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Beach to the Beeches



The absence of the play park in the village has been an issue of speculation and controversy since it was taken down in June last year, the biggest issue being the funding for the erection of the new park.

Some of the parents of Isleham have teamed together and come up with a challenge of epic proportion like no other.

Gary Delaney and Dale Clarke have massed together an Army of budding volunteers to take part in not one, but four challenges designed to promote fitness within the community. Each of the challenges is aimed to test people of different levels of ability, with the aim of raising money to help complete the play park.

Beach to the Beeches is taking place on Saturday 6th September 2014. The event comprises of an 80-mile cycle from Sheringham, a 60-mile cycle from Hunstanton, a marathon starting in Stoke Ferry and a half marathon starting in Lakenheath.

The route from Sheringham joins the route from Hunstanton at Gayton, passing through Stoke Ferry and Lakenheath, with

the finish line at the Beeches community centre.

The 80-mile cycle, 60-mile cycle and marathon will start at 10am with the challenge of completing their journey in 4-5 hours. The half marathon will start at 12pm with the challenge of completing in 2-3 hours. The event will conclude with a BBQ and Family Disco.

Come down to the Beeches around 1pm on Saturday 6th September. The bar will be open and the BBQ will be fired up to ensure you have enough energy to cheer on the participants as they cross the finish line. The Disco will start at 7.30pm.

If you would like to sponsor this event, contact one of the volunteers taking part, call in to the Beeches or get in touch using one of the contacts below.

We are also looking for sponsorship from local businesses; in return we will print your company logo on our T-shirts, which will be worn on the day of the event. Not only is this a great way to advertise your company across three counties, you will also be supporting our kids' future in the community.

To keep updated on the progress and all the goings-on with Beach to the Beeches, keep an eye out on the notice board in the Beeches and like our Facebook page shown below.

4 Challenges, 1 Goal!

Supporting our Community

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Dale – 07584 179680

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John o' Groats to Land's End

1000-mile cycle on

4th September

On 4th September Kevin Henderson of Mill Street, Isleham, and two of his friends, Marc Arnold and Liam Keenan, will be travelling up to John o' Groats in Scotland to take on the challenge of cycling 1000 miles to Lands End in 10 days!

They are doing this to raise money for a great cause – Clatterbridge Cancer Centre – where Kevin's younger sister was treated when she was ill. Sadly Sandra died, aged only 22, but throughout her illness the time she spent in Clatterbridge was made easier by the support offered by the staff there. Kevin says, "The hospital staff were fantastic and the care was second to none. They not only looked after my sister but the rest of the family too. No matter what we needed they dealt with it – no questions asked!"



He has set up his own 'Just Giving' page where people can read why he is taking the challenge and there is a unique code to text from any mobile phone to deposit donations directly to his page (see below).

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Kevin also has security sealed charity boxes with a registration number on them that they have supplied so any local business may display them if they choose. Isleham Pre-School, which his son attends, has already taken a box. If anyone is able to help with this please get in contact with him at 01638 781247.

He has a Facebook page dedicated to this challenge (www.facebook.com/1000milecycle), where people can follow their progress and get involved if they choose.

By the end of this epic journey, Kevin hopes to have a great video diary that people will get to see to look back at the ups and downs of this once in a life time challenge.

If you can help support this very worthy cause go to www.justgiving.com/kevin-henderson1 or sponsor him by texting JQR81 (your donation) to 70070. And don't forget to claim Gift Aid to increase your donation by 25%, at no extra cost to you.

For further information about the Clatterbridge Cancer Centre go to www.clatterbridgecc.org.uk

"The money we raise helps us to offer the most up to date treatment, support vital research, treat our patients with world class equipment and provide life-changing support services that would otherwise be unavailable."

London to Paris

On Wednesday 2nd July Diane Bayliss, Isleham Parish Clerk, set off with 144 other riders, to cycle from London to Paris, a distance of 317 miles, in support of Macmillan Cancer Care.

The journey took four days, and was an amazing, exciting, challenging experience, said Diane. "It was such hard work but I had no punctures, and we were supported and encouraged all the way by Discover Adventure."

On the final day the riders gathered in a park on the outskirts of Paris, then rode the final 5 miles together.

"I joined the ride on my own but soon made new friends and ended-up riding all 4 days with people I hadn't known before. The final day, riding through Paris, stopping the traffic, seeing so many people watching, pointing at the spectacle of 145 cyclists riding along together, and cheering us down the Champs-Élysées will be something I will never forget."

Diane has raised £2,100 sponsorship for Macmillan, and says the total amount raised by the Saturday night was £211,000, with more promised.



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Angling Society	Ivan Houghton	01638 780333			
Board Games	Alison Young	01638 780351	Last Thursday	2-5pm Sept-June	High St. Church
Book Club	Doreen Spiers	01638 780783	2nd Friday	2pm	The Beeches
Bowls Club	Terry Pinder	01638 720875			
Brownies	Bridget Clements	01353 624103	Thursday	6-7.15pm	High St. Church
Busy Bees	Pre-School	01638 781212	Wednesday	9.30-11.30am	The Beeches
Craft Club	Hazel Thompson	01638 780633	Tuesday	1.30-4pm	Limestone Centre
Cubs	Emily Yellop	01638 780637	Tuesday	6.15-7.45pm	The Beeches
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	The Beeches
Isleham Society	Vernon Place	01638 780449	3rd Thursday	7.45pm	The Beeches
New Age Kurling	Lisa Milne	01638 780186	Friday	2-3.30pm	The Beeches
Paper, Patch & Sew	Victoria Rattle Julie Porter	01638 781301 01638 781390	Saturday Bi-monthly	10-4pm	High St Church
Twinning Association	Keith Woollard	01353 723010	Annual visits to and from Nesles		
WI	Glenda Preece	01638 780734	2nd Thursday	7.30pm	The Beeches

From the Editor

In celebration of the ongoing *Tour de France*, and to give us something to cheer about after the virtual demise of all British hopes in that competition, we bring you the Cycling Special edition of the *Isleham Informer*. We have not one but THREE stories of local heroes who got on their bikes to raise money and awareness for good causes. Just don't expect me to join in: I find the trip to Fordham excessive. (How can it be uphill both ways?)

