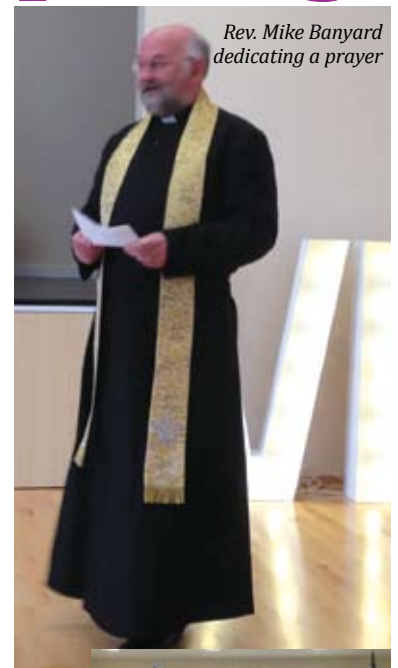


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The Beeches Grand Opening



Ceremonial Opening of The Beeches

Saturday 2nd May. Not a terribly significant date in history, but one of great importance to all users, patrons, supporters and staff at The Beeches, and actually to all in Isleham and the surrounding villages. On this lovely Saturday we officially opened the Centre, with the ceremonial ribbon cut by two honoured denizens of the village, Ruth Diver MBE and Vernon Place, photographer. Over lunchtime there were terrific speeches firstly from Philip Aspland, the Chair of the ICA, who spoke about the long journey from inception to the day of opening, and how grateful he was to everyone that had been involved.

He was followed by Derrick Beckett, IPC Chair and District Council member for Isleham. Derrick also spoke of thanks

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Top: Vernon Place and Ruth Diver MBE unveil the Beeches plaque

Above L to R: Mrs Margaret Cornell, Chair of ECDC, Tony Cornell, Mayor of Ely and Councillor Liz Every with Derrick Beckett and Phil Aspland

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Brian and Janice Pope looking perfectly the part

The Galaxy Big Band filled the dance floor all night



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Future of the *Informer*

In the last issue, I stated my intention to stand down from my post of editor of the *Isleham Informer*. My situation has not changed and I still intend to move on. I feel that 10 years at the helm of this august tome, developing it into a publication for which the village can (I hope) feel a great deal of pride, is quite enough.

There was likelihood that this would be the very last issue: it simply could not carry on with just two staff. Fortunately, we have so far have two folk who have volunteered to step up to help. The effervescently enthusiastic Emma Joy-Staines will be attempting to undo the utter mess I have made of the advertising role since Kelvin's departure last year. Emma is a new arrival in the village, having moved from London via Red Lodge and Newmarket.

The indefatigable Paul Chaplin, who was instrumental in getting the *Informer* up and running some dozen years ago, has agreed to rejoin us in an editorial capacity. However, he has an awfully busy summer ahead, so it unable to take up the post until the autumn. Consequently, it seems I'm stuck here for a while longer. Unless there's anyone else who fancies a 'career' in publishing... *Ed Mayall*

Village Notes

St Andrew's Church There will be a Wedding Dress & Christening Robe Display at St Andrew's Church on the Saturday and Sunday of August Bank Holiday Weekend. If you would like to display a wedding dress or christening robe, or if you have mannequins or dressmakers dummies that we can borrow for the weekend please contact Kathy Carver on 01638 781116 or Sheila Taylor on 01638 780701, or any member of St. Andrew's Church. All welcome! •

Classic Motors at The Gala If you are interested in displaying a classic vehicle, car or motorcycle at Isleham Sports & Gala Day, Saturday 4th July at the Recreation Ground, do please contact Chris Allitt on 07790 969011, email: info@allittmotorservices.co.uk or Malcom Spiers on 01638 780783 for more information. We would love to expand on the excellent display we had last year •

Dates for Your Diary

Let us know if there is anything you would like included here for future issues: contact Glenda Preece, see page 3.

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June		
Mon 1st	Parish Council	The Beeches, 7.15pm
Thur 4th	Mobile Library	Church St. 2.15-3pm Mill St. 3.05-5pm
Mon 8th	Friends of Isleham Nature Reserve	The Reserve, 7.30pm
Fri 12th	Book Club	2pm The Beeches
Thur 16th	Isleham Society	7.30pm The Beeches
Fri 17th	Mobile Library	Church St. 9.30 -10.05am
Sat 27th	The Summer Ball	The Beeches

July		
Thurs 2nd	Mobile Library	Church St. 2.15-3pm Mill St. 3.05-5pm
Sat 4th	Sports & Gala Day	The Recreation Ground
Sat 4th	Gala Family Disco	The Beeches, 7pm
Mon 6th	Parish Council	The Beeches, 7.15pm
Thur 9th	W.I.	The Beeches, 7.30pm
Thurs 9th	INFORMER DEADLINE	
Fri 10th	Book Club	2pm The Beeches
Thur 16th	Isleham Society	The Beeches, 7.30pm
Fri 17th	Mobile Library	Church St. 9.30 -10.05am
Tue 21st	Gardeners Club	7.30pm The Beeches



