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The formal hand over of the finished building from CJ Murfitts took place on the 29th November.



As you read this, the builders will have finished on site and handed over the building to the Parish Council, on the 29th November, in turn the Parish Council will lease the building to the ICA. Fantastic progress has been made over the last 2 months and our last site meeting on the 5th November saw progress at 90%. With only 10% to go, all the finishing touches took place at an ever-increasing rate. Whilst there has been some delay, this was only minor (2 weeks) and, considering the poor weather, the builders have performed admirably.

From the day the running of the centre was passed to the ICA, there still remained a lot of work to do as the build was just the structure and excludes many fixtures and fittings, tables, chairs, blinds, etc but the teams have been hard at work in the weeks and months before handover sourcing many of the articles needed. A special mention must go to the Genome Centre at Hinxton for their very generous donation of numerous pieces of furniture.

We would like to announce the appointment of the centre manager Miss Louise Hounscome (above right); we welcome her to the centre and with her enthusiasm and assistance from the ICA team ensure the successful venture.

The appointment of the centre manager also sees the launch of The Beeches website at www.thebeechesisleham.co.uk where all details for bookings, facilities etc will be available. All events will be displayed on the site as well as the village site, please keep an eye out for the many future events.



The centre already has bookings for events on 14th December and New Year's Eve and more in the New Year, and user groups have also been actively seeking time slots so there are busy times ahead.

We have planned for two open days on 14th and 15th December from 10.00–17.00 (16.00 on the 15th) where all are welcome to come and see the facilities on offer. There will be refreshments available. See the back page.

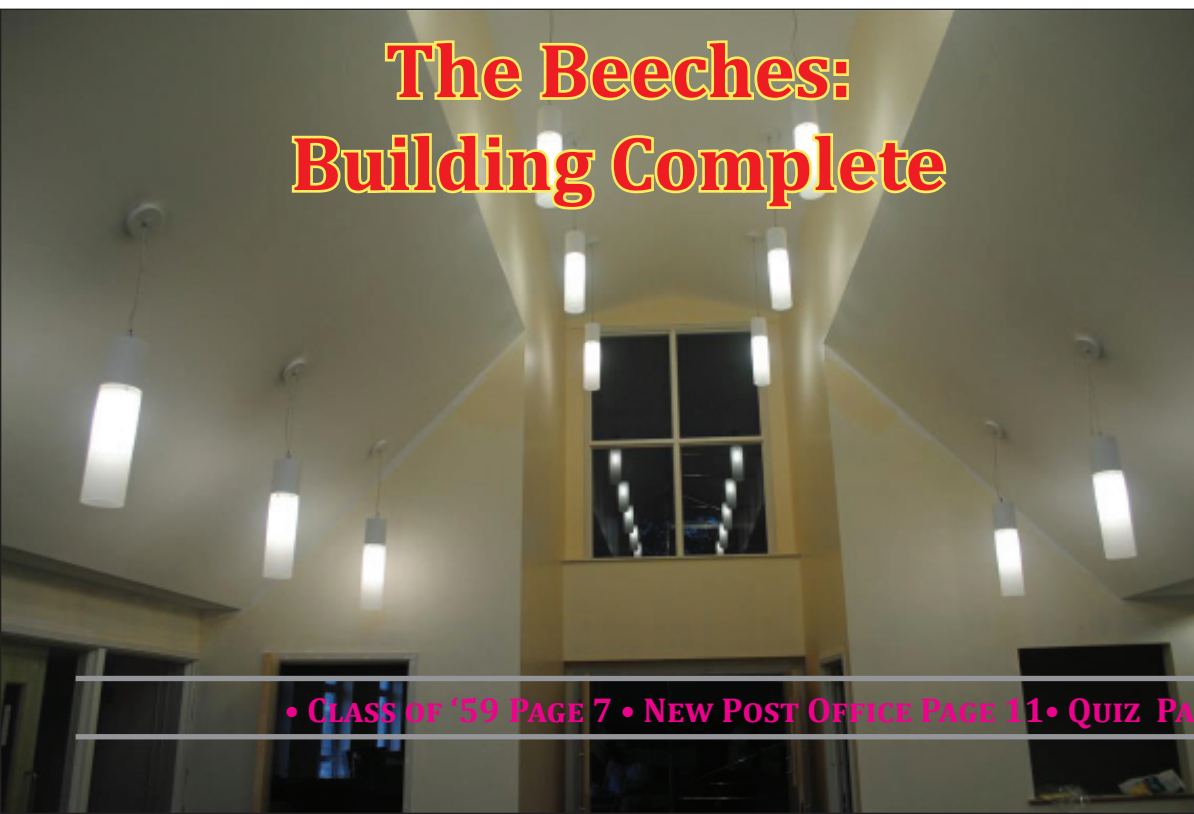
May I remind all of the request in previous *Informers* for pictures of old events held in the old hall and with that in mind if anyone has pictures of past events, in the old hall or on the recreation ground, please forward them so that they can