After seven years of faithful and excellent service, our advertising manager, Kelvin Morgan, has decided that the time has come for him to move on to pastures new. We thank Kelvin for all his sterling work over the last 42 issues since the departure of the late great Ian Humphries.

Consequently, there is now a vacancy at *Isleham Informer* for a willing body to take on the tasks of communicating with advertisers, taking payments and checking that all ads are correct prior to printing. Please get in touch if you think you may be able to help. The remuneration package may surprise you!

Also, we would very much like to hear from someone with a design flair and experience in (or willingness to learn) using desktop publishing software. It's time for fresh blood to take on the task of layout of this esteemed publication. Drop me a line.

Ed Mayall

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

Weekly events at the Beeches

Mondays	Pilates Bookings only	20.00-21.00
Wednesday	Zumba Walk-in Class	19.15-20.15
Mondays	Jigsaw Dance Group	16.00-18.00
Thursdays	Tai-Chi Class	13.00-14.30

August

Monday 4th	Parish Council	The Beeches	19.15
Thursday 7th	Mobile Library	Church St	14.15-15.00
		Mill Street	15.05-17.00
Friday 8th	Book Club	The Beeches	14.00
Saturday 9th	Children's Fun Day		
	Nature Reserve		11.00-14.00
Saturday 9th	Gardeners' Club Cream Tea	Social Centre	
Thursday 14th	WI	The Beeches	19.30
Saturday 16th	WI Afternoon Tea	Social Centre	15.00
Friday 22nd	Mobile Library	Church St	09.30-10.05
Tuesday 26th	Premier Sports	Primary School	

September

Monday 1st	Parish Council	The Beeches	19.15
Thursday 4th	Mobile Library	Church St	14.15-15.00
		Mill Street	15.05-17.00
Saturday 6th	Beach to the Beeches		from 13.00
	Disco		
Tuesday 9th	INFORMER DEADLINE		
Thursday 11th	WI	The Beeches	19.30
Friday 12th	Book Club	The Beeches	14.00
Tuesday 16th	Gardeners Club	The Beeches	19.30
	Curry Night and Folk Group		
Thursday 18th	Isleham Society	Mildenhall visit	
Friday 16th	Mobile Library	Church St	09.30-10.05

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 £2.75 return, Adults £5.50 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

Useful phone numbers

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Addenbrooke's Hospital (Cambridge).....	01223 245151
Newmarket Hospital	01638 564000
West Suffolk Hospital (Bury St Edmunds)	01284 713000
Staploe Medical Centre (Soham)	
- Appointments	01353 624121
- Prescriptions & Dispensary.....	01353 727695
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Minor Treatment Centre, Ely.....	01353 656675
NHS Direct (for advice).....	0845 4647
GP Out-Of-Hours (non-emergency)	111
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Anglian Water Leaks	0800 771881
- 24 hour	0845 7145145
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- out of hours emergency	01733 561370
Refuse Collection.....	01353 665555
RSPCA	07599 522716
- Cruelty line.....	0300 1234 999
Citizens Advice Bureau	Ely 0845 130 6442
	Mildenhall 01638 712094
	Newmarket 01638 665999
District Councillor (Derrick Beckett).....	01638 780476
Parish Council (Diane Bayliss: Clerk).....	01638 781687
Member of Parliament (Jim Paice)	01954 211450



