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Spring has sprung down on the farm!

The Informer is running a series of 'spotlight' articles to share your local news, our first is from Fenrose Farm.

We are The Thompson family and live at Fenrose Farm, 1 Fen Bank, Isleham. John and Margaret Thompson began the Farm in 1976.

While Margaret takes care of the mountain of paperwork and accounts, Steven, Roseanna and their daughter Anna Thompson, work outside with all the animals. John has retired due to ill health. Even though farming is a way of life and many hours are spent working, March is an especially busy time for us working long hours with 50 ewes to lamb and at the same time, 40 cows to calve.

We have been very lucky that the rain has stopped and we can now let the little lambs out onto the fields around the farm.

These fellas in the picture are Anna's Hampshire Down Rams. Four she has bred to sell as breeding stock and the largest we call Paddy who is our breeding ram. They have been on our lawn around our bungalow grazing and doing a very good job of it, such a good job they are going round again.

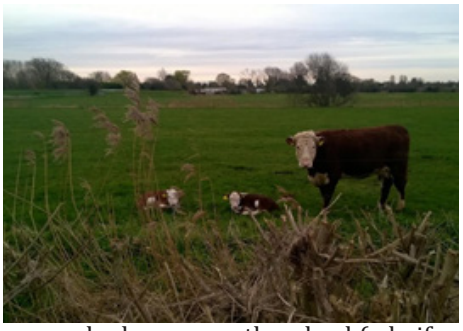
Our normal working day consists of feeding and mucking out pigs, cattle and sheep and managing our expanding chicken numbers, so calving and lambing is extra work but we all love it and are lucky enough to see and assist with their births if needed, it can also be a very exhausting and stressful time as you hope that all your youngsters are born alive.

During this time of year, all the animals are regularly checked both during the day

and night. We have our dogs as companions too, they can also help alert us to any problems. A few nights ago, Steven was out late checking the farm and his dog Max went running off only to alert him that one of the new born lambs had got out of the lambing barn. If they hadn't been regularly checking, the poor lamb could have died due to it being a cold wet evening.

When going about our daily routine, we noticed one of our heifers was about to calve, we kept a close eye on her and after

a short while we decided to help, mainly because she hadn't calved before and you become experienced over the years to know when to intervene, it took three of us to pull the calf out safely. Both cow and calf are now out enjoying the spring sunshine and lush grass along with other



cows who have recently calved (a heifer becomes a Cow after having her first calf).

Two other lovely events have also happened here during March. Anna's sheepdog 'Nelly' has had two gorgeous

puppies and Stevens' Connemara mare 'Twoish' gave birth to a lovely, but very big Foal.

Two big projects are planned for this year. We are updating our website at the moment to begin internet selling

and we will be launching our home bred and reared 'Isleham Blue Pork' which is now a registered trade mark. We hope you enjoyed a glimpse into how our family work together running the Farm and Shop. John, Margaret, Steven, Roseanna and Anna Thompson. C***ome down and see us soon.***

if you would like to suggest a local business or group to be featured in our 'spotlight' please let us know.

From the Editor.....

By the time this Informer is out the clocks will have 'sprung' forward and Spring will be here. Lighter nights, longer days and, hopefully, warmer weather. We won't need to hibernate indoors, and out and about you can see what the village has to offer. Have you seen the variety of THINGS. happening at The Beeches? There are exercise classes to suit all ages, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, clubs where you can follow individual interests, and a number of different entertainments. Friday evenings offer bingo twice a month, interspersed with a quiz and a Film Night. I went last month to see Bridge of Spies which was really good, and in April they will be showing 'Inferno', followed by a Sunday film for children, 'Inside Out'. This will be the 4th month a film has been shown, but unfortunately the evening has not always been well attended. The group running it will have to consider whether they can continue in the future. It really is a case of 'use it or lose it'. Why not go along on 21st April, and show your support. There is a Ladies Night 'Back to the 80s' on 6th May, and the Roving Crows, are performing on 28th April. See more at www.rovingcrows.com We are fortunate that we live in a village that offers so much, and where so many people are willing to offer their time to support our community.