be scanned for inclusion on our Facebook page, the village website and with a bit of work the creation of an album to be held in the new centre. The Isleham Society are providing some really great pictures from the Arthur Houghton collection for display in the centre.

At the November Parish Council meeting a unanimous vote was given to name the centre garden "The Comrades Centenary Gardens" in recognition of the Comrades Club. It was felt that a link to the club would ensure it wasn't forgotten.

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The Beeches: Building Complete



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The Sponsor-a-Shrub fundraiser now stands at over £700, which will go towards the funds needed for planting up the landscaping on site, including the garden. A working party has been formed by the Parish Council with assistance from the Gardening Club to oversee the landscaping and planting. The planting will take place in the New Year when the weather is more suitable. We are also pursuing a very generous offer to assist with a majority of the planting.

We are still taking sponsorship for the "Sponsor a Shrub", the rates are still held at: hedges £3, shrubs £5 and trees £25 contact Clive on 01638780669.

As mentioned in prior issues we were looking at a donations book but felt that a some sort of wall-mounted display would be more appropriate and ensure that all of the donors where not forgotten.

Any help is always appreciated so either contact Mark Goldsack 01638 780350, or the Parish Clerk 01638 781687 for an informal, no obligations discussion.

Please continue to watch this space, Facebook or the village website www.isleham-village.co.uk and the centre website www.thebeechesisleham.co.uk for details of fund raising etc. New photographs of the project are still being uploaded.



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I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all that have helped and supported this project throughout the years with numerous hours of voluntary time given to make The Beeches possible. Thanks must also go to C J Murfitts and the rest of the building team for a great quality build.

Many thanks for past and future support.

Clive Patterson for the Parish Council/ICA Management Committee

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CLUB	CONTACT	TEL	DAY/DATE	TIME	PLACE
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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	Emily Yellop	01638 780637	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	Social Centre
Isleham Society	Vernon Place	01638 780449	3rd Thursday	7.45pm	Limestone Centre
Paper, Patch & Sew	Victoria Rattle Julie Porter	01638 781301 01638 781390	Saturday Bi-monthly	10–4pm	High St Church
UFOs (Crafting)	Suzanne Hall	01638 781805	1st Friday & 3rd Wednesday	7–9pm 9.30–11.30am	Pound Lane Free Church
WI	Glenda Preece	01638 780734	2nd Thursday	7.30pm	Limestone Centre

VILLAGE NOTES

Public Footpath

Do you walk down to the Marina? Look out for the public footpath starting just past the cattery, on the opposite side of the road. This path will be kept clear and enable you to walk away from the traffic.

The Beeches

With the opening of the new Centre we will be looking for cleaners and other casual staff – bar staff, kitchen staff, waiters.

If you are interested please contact the manager, Louise Hounsome.