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1st Thursday of the month:		
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3rd Friday of the month: Church St	09.30	10.10

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MP: Lucy Frazer	lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk

Village clubs: information

CLUB	CONTACT	DAY/DATE	TIME	PLACE
1st Isleham Beavers (boys & girls 6-8 yrs)	Emily Yellop 01638 780637 Alison Oliver 01638 781232	Tuesday	5.15-6.15pm	The Beeches
1st Isleham Cubs (boys & girls 8-10yrs)	"	Tuesday	6.30-8pm	The Beeches
1st Isleham Scouts (boys & girls 10-14 yrs)	"	Tuesday	6.30-8pm	The Beeches
Angling Society	Ivan Houghton 01638 780333			
Ballet & Dance	Lisa Nixon 07512 717758	Tuesday	from 4.30pm	The Beeches
Ballroom Dancing	Cynthia George 01954 202095	Friday	7pm	The Beeches
Book Club	Doreen Spiers 01638 780783	2nd Friday	2pm	The Beeches
Bowls Club	Terry Pinder 01638 720875			
Bridge Classes	Barry Lowe 01353 658358	Wednesday	10am-noon	The Beeches
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
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
Pilates	Jo Simcock-Simms 07974 653775	Monday	7-8pm, 8-9pm Wednesday 12 noon	The Beeches
Tania Fitness Powerhoops & kettlebells	Tania McQuilkin 07983 440187	Tuesday	9.30-11am	The Beeches
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and of his pride in the achievement and his belief that the village and surrounding area was already benefiting beyond expectations from what the centre offers.

Attended by more than 100 people including those from the village, invited guests and representatives from the main contractors and architects, it was a lovely and somewhat poignant event. It was also a terrific bonus to have two sponsors for the day with Cheffins Estate Agents & Auctioneers and Mr Colin Murfitt, of C.J. Murfitt Builders Ltd of Soham.

VE Day Anniversary Dinner & Dance

The opening ceremony only proved to be the hors d'oeuvres for what was one of the best nights at The Beeches so far! We celebrated the 70th anniversary of VE day in some style: more than 140 guests, many in fancy dress from the era, partied like it was 1945. The Galaxy Big Band put on an amazing performance with its excellent musicians and singers. There was a mixed degree of expertise on the dance floor, from Lindy-hop super stars through to line-dancing novices. Many commented that the night far surpassed expectations and may well have to become a fixture in the Beeches calendar for years to come!

Sports & Gala Day 2015

I would like to draw your attention to a huge week for the village and the centre. On Saturday 27th June we are having the first Summer Ball in The Beeches, after three hugely successful Balls in the marquee, prior to building the centre. There will be a three-course meal, table magician, charity casino, and the amazing band 'The Other Commitments', through to the early hours, for a night of great summer party fun. A charity auction will also take place for holidays, events and gifts. Tickets are selling already but tables are still available for 10 or 12 guests; tickets are £40 each. Don't miss out on this, as numbers are limited and even with the planned marquee extension to the building to accommodate everything, tickets are first come first served. Best dresses for ladies and lounge suits for men for a glamorous and special occasion in our great village.

The following Saturday is Gala Day, and The Beeches will be at the heart again this year. The marquee from the Summer Ball will remain to form an additional indoor facility. We particularly wish all those involved with the Gala every success this year.

I hope to see you at one or all the events listed below and thank you all again for your support for all that happens at The Beeches, Isleham. *Mark Goldsack*

Upcoming Beeches events: see posters for more details

27th June - Summer Ball

4th July - Gala Day and Family Disco

30th October - Sportsman's Dinner

20th December - Family Christmas Disco

31st December - New Years Eve Party

BAR STAFF VOLUNTEERS FOR GALA DAY

The Beeches bar will be open all day and evening; if you would like to help out for an hour or two please contact Louise on 01638 780097. No experience necessary, training will be given, and it's a great fun way to be part of Isleham's biggest and best day of the year!

Isleham Sports & Gala Day, Saturday 4th July 2015

Gala is probably the most important day in the year for many people, children and adults alike and this is a reminder to put this into your diary.

Don't forget that the Children's Fancy Dress Competition is now judged BEFORE the Parade starts out. Even if children are not riding or walking with a float, they can still take part but must assemble with the floats and walkers.

We started out in January with a Committee reduced to six, and only four managing the first meeting. Undaunted, we decided to carry on with plans to go ahead with Gala this year and are delighted that we were soon joined by three more Committee Members. Even more would be good!

We are also delighted that the PTA have organised a Royal Family competition; results of this can be found on page 18. It was a great success, so perhaps in future years more volunteers will come forward to organise the Baby Show etc.

We urgently need sponsorship this year and if anyone has ideas on this, please contact Jack on 01638 780440 or Will on 01638 780701, they will be delighted to hear from you.