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Mill Street	3.05pm	5pm
3rd Friday of the month: Church St	9.30am	10.10am

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REGULARS

Tuesdays: Coffee Morning at the Social Centre, 9am–noon

Saturdays & Sundays Brunch at The Beeches 10am-1pm

April

Mon 3rd	Parish Council	The Beeches, 7.15pm
Wed 12th	Mobile Library	Church St. 12.15 - 1pm
Thur 13th	W.I.	The Beeches 7.30pm
Tues 18th	Gardeners	The Beeches 7.30pm
Thur 20th	Mobile Library	Mill Street 3.45 - 4.45
Thur 20th	Isleham Society	The Beeches, 7.30pm
Fri 21st	Movies at The Beeches "Inferno"	7 for 7.30-pm
Wed 26th	Mobile Library	Church St. 9.45 - 10.10am
Sun 23rd	Movies at The Beeches "Finding Out" U	2 for 2.30pm
Fri 28th	'The Roving Crows'	The Beeches 7.30pm

NO QUIZ NIGHT IN APRIL

MAY

Mon 1st	Parish Council	The Beeches, 7.15pm
Sat 6th	'Rock to the 80s'	The Beeches 7.30pm
Wed 10th	Mobile Library	Church St. 12.15 - 1pm
Thur 11th	W.I.	The Beeches, 7.30pm
Fri 12th	Movies at The Beeches	7 for 7.30-pm
Sun 14th	Movies at The Beeches	2 for 2.30pm
Tues 16st	Gardeners Club	The Beeches, 7.30pm
Thurs 18th	Isleham Society	The Beeches, 7.30pm
Thur 20th	Mobile Library	Mill Street, 3.45 - 4.45
Wed 24thh	Mobile Library	Church St, 9.45 - 10.10
Fri 26th	The Beeches Quiz Night	The Beeches, 7.30pm

Village Notes

• **Spurgeon's Walk**

This year the walk is planned for, Saturday afternoon, May the 6th, starting at the pond at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

• **Mobile Library**

The library van has changed the times when it will visit the village. Please see the revised times in 'Dates for your Diary'

• **Easter Celebration at PLFC 2017**

We are looking forward to holding our annual Easter children's event on Saturday 15th April 1-3pm. As always the celebration will include an Easter egg hunt, crafts, games, biscuit decorating and a bouncy castle.

We've enjoyed seeing this event grow and grow each year so why not put the date in your diary to come and visit us at Pound Land Free Church, as always it's free of charge.

Gill Savage.

Isleham Parish Office at The Beeches

The Parish Clerk will be available:
Monday 2pm - 6pm, Tuesday 10am - 2pm

Isleham WI

In February we hold our Annual General Meeting and chose our President for the year. This year Pauline Wilkes was elected, and two new members joined the Committee, which is as follows: Jenny Flatt, Mary Wightman, Sylvia Powell, Kathy Carver, Julie Reeve, Glenda Preece, Fiona Jones, Margaret Davies, Jane Grant and Gill Savage..

The business of the meeting was followed by refreshments, then a very enjoyable session led by Julie Cragie who gave members the opportunity to take part in a short session of the 'Fitsteps' class she runs at The Beeches on Wednesday afternoon.

In March we changed the format of the meeting and spent time talking about what changes we would like to see in our meetings. There was lots of discussion and plenty of ideas. This was followed by a few games of Beetle, organised by Kathy Carver.

In April we will welcome Chris Maxfield who will demonstrate ' Planting Pots and Baskets', and in May there will be a talk by Mr S Temple who will tell us about the restoration of Impington Mill

We meet at 7.30pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at The Beeches. If you are interested do come along, you will be very welcome

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Isleham Society

In February we welcomed Alistair Burn, from the 'Friends of Isleham Nature Reserve', who came to talk to us about Isleham Washes and Reserves. We are fortunate to have such interesting wild life habitats in our village, and very lucky that the Friends of the Reserve take such good care of them.