Email: louisehounsome@thebeechesisleham.co.uk

Dates for Your Diary

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

Every Tuesday Coffee Morning Social Centre 09.00–12.00

December

Monday 2nd	Isleham Parish Council	19.15
Thursday 5th	Mobile Library Church St	14.15–15.00
	Mill Street	15.05–17.00
Friday 6th	Festival of Light Set-up	18.30–20.00
Saturday 7th/	Festival of Light	
Sunday 8th	St Andrews	15.00–18.30
Saturday 14th/	Festival of Light	
Sunday 15th	St Andrews	15.00–18.30
Saturday 14th	Open Weekend	
	The Beeches	10.00–17.00
Sunday 15th	Open Weekend	
	The Beeches	10.00–16.00
Tuesday 17th	Gardeners Club Marina	19.30
Thursday 19th	Isleham Society Social Centre	19.45
Friday 18th	Mobile Library Church St	9.30–10.05

January

Thursday 2nd	Mobile Library Church St	14.15–15.00
	Mill Street	15.05–17.00
Thursday 9th	INFORMER DEADLINE	
Thursday 9th	WI	19.30
Friday 10th	Book Club Social Centre	14.00
Monday 13th	Isleham Parish Council	19.15
Thursday 16th	Isleham Society	19.30
Friday 17th	Mobile Library Church St	09.30–10.05
Tuesday 21st	Isleham Gardeners	19.30
Friday 31st	Chinese New Year	
	The Beeches	18.00

INFORMATION

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Church Street	14.15	15.00
Mill Street	15.05	17.00
3rd Friday of the month: Church St	09.30	10.10

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Mrs Read is well remembered; firm but kind, and very strict about hand washing!

Ten of us are still living in the village. In fact between us we have seen the world, lived in many different places, and are keeping the population going even into the third generation.

In alphabetical order:

Bryan Peachey	Christine (Wells)
Cynthia (Hobbs)	Paul Rutterford
Pauline (Drayton)	Petula (Rayner)
Ruth (Diver)	Sally (Eagle)
Sandra (Starling)	Susanne (Brown)

Others named below still have family connections within the village:

Brenda (Beckett)	David Peachey
David Rutterford	Eric Gee
Lorna (Edwards)	Nigel King
Peter Thompson	Philip (Rust)
Richard Quinn	Robert Myson



There are three who sadly we cannot put names to. The remaining 14 are:

Gerald Wells	Gillian (Rae-King)
Jacqueline Balls	John Goodchild
Linda (Badgery)	Louise (Fleet)
Marina (Barber)	Michael Goodman
Rosalind (Gammon)	Rowena (Sumpton)
Sharmin (Fuller)	Stephen Wilson
Tony Wilson	Trevor Kaftan

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Pauline, Petula and Sally

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Thank you to all who filled in the questionnaire about the Isleham Railway Nature Reserve in the last issue of the Informer. There are spare forms at the Co-op if you still want to send us comments. We will be getting in touch with those who expressed an interest and provided their addresses, and in the next issue of the Informer we'll summarise the feedback you gave us.

Hopefully, visitors to the reserve will have noticed the improvements to the entrance to the car park, as well as the annual cut across the full width of the reserve. We have planned two further work parties over winter on 1st December and 15th February (starting at 10.00am) when we'll be doing a little more clearing to encourage the grassland plants to flourish. Do get in touch if you'd like to join us then, and if it's clear we'll be back at the reserve at 7.00pm on 1 December for a look at the Sky at Night – and perhaps Comet ISON, although it's threatening to not live up to expectations.

There are fewer hawthorn berries on the reserve this year, but the winter flocks of redwings and a few fieldfares have already moved in to feed on them and another northern visitor – whooper swan – has made an appearance on Isleham wash: winter has really set in. Bullfinches and yellowhammers are colourful and fairly frequent visitors to the reserve just now, and has anyone noticed (and can you explain?) the thousands of cranesbill seedlings that have appeared along the railway reserve path?

