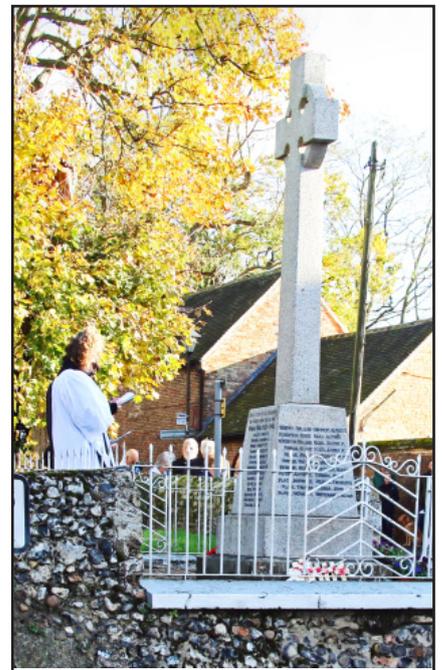


## Remembrance Sunday in the village

Sunday 12th November saw a good turn out of clubs and villagers to remember those who fought in wars and conflicts on behalf of the nation and especially for those local heroes that were from the village.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
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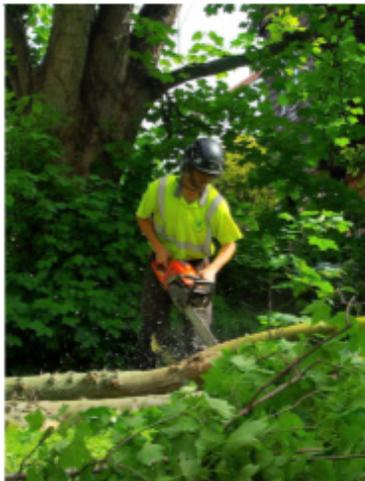
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## REGULARS

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

## December

Fri 1st	Christingle Service	2pm
Mon 4th	U5s Christmas Fair- The Beeches	3.15pm
Mon 4th	Parish Council	7.15pm
Fri 8th	School Xmas Fair	3.30 - 5.30pm
Wed 13th	Library - Church St	12.15 - 1pm
Thur 14th	W.I. Christmas Party	7.30pm
Sat 16th	Father Christmas Grotto & Disco The Beeches	5 - 9 pm
Thur 21st	Library - Mill Street	3.15 - 4.15pm

## January

Mon 8th	Parish Council	7.15pm
Wed 10h	Library - Church St	12.15 - 1pm
Thur 11th	W.I. The Beeches	7.30pm
Thur 18th	Isleham Society	7.30pm
Thur 18th	Library - Mill Street	3.45 - 4.45pm
Wed 24th	Library- Church St	9.45 - 10.10am
Fri 26th	Quiz at the Beeches	7 for 7.30pm

## Village Notes

### Bowls Club Bingo

Wednesday evening 7.30pm is Bingo night at Isleham Bowls Club, and on Wednesday 13th December there is an extra special prize Christmas Bingo. All are welcome, 7pm for 7.30pm.

### Isleham Social Centre bookings

Please note that if you would like to book the St Andrew's Church Social Centre for your event you should contact Angela Wells on 780583 or Mary Wightman on 781022.

## Notes from The Editor

In this final edition of 2017 we have to say a great big 'Thank You' to all the people who deliver The Informer, to Glenda for getting the contributions together, to Fred who organises distribution, and thank you also to every one who contributes, to those who advertise with us, to Emma who manages the adverts and Lisa who lays the whole thing out.

We would also like to wish Ray of the Co-op all the best as he leave's his role for new challenges.

Merry Christmas to you all, and may 2018 bring you peace and happiness.



## Isleham WI

In October we welcomed back Ann Datsun who gave an illustrated talk on the history of glass before demonstrating how to paint on glass.

Members had brought with them a variety of items to decorate, and Ann kindly provided the paints, brushes- and lots of encouragement! The artistic ability of WI members does vary enormously, but we all enjoyed the evening, and went home to 'bake' our treasures for half an hour in a cool oven. In November we held an Open Meeting, and were pleased to welcome friends who came to hear Michelle Booth, who is the president of Fordham WI, who brought along a selection of bags and scarves that we were able to purchase. It was an entertaining evening that ended with a quiz, set by Michelle. On 18th November we organised a Christmas shopping trip to Norwich. The weather was cold but dry, and we had a very pleasant day.

In December we will be holding our Christmas Party.