Alistair illustrated his talk with slides of the birds that breed and overwinter on the Washes, and it was amazing to see the variety that are to be found there. It was a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

Last month the speaker was Graham Higgins who entertained us with 'Tales from the Magistrates Bench'.

Graham has been a Magistrate for 29 years. He told us the history of the position, and also read us several incidents, from years gone by, of miscreants from our own village.

In April Sue Marchant is coming to talk about 'A life with BBC Radio Cambridge', and in May Vernon will be showing photographs of old Isleham. This is always a very popular evening

We meet at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month in the main hall at The Beeches. Visitors are always welcome.

IUFC New Players Needed

We are looking for girls under the ages of 9,10 and 11 to form a new girls teams! We also would like to encourage children to join the under 7s this year, training is on a Sunday 10-11am at Isleham recreation field as we would like to form a new under 8s team next year.
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1st Isleham Cubs (boys & girls 8–10 yrs)	"	Tuesday	6.30–8.00pm	The Beeches
1st Isleham Scouts (boys & girls 10–14 yrs)	"	Tuesday	6.30–8.00pm	The Beeches
Board Games	Alison Young 01638 780351	Last Thursday	2.00–5.00pm	High St. Church
Book Club	Doreen Spiers 01638 780783	2nd Friday	2.00pm	The Beeches
Bowls Club	Chris Wills 01638 780545			The Bowls Club
Bridge Classes	Barry Lowe 01353 658358	Wednesday	10am-noon	The Beeches
Brownies	Bridget Clements 016353 624103	Thursday	6.00 – 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
Daisy Foundation	Helen Plumb 07728 122033	Tuesday	9.45 - 12.15pm	The Beeches
Forever Active	Julie Cragie 07542 518470	Wednesday		
		Strength & Balance	2.30 - 3pm	The Beeches
		Fitsteps	3.00 - 4.30pm	The Beeches
Gala Committee	Lisa Alderson 01638 781717	3rd Monday	7.30pm	The Beeches
Hour of Power	Jeff Pyne 07917 181982	Wednesday	6.30 - 7.30pm	The Beeches
		Saturday	9.00 - 10.00am	The Beeches
Isleham Gardeners	Alison Moughton 07894 473977	3rd Tuesday	7.30pm	The Beeches
Isleham Society	Vernon Place 01638 780449	3rd Thursday	7.30pm	The Beeches
Isleham United Youth FC	Steve Isaacson 07545 395573			
Pilates	Jo Simcock-Simms 07974 653775	Monday	10.00 - 11.00am	The Beeches
			6.00 - 9.00pm	The Beeches
		Wednesday	12 - 1.00pm	The Beeches
Tania Fitness Powerhoops & kettlebells	Tania McQuilkin 07983 440187	Wednesday	9.30-11am	The Beeches
WI	Glenda Preece 01638 780734	2nd Thursday	7.30pm	The Beeches
Yoga	Hannah Ellis 07590 682369	Thursday	6.15 - 8.45pm	The Beeches

Walking Football Are you or a relative interested in playing Walking Football? A local resident is interested in establishing a weekly (oap's) match on the all weather pitch in Isleham. The day and time of the week is still to be determined. Please contact the Parish Clerk on 01638 781687 or email islehampc@gmail.com to register your interest.

• If you would like your club, society, organisation's news and photos, or anything you (and the *Informer* team) think is of interest to the village 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 September 9th for our October 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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24th March, No April Dates, 26th May, 23rd June
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As time now turns to spring and the onset of the new outdoor bowling season, perhaps YOU could get interested in taking up a new hobby. We always welcome new players so you never know, it may be better than you expected. The season starts on Sunday 23rd April, meeting from 2.00pm and anyone is most welcome to come along and see the set up and facilities. Any play on the bowls green is subject to the weather conditions on the day. You do not initially need to bring anything other than a flat pair of shoes as the club has a limited amount of bowls (+ some shoes if needed) that may be used.

