd Becca or Mike

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For more information about the Three Rivers Group and St Andrew's, please visit our website at [www.islehamchurch.org.uk](http://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 3–7 years, is a fun-filled session with singing, crafts, drama and stories. The older Junior Church meet at the School. This is for children who are 7–11 years old. Their morning starts at 10am and offers 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! By the time the *Informer* goes to print, 16 of this age group will have spent the week away together at Darsham Country Centre in Suffolk (along with some adults of course!). We're sure they'll have a great time. A summer Fun Day is planned for August and will be advertised nearer the time – watch out for details.

**Impact** is for the 11–14 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 which is just what is needed after a busy week at school!

### 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.

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 £3.00 not to mention the great company! Why not come and eat with us? Please contact Kathryn via the Church Office. Senior Holiday Club will be happening again this year! The dates will be August 20-23rd and application forms will be available nearer the time.

**Little Lambs** is our parent/carers 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!

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.

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](http://www.highst.org.uk)? Please contact our church office on 01638 780985.

If you are interested in finding out more about our new Church building on Beck Road, visit [arkproject.org.uk](http://arkproject.org.uk) ■

## Pound Lane Free Church

**Pastor:** Dave Hall (01638 781343 or 01638 780636, email [pastor@plfc.org.uk](mailto:pastor@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.

(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:** 2pm.

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

**Wednesday: Fellowship (fortnightly)** 2.15–3.15pm.

(Church 01638 781343) 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.

**UFOs** (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) 10.30–11.45am (Sue Hall 01638 780636).

**UFOs** (first Friday of month): 7–9pm (01638 781343).

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](mailto:pastor@plfc.org.uk); [secretary@plfc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@plfc.org.uk)

Web sites: [www.plfc.org.uk](http://www.plfc.org.uk); [www.isleham.com](http://www.isleham.com)

We are pleased to say that our Easter Celebration saw 48 children plus their parents, grandparents and other friends and family coming to have great fun and celebrate the good news that Jesus is Alive! Thank you if you were one of the families who supported this. Watch out for this event next year.

Sunday 16th June is Father's Day and we warmly invite you to join us for our Fathers' Day Family Service at 10.30am followed by refreshments. ■



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# Police Report

## Annual crime figures (southern)

Crime has continued to fall in Cambridgeshire with more than 5000 fewer victims compared to last year, annual figures have revealed.

Statistics produced by the force for the year ending 31st March, show there were 46,435 crimes in 2012/13, a 10.1% drop on the year before when there were 51,658.

It also represents a drop of more than 28% in total crime in the past 5 years. In 2008/09, there were 64,663 offences.

In the past year, there have also been significant, double-digit percentage falls in crime categories including criminal damage and arson.

Assistant Chief Constable Mark Hopkins said: "The force has undergone significant changes in the past two years so I am very pleased that we have maintained our focus on tackling crime.

"It is particularly pleasing to see more than 5000 fewer victims of crime in the past year, and in offences such as robbery, assault and criminal damage, that can have such an impact on victims.

"These reductions in crime have also been achieved in a challenging economic climate when the assumption might be that crime would rise.

"However, we will not be complacent. The financial constraints on the force continue and it is our priority to ensure Cambridgeshire remains a hostile place for criminals."

## Force figures

- Burglary fell by 1%, or 28 offences, from 2772 to 2744.
- Robbery fell by 5%, or 21 offences, from 417 to 396.
- Vehicle crime fell by 5.6%, or 254 offences, from 4531 to 4277.
- All assault with injury fell by 21.2%, or 733 offences, from 3455 to 2722.
- All criminal damage fell by 18.6%, or 1531 offences, from 8232 to 6701.
- Arson fell by 36.1%, or 153 offences, from 424 to 271.
- All theft and handling fell by 5.3%, or 1118 offences, from 21,273 to 20,155.

Divisional breakdown for East Cambs of 2011/12 figures, 2012/13 figures and the numeric and percentage changes.