As usual, if you'd like to get in touch please contact: our Warden, Andrew Garbett on 07903 092 899, or our Chairman, Alastair Burn, on 01638 780553.

Isleham Gardeners

Here we are again, short days and dark dismal nights. But what a strange growing year we have had. The spring was about six weeks late but when it did come we were treated to a lovely hot summer. However the hot dry weather wasn't good for all. Lots of people's potatoes were small and scabby and my

brassicas were lost due to lack of water. As my soil is particularly light and not having a water supply I had no option but to leave them to the elements. The good conditions did provide us with a bumper crop of fruit though. Soft fruit did really well and my fruit trees were bent double under the strain of size of the crop. Summer bedding is only just flagging and I had to delay planting tubs and baskets with winter flowering pansies because the summer planting was still looking fine.

Autumn leaves should all have fallen by now and raked from lawns to prevent mosses developing. Scarifying with a lawn rake is also a good idea, a good way of warming up on a frosty day!

With these dark evenings it's a good time to get the seed catalogues out and start planning for next year whether it be flowers or vegetables and think about growing something new next year. Don't use the excuse that you don't know how to do it; we have a thriving garden club in the village where we have expert and interesting speakers explaining growing techniques, pest control and lots of other subjects. In addition we have our own forums where we discuss local growing problems and their solutions. so come along, we don't bite. We meet every third Tuesday of the month and membership is only £10 per year.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Happy gardening.

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The Parish Council normally meets on the first Monday of every month at 7.15pm. Meetings will be held in the main meeting room of 'The Beeches'. 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



Police Matters

- New Contact No for Police – 101.
- The next Neighbourhood Panel meeting will be held on 29th January 2014 at The Beeches, Isleham.

Recreation Ground Report

- It has been reported that dogs are still being brought onto the Recreation Ground by away team supporters – the clubs have been asked to notify away teams that dogs are not allowed on the recreation ground!

ICA Report

- The Parish Council have approved the quotation from CJ Murfitt to complete the car park outside the Centre.
- At the time of reading 'The Beeches' should be complete and handover taken place.
- The Centre will be leased to the Isleham Community Association Limited to run.

Cemetery & Churchyard Matters

- The Council are considering whether to put a turning head in behind the hedge on the right hand side of the new cemetery to prevent hearses and cars turning on the grass.
- Quotations are to be sought to repair the cemetery wall on The Causeway.

Planning Matters

- Planning Applications have been considered for a building over the existing oil tanks and bund at the Water Services Depot on Fordham Road, Isleham.
- Planning Approvals were received for 9 Dockings Lane,
- Planning Refusals were received for grazing horses on pasture land west of Parkland Fisheries on Prickwillow Road.

Financial Matters

- The Annual Return has been approved and signed by the auditor and has been displayed on the noticeboard.

Highways Matters

- Contact has now been made with the new Highways representative and the issues raised are being addressed.
- An extra grass cut will be added to the schedule for 2014.
- The footpath on Waterside has been cleared of shrub again and this will be sprayed in the spring.
- 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.

Allotment Matters

- 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.

Isleham Community Skate Park



It was with great regret that Isleham Community Skatepark held the last car wash on Sunday 3rd November due to not enough help to run them. We would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG THANK YOU to our regular customers support over these past years. We will be continuing fund raising by other means and PLEASE PLEASE WE NEED MORE HELPERS to help with the fund raising.

Pauline Dunbavin

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You may have already heard that Isleham Post Office is relocating to St Andrews Social, so I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself and let everyone in the village know that our official opening will be on Thursday 5th December at 2013.

As the new Sub-Postmaster I certainly have a lot to learn but I am excited to be taking over such an important service for the village and I am looking forward to meeting as many people as possible over the coming weeks. The Post Office will continue to offer most of the services it currently does and I am always happy to hear about ideas from the community on how things can be improved. My family and I moved to Isleham over 3 years ago but we have lived in the area for more than 10 years now. I have had a great deal of retail experience over the years, but I trained as an artist and writer, so I plan to bring some creative elements to the retail side of the business alongside the traditional offering of newspapers, cards and stationery. I will be looking to sell small gifts and arts and crafts items with much of it, I hope, sourced from local artists and producers.