During the season we play at all levels of the game so there is something for everyone. We play in a ladies only league and men only league on a Tuesday/Thursday evening and in two mixed leagues (one in the afternoon, Monday or Fridays, the other on various evenings during the week). There are also competitions at all standards and also just the basic entry level bowls.

For further information you can contact either:

Barry Grimwood	01638 781943
Bob Cole	01638 662827
Chris Wills	01638 780545
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Those of you who visit the Railway Nature Reserve will have noticed a second length of hedge has been laid. This is being done to increase the light reaching the floor of the Reserve to encourage a wider variety of plants and hopefully butterflies and other insects. We hope to arrange a butterfly/insect walk for later in the year.

The Isleham Washes are farmed by Steve and Roseanne Thompson , who have been Stewards of the Washes for over 10 years. Alongside them we have tried to look after the many interests of the various wildlife and local people. We have created and maintain 3 rafts and an island, which have barbed wire fences around them to protect nesting birds from inquisitive cows in the spring. In order to keep the vegetation down so the island is suitable for nesting we wade across every year and cut the plants down.

The whole area is superb for a range of birds. Last May walking from the start of the Fenland Boats drove to Isleham weir logged 58 species. Among the rare birds seen in 2016 have been Water Rail, Hobby, Godwits, Marsh sandpipers , Short Eared, Barn and Tawny Owls. There are many wading birds which feed on the edges of the Wash.

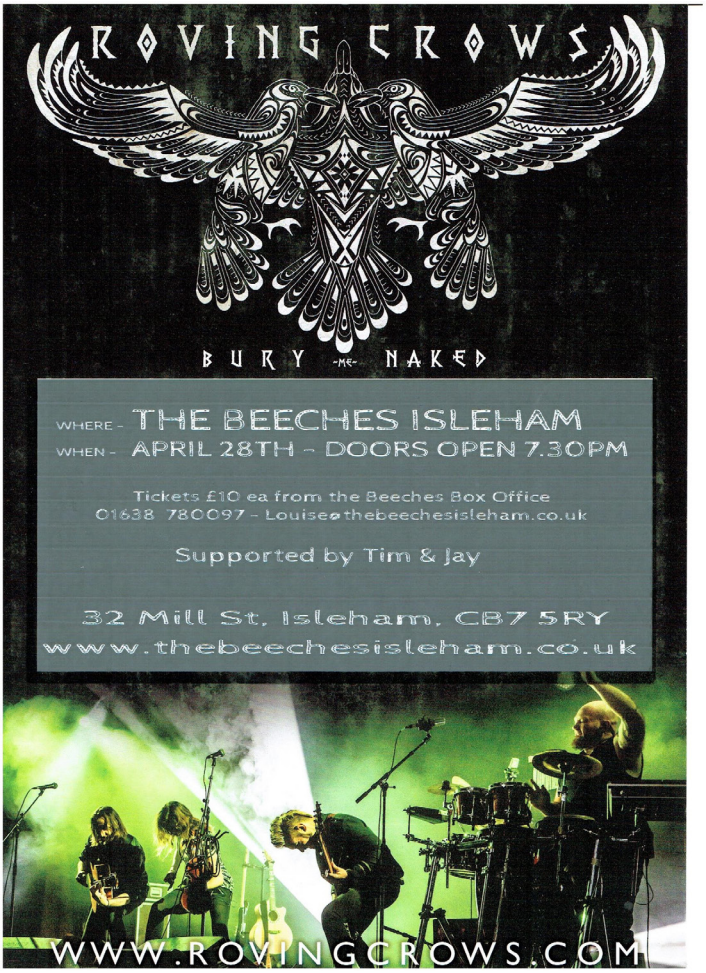
At the time of writing (early March) there are 57 Avocets on the Washes. According to Cambridge Bird Club, over 75 Avocets would mean this small area would make it a site of national importance. The second Wash is about a mile further downstream. The Avocets very easily take to flight and move from wash to wash. They have nested on the Wash in the last 2 years and we are hoping they will succeed again this year.