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Saturday 12 noon to 9pm

Sunday 12 noon to 2pm

ENTERTAINMENT

- AUGUST -

Saturday 2nd: Band: The Revival

Saturday 30th: Band: 5Ska

- SEPTEMBER -

Friday 12th: Band: Beautiful Dangerous

Quiz: tba

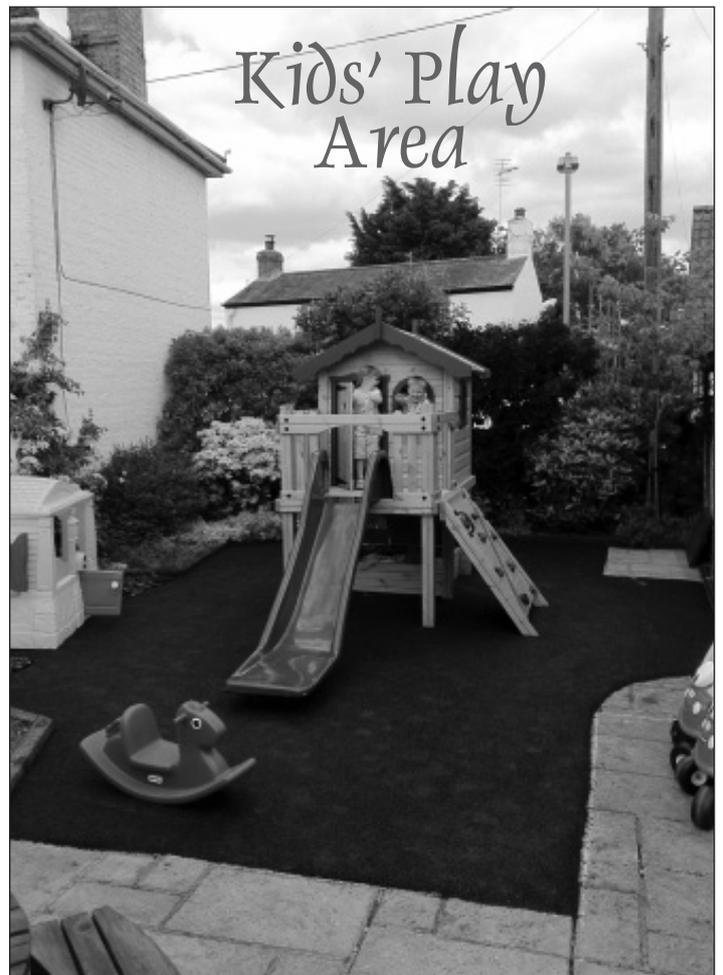
OPENING TIMES

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



1st Isleham Cubs

Over the last few months we have been up to some great things in Cubs and thought you might like to hear about some of them...

Cubs Quiz Night at the Beeches

The Cubs held a Quiz night at the Beeches on 28th March 2014, the night was well attended and we had a great response to support for our Raffle. Thank you to all of the many local Businesses that gave us money or a prize. We raised over £300 on the night and this will go towards helping our Cubs have a really great adventure in December 2014, when we go to the London Science Museum for a sleepover!

First Ever Overnight Camp

We held a one night outdoor Cubs Camp at Newmarket Scouting HQ on 25th April 2014 to prepare the Cubs for going away to District Camp for several nights outdoors. We had a sausage & chips supper with fun and games, followed by the main theme of the Camp "A Night At The Drive-In". All of the Cubs created their own car using a large cardboard box (with some excellent designs!), and we then settled down in our "cars" with hot chocolate and popcorn in the HQ Building to watch Disney's Monsters University on a projected screen with surround sound, and then headed outside for a night's outdoor camping. A great time was had by all!

Newmarket District Cubs Camp

Newmarket District Cubs Camp was held at the massive Thriftwood Scouting Site in Essex from 16th-18th May 2014 this year (with well over 200 Cubs from all over the District in attendance). All of the Cubs, Leaders, and Parent Helpers had a fantastic time, the event was excellently organised and the activities included, Fire Lighting, Pioneering (where the Cubs built a large zip-line swing from scratch, and then played on it), Orienteering, Go Carting, Laser Tag, Cat-A-Splat (catapulting paintballs at targets), and a huge evening camp fire where we learned some very interesting (and funny) new campfire songs.

Isleham Cubs also faired very well in their morning kit inspections; they all learnt to wash and wipe up their own plates, bowls and cutlery, and their politeness and good manners were commented on by other groups and leaders... well done Cubs!

Isleham Gala Day 2014

Gala Day, BBQ and Float: We were so pleased to win 3rd place for our float, the theme was "Where's Akela?" We had created a train for all the Cubs to ride and drive. Akela was in the train for you all to find! We are so pleased with our £50 cheque and the money will go towards some equipment we need to take the Cubs and Scouts out camping.

The BBQ was a great success this year. Once again, we had lots of help and all the money raised will go into the funds for Scouting in Isleham.

Our Regular Weekly Cubs Meetings

We continue to be a pack of 28 cubs, and we are very pleased to now have two girls in our pack. We currently have a waiting list of five Cubs, and we will be growing to 36 in January 2015, so if your child is aged between 8 and 10½, and might be interested in Cubs, please call and add them to the list as soon as possible.

We have been working towards five badges this term in Cubs: Cyclist, Knots, Artist, Scientist and The Fitness Challenge Badge. We finish this term with an American themed BBQ and Badge Award Evening for all of the Cubs and their immediate families.

Isleham Scouts are up and running!

Cubs are not alone anymore! Isleham now has Scouts as well. They meet weekly on a Wednesday night during term time at High Street Church Portacabin, and have some great activities and camps planned, please call Alison Oliver on 01638 781232 for more information.

Thank you

Karl and Emily Yellop (01638 780637) would like to thank all of the Cubs and their parents, and the local community for the wonderful support and encouragement; we hope the Cubs enjoy their activities as much as we do!

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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

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

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

7.30pm 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

Churchwardens:

Nick Carver 01638 781116, nick.carver@islehamchurch.org.uk;
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Choir Director: Mark Liversidge 01638 781696 mark.liversidge@islehamchurch.org.uk

Webmaster: Andrew Stephens 01638 781468/780229

For more information about the Three Rivers 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@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 (Suzanne Hall 01638 781805).

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.

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Tuesday: 18–30s: 7pm. (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.

Church Night: 7.40–9pm. Bible study, prayer and fellowship.
Age from 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).

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

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

Phone: 01638 781343 (Church Office)

01638 780636 (Pastor’s Home)

Email: pastor@plfc.org.uk; secretary@plfc.org.uk

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

We are planning to hold a Christianity Explored Course in September – please call or e-mail if you are interested in attending.

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service will be on Sunday 21st September at 10.30am, all are very welcome to come and celebrate God’s goodness to us over another year. The service will be followed by refreshments and a fellowship lunch to which all are very welcome.

Can we warmly invite you to the plfc Coffee Morning (details above)? This is a friendly weekly event; there are great refreshments and good conversation, together with the “In the News” slot. We are happy to help with transport to and from Coffee Morning. We have friends coming of a wide age range and there are toys and high chairs available for toddlers.