It has certainly been a very hectic couple of months organising the logistics of the move and the re-fitting of the room but I have had great support from the Church and Parish Council to get the necessary permissions in place to make it all possible. So please come in and visit once we are open.

Gary O'Connor

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Ely Foodbank

Being ill so you can't work, or finding your benefits haven't been paid when they should, is a nightmare scenario, however many people you need to feed. So the Soham branch of the Ely foodbank, run by local churches for local communities, is welcome news.

The nights are starting to get longer and the number of people coming through the door is going up. There are all sorts of reasons why people find themselves in difficulties, but more often than not it is due to problems with the local social services and the welfare system. With very rare exceptions people are genuinely in need of help. They are given food for 3 days, and a chance to talk to someone who is completely nonjudgemental over a cup of tea or coffee, so they can be directed to appropriate support agencies.

We're collecting food for the foodbank in Isleham through the Co-Op and through St Andrew's Church. If you're in the

Co-Op, why not buy something extra and put it in the box there. Or you could call into the Social Centre opposite the church at the Tuesday coffee morning (from 9am) or the Friday drop-in (12-1.30pm). Items need to be packaged or tinned, with a shelf life of at least 3 months. There are flyers that you can pick up to see what kinds of things are most needed, but as Christmas approaches, festive items will also be appreciated.

If you're interested in finding out more, whether you're in a difficult situation yourself, or you might consider volunteering to help (and you don't have to go to church to volunteer), go along to the Salvation Army Hall, Bushels Lane, Soham between 10 and 11 on a Thursday morning.

Jenny Gage



Year 3 Poetry

Our topic is the rainforest so of course we wrote some poems about one of the most dangerous creatures you can find there – snakes! However, you might find our poems show a wide variety of snakes as our focus was to create rhyme and rhythm!

SNAKE CHANT by Izzy

Deadly snakes, big snakes, wriggling in your wig snakes!
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Late snakes, fake snakes squirming in the lake snakes.
Huge snakes, thin snakes, find one in your bin snakes.
Tiny snakes, skinny snakes; driving in a Mini snakes.
Glad snakes, lonely snakes; very, very gooey snakes.
Hisssssssssssssssss!

SNAKE CHANT by Kieran

Skinny snakes, cool snakes
splashing in the pool snakes.

Fat snakes, tall snakes,
climbing up the wall snakes.

Slippery snakes, cat snakes,
see them on your mat snakes.

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SNAKE CHANT by Hannah J

Red snakes, blue snakes,
wriggling on your shoe snakes.

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Fat snakes, tree snakes,
staring right at me snakes.

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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 750481)

Covies (Year 7–18 years): 9.30–10.30am (Steve Neale 01638 780717).

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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 (fortnightly) 2.30–3.30pm.

(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; secretary@plfc.org.uk

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

A HUGE thank you to you if you helped in any way with Operation Christmas Child this year. Our boxes have gone to disadvantaged children in Kyrgyzstan, Liberia and Romania.

We would like to warmly welcome you to come to our Candlelit Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 6.15pm, during which we will show the 2013 OCC DVD, and to our Christmas Day Family Service on Wednesday 25th December at 10.30am. ■

High Street Church

High Street Church would like to extend a warm welcome to visitors and friends old and new over the Christmas season. Our Rendezvous Group will be meeting for a Carol Service on Tuesday December 10th at 3pm.

On Sunday 22nd December we will have a Family Christmas Service at the usual time of 10.30am followed in the evening by a Carol Service at 6.30pm.

On the morning of Christmas Day we will be having a short celebration starting at 11am. Everybody is welcome and if you would like further details please contact the Church Office.

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!

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.

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!