The things that stop them breeding are disturbance; the Black headed gulls and Oyster catchers are possessive vocal nest builders and soon claim islands and rafts and a pair of Oyster catchers are already in residence.

The footpath and gate leading onto the Wash have been repaired by the Parish Council with steps now leading up to the gate, a great improvement on the previous muddy climb up the bank. When walking on the Wash please be aware of the birds and keep dogs under close control, the birds will stay unless they feel threatened so you can watch them and listen to the beautiful birdsong.

Flying drones over the top of the Wash might also result in disturbance and birds abandoning nests.

March 15th to June 16th is the fishing closed season. No anglers should be by the river at that time.



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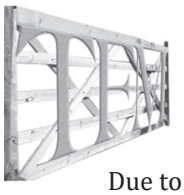

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Isleham Parish Council Update

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL
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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 are set aside each month for public question time. (No food or drink to be bought into the meeting room, please.)

Full copies of the agendas and minutes are available on the Parish Council website, the notice boards outside The Beeches and adjacent to the cenotaph and from the Parish Clerk, Richard Liddington: tel 01638 781687, email islehampc@gmail.com.

District Councillors Report

Police Matters

- PCSO Annie Austin has been assigned to our village. She can be contacted on 07525 227457, Please note that this number must only be used for non emergency issues.
- An attempted ram raid was undertaken on the Co-op.
- Drug paraphernalia has been found on the recreation field.
- A number of recent incidences of Hare Coursing has been reported to the police. Residents are advised to phone 999 should they witness any such suspicious activity.

Recreation Ground Report

- Three new trees have been planted on the recreational field to replace those which unfortunately needed to be felled just after Christmas as a result of disease. (See below)
- Consideration is being given to the long term leasing of parts of the recreational field to the different sports groups within the village.

Play Area and MUGA Report

- The MUGA (all weather pitch) has been cleaned.
- Minor repairs have been undertaken to the original roundabout in the play area and work has been commissioned to repair damage to areas of the skate park.

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.

Isleham Community Association

- The main hall is now being used on a regular basis to show films. Please see http://www.thebeechesisleham.co.u for details of dates and times of forthcoming films.

Wash Matters

- Repairs to the Lugger Bank footpath have taken place.
- A dog waste bin is to be installed at the Kissing Gate.

Highways Report

- The repainting of the Village sign has been commissioned and will be undertaken once the weather improves.

Finance Report

- There will be no increase to the 2016-17 precept charged to the residents of Isleham.

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

Planning Applications (February & March)

16/00457/FUL - New 4 bed dwelling (Amendment). Land adj 22 Little London, Isleham. Mr Turner. Councillors objected on the grounds that previously raised representations have not been address. Specifically that it remains an extension beyond the current envelope.

17/00089 /FUL - Convert existing outbuilding to annexe 17 Mill Street Isleham. Mr G Beamont. No objection.

17/00099/FUL - Construction of 4 bedroomed detached dwelling and garage. Land adj 56 West St Isleham. Mr Clarke. No objection.

17/00190/FUL - Single storey rear extension. 84 The Causeway Isleham. Mr J Bird. No objection.

16/00216/FUL - Proposed six houses with cart lodges. 15 Pound Lane Isleham. Mrs W Davies. Archaeology report acknowledged. Councillors objections remain the same as those submitted in March and June 2016.