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 is made up of two age groups, 3–7 years and 7–11 years, and offers a wide range of activities relevant to their age group. A fun filled time with activities and Bible stories, encouraging the children to discover the Christian faith for themselves. We would love to see some new faces. Visitors are 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

The summer season enable us to offer a variety of activities, creating a truly informal atmosphere for us to relax and get to know each other. You are most welcome to join us at any of these events... details from the Church Office.

Then, from mid September, there will be a new term of midweek interests and activities providing an ideal opportunity to introduce yourself to the High Street Church Family

Each week a few of our folk are making an effort to get to know some of the visitors to the area who are living and working over at G’s in Soham. It’s certainly time to brush up on our foreign languages.

Little Lambs is a vibrant toddler group that runs on term time Fridays from 9.15–11.15am. Parents and carers come and enjoy a fun morning and coffee whilst their children have a good time playing and exploring new things. Each week we have a play activity like sand or water. We have made cards, decorated cakes, planted seeds, used clay, lots of sticking and painting, and much more! In the main area we have a big space where the children play with a variety of big toys while the adults can watch and chat. We always have a snack, which is a big hit with the little ones! Finally we end the morning with a song time or story. During the year we have had a visit from Peppa Pig and Father Christmas. We have had our annual trip to Church Farm where we had lots of fun and laughs. Come along and join us! We start back again on Friday 5th September.

Rendezvous will be meeting again on Tuesday 2nd September.

Luncheon Club, which meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, are arranging a trip to the seaside on 13th August – there may be some spare seats so why not check with the office?

The new Church building in Beck Road is progressing well, and having spent time at the sawmill, the team are back on site again and working hard. If you are interested in finding out more about our new Church building on Beck Road, visit arkproject.org.uk All of our regular Church services and midweek activities continue at High Street, and you are more than welcome to join us, for more information, please contact the Church Office on 01638 780985.

Lost Property

A Quilt that was entered into the Competition Marquee on Gala Day was unclaimed at the end of the day. No entry card was attached. If the owner would like to contact Margaret Davies on 01638 781175 with a description of the item I would be delighted to deliver it back.



Our Railway Reserve is one of a number of Local Nature Reserves in Cambridgeshire that are owned by the County Council and managed for wildlife by "Friends" groups. At the end of June, several members of Friends of Isleham Nature Reserves (FOINR) and other Local Nature Reserves groups

were invited to spend the day touring reserves managed by our opposite numbers in March. They too manage an old railway line – the route forms part of the Sustrans national cycleway – and, set in the open fen landscape to the north of March, has an impressive range of locally scarce wildlife. This includes the Wall butterfly that prefers very open grassland with lots of exposure to sun, several species of orchid, scarce breeding birds such as turtle dove and grasshopper warbler, and water voles that use the ponds formed from old borrow pits. We were also taken around a (relatively) newly planted woodland on the edge of March and a small wetland nearer to the town centre, both of which are also managed by the very active March "Friends" group.

This annual event is a chance to compare notes and be inspired by each other's work. Please do watch out for notices about these "exchange visits" in our emails if you are one of our contacts, and in future "Informer" issues. You don't have to be a regular FOINR supporter to join us and find out more about the wildlife on our doorstep.

Closer to Isleham, this is an excellent time to watch birds on Isleham Wash. Although breeding has not been successful this year, there is a good passage of waders just now, with avocets, black tailed godwits, little ringed plovers, green, common and wood sandpipers all making an appearance, together with an impressive 15 little egrets.

It was good to make some new contacts at Gala Day – all those

who left email addresses will be put on our mailing list and contacted about future events.

Our next event is our regular Children's Fun Day on 9th August, from 11am to 2pm. We will join forces with Soham Children's Centre for picnics (bring your own), children's painting and other activities, and sweep netting for bugs and butterflies. There will be several of us there to help you identify what you find. You can park in the field next to the Railway Nature Reserve.

For more information about this and our other activities, please contact:

Our warden: Andrew Garbett: 07903 092899

Our Chairman: Alastair Burn: 01638 780553 or

Group Secretary: Avi Stacey: avinashostacey@gmail.com

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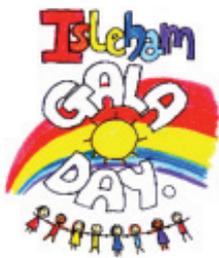


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The Gala Association Committee wish to say a heartfelt Thank You to everyone who helped to make another enjoyable and happy day for all those who took part or were onlookers. The weather might have been kinder to us but was not the worst on record and is one of the aspects over which we have no control.

Whether on a float, trailer, or walking, the Parade participants lived up to their reputation of working hard to provide a colourful display and we are grateful to them for their continuing efforts.

Thanks go to The Beeches/ICA for providing the beer tent on the field and the catering facilities inside.

Dave Sennett did his usual good job of announcing although somewhat hampered by the equipment and rain. We will address this for next year.

The Children's Races were kindly organised by Mark Goldsack. Some equipment needed for some races, e.g. Egg and Spoon had seemingly gone astray and again, this has been noted for future years.

The School Band provided entertainment inside The Beeches and we are grateful to children and staff who gave their time and expertise for this. We were extremely grateful to Mrs Bramley and her team at school for all the work put in to ensure that literally



every child entered both the Writing and Art Competitions. The results were quite amazing and I hope most of you found time to visit the Children's Competition Marquee to see all their efforts.

The separate Story Writing Competition was of such a high standard that the Judges had to defer their decision on this.

The Competition Marquees for Fruit and Vegetables, and Home Baking and Crafts were again well supported with entries.