	2011/12	2012/13	Change
All crime	3602	2877	-725 or 20.1%
Burglary	226	245	+19 or 8.4%
Robbery	11	4	-7 or 63.6%
Vehicle crime	468	327	-141 or 30.1%
All assault with injury	159	153	-6 or 3.8%
All criminal damage	509	372	-137 or 26.9%
Arson	24	9	-15 or 62.5%
All theft and handling	1405	1127	-278 or 19.8%



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# Armchair Traveller

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

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

Times change. Today we fly with ease  
To warmer countries and blue seas.  
But older memories still remain  
Of lovely trips by coach or train.

We leave old homes and lose old friends,  
We have great joys, but they come to an end.  
There are other things that we almost forgot;  
The mind forgets but the heart does not.

By the flickering light of an open fire  
We sit and dream of an old desire.  
Gazing deep in the dying flames  
We think of faces and remember names.

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

*Joyce Drayton*

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# ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

*The Parish Council normally meets on the first Monday of every month at 7.15pm. Until the New Community Centre opens the meetings will be held in the LIMESTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and 15 minutes is 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@btinternet.com*



## Annual Parish Meeting

- The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 29th April 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. There were reports from various interest groups and a presentation from the Timebanking Coordinator Wendy Lansdown. More information on this will be available in the next issue of the *Informer*.

## 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. No Police reports will be provided to Parish Councils outside of this forum. A representative from the Police will be attending the June Parish Council meeting.

## Recreation Ground Report

- The Recreation Ground remains in excellent condition thanks to Mr Sheldrick.
- Quotations are being sought to level the football pitch.
- A concrete pad and a bench are to be installed at the side of the MUGA to allow room for changing shoes before going onto the court.
- The play area will be removed around 24th June. Plans and grant funding are going on behind the scenes and hopefully the new play area will be installed shortly after the opening of the new centre.
- The Council voted against putting the Recreation Ground into the Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields Challenge.

## ICA Report

- Work on the Centre is progressing on schedule and should be complete by 15th November 2013.
- Grants continue to be sought for fixtures and fittings for the centre and the ICA continue working towards the opening of the centre; looking at matters such as staffing, opening hours, hire rates and necessary policies.

## Cemetery and Churchyard Matters

- The Cemetery continues to be maintained to a high standard by Mr Wilding. A number of graves are still being refilled as they have sunk following the very wet weather.
- The War Memorial is to have new gravel and thanks have been expressed to Mrs Rutterford for looking after the memorial.

## Financial Matters

- The Council's accounts are currently being audited. The period of electors' rights ends on 7th June 2013.
- The Council have set the budget for the forthcoming year and will be working closely with the Clerk to see that expenditure remains on schedule.
- The Borrowing Approval for the Public Works Loan has been extended for 1 year as the funds were not required in the last financial year.
- Ongoing provision of the Youth Bus and the Dial-a-Ride Bus are to be considered at the June meeting.

## Planning Matters

- Planning Applications have been considered for 22 Little London, 36 Pound Lane and 18 Robins Close
- Planning Approvals have been received for 43 Pound Lane, 36 Pound Lane and 27 Sun Street.

## Highways Matters

- Gavin Wiseman is no longer the Highways Supervisor for Isleham. Jason Tyrell is the new contact.
- Concerns have been raised about the speed of vehicles using Church Lane. This matter has been passed to the Highways Department for consideration.
- The railing at the front of the pond has been replaced by the County Council.
- A new set of steps have been built at Footpath 19 by the County Council.
- A bid for a zebra crossing has been lodged with the Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvement Scheme. The outcome of the bid is not yet known.
- 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

- 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](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk)

## Allotment Matters

- Demand for Allotments continues to increase and recently several plots have been let on the Three Tree site – some of these to ADAS to carry out research trials
- There are still a number of plots available on the Dunstall Allotment site. Please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

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).



# Isleham – The Fenland Hymn

God, who made the whole creation, We worship You.  
God, whose love for every nation Made us like You.  
For the Fenland, Once the sea shore,  
Drained, reclaimed And made into  
A fertile garden - Modern Eden -  
We worship You.