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

For further information contact Glenda Preece  
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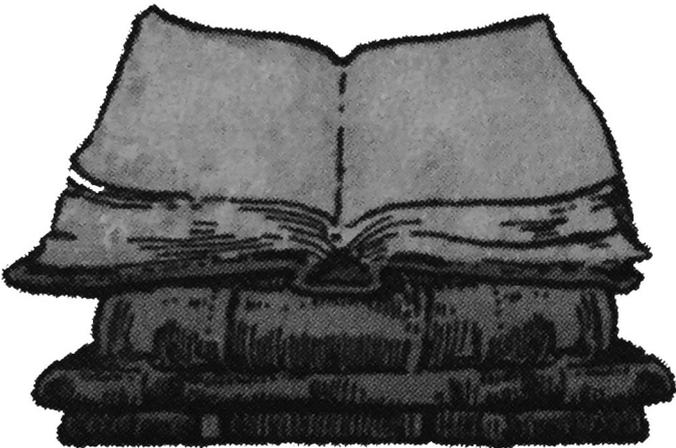
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<b>1st Isleham Cubs</b> (boys & girls 8-10 yrs)	"	Tuesday	6.30-8.00pm	The Beeches
<b>1st Isleham Scouts</b> (boys & girls 10-14 yrs)	"	Tuesday	6.30-8.00pm	The Beeches
<b>Board Games</b>	Alison Young 01638 780351	Last Thursday	2.00-5.00pm	High St. Church
<b>Book Club</b>	Doreen Spiers 01638 780783	2nd Friday	2.00pm	The Beeches
<b>Bowls Club</b>	Sylvia Pinder 01638 720875			The Bowls Club
<b>Bridge Classes</b>	Barry Lowe 01353 658358	Wednesday	10am-noon	The Beeches
<b>Brownies</b>	Bridget Clements 016353 624103	Thursday	6.00 - 7.15pm	High St. Church
<b>Busy Bees</b>	Pre-School 01638 781212	Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30am	The Beeches
<b>Craft Club</b>	Hazel Thompson 01638 780633	Tuesday	1.30 - 4pm	Limestone Centre
<b>Daisy Foundation</b>	Helen Plumb 07728 122033	Tuesday	9.45 - 12.15pm	The Beeches
<b>Fenland Amateur Dramatic Society ("FADS")</b>	Malcom Speirs 01638 780783	3 drama productions a year		The Beeches
<b>Gala Committee</b>	Lisa Alderson 01638 781717	3rd Monday	7.30pm	The Beeches
<b>Hour of Power</b>	Jeff Pyne 07917 181982	Wednesday	6.30 - 7.30pm	The Beeches
		Saturday	9.00 - 10.00am	The Beeches
<b>Isleham Society</b>	Vernon Place 01638 780449	3rd Thursday	7.30pm	The Beeches
<b>Isleham United Youth FC</b>	Jon Marks, by email at jonmarks1965@yahoo.co.uk or 07920843914.			
<b>Isleham Tennis Club</b>	Clint 079 4644 1351			
<b>Isleham Cricket Club</b>	Chairman - Adrian Sheldrick 07775 522765 1st Team Captain- James Tilbrook 07884 582730			
<b>Kick Boxing</b>	Mark Tomlinson 07938 423618	Wednesday	7.45pm - 9.30pm	The Beeches
<b>Pilates</b>	Jo Simcock-Simms 07974 653775	Monday	10.00 - 11.00am	The Beeches
		Wednesday	6.00 - 9.00pm 12 - 1.00pm	The Beeches The Beeches
<b>Tania Fitness Powerhoops &amp; kettlebells</b>	Tania McQuilkin 07983 440187	Wednesday	9.30-11am	The Beeches
<b>Tai Chi</b>	Dave Coogan 01638 78170/ peacefulwarrioraichi@hotmail.com	Wednesday	9.30-11am	The Beeches
<b>WI</b>	Glenda Preece 01638 780734	2nd Thursday	7.30pm	The Beeches
<b>Yoga</b>	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 10th for our October issue. 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.