Likewise, draw prizes – we need these too. If you have anything suitable that you would like to donate please contact Kat on 07884 582731 or Margaret on 01638 781175

If you would like to hire a pitch, stall or table in the Craft Marquee then contact Barbara on 01638 780373 (leave a message and she will get back to you).

HELP! We need volunteers on the day to help set up stalls and a whole host of other jobs connected to running the Gala Day. We do have a stalwart band who turn up year after year without prompting and we are always delighted to see them arrive and grateful for their help. Any extra help would also be much appreciated - all we can offer in return is a bacon butty and a cup of tea...

Please, if you can, help to make Saturday 4th July 2015 another great Gala Day. *Isleham Gala Committee*



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Meet the 2015 Gala Royal Family

• See colour picture on back page, middle left.



The Gala Royal Family Disco was well supported and everyone had a great time. The PTA brought the tradition back to the village and had 17 applications for the Royal Family. After a lengthy judging process the King, Queen, Prince and Princess were chosen by Dave Wright (the DJ for the night).

Queen – Mia Leverington

King – Alfie Anderson

Prince – Miles Leverington

Princess – Erin Turner

Congratulations to them all! The Royal Family will be leading the Gala Day Parade on Saturday 4th July. *Emma Downey*

The Spurgeon Trundle .

See colour picture on back page, bottom.

On a windy but pleasantly sunny Saturday afternoon, on 9th May 2015 at three o'clock, some twenty-five men, women, children and a dog called Abby set off from the duck pond in East Fen Road, Isleham on the 2015 Spurgeon Trundle.

For those who haven't heard of the Trundle before, it consists of a leisurely annual walk down East Fen Road, and then along Ferry Drove, to the place at the River Lark where the great Reverend Charles Haddon Spurgeon was baptised on the 3rd May 1850. He had walked all the way from Newmarket to Pound Lane Church, here in Isleham, especially for that occasion. One of Isleham's best-kept secrets is that someone – we are not sure who – placed a memorial stone on the river bank over forty years ago, to mark the occasion where such an eminent Christian began his Baptised Ministry.

He was known as 'The Prince of Preachers,' because during his lifetime, he preached to more than 10 million people – all that long before the days of radio and television! It's worth looking him up on the Internet, you can find him on wikipedia.org, as he had such an extraordinary career, which has been, and still is, revered worldwide.

This Trundle has now become an annual Isleham event, and is something like Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales,' in the way that those who made the 'pilgrimage' made friends with each other, chatted about all sorts of things on the way, and shared stories with each other. At the monument itself, there was a short act of worship, beginning with The Lord's Prayer, and then the singing of the hymn, 'Jerusalem,' and 'The Grace,' and finally three cheers for Spurgeon!

Each 'Trundler' was given a brief souvenir, which included a photo of last year's 'pilgrims,' some facts about Spurgeon, and an appropriate extract from one of his sermons that he had specially addressed to the farming community.

Next year, the Trundle will take place on Saturday the 7th of May starting at three o'clock, so put it in your diary now while you think of it, and, if you've never joined us before, come and do the 2016 Spurgeon Trundle: you'll love it! *Christopher Goodwins*

Isleham Football Festival 2015

• See colour picture on back page, top left.



Isleham United Youth Football Club hosted its 7th Festival of Football over the weekend of 16th and 17th May. This year's festival was the biggest ever, with 150 teams playing over the two days.

We had Under 5s having a fun kick around, boys Under 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s, and 16s, and girls Under 10s and Under 14s. We also had our ladies team playing as well.

We had three Isleham teams get to the finals; congratulations to the Under 16s winners! Our boys Under 13s and girls Under 14s were beaten, but only on penalties.

It was such a great turnout with more than 2000 people each day visiting our festival! We couldn't host it without our sponsors for all the trophies and goals, so thanks are due to: Hallmark Event Hire, Rosewood Pavilion, Newmarket Electrical and Dale Francis. Finally, a very big thank you to all our helpers – not bad for a small village. *Craig Boneham*

Girls Under 12s win the League Cup

• See colour picture on back page, top right.



Isleham, of the Under 12s South League met Bluntisham Blasters, of the Under 12s North League in the 2015 League Cup Final.

The first half was very even apart from a piece of brilliance from Amy McLean as she weaved through the Bluntisham defence to give Isleham the lead at half time. Bluntisham came out battling in the second half, but good defending from Libby Coleman and Elli-Rai Quinn-Nicholls kept them out.

Amy McLean then came close for Isleham as she hit the cross bar from a distance. Chloe Boneham continued to work hard in midfield for Isleham and was finally rewarded when she helped set up Talia Irvine to score Isleham's second goal to give them victory and their first trophy, also keeping them in with of a chance of achieving the league and cup double.