17/00222/FUL - Development of 3No three bedroomed bungalows. Site between Houghtons Lane and East Fen Rd Isleham. Mr J Waters. Councillors objected on the ground that:

1. The plans are inaccurate
2. The application is outside of the villages development envelope and takes no account of the proposed Local Plan.
3. Houghtons Lane is no more than a simple, single track, agricultural farm roadway.
4. The houses are not aesthetically interesting.
5. The proposed development does not meet current housing demands.
6. Approval of any houses on this particular site would almost certainly result in further applications being made.
7. This would have a detrimental effect on the local, natural environment.
8. The development doesn't protect the amenities and services of the neighbouring properties.
9. The development would overlook existing. houses and therefore result in a loss of privacy.

17/00223/FUL - Development of 2 No, three bedroomed bungalows. Site between Houghtons Lane and East Fen Rd Isleham. Mr J Waters. Councillors objected on the grounds that:

1. The application is outside of the villages development envelope and takes no account of the proposed Local Plan.
2. East Fen Road is already in a very poor condition, includes limited street lighting and therefore simply not fit for additional traffic.
3. The houses are not aesthetically interesting.
4. The proposed development does not meet current housing demands.
5. Approval of any houses on this particular site would almost certainly result in further applications being made.
6. This would have a detrimental effect on the local, natural environment.
7. The development doesn't protect the amenities and services of the neighbouring properties.
9. The development would overlook existing houses and therefore result in a loss of privacy.

17/00227/FUL - Proposed rear extension and internal alterations. 8 Maltings Lane Isleham. Mr & Mrs Dixon. No objection

17/00217/FUL - Demolition of the former Patterson's store building and erection of 7 dwellings with associated works. 10 Mill Street Isleham. Mr P Sleightholme. Councillors objected on the grounds that:

1. The proposed- demolition of this historic building, which is within our conservation area is clearly against the National Policy framework and would have a detrimental effect on the character of our village.
2. It is not a designated site within the Local Plan
3. We would deem seven houses to be a significant over development of this site.
4. We do not believe that the development should exceed the

footprint of the existing building.
5. The area is surrounded by green space. Such a development would have a detrimental effect on the local wildlife. We also remain extremely disappointed that permission was given by ECDC to remove the existing tress (which are within our conservation zone) without any consultation with either this council or affected residents.
6. We do not believe the existing traffic report to be accurate.
7. The council are committed to retaining buildings and walls made from clunch. We can only assume from the plans that the existing clunch barn would be demolished to make way for site No 7.
8. We do not believe that the bat report is accurate.
9. The design of the houses, particularly those for sites 1-4 are not aesthetically interesting.
10. The design report is inaccurate. Not all the surrounding properties are two story. The houses proposed for sites 6&7 would directly overlook a single story house (9a Mill St) not to mention the houses in Limestone close which are built at a significantly lower ground level
11. The development doesn't protect the amenities and services of the neighbouring properties. The infrastructure and utilities in our village are already over stretched.
17/00255/OUT - Outline application for single storey dwelling along with associated parking, access and site works. Site adjacent to 3 Hall Barn Road Isleham. Mr & Mrs R Clarke, No objection. Councillors were asked to note however that the farm adjacent to this proposed development does generate a significant amount of noise particular from their agricultural machinery.
Considerable interest was also raised by the recent ECDC consultation on the Local Plan. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the proposals.
Planning approvals have been granted for:
16/01459/FUL - Construction of bungalow & garage. Land adjacent 83 The Causeway Isleham. Mr W Gordan.
16/01572/FUL - Proposed two storey side extension & cart lodge 49 Pound Lane Isleham Mr & Mrs Easton. Despite Parish councillors objections that it remains an over extension of the current property.
16/01668/ARN - Conversion of change of use of agricultural storage unit into a 3 bedroom dwelling using existing footprint. Beck Road Isleham Mr J Waters. This fell beyond the remit of consultation with the Parish council.
16/01148/FUL - Retrospective planning permission for erection of shed.
16/01589/FUL - Side storey extension, infilling the rear area with double story extension 8 East Fen Rd Isleham Mr A Stevens.
T1 & T2 Horse chestnut trees at Isleham recreation Ground – Fell to the ground.
TPO/00042/TPO - Tree works. 54 West Street Isleham. Mr P Hedger.
Planning Refusals.
16/00616/OUT - 1 Temple Road, Isleham.
16/00457/FUL - New 4 bed dwelling land adj 22 Little London Isleham Mr R Turner.
Other Matters
It is important to note that issues such as broken street lights, potholes and blocked street drains are the responsibility of East Cambridgeshire District Council, not Isleham Parish Council. Such matters can either come through the Parish Clerk or reported directly via: www.eastcambs.org.uk