Of course, there were some negative aspects to the day – no Gala Queen – no Baby Show etc. and, as has been said before, this is largely due to the need for someone or some organisation to run the competitions. We were delighted to have the support of PTA this year; they will now keep a representative on Gala Committee and have already agreed to organise the Gala Queen competition next year.

The Grand Draw this year was organised by Ruth Guest to whom our thanks go for all her hard work.

We are grateful to Vernon Place for his excellent photographs, which can now be seen and ordered at the Post Office. Some examples are included here.

Particular thanks go to the small army of people who turn up on the day to help set up stalls and everything on the field in general – and take it all down again in the evening!

Also, to the Parade and Fun Run marshalls, without whom neither event could or would happen.





To Fred Preece who each year on the Sunday before Gala goes around the village putting up the advertising boards, and takes them down again the day after Gala.

To the Parish Council for permission to use the field and the MUGA to store equipment.

If anyone/organisation has been omitted I apologise most sincerely.

Finally, I would like to thank and pay tribute to the very small Committee of nine who work tirelessly for around 8 months of the year to ensure that Gala goes smoothly on for the benefit of the village.

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 21st October and further details will appear in the next edition of the Informer.

Margaret Davies

4. Three Carrots

1st Clive Hall 2nd P. Dorey 3rd Chalkey White

5. Three Beetroot

1st Clive Hall 2nd Bob Burford 3rd Neil Dyson

6. Three sticks Rhubarb

1st Clive Hall 2nd Bob Burford 3rd Fred Preece

7. Six Gooseberries

1st Clive Hall 2nd Fred Preece 3rd Jacko Fanshaw

8. Container of Produce from Garden or Allotment

1st Bob Burford 2nd Clive Hall 3rd P. Dorey

9. Bowl of Soft Fruit from Garden or Allotment

1st Julie White 2nd Clive Hall 3rd Fred Preece

10. Six matched hens' eggs

1st Warren Sumner 2nd Imogen Leeson

11. Six eggs from mixed poultry

1st Richard Clark 2nd Warren Sumner

Competition Results

Garden Spade or Fork

Linda Wilding

Fruit & Vegetables

1. Three Potatoes

1st Will Taylor 2nd Xavin Taylor 3rd W. Davies

2. Three Broad Beans

1st W. Davies 2nd Clive Hall 3rd Adrian Leeson

3. Three Peas

1st R. Graham 2nd Adrian Leeson





Indoor Grown

1. **Six Radishes – No entries**
2. **Four Spring Onions**
1st Clive Hall
3. **A Cucumber – No entries**
4. **Three Courgettes**
1st Clive Hall
5. **Three Tomatoes**
1st W. Sumner
2nd Paul Chaplin 3rd T. Cousins
6. **Lettuce – No entries**
7. **Bowl of mixed leaf – No entries**

Floral

1. **A Tours de France Arrangement**
1st Elaine Riley
2nd Alison Washtell 3rd P. Dorey
2. **Vase or Bowl of Garden/Allotment Flowers**
1st and best-in-show Grandma Radcliffe
2nd Glenda Preece 3rd Hayley Davis
3. **Vase of Mixed Herbs**
1st Julie White
2nd Grandma Radcliffe 3rd Glenda Preece
4. **Bouquet of Mixed Dried Herbs – No entries**
5. **Three or Five Stems Sweet Peas**
1st Liz Howe 2nd A. Moughton 3rd Julie White
6. **Three or Five Pansies**
1st Eve Graham
7. **A Single Rose**
1st Anthea Winters 2nd Eve Graham
8. **Three or Five Roses**
1st Fred Preece 2nd Ray Graham
9. **Hanging Basket or Container – No entries**
10. **Garden or allotment on a tray**
1st Anna Radcliffe

The Great Isleham Bake-Off

1. **Six White Rolls**
1st Jacko Fanshaw 2nd Sheila Roberts 3rd Kirsty
2. **Six Wholemeal Rolls**
1st Jacko Fanshaw 2nd Sheila Roberts 3rd Kirsty