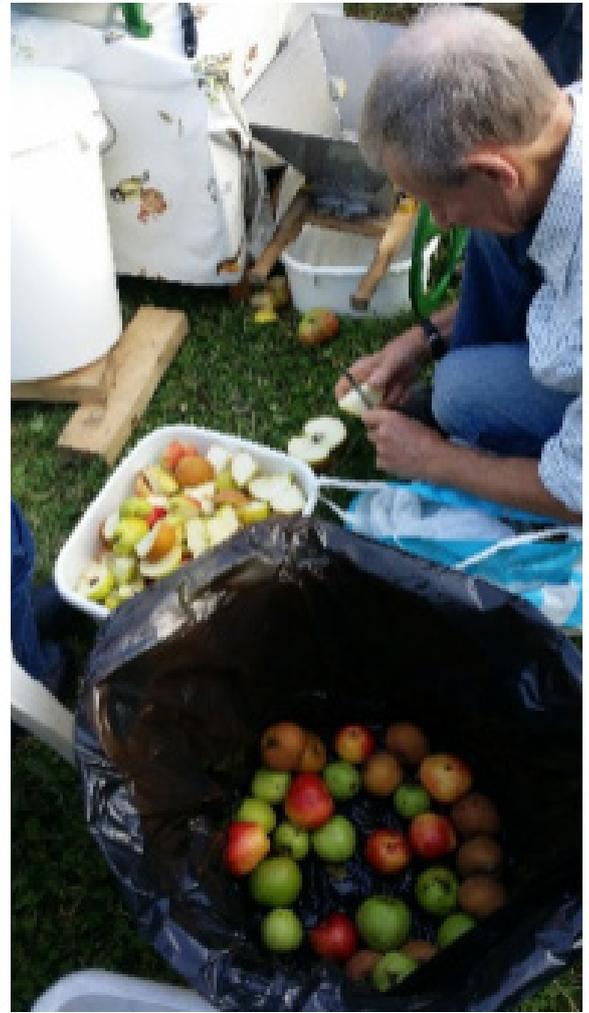
# Community Orchard update

Not many people seem to have found the Community Orchard in Isleham . It is only 150 m from the Beeches . It was established a few years ago by a few enthusiastic volunteers (with the help of the Parish Council) and now has 30 or so apple trees of regional apple varieties that have reached 2 - 3 m tall . The trees were sponsored by individuals and groups to enrich the village community . They should grow much bigger in the next few years. It also provides a sheltered seating area to enjoy being in nature in the heart of the village.

Recently we had various apple themed activities on a gentle Sunday afternoon to celebrate National Apple Day.... A local cider producer was on hand to offer samples of several types of cider. Large numbers of apples were cut up and crushed in an apple press to make lots of excellent apple juice. The adventurous could try to pick up apples floating in a tub with their teeth, or try their skill at lobbing apples into a bucket.

There were also some excellent toffee apples and apple cakes and pies to sample . A great time was had by all. We had more visitors than last year, and were grateful for the benign weather. A week later we had some help with 2 wardens of Natural England , from Chippenham Fen , to cut the tall grass between the trees .

We left various swathes of grass for ecological reasons . The mechanical scythe left the clover rich grass in long lengths , that can be used for hay for animals. Some Cambridge Council volunteers helped us rake it up . It is available for anyone who wants some at the end of the orchard. Come and take some for animal food or bedding ... Several Halloween pumpkins are rotting gently in the hedges of the orchard, to give many animals some much needed help over the next few cold months . Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year ..... Avi Stacey ( Friends of Isleham Nature Reserves )



# The Beeches Entertainers bring back the panto!

At the time of writing, the Beeches Entertainers are just two weeks' away from their sell out Murder Mystery "Death by Paintbrush", but even now, with dress rehearsals and final touches being put in place for that production, the team are already looking forward to bringing back the traditional Easter-time pantomime to Isleham.

"The Panto is Behind You", which is going to be the group's next performance at the Beeches on Friday 23rd March and Saturday 24th March, has been written especially for the Beeches Entertainers and it promises to be a family show featuring some of your favourite pantomime characters as you've never seen them before!

A spokesperson for the group said "We are so proud and excited to be able to bring the first pantomime for the village since the Beeches opened, and because it's such a special event, we have something rather special for our audiences too. There will be a fancy dress competition for the children, and where else can you get Peter Pan, The Ugly Sisters and the Snow Queen, to name a few, all in one place?"

The team are also on the lookout for new faces to join them. "We're looking for people on or off stage who want to be part of this amazing group bringing enjoyment and fun to the community in Isleham and the local surrounding areas."

Auditions for "The Panto is Behind You" are being held at the Limestone Centre on 5th December at 7.30pm. Rehearsals will start in January and will be at least once per week.

Anyone interested in joining the team in any capacity can either come along on the night, or contact via their Facebook page (@BeechesEntertainers) or via Twitter (@BeechesEnts).



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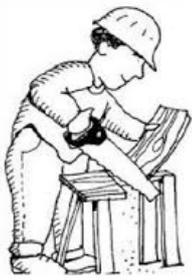
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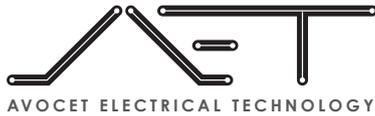
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# Isleham Society

The society is a group of friends interested in our village, its history, traditions, its preservation and development. We have a variety of speakers from around the area. The society is a charity "excepted from the requirement to register"

In September The speaker was Richard Fletcher who spoke about Professor Bill Tutte, of Newmarket, who broke the extremely complex Lorenz code used by the Germans, without ever seeing the machine that generated it. Unlike Alan Turing he has never been recognised by the public for his efforts in shortening WW2.

The Bill Tutte Memorial Fund was set up and the Memorial, in Newmarket. It incorporates cryptic references to Bill Tutte and his achievement. The principal feature of the memorial is an array of six brushed stainless steel panels, approximately 7 ft tall and perforated to resemble punched paper tape, symbolising the medium in which Lorenz coded messages were transmitted. When viewed from a particular spot an image of the Professor can be seen.