Once we ploughed by means of horses,  
Now by machine.  
Where the land was drained by windmills,  
Pumps now are seen.  
Combines do  
The work so fast,  
And time goes by  
And doesn't rest,  
But we give thanks  
To God our Father –  
We worship You.

Carrots, sugar beet, and onions  
Grow all around.  
Shops, and school, and industry  
And houses abound.  
Work together,  
Loving neighbour,  
Putting God first  
Brings us closer  
To the way our  
Saviour wants us  
To worship Him.

At our Church, Saint Andrew's, Isleham,  
We worship You.  
With our Christian friends around us  
We follow You.  
Holy Spirit  
Guide us always,  
Be our strength  
And comfort as we  
Give our best to  
Our Lord Jesus –  
Come, Lord, today!

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My father wrote *The Broadland Hymn* when he was Vicar of Potter Heigham.

I wrote *Isleham – The Fenland Hymn* as my parting gift to St. Andrew's Church, when I gave up being Priest-in-Charge in 2004. It would be nice to think that it had a wider audience in the *Informer*. I would also hope that Fenland churches might like to sing it at their harvest festivals!

It can be sung to the first tune of Ancient & Modern Hymnal 26 – 'God that madest earth and heaven,' or, if more adventurous, to the tune of Ancient & Modern New Standard 457, 'East Acklam, – 'For the fruits of his creation.'

# Bowls Report

**T**he outdoor season has just got going now, and finally a couple of wins have come our way.

The men have progressed past Bottisham to the quarter finals of the league KO Cup. There are now many matches to be played in a short period of time, so let us hope there is good news to report in the next edition.

It is with great pleasure to advise that Darren Dunbavin has been awarded a junior international trial match for England. He is one of three Cambridgeshire boys to be selected for a match involving 48 of the country's top under 25's junior bowlers. We wish him well and at 17 years old, has great chances to become an England international.

Whilst talking of international players, we are really pleased to advise that since moving into the village last year, Ellen Falkner has joined our club to participate in some ladies matches. We also wish her well for any international duties she undertakes in 2013.

The carpet bowls season has now concluded and in the East Cambs League, Team A became champions of division 2 and Team B finished second in division 3, therefore both promoted to a higher division for the 2013/14 season.

In the club competitions the winners were:

## Singles

Winner	Peter Doe	Runner-Up	Doreen Raven
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## Pairs

Winners	Kris Dunbavin & Robert Burling
Runners-Up	Denny Raven & Barry Grimwood

## Triples League

Winners	Heather Munns, Diane Burling & Mark Dunbavin
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## Fours

Winners	Ann Cant, Denny Raven, Sheila King & Robert Burling
Runners-Up	June Watts, Dave Thompson, Mark Dunbavin & Darren Dunbavin

Just a quick footnote to advise that the Bowls Club facilities are NOT available for hire during the bowling season, which covers the period 1st May to mid-September.

*Barry Grimwood, Club Captain*

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# Tea Dance



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Mark for the announcements, High Street Church for the minibus which helped with the limited parking, all the people who donated to the draw and food and to all who helped make this another highly successful event. Thanks must also go to the enthusiastic help from some of the attendees getting news out there prior to the event.

Following a short rest from the *Tea Dance*, the *Adult Party* kicked off with live music from the *B4s*, who provided a zany show with the lead singer providing characterisation of the songs' main singers.

During conversations with party goers, one made the comment that not only had he met his wife in the hall in the 80s whilst attending a Country and Western dance, but that when they got married they held their reception in the hall. With that in mind he commented, "I had to attend the last event in the old hall".

As with the previous events I would like to pass on my thanks for all the help given to make this a successful evening.

We were saddened at having to cancel the Under 18's disco, but

due to lack of ticket sales for the event, we had no choice. Serious thought is being given to future events for teenagers with possibly a narrower age range; suggestions are always welcome.

*Clive Patterson for the  
Parish Council/  
ICA Management  
Committee*



Photos by Vernon Place. Top: Nicholas Martin is the organist – the lighting engineer was Walter Gunston (lights changing colour continually).

Above left: Sylvia Powell – the Lady in Black – helped with the WI tea but made time for a dance.

Left: The dancers were on the floor most of the afternoon.