The three new trees being planted on the recreation field.

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CHURCHES

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, The Vicarage, 24 Mildenhall Road, Fordham CB7 5NR Tel: 01638 721616 email: banyardmg1@yahoo.co.uk
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Sue Potts, The Vicarage, chippenham CB7 5PP. Tel: 01638 721662. Email: revd.sue@icloud.com
Curate: The Rev'd Duncan Dulais.
Licensed Lay Minister: Helen Banyard, Carol Taylor
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: Rob Savage 01638 780218 robert.savage@islehamchurch.org.uk
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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)
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 seven years 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 (3yrs. – Yr3): **10.00a.m. - 11.15a.m.**
(Mrs Sue Thompson 01638 780030)
All Stars (Yr.4 – Yr.6): **10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m.**
(Mrs Suzanne Hall 01638 781805)
Covies (Yr.7 – 18yrs.): **10.00a.m. – 11.00a.m.**
(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: **9.30-10.30a.m.**
(Mrs. Sue Thompson 01638 780030) Preschool children during school term only). A fun time for your pre-school children – action songs, musical instruments and the ever popular "Sockeroo". Followed by refreshments and a time to relax with friends whilst the children play. New members always welcome.
Covies / All Stars Club Night: **7.00p.m. - 8.30p.m.** (once a month, first Mon. of month)
Wednesday: Church Night: **7.40p.m. - 9.00p.m.**
Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Age from mid-teens upwards.
Thursday: Coffee Morning: **10.00a.m. – 11.30a.m.**
Turn up any time between 10 and 11.30 for free tea, coffee and cakes. Chat with friends and make new ones. Open to any age. Includes an 8 minute "in the news this week" slot in the middle.
Friday : Women's Meeting (Fortnightly): 10.30-11.45am (Sue Hall 01638 780636)
Saturday : Men's Fellowship (2nd Sat.of month): 8.00a.m (Paul Rogerson 01638 781343)

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

For further information on any of the above or if you would like to speak to Pastor Dave:
Phone: 01638 781343
(Church Office) 01638 780636
(Pastor's home) Email: pastor@plfc.org.uk or secretary@plfc.org.uk, Web site: www.plfc.org.uk & www.isleham.com

We'd like to thank everyone who helped in any way with Operation Christmas Child last year. If you packed a box, donated items or helped to check boxes you were part of the team that helped send 2956 boxes to disadvantaged children in Kyrgyzstan from this area.

We are looking forward to our Children's Easter Extravaganza again this year on Saturday 15th April from 1-3pm. See our advert.

High Street Church

As I write, it's clear to see from the gardens around the village that spring is here at last! At Lunch club today we talked about the beauty of God's creation all around us and how thankful we are to live in Isleham and not some inner city. Lunch club is just one of the groups which meets at High St Church. We meet once a month (this was established some 40 years ago by the late Mrs Marjorie Rae) and it continues to provide an opportunity for us who are retired, to meet and chat while we enjoy a hot meal prepared by our team of volunteers. Anyone, resident in Isleham and of retirement age, is welcome to join us and transport is available if you need it. We serve lunch on the second Wednesday of the month, at 12.30, and folk usually leave at about 2pm. The cost of the meal is £3 per head and if you would like to come and join us, please ring the Church office on 780695 to book your place. Sunday's at High St are friendly and welcoming and we are always keen to meet new folk so do consider coming.... there'll be something for all ages and an opportunity to join in as we worship Jesus Christ, the King of Kings.