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? 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 ■

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

Curates: The Rev'd Dr Jenny Gage 3rivers.jenny@gmail.com; The Rev'd Becca Gilbert 01353 665420 becgilb@gmail.com

Licensed Lay Minister: Mrs Helen Banyard

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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- Identify the following roads in Isleham:
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 - Named after a famous video game heroine?
 - Found on an F1 circuit?
 - Named after the actor married to Prunella Scales?
- What game is featured on the St Andrew's tapestry, three down, eight across?
- Add together the year that 'The Old Vicarage' was built and the year that 'The Manor House' in Pound Lane was built.
- Make the single longest word that you can using the letters in 'The Rising Sun' (each letter can only be used once)
- It may be small, but it's the capital.
- Take the name of caviar carriers, remove a cuppa and add a pea to get the name of this building.
- Where could you dive in to get legal advice, it's elementary my dear !
- Lidgate Farm produced a festive crop ready for late October this year, what were they?
- List as many words of three letters or more using the letters in the 'The Merry Monk' (each letter can be used only once)
- What was unearthed near Isleham on 11th December 1959?
- Some of us are very old, our youngest was born in 1968. Our tenor is a big boy and weighs not far short of a ton. Who are we and how many of us in total hang around together?
- Give the name of the team that Isleham cricket club played at Lords in the 1975 Haig final and also where in the UK do they come from?
- At which of the village churches would you attend the following:
 - Little Lambs
 - Covies
 - Impact
 - Bell Ringing
 - Tuesday Coffee Morning
 - UFOs
- Where in the village was CaCO_3 processed to produce a material that is used in cement or mortar?
- Around the time that The Priory Church of St Margaret of Antioch was built, which king was on the throne of England?
- I have the body, tail and rear legs of a lion. My head and front talons are an eagle. I was known for guarding treasure and priceless possessions. To which building in the village do I give my name?
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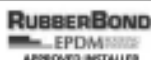
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Isleham Gala 2014

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PLEASE: village organizations, start thinking and planning now to enter the Parade next year. The whole village (well almost) turns onto the pavements whatever the weather to enjoy the Pipe Band, Majorettes, but most importantly the ever-decreasing entries into the Parade. As will have been seen this year it does not have to be tractor and trailer or large vehicle – a 'walking float' is just as effective. Isleham WI ladies put a stalwart effort into their portrayal of The Suffragettes to commemorate the 100 years of that organization.

We will shortly be writing to leaders of various groups in the village inviting them not only to participate but also to give us ideas and suggestions for what they would like us to do.

If you would like to be involved with Gala please let us know. You do not necessarily have to join committee or attend meetings (although you would be warmly welcomed). We can organize things, but critically need HELP ON THE DAY, particularly between 8am and 11am for setting up and importantly 5pm to 7pm for taking down and returning to store.

Look out in the first edition of the *Informer* in 2014 for further details, including hopefully – with YOUR help – the reintroduction of the ever-popular FUN RUN, but to do this we need help, particularly with marshalls – and that means in many instances only standing at your front gate!

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Margaret Davies Isleham Gala Association

01638 781175 – please get in touch if you would like to help.

The Isleham Society

Monday 9th September: *Greene King Brewery visit.* The afternoon coach visit to the Greene King Visitor Centre, situated next to the brewery in the heart of Bury St Edmunds. The tour was most interesting, our guide was a lady who was informative, knowledgeable and entertaining. Ale has been a brewed feature there since at least 1086, the Abbey's ale brewers are mentioned in the Domesday Book. There has been a brewery on this site in Bury St Edmunds since 1700 but brewing in the town can be traced back as far as the eleventh century. The town's chalk wells have served brewers for centuries and we were told how the Greene and King families came together to create the company we know today. We saw how beer is brewed currently by using natural ingredients and traditional brewing methods.