Amy McLean was awarded the S-Tech player of the match. *Tony Kirby-Cook*

• If you would like your club, society or organisation's news and photos to appear in the *Isleham Informer*, please contact any member of *Informer* staff - see page 3 for contact details. Please supply your article and photos by July 9th for our August issue (but we may be able to accommodate copy after that date, do check with Zoë). We also need the photographer's name where necessary and details of photos for captions: please do ask subjects to give their permission to appear in the *Informer* - children should have parents permission.

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**Wednesday June 10th and 24th
Wednesday July 8th and 22nd**



Friends of Isleham Nature Reserves



Birdsong is at its peak on the railway Nature Reserve just now, and you can hear the rattle of lesser whitethroat, the descant of willow warbler, and the clear notes of blackcap, all summer visitors that use the scrubby areas in the reserve as nesting sites, alongside yellowhammers and skylarks singing in the adjacent fields. The first butterflies are active

– speckled wood, brimstone and orange tips can be found just now, whilst common lizards bask in the more open areas on sunny days.

We held our AGM at The Beeches on 13th April. Louise Bacon, who is one of the County biological recorders, gave a talk on butterflies in Cambridgeshire. Whilst some species have become much less common in recent years, there have been some really encouraging new arrivals in the County, with the spectacular Purple Emperor now found in the County as well as two of the Fritillary butterflies. We hope to be able to organise a field identification session with Louise, and will be carrying out our own butterfly counts on the Reserve later in the year. Other events we are planning this summer are a children's bug-hunting day, an evening bat detecting and a look at the sky at night, all on the Reserve.

All are very welcome to join us at any of our events, and at our evening meetings. We hold these at The Beeches every two months, with talks on alternate occasions. Our next meeting is on 8th June at 7.30 pm. On that occasion we will be meeting on the Nature Reserve to look at the results of our management over the past few years and to plan the further management needed this winter, with the main aim of encouraging the right sort of habitat for the range of wildlife that uses the reserve. Please come along if you'd like to make suggestions or to hear about how you might get involved in the management work or other events. At our following meeting, at The Beeches on 10th August at 7.30pm, we will hear a talk by Phil Clarke, the Greenspaces Officer for Cambridgeshire County Council, about the range of wildlife and nature conservation work that the Council helps to promote. Again, all are welcome (no charge, and we have no membership fee). If you would like to know more, get involved, help shape our future events or help plan the management of the sites which we look after, please get in touch: Alastair Burn: Chair, tel: 01638 780553; Avi Stacey: Management Organiser, tel: 01638 780023. We can also be found on Facebook at 'Friends Of Isleham Nature Reserves'.

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Isleham WI



At our meeting in April we welcomed Angela and David Knock who brought with them an enormous collection of traditional toys, many of which were familiar to our members. There was a large selection that we all remembered as the toys our children played with and also toys we played with ourselves. However, the oldest toy in the room was a teddy belonging to one of our members, in our competition 'My Favourite Toy'.

In May our speaker was Lucy Lewis who came to tell us about her life in the army. She served for 10 years, rising to the rank of Major, and was the first female member of the bomb disposal squad. Lucy gave a very amusing insight into officer training at Sandhurst and being the only woman in her unit. She also married 'beneath her' – a Captain, which was definitely not the done thing! She served in lots of places and said that her time in Northern Ireland was where she felt that you were always under pressure and aware of the danger. She is still in the Territorials and has to spend one month a year training. Lucy was a very interesting speaker.

On 18th May we held our Group meeting in Millbrook House in Soham. This is a yearly event when members of Chippenham, Fordham, Isleham and Soham WIs meet together. This year our speaker was Ruth Diver MBE who talked about her life as a teacher in a special needs school in Norfolk, and also about her day at Buckingham Palace when she was presented with her MBE, an award for her services to education, by the Duke of Cambridge; lovely memories to add to those she has from her life as a teacher. This was followed by refreshments and an excellent quiz presented by Gaynor Ryan of Chippenham WI.

There is no meeting in June, as we are going on our summer outing, but in July we will be hearing about 'Life as a Film Extra'.

• 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 Beeches, 7.30pm for 7.45pm, and new members are always welcome. For further information contact: Glenda Preece on 01638 780734 or email gjpreece@aol.com

IUFA AGM

The Isleham Under Fives Association is pleased to announce that its next AGM will be held in the Preschool Building on Thursday 1st October 2015 at 1930. We'd love to welcome you there. We will be recruiting for/re-electing the following IUFA committee positions: Chairperson (or chairperson and co-chairperson), Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraising coordinator, and Busy Bees coordinator. Without a committee in place we are unable to run the Preschool – so your support is of huge value. Thank you, on behalf of the current IUFA Committee •



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Isleham Bowls Club report

The 2014-15 carpet bowls season has now concluded and in the East Cambs league, Team A retained their division one status but Team B struggled in the top division and finished bottom of the league.