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4. Loaf of Wholemeal Bread

5. Focaccia

1st Marianne Corbin 2nd Lynn Bird

6. Flavoured Loaf

1st Jacko Fanshaw 2nd Will Taylor

7. Four Scones

1st Sheila Roberts 2nd Ann Ford

8. Fruit Crumble

1st Liz Milton

9. Victoria Sandwich

1st Elaine Riley 2nd Hannah Gertig 3rd Jacko Fanshaw

10. No-bake Cheesecake

1st Sandra Leae

11. Shortbread

1st Liz Milton



12. Chocolate Roulade

1st Jacko Fanshaw 2nd Glenda Preece

Jams, Pickles and Chutneys

1. Jam

1st Ann Ford 2nd Jacko Fanshaw 3rd Kirsty

2. Marmalade

1st Jacko Fanshaw 2nd Sheila Roberts 3rd Marianne Corbin

3. Pickled Onions or Shallots - No entries

4. Piccalilli - No entries

5. Military or mixed pickles - No entries

6. Tomato Chutney

1st Jan Lewis 2nd Alison Oliver

7. Mint Jelly- No entries

8. Apple Sauce - No entries

9. Redcurrant Jelly

1st Julie White

10. Onion Marmalade - No entries

New Category

1. Photograph Allotment/Garden

1st Clive Hall 2nd Clive Hall 3rd Alyson Rust

Arts and Crafts

1. Quilting - Unplaced

2. Tapestry

1st C. Tyler 2nd C. Tyler 3rd Megan Radcliffe

3. Embroidery

1st Julie Reed 2nd Sarah Cawthorne 3rd Marjorie Radcliffe

4. Knitted Item

1st Julie White

5. Crochet

1st Julie White 2nd Barb Pruddech

6. Painting

1st Robert Radcliffe 2nd Zoe Leeson 3rd Alison Moreton

7. Drawing

8. Woodwork

1st Duncan Cawthorne

9. Pottery

1st Alison Odege 2nd Donna Carpenter 3rd Phoebe Fallon

10. Clay or Other Material

1st Alison Moughton 2nd Louise Webber

11. Photographic Art

1st Zoe Leeson

12. Handmade Jewellery

1st Liz Howe 2nd Lynnette Gray 3rd Alison Rust

13. Hand or Machine Finished Item

1st Louise Webber 2nd Hazel Thompson 3rd Floss

14. Feltwork

1st and best-in-show Louise Webber 2nd Louise Webber

15 Handmade Card

16. An Upholstered Item

1st Emily Radcliffe

Note: Judges also liked hand-painted/decorated barrel entered by Jan Lewis.

Competitions for Children

Please note that these results are separate to those given for the Art and Writing Competitions, for which separate results will be in the next *Isleham Informer*.

1. Wild Flowers in a Decorated Jar

1st Mya Davies

2. Garden Flowers in a Hand-Decorated Container

1st Lily Winters

3. Garden on a Plate

1st A. Guest 2nd C. Guest

4. Item of produce from own plot

1st Taylor Salisbury

5. Bowl of salad - No entries

6. Container of Home-Grown Cress

1st Adam Rust 2nd Toby Rust

7. Box of Mixed Produce

1st and best-in-show Lily Winters



Baking Section

1. Three Decorated Cup Cakes

1st Mya Davies

2. Meringues – No entries

3. Three Biscuits

1st Izzy 2nd Adam Guest/Cara Guest 3rd Imogen Leeson

4. Fruit Muffins – No entries

5. Pizza 1st Izzy

6. Bread Rolls 1st Izzy

Pre-School Competitions

1. A Collage of Photographs of The Allotment

1st Adam Rust 2nd Audrey Raynes

Results

Grand Draw Winners

1st Will Taylor 2nd M. Jones 3rd Judy (from Soham)

Floats

1st Produce World Group (£100 prize money donated to their chosen charity, Cancer Research)

2nd Isleham Under 5s Association 3rd Isleham Cubs

Skittles Winner

Will “from the Pits”

Fun Run

Under 12 Girls

1st Elizabeth Acheson 2nd Zoe 3rd Ella

Under 16s Girls

1st Imogen Leeson 2nd Shannon Turner

Under 12s Boys

1st Leon Blazikowski 2nd Jacob 3rd Kyle

Under 16s Boys

1st Charlie Cummins 2nd Ethan

Running Races

Girls Under 10s

1st Mya Davies 2nd Lily Blazikowski 3rd Chloe Barnes

Boys Under 10s

1st Leon Blazikowski 2nd Jack Weaver 3rd Joe Dunbavin

Girls Under 16s

1st Ella Cummins 2nd Chloe Boneham 3rd Shauna Pilmer

Boys Under 16s

1st Daniel Coller

Fun Races

Under 3s Girls

1st Emilia Beswick
2nd Lily Collen
3rd Amelia Davies-Wright

Under 3s Boys

1st Oliver Wells
2nd Albert Digby
3rd Lorenzo

Under 4s Girls

1st Chloe Barnes
2nd Ella Cohen
3rd Myah

Under 4s Boys

1st T.Kitchen/A.Young

5-year-olds

1st Joe Dunbavin 2nd Kai Baxter 3rd Toby Starmer

8-year-olds

1st Jack Weaver 2nd Mya Davies 3rd Theo

9, 10, 11-year-olds

1st Megan 2nd Aaliyah 3rd Rhianna

Horse Race

1st The Radcliffes

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Isleham Gardeners

Once again, despite the heavy showers, Isleham Gardeners had a successful Gala Day. We raised just over £150 on our stall, which will help pay for our speakers and events.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the people who contributed towards our tombola prizes including Scotsdale's of Fordham.

The garden produce competition was quite well supported and Waterside allotments were well represented with Clive and Helen Hall, Bob Burford, Julie White, Jan Lewis and Ann Ford all getting rosettes.

Our club is taking its summer break at the moment but we will be back on Tuesday 16th September with our curry night. This year we will be entertained by a local folk group.

New members are always welcome. Membership costs £10 per year but with discounts from Scotsdale's and Simpson's nurseries this is good value. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at The Beeches; come along, you will be very welcome.

Happy gardening,

Philadelphus



Bowls Report

We have now passed the mid-point of the season and now, as the evenings are starting to draw in and the autumn leaf fall looms ahead, we can hardly believe how quick the season is passing.

The teams have performed well in their respective divisions. In the Ely and District leagues, the men are situated just above half way in the table but the ladies are getting good results and lie top of the table; let's hope this continues. In the Cambridge and District league we are playing in Division 3 for another season and are holding our own mid table, safe from relegation. We do use this league to give all our members sufficient matches, therefore will always struggle to complete at the highest level whilst this policy continues.

For the second season running, the club has also hosted a top ladies county match, this time between Norfolk and Northamptonshire. Both counties praised the facilities we have and the welcome they received whilst in Isleham.

Darren Dunbavin has qualified for the national finals in the under 25's championship. This is the second time he has made it through to the final stages. There is a difference this year, however, because the finals have now moved up to Leamington Spa to be played alongside the ladies championship, so will prove a new experience for him. Before then, he will contest the Bowls Cambridgeshire final, which is being played at Haddenham at the end of July.

Please remember, we are always keen to see new people visit the club, so why not pop up to see what we are about.