A tour round the historic working Brew House included many stairs to climb but getting to the top of the building was well rewarded by the wonderful view over Bury St Edmunds seen from the roof. The tour finished by having the opportunity to taste their different cask beers in their Brewery Tap or to have other drinks and refreshments that were available.

Thursday 17th October: *Pickwick Cambridge 1838.* An illustrated talk by Mike Petty who was Librarian of the Cambridgeshire Collection for 35 years and is an authority on Cambridgeshire and the Fens and has written many books relating to these subjects. He was awarded the MBE and an Honorary Degree from Cambridge University for his work. He

contributes regularly in the Cambridge papers with 'Looking Back' and 'Memories'. His previous visits to the Isleham Society have all been appreciated and the audience have enjoyed his dramatic style of presentation of his chosen subject.

On this occasion he brought us a visual and verbal presentation of life in Cambridge in Dickensian times. We saw pictures of well known buildings some of which still exist, as well as the areas where cattle grazed on fields now with buildings that we recognise today such as the original Addenbrooke's Hospital and many of the Colleges. He graphically gave us a picture the life of an ordinary Cambridge resident compared with those privileged to belong to the University and how their life style differed so much, causing much enmity between them. Other difficulties facing everyone such as the trauma of tooth treatment and extraction and of operations too, not forgetting childbirth including the high death rate of infants and mothers too.

Our final meeting of this year was:

Thursday 21st November: *The Lost Water Mills of Cherry Hinton.* An illustrated talk by Michelle Bullivant. A talented archaeologist, photographer and speaker.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors. The cost for non members is £2. It is free for Limestone residents.

NB. The first meeting in 2014 is planned to be in the New Community Centre Please check our posters for confirmation of this new venue.

Thursday 16th January 2014: *JM and MA Thompson and Sons: a family run Livestock Farm and Butchery.* An illustrated talk by Roseanna Thompson about an Isleham Business.

Vernon Place, Chairman of The Isleham Society



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- DECEMBER -

Tuesday 31st: New Year's Disco

- JANUARY -

Karaoke to be Arranged

Quiz to be Arranged

OPENING TIMES

Monday: 7pm to Close

Tuesday to Thursday: 12 noon to 3pm, 7pm to Close

Friday, Saturday: 12 noon to Close

Sunday 12 noon to 10.30pm



Roy Peacock Trophy - Winners 2013



Darren Dunbavin, Robert Cole, Barry Clarke, Robert Burling
Celia Clarke, Carol Wells, Rowland Wells, Pat Houghton, Barry Grimwood, Sylvia Pinder, Doreen Raven, Shella King

Bowls Report

As promised in the last issue, here are the results of the club competitions played this summer.

	Winner	Runner-Up
Men's Singles	Darren Dunbavin	Barry Grimwood
Ladies' Singles	Carol Wells	Ann Cant
Handicap Singles	Robert Burling	Shane Dunbavin

Pitcher Memorial

Singles	Barry Clarke	Robert Burling
Pairs	Callum Luker & John Foreman	Alex Hills & Darren Dunbavin
Triples	Shane Dunbavin, Callum Luker & Gavin Dunbavin	Brian Harris, Celia Clarke & Robert Cole

Tenrich Trophy Bob Mitchell & Celia Clarke

Telfer Trophy Drive Robert Burling

As reported last time, the club defeated Fordham in the Bowls Cambridgeshire mixed fours, the Roy Peacock Trophy. I am pleased to report we received £50 prize money to be donated to a charity. We have passed this onto the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The victorious team are shown above.

As autumn passes by, 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 knock out cup, Team 1 lost away at Exning Road Working Club in the first round, whilst Team 2 received a bye into the next round and have been drawn at home to Witcham.

In mid-November, the club holds its AGM, and thanks must go to all the officials and committee members who 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!

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14th and 15th December 2013

A personal invitation from **Louise Hounsome**, Centre Manager:

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Louise

Saturday 14th December 10am to 5pm

Sunday 15th December 10am to 4pm

Visit the café bar and enjoy complimentary refreshments

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