In our internal competitions, the winners were as follows:

	Winner	Runner-up
Singles	Darren Dunbavin	Margaret Marsh
Pairs	Sue Thompson and Robert Burling	Margaret Marsh & Celia Clarke
Fours	Pat Houghton, Eddie Sheppard, Peter Doe and Jeff Marsh	Glenda Preece, Ann Cant, Barry Grimwood and Sue Thompson
Triples	Carol Doe, Sylvia Powell and Robert Burling	

Now the summer months have arrived, attention turns to lawn bowls on the outside green. It hasn't been the warmest of starts, not the perfect outdoor leisure activity but hopefully by the time this goes to print, warmer days and evenings are in good supply.

Results have been mixed at the start of the season, the afternoon league are suffering from a lack of players to call upon, but those that play are hopefully enjoying their matches despite the results. The ladies have started very well in the Ely & District league and are sitting top after a couple of matches, the men having won one and lost one are in mid table in their league. In the mixed Cambridge & District league we have won all four so are looking good, long may it continue.

Isleham primary school asked us to lay on a five week after-school activity session playing both carpet bowls and also venturing outside on the green. These have been enjoyed by both the pupils and our members who have helped to offer advice. Who knows what budding young talent may emerge from these sessions?

We have matches on various evenings, mainly during the week rather than weekends, and would welcome anyone to come along and have a look at what is on offer at the club. Matches usually run from 6.30 until 8.30pm.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to Keith Munns from Burwell who passed away recently. Keith was a member for a number of years and served on the committee as well as enjoying playing the game. *Barry Grimwood, Club Captain*

Cambs Fire & Rescue Service: Think twice before jumping into water this summer

Would you jump into a river, lake or any other open waterway on a hot sunny day? Do you know what hazards lie beneath the water? Or how cold the water is? Your fire service has pledged to deliver water safety education to every school in Cambridgeshire following the tragic death of a teenage boy last summer.

But there is only so much we can do and we're calling on parents, carers and peers to talk each other about water safety.

Some things to remember:

- You do not know what hazards lie beneath the surface of rivers, lakes, canals, etc.
- Strong undercurrents can be tough to conquer, even if you know how to swim
- Cambridgeshire's waterways are cold – even on the hottest days of the year – and this has a dramatic effect on your body's ability to swim and get yourself out of trouble, should you get stuck.
- If someone is in trouble, call 999 immediately. Do not hesitate to call the emergency services and give clear details of your location.

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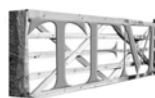
Mondays	7-9pm <i>Pilates</i>
Tuesdays	9.30-11am <i>PowerHoops & KettleBells</i> 4pm-9.30pm <i>Ballet/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/Your Body Class</i>
Wednesdays	9am-12 <i>Busy Bees</i> 9am <i>Bridge</i> 10-11.30am <i>Needles & Natter</i> 12-1pm <i>Pilates</i> 6-7pm <i>Hour of Power</i>
Thursdays	7.15-8.15pm <i>Hour of Power</i> 7.45-8.45pm <i>Your Body Class</i>
Fridays	2-3.30pm <i>New Age Kurling</i> 7-8.30pm <i>Ballroom Dancing</i>
Saturdays	9-10am <i>Hour of Power</i> 11.15-12.15am <i>Your Body Class</i> 10am-1pm <i>Breakfast</i> 9am-close <i>Café & bar open</i>
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Letters to the Editor

From Margaret Davies, in praise of the NHS

There is so much negative comment about our NHS that I feel driven to write about my own experiences. I am elderly and can remember life before the NHS and, believe me, it was not easy. Over many years of needing numerous operations and other medical help I have had nothing but good experiences.

Quite recently I became quite seriously ill and spent two weeks in West Suffolk Hospital where, from the time I woke up in A & E until discharge, I have nothing but positive comments to make. Doctors were tireless in their efforts to diagnose and then ensure that I had the right treatment. At one point I needed a scan and the department told the Doctor if he wanted it that day it had to be that very moment – that Doctor put me into a wheelchair and ran all the way to the scanner on the other side of the hospital. The nurses were dedicated and caring. The Ward Clerk went out of her way to do things way beyond her remit and even the Cleaning Staff were kind and caring.

On arrival home my GP was called and within hours of his visit, equipment for my recuperation was delivered. I had antibiotics in less than an hour. Not only this, but he organised NHS Carers to come in three times a day for two weeks.

The care overall was absolutely wonderful and so I say yes, complain if it is totally justified but otherwise be hugely grateful for what we have – I certainly am, and furthermore happy to be here and able to write this. Thank you NHS! *Margaret Davies*

From Emma Joy-Staines, in praise of our village

We firstly want to thank everyone in the village who has made us feel so very welcome. We have never before lived in such a friendly place, and would like particularly to thank Val and John, David, Diane and everyone at the Co-op who have been so very kind to us. Isleham is a very special place and we are so thankful to have found it. *Emma, Leigh, Teddy and Sally, dogs Ozzie and Stella and cat Basil*

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From Emma Joy-Staines: I am the proud owner of my own health, wellness and nutrition business, working from home. I help lots of people with a natural product range under the umbrella of Forever Living Products, a 37 year old American company.