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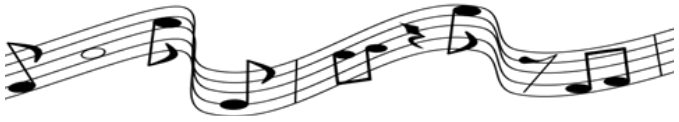

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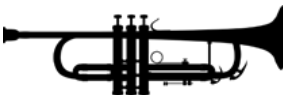

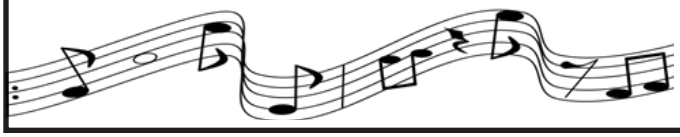

Easter Celebrations at PLFC

We are looking forward to holding our annual Easter children's event on Saturday 15th April 1-3pm. As always the celebration will include an Easter egg hunt, crafts, games, biscuit decorating and a bouncycastle.

We've enjoyed seeing this event grow and grow each

year so why not put the date in your diary to come and visit us at Pound Land Free Church, as always

it's free of charge and lots of fun!

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February 2017

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- 6pm-9pm Pilates

Tuesday –
- 4:00pm- 8pm Ballet/Cubs/Scouts

Wednesday –
- 9am -12 Busy Bees
- 9am -12 Bridge
- 10am -11:30am Needles and Natter
- 12-1pm Pilates
- 6:30pm – 7:30pm Hour of Power

Thursdays –
- 6pm-6:45pm Power Hoops
- 6:45-7:30pm Your Body Class

Friday –
- 7pm-8:30pm Ballroom Dancing

Saturday –
- 9am -10am Hour of Power
- Breakfast Baps 9am - 1pm
- Cafe open from 9am until close event depending

Sunday –
- Cafe open from 9am - close event depending
- Breakfast Baps 9am - 1pm

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Films for May

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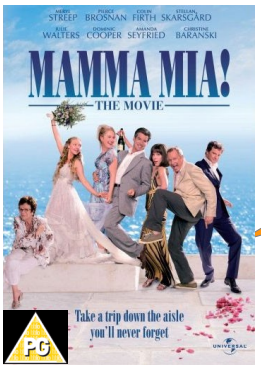

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Sing a Long
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World Book Day 2017

The teachers at Isleham Primary School welcomed a whole host of book characters to school on Thursday 2nd March 2017, in place of the usual school children! There were dragons and wizards, animals and super heroes (to name but a few!) in celebration of the 20th anniversary of World Book Day for 2017. The children looked fantastic and enjoyed several fun activities throughout the day, including 'ERIC' time (everyone reading in class), paired reading with children from different year groups and a photograph competition encouraging them to share their favourite places to read. The C.C.S. Catering team also got into the spirit of the day by preparing and dressing up for a Mad Hatter's Tea Party'! The children enjoyed a choice of themed puddings- 'deck of cards' shortbread biscuits and 'Queen of Hearts' jam tarts!

The day was also an opportunity for teachers to share their favourite books with the children, and to celebrate the wealth of wonderful children's books available for the children to enjoy. Each year for World Book Day, every child nationally has continued to receive a £1 book token which enables them to buy one of the specially produced £1 World Book Day books, or can be used in part payment for any book in major book shops. It was exciting to hear how the children had used their vouchers this year.

The library at Isleham School is exceptionally well stocked, and we are fortunate to be in the privileged position of being able to send a selection of duplicate books to the new library which is opening in our Zambian link school 'Taonga School.' If anyone in the villages has any good quality children's books which could be sent to Zambia, please drop these into the school before the end of April.

I encourage you to visit our school website www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk for more photographs and news about this link and other recent events in school.

Sarah Skillern, Head Teacher

Winners of most creative costumes awards.