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Wednesday 27th

Dates for September: Wednesday 10th
Wednesday 24th

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

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.

Recreation Ground Report

- The grass seed has been sown and the recreation ground is now much improved.
- The keypad on the MUGA is broken and a replacement circuit board has been ordered. In the meantime a combination padlock is in use. Please contact the clerk for details if you want to use the MUGA.
- Please remember no dogs are allowed on the Recreation Ground or on The Beeches car park and footpaths.

Play Area Report

- The installation date for the play area is Monday 28th July, and the work should be completed by 18th August, weather permitting. Fencing for the area has been ordered and will be installed alongside the equipment.

Skate Park Report

- Quotations have been received for the skate park and approval has been given for a scheme by Gravity Skate Parks, at a cost of £50,000, subject to the successful grant application to Amey Cespa.

ICA Report

- A number of remedial works have been carried out, including replacing the floor of the stage, and relaying the drop kerbs by the disabled bay.

Planning Matters

- Planning Applications have been considered for Construction of one 4-bedroom and one 5-bedroom 1½-storey detached dwellings with garages at Land adjacent to 56 West Street, Isleham for Messrs Clarke and Clarke.
- Single and two-storey rear extension at 8 West Street, Isleham for R. Cummings.
- Erection of stable block and change of use from Agricultural to paddock at Land Parcel West of Parkland Fisheries Prickwillow Road, Isleham.
- Proposed change of use of the Old Comrades Club to four flats including demolition of rear extension at 21 Church Street, Isleham for Tom Neet.
- Single storey rear extension along with alterations including part demolition of existing garage at 106 The Causeway, Isleham for Mr and Mrs S. Gill.
- Conversion of garage to two storey extension to house plus associated internal works at 14 Bowers Lane, Isleham for Paul Kinnett.

- Proposed detached garage at 18 Malting Lane, Isleham for Alex King.
- Proposed alterations and conversion of existing barn into ancillary accommodation at 41 Mill Street, Isleham for A. George
- Planning Approvals have been received for: To vary condition 10 (no amplified music after midnight) of previously approved for application to replace extant planning permission for demolition of existing village hall and pavilion to provided new single storey community centre with play area, vehicular drop-off point and associated parking. Relocation of all-weather football pitch and column lighting, kick wall and cricket nets at Isleham Recreation Ground, Mill Street, for Isleham Parish Council.
- Alterations and extensions to outbuilding to create two en-suite letting bedrooms at The Rising Sun at 11 Sun Street for Mr and Mrs Pearce – no objection.
- Proposed Chimney at 7 Robins Close, Isleham for Mr & Mrs S. Ainge.
- Construction of 1.5 metre wall between property and adjacent garden on north side of property at 2 Pound Lane, Isleham for John Jones.
- Erection of stable block and change of use from Agricultural to paddock at Land parcel west of Parkland Fisheries, Prickwillow Road, Isleham for Sarah Tabbitt.

Orchard Matters

- A seat is to be placed in the Orchard.

Financial Matters

- Borrowing Approval has been received for up to £100,000 for the provision of the play park including safety fencing.

Highways Matters

- The zebra crossing has now been completed.
- Under the Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvement Scheme for 2015–16 the Council will be applying to have improvements made to the footpaths.
- Two Whitebeam trees will be planted on the Priory Green in the autumn.
- If your streetlight is not working please contact the Parish Clerk with the light number, she will then report it to the County Council.

Allotment Matters

- Please note that organic waste only may be burnt on the allotment sites.
- There are still a number of plots available on the Dunstall Allotment site. Please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

Dog Fouling

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

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The Beeches six months in!

The Beeches opened the doors to a new era on December 14th 2013 and more than 6 months later, so much has been achieved. Since the last *Informer* we have seen the grass sown and flourish to the outside areas, the beautiful shrubs and flowers planted and, by the time you read this, we will have had a successful and hopefully dry Gala Day. Rome was not built in a day but we hope that you will feel that already what we have is a significant improvement on our beloved but old set up of pavilion and hall.

The Beeches is booked every evening during the week with a plethora of fitness based classes from Zumba to Hour of Power, and Pilates to Dance Lessons. Again, by the time you read this we should have the curtains for the main hall installed, and also acoustic panels fitted to the walls to cure current problems. In the original plans a full suite of acoustic treatment was included to make sure that the hall reached the standards required but, due to budget pressures, these were removed to allow focus on other areas. We have been working hard to overcome the problems, but it has meant that certain events have been held back. Functions like a summer ball, talent shows, Sportsmans Dinner and others will all be arranged later this year. Please do not hesitate to hold your forthcoming functions with us now the end to acoustic problems is imminent.

We have benefited from the kind donation of a number of Isleham related pictures and tapestries, which are now proudly hanging in the centre. If anyone has further such items related to our village we would love to have them on display through out the centre. Please contact Louise on 780097 to discuss. We hope, when budget permits, to have a series of canvas prints of lovely photographs of the village, so watch this space and do contact us if you think you can assist.

There has been a great deal written and volumes more spoken about the Centre, volunteering, and lack of this and that etc. I know many of those who voiced their strong opinions when the play area was not forthcoming and I applaud them for doing something and trying to help. It takes a lot of effort to stick to promises and one heck of a lot of personal time to see them through. With just a few paid staff, the Beeches is otherwise run by volunteers, as are most village clubs and societies. We should now have a fantastic new play area for the children up and running, (not installed at time of writing) but budgets could not reach as far as people wanted them to go. As a result of this and in direct response to the verbal and written comments about what should and could have been done, a group of people have stepped forward and said those magic words: "What can we do to help?"