The range includes nutritional health drinks, personal care, skincare – beauty & skin defence, supplements, sports performance & mobility, weight management, animal & home, cosmetic & beauty products.

I would very much like to share these exceptional products with my neighbours, and would love the opportunity to meet with you to show you what I can offer. I also have a great sample box of products that I would be delighted to drop around for you to enjoy for free for a few days. Your feedback and support would be very much appreciated!

Underpinning these fantastic products is an outstanding business opportunity that I can share with you – I help many people set up their own home based businesses, giving them the freedom to be their own boss, working from home around their family and choosing the hours that suit them.

If you are interested to find out how you could make an additional income, I would be happy to send you some information or show you more about the business opportunity. I'm looking for positive, motivated people in the UK and worldwide, so even if you think it is not for you please make your friends/family aware because you might just be offering them exactly what they're looking for!

Finally, I'm a big believer in supporting local businesses, so don't hesitate to let me know if you also provide any services or have your own business, I would love to hear about it! I often run many events across the county and would love to be out there promoting everything wonderful happening in Isleham.

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Isleham Parish Council Update



The Parish Council meets on the first Monday of every month at 7.15pm. Meetings are 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. (No food or drink to be brought into the meeting room, please.)

Full copies of the minutes are available on the Parish Council website, the Notice Board and from the Parish Clerk, Diane Bayliss: tel: 01638 781687, email: islehampc@btinternet.com

ADVANCE NOTICE

- The Parish Council elections took place on 7th May. Lionel Neal and Hazel Thompson did not stand for election therefore there are currently two vacancies on the Council which may be filled by co-option at the June meeting.
- Derrick Beckett was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council.
- Richard Radcliffe was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

POLICE MATTERS

- Non- Emergency Contact No for Police: 101
- The Council are to consider CCTV cameras to cover the skate park and MUGA following two arrests on the Recreation Ground for carrying drugs and the break in on the MUGA which has damaged the magnetic closer.

PARISH CONFERENCE

- The Parish Conference entitled 'Safer, Stronger, Sustainable,' was held on 2nd April, and attended by JM and GP. The focus of East Cambs Policing was the Constabulary and Community Safety Partnership priorities. It was stressed how Parish Councillors can act as 'eyes and ears of the community' in helping to identify the most vulnerable. Other topics covered were building and growing facilities for Parish Communities – meeting demand for burial spaces in old and new cemeteries, and grant funding opportunities. The Parish Council's role in Community Led Planning; a talk was given on the importance of Neighbourhood Plans.

RECREATION GROUND REPORT

- There are a few slots available on the MUGA in the evenings and it is also available at weekends and during the day. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further details.
- Please remember no dogs are allowed on the Recreation Ground or on The Beeches car park and footpaths.
- The Beavers will be using part of the Recreation Ground for an archery session on June 30th.

PLAY AREA REPORT

- The Play Area continues to be well used and maintained.

SKATE PARK REPORT

- The Skate Park is complete and is being well used. The Grant for £20,000 from Amey Cespa has been received by the Council.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- The internal audit has taken place and no matters have been raised for review.

THE BEECHES

- The Official Opening of the Centre took place on Saturday 2nd May 2015. The plaque, kindly donated by Mildenhall Monumentals, was unveiled by Vernon Place and Ruth Diver.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications have been received for:

- 15/00121/FUL Conversion of domestic garage first floor and ground floor store, to self contained annex (retrospective) at 4 Priory Gardens for Mr David Fitchett (Noted)
- 15/00248/OUT Outline Planning Application for the erection of two dwellings at site to North East of 1 Ellwoods Close, Isleham for Mr Ellwood – no objection
- 15/00260/FUL Construction of despatch building for root vegetables at White Hall Farm, Temple Road, Isleham for Tompsett Holdings Ltd – no objection
- 15/00214/FUL Enlarge approved application under 14/01344/FUL at 10 Little London, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Flynn – no objection
- 15/00215/LBC Enlarge approved application under 14/01344/FUL at 10 Little London, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Flynn – no objection
- 15/00202/FUL River moorings (10 residential, 10 leisure) and ancillary works including storage units, car parking and landscaping at River View, 26 Prickwillow Road, Isleham – RR requested that DB call this application in at ECDC. The Council object on the grounds that the survey is incorrect – in particular there are kingfishers/marsh harriers and there are otters in the river. The Council therefore question the credibility of the other surveys. Very rural area – large development encroaching on open country side. Don't know what waste or environmental facilities. Ecologically and environmentally unsustainable. (several of the councillors are familiar with this area of the river). The Council will ask Mr Alistair Burn if he would be prepared to do a survey of wildlife in the area.
- 15/00325/FUL New garage adjacent to dwelling at land to rear of 18 Little London, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Drayton – no objection
- 15/00156/FUL Single storey extension to rear and demolition of existing timber garage and replacement with double timber garage at Wigors Cottage, 4 Church Lane, Isleham for Mr William Thompson – no objection
- 14/01399/FUL Camp site Karma Farm, 8 Fen Bank, Isleham for Mr Will Taylor – no objection

Planning Approvals have been received for:

- 15/00127/FUL Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension. Re-location of front door to front elevation at 2 Goodchilds Gardens, Isleham for Mrs Emily Rutterford
- 14/01383/LBC Internal alterations The Griffin, 11 Church Street, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Missing
- 15/00117/FUL Single storey rear extension at 2 Croft Road, Isleham for Mr Clint Grove
- 15/00142/FUL Single storey extension to rear and covering garage to form annex 48 East Fen Road, Isleham for Mr &

Mrs S Petts

- 14/01244/FUL Single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory, alterations to main roof and external insulation at 6 The Pits for Mr Acheson

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

- 15/00046/TRE& Trees/Isleham/CA Tree Work Approval at 22 The Pits
- East Cambridgeshire District Council formally adopted the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan on April 21st.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- Following a visit from James Rigney from the County Council Highways team it has been agreed that a sign will be placed on Fordham Road showing that there is a concealed entrance over the hill by the Nature Reserve. The 'slow' signs on the road are also to be refreshed.
- The Parish Council have agreed to pursue the possibility of a footpath/cycleway from Isleham to Fordham.
- 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.

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.

ORCHARD MATTERS

- There are two trees available to be sponsored in the Orchard. For further information contact Mrs Malkin on 01638 780283.

OTHER MATTERS

- The Dial-a-Ride Service is no longer in service. An alternative service is being offered by EFACT (Fenland) however anyone wishing to use the service must be a member. For further information ring the March office on 01354 661234.

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 •

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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.

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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.

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.

Churchwardens: Ruth Ogden 01638 780646, ruth.ogden@islehamchurch.org.uk; Rob Savage 01638 780218 robert.savage@islehamchurch.org.uk

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Pound Lane Free Church

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

Sunday worship: 11am and 6.30pm.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper: First Sunday following evening service and 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 (Mrs Sue Thompson 01638 780030).

All Stars (Years 4–6): 10–11.15am (Mrs Suzanne Hall 01638 781805).

Covies (Year 7–18 years): 9.30–10.30am (Mr 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 (Mrs Sue Thompson 01638 780030) Preschool children during school terms. 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.

Tuesday: 18–30s: 7pm. (Suzanne Hall 01638 781805) Meeting at PLFC 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).

Saturday: Men's Fellowship (2nd Sat of month) 8am (Paul Rogerson 01638 781343).

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

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On **Sunday 21st June at 10.30am** we will be celebrating **Father's Day** in our morning service, thanking God for fathers and praying for those who have none. The service will be followed by refreshments and a barbecue lunch to which everyone is warmly invited.

The Men's Fellowship is holding a **Men's Breakfast on Saturday 11th July from 8.00am** – all men are very welcome – just give Paul a call to let him know you are coming or email mensfellowship@plfc.org.uk •

High Street Church

We have lots going on in the week from book clubs to youth groups, groups discussing parenting teenagers to learning to drum or working with migrant workers, you could come along to little lambs toddler group or enjoy Rendezvous, our group for those who are retired – there is too much to list. We also do great Sunday get-togethers at 10.30am and 6.30pm – the door is open.

• Catch us on Facebook – High street church Isleham – or our web site www.highst.org.uk

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 •

COME FOR COFFEE

IT'S FOR MACMILLAN

Where: Fenrose Farm, 1 Fen Bank, Isleham, Ely,
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When: 25th July 2015 10am-1pm
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YOU'RE INVITED



Thank You

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Gala Day Competitions

OPEN COMPETITIONS

All categories qualify for rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, and for Best in Show.

1. A Bird Feeder
2. A decorated garden tool

Fruit and vegetable category

1. Three potatoes
2. Three broad beans (in pods)
3. Three peas (in pods)
4. Three Carrots
5. Three runner beans
6. Three beetroot
7. Three sticks of rhubarb
8. Six Gooseberries
9. A container (basket, tray or box) of produce from my garden or allotment
10. A bowl of soft fruit (single or mixed) from my garden or allotment
11. Six matched hens eggs*
12. Six eggs from mixed poultry (please specify): must be free range and fresh laid (garden or allotment)

Indoor grown category (greenhouse, polytunnel, etc)

1. Six radishes
2. Four Spring Onions
3. A cucumber
4. Four courgettes
5. Three tomatoes
6. Lettuce (several types may be entered)
7. A bowl of mixed leaves

Floral category

If used, staging should be a maximum of 2'6" high. Accessories may be used but no artificial flowers or foliage permitted. Fresh foliage acceptable.