These are not words we hear that often, but Gary Delaney and Dale Clark, to name just two of a hardy bunch have organised a fantastic event on 6th September. Raising sponsorship, there are people who will cycle from Sheringham, about 80 miles, another group cycling from Hunstanton, about 60 miles, and then runners that will complete half marathon distances and Gary himself who will run a whole marathon length. All to finish at the Beeches around the same time! They have called the event

"The Beach To The Beeches", and I would implore you all to dig deep and support these brilliant volunteers and applaud their hard work, support and altruistic endeavour. On arrival there will be a number of activities at the centre, including a family party that evening and, remember, all sponsorship money raised will go towards extra equipment for the Play Area, and possibly the skate park.

I hope you all agree with me that it is terrific to see such an



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attitude, whereby people are prepared to do so much for others. Volunteering is a great thing to do; it may be not financially rewarding but is extremely self satisfying. The Beeches needs all kinds of support, not withstanding the great help we have already. When I agreed to chair the operating group for the Beeches I had no idea what I was letting myself in for. Long hours, and lots of work I expected, even moans and groans and negativity was somewhat expected, but we set ourselves a goal to try to deliver for the village, a centre that is there for everyone. I'm proud to say that I think we are on the right track, have great staff, and terrific volunteers and supporters. That said we would always welcome more!

Aspland's Bar, at the Beeches, is open mostly when the centre is open, but regularly on Friday evenings and most of the weekend. It is aimed at a family audience, young and old, but, like the centre as a whole, it is there for the community and residents of the surrounding area. Let us know what you want from the centre and we will try to help. For example, we have been asked if people can have *ad hoc* meetings in the bar, so that they do not need to hire a meeting room. There is no issue with this at all, as long as such a meeting does not want exclusion of others. Step forward to use the centre and we will try to support. Volunteer to assist with the running of the centre and we will ensure a warm welcome.

Communication to all about the Beeches' activities and functions, is an ever-changing challenge. We have a web site, www.thebeechesisleham.co.uk but know that not all have a PC. We have a Facebook account but understand not everyone uses social media. We now have a notice board at the foot of the car park onto Mill Street. We will endeavour to keep this up to date with posters and lists of events etc. And we have the *Informer*, and sites around the village for posters and the like. However, we still appear to be failing to reach everyone. Just this week an Isleham resident asked, "What is the Beeches?" We must do more to reach all concerned. The *Informer* goes through every letterbox in Isleham. We will continue to publish herein what we have planned. In addition we will continue to update all we can.

Separate to this update you should find a list of events and activities that are running at the Beeches. I know there are dance classes starting in the autumn, and further new classes for many things. The centre is the home for Cubs, Scouts, WI, Gardeners and many of other terrific village-based groups. The Beeches is here to stay. Despite unforeseen obstacles it is solvent and usage is growing month on month. In the next year or so it is very much hoped that the Beeches can and will be run by those who use it. It is not my intention to hang around forever, but certainly long enough to ensure that we have the centre we want, run profitably and supporting all who wish to use it.

Lastly, the Centre is run by Isleham Community Enterprise Ltd, a company and subsidiary of Isleham Community Association, which is a charity. ICA lease the building from Isleham Parish Council, and is responsible for everything that happens inside the building. The car park, roads, recreation ground, MUGA etc. are all under the management of Isleham Parish Council and NOT the Beeches. We work together and try to make the right decisions at the right time, according to needs and budget. Difficult decisions are faced and made, by volunteers who stand for council or run the Beeches. If you would like to help, please step forward.

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Monday – 2–3pm Needles and Natter
7–9pm Pilates

Tuesday – Event Driven
6.30–8pm Cubs)

Wednesday – 9am–12 Busy Bees
Pilates 12–1pm (starting in September)
6–7pm Hour of Power
7.15–8.15pm Zumba

Thursday – 6–7pm Hour of Power

Friday – 2–3.30pm New Age Kurling (starting in September)
Ballroom Dancing (starting in September)

Saturday – 10am–2pm Breakfast
Hour of Power 9–10am
Bar open 11am–11pm

Sunday – 10am –1pm Breakfast
Bar open 11am–8pm

St Andrew's Church Quilt Festival 2014

Saturday 23rd August 10am – 5pm,
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Future Meetings:

17th July. Meeting at the Beeches. Andy Malcolm is giving an illustrated talk on the "The Fisherman's Mission" A good speaker, this will be his return visit.

No Meeting in August

18th September. A guided tour of Mildenhall followed by a tea break then a visit to the updated Museum. We will make our own way to Mildenhall but please watch out for the posters re times etc.

You don't need to be a member to attend any of our meetings although there is a small charge of £2 per session.

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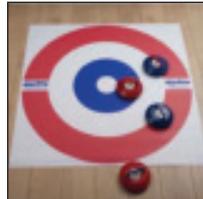
The sun shone and we estimate that over 150 people enjoyed homemade cake, tea, coffee and a chat with friends and neighbours on our lawn down on the Farm. Visitors also were able to buy lovely items from the nine stalls selling a range of items like home produced vegetables, plants, jewellery, handbags and homemade crafts etc.

The stallholders kindly donated a prize for our Raffle and our visitors were also able to enter a Macmillan Competition, guess the number of coffee beans in a jar, which was won by Holly Elmer. At the end of the day we raised a total of £565.00, which also included a donation from our Farm Shop.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to all our visitors who attended our event and thank you to all our friends and neighbours who made the lovely cakes and who also helped serve the refreshments on the day and to the stallholders who gave up their Saturday morning.

We are hoping to do the same next year.

Anna Thompson



New Age Kurling

at The Beeches



If you would like to come and play,
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