1. An arrangement to depict Victory in 1945 (VE & VJ days)
2. A vase or bowl of flowers from your garden or allotment (foliage may be used)
3. A vase of fresh mixed herbs
4. A bouquet of dried mixed herbs
5. 3 or 5 stems of sweet peas – single or mixed colours
6. 3 or 5 pansies – single or assorted colours)
7. A single rose
8. 3 or 5 roses – single or mixed colours
9. A hanging basket or container
10. A garden or allotment plot on a tray

The Great Isleham Bake-Off

Breadmakers may be used

1. Six White rolls
2. Six Wholemeal rolls
3. Loaf of white bread
4. Loaf of Wholemeal bread
5. Focaccia bread
6. Loaf of flavoured bread
7. 4 scones – fruit, cheese or plain
8. Carrot cake
9. Fruit pie – double crust plate pie
10. A plate of shortbread
11. A Coffee walnut cake (nuts may be omitted) See recipe after notes.

Jams, pickles and chutneys – a jar of:

1. Jam – fruit of choice – please label
2. Marmalade

3. Pickled onions or shallots
4. Mixed pickles
5. Tomato chutney
6. Mint Jelly
7. Redcurrant jelly
8. Onion marmalade

Miscellany category

1. A photograph of my garden
2. A photograph of my allotment
3. My best gardening tip

Arts and crafts section

Open to all ages including children.

Entries from children to be clearly marked with age.

1. A quilted item (if you are exhibiting a quilt please provide your own stand)
2. An item of tapestry work
3. A piece of embroidery
4. A knitted item
5. A piece of crochet work
6. A painting – any medium
7. A drawing – any medium
8. An item of woodwork
9. A pottery item
10. An item modelled in clay or other material
11. Photographic art
12. A piece of handmade jewellery
13. A hand or machine finished home-made garment
14. An item of feltwork
15. A handmade card
16. An upholstered item

Competitions for children

This category is open to children who will be under 16 on 31st August 2015 and will be judged in two sections, i.e. up to 12 years on specified date and 12 to 16. Children may enter into adult sections but must clearly mark entry with age.

Gardening competitions

1. Wild flowers in a decorated jar
2. Garden flowers in a hand decorated container
3. A garden on a plate
4. An item of produce from my own plot
5. Pasta art on a plate
6. A container of home grown cress
7. A hand decorated container of mixed produce

Creations

1. A toy in 1940s style dress., civilian or military
2. A potato hedgehog
3. A scarecrow

Children's baking section

1. Three decorated cup cakes
2. Three biscuits of choice – please specify
3. Gingerbread figures
4. Three muffins – flavour of choice
5. Any type of bread product

Pre-school age section

1. Cress or other salad item
2. Selection of anything grown on the pre-school plot
3. A collage of photographs of the allotment
4. A box of produce

5. Any baked product – bread, cake or biscuits

Notes

Entries for all categories will be accepted from 9.30a.m. to 12 noon on Gala Day (4th July 2015). In special circumstances entries may be accepted outside these times if a prior arrangement is made by calling 01638 781175 before 8a.m. Entries may not be removed from marquees until after 3.30p.m. but must be taken no later than 4.45p.m.

Disclaimer: whilst every possible effort is made to avoid damage or removal of items by unauthorised persons, the Gala Association cannot accept liability for loss or damage.

Recipe for Coffee walnut cake

Ingredients

- 115g self raising flour
- 1 level tspn. Baking powder
- 115g spreadable butter (i.e. well softened)
- 2 large eggs
- 115g golden caster sugar
- 1 rounded tablespoon STRONG instant coffee (espresso if possible);
- 50g very finely chopped walnuts

For the filling and topping

- 250g mascarpone
- 1 rounded dessert spoon STRONG instant coffee powder (espresso if possible).
- 1 tablespoon golden caster sugar
- 1–2 tablespoons milk
- 8 walnut halves

You will also need two 18 x 4 cm sponge tins, lightly buttered and bases lined.

Method

Set oven to 170 degrees – gas mark 3. Sift flour and baking powder into a large bowl. Hold the sieve quite high to give a good 'airing'. Then add butter, eggs, sugar and coffee powder and using an electric hand whisk mix for about one minute to a smooth creamy consistency. Using a tablespoon fold the chopped nuts into the mixture. Divide the mixture between the prepared tins and level off with spoon or palette knife. Bake near the centre of oven for about 25 minutes. The sponges are cooked when you press lightly with your little finger and the centre springs back. Remove from the oven and after 30 seconds loosen the edges by sliding a palette knife all round, then turn the cakes onto a wire cooling tray. Gently peel back the lining and using another wire cooling tray, turn the cakes over to avoid them sticking to tray. Whilst cakes are cooling, make up the filling: in a small bowl combine the mascarpone, coffee powder and caster sugar with one tablespoon of milk to achieve a smooth spreadable consistency (some mascarpone is wetter/drier than others so add more milk if necessary. Once the cakes are cold, Spread half the filling over one, then sandwich together and spread remaining filling on top, using a palette knife to make a swirling pattern. Finish off by placing the walnuts in a circle on top – near the edge. Note: if preferred buttercream icing may be used instead of mascarpone. Judging will be on the cake alone •

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