In October members took a trip round the Fens and the Ouse Washes accompanied by the Cambridge historian Mike Petty who gave a very interesting account of the draining of the Fens. We finished up at Jenyns Arms where we enjoyed a very pleasant lunch. Thanks to Ann Cant who organised the trip.

We do not meet in December, but usually we meet monthly at 7.30pm in The Beeches, on the 3rd Thursday of the month, and visitors are always welcome.



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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 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.

## **Allotment Matters**

There are still a number of plots available on both the Dunstall and Three Trees Allotment sites. The rent for a ten rod plot which equates to 252m<sup>2</sup> is just £15 per annum! Please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

## **Highways Report:**

Despite the recent repainting of yellow lines on West Street and Mill Street, parking outside the COOP remains a major concern, with drivers continuing to park either across the footpath or on the double yellow lines. This clearly causes danger to pedestrians and other drivers as well as damaging the pavement. Can we please ask all residents to ensure they use the designated parking spaces at the rear and immediately in front of the building?

Similarly, can we politely ask residents NOT to park their vehicles on grass verges as this damages both the verges and footpaths

Thank you to those residents that supported the recent Bulb Planting day. We look forward to seeing the bulbs blossom in the spring!

## **Recreation Ground**

The Parish Council would also like to extend their appreciation to those residents who attended the recent public consultation meeting regarding the 3G pitch. At the Parish Council meeting on the 6th November the Council agreed in principle to the leasing of a piece of the recreation field to enable the Youth Football team to pursue funding for the building of the 3G pitch.

Can we please remind residents once again that dogs are not allowed on any part of the recreation ground?

## **Planning Applications\*:**

16/00055/OUM. (Amendment) Land adjacent to 8 Hall Barn Rd Isleham. Cloughmore Homes Ltd.

No comment.

17/01390/FUL Construction of 2 bedroom single storey detached dwelling. (Amendment) Land to south of 35 Pound Lane. Isleham. Mr Reed. Conditional objection on the grounds that the footpath at the front of the proposed development is extended across the front of the property.

17/01484/FUL Single storey rear extension. Replacement front porch. Replacement windows and doors. 39 West Street

Isleham. Mr Rashed.

No comment.

17/01419/FUL Single storey side and rear extension. 4 Station Rd Isleham. Mr & Mrs Purdie.

No comment.

17/01532/FUL Proposed erection of 1 No private dwelling and associated works. 60 Beck Road Isleham. AJS architectural and Planning Consultancy.

Objection on the grounds:

-that this would be a significant over development of the site  
- potential highways / safety issues of vehicles accessing Beck Road

17/01636/FUL Proposed erection of 1 No private detached dwelling and cart lodge. 53 Pound Lane Isleham. Mr G Baxter. Objection on the grounds:

- that previously submitted concerns have not been addressed  
- potential highways / safety issues of vehicles accessing Prickwillow Road

17/01698/VAR To vary condition 1 (approved drawings) of previously approved 15/01367/FUL for the proposed one 1 & ½ storey dwelling, garage and new access drive. Lilybob 58a West Street Isleham. Mr & Mrs Clarke

Objection on the grounds that the increased height of the amendment is out of scale with surrounding properties and to the detriment of the historic, nearby hall.

17/01710/FUL Construction of new workshop. 8 Church St Isleham. Mr Manchett

Conditional objection on the grounds that:

- the footprint of the workshop is brought in line with the new house  
- it is constructed of the same bricks as those used on the remaining development  
- any railings at the front of the premises are extended as appropriate

17/01729/FUL. Proposed demolition of redundant workshops/barn and replacing with private detached dwelling and associated works. 2 Station Road Isleham. Mr & Mrs Hawkins.

Conditional objection on the grounds that the existing historic boundary wall to the north of the development is retained.

17/01750/FUL Single storey rear extension. Bramley Cottages 4 Coates Drove Isleham. Mrs Burn.

No comment

17/01795/FUL Construction of 3 bedroom detached dwelling. Land adjacent 3 Croft Rd Isleham. Mr Coleman. Objection of the grounds of:

- overdevelopment of the site  
- adverse impact on surrounding properties  
- lack of replacement car parking at adjacent property  
- impact of additional traffic on the already busy Maltings Lane  
- lack of external access by the adjacent property to their own garden

## **Planning Approvals:**

17/00422/OUT Outline application for 1.5 storey dwelling along with associated parking, cart lodge, access and site works. 24 Prickwillow Rd Isleham. Mr Hudson.

17/01002/FUL Replacement of existing cottage and carport/studio. The Old Anchor Cottage 16 Prickwillow Rd Isleham. Mr B Tricker.

17/01245/LBC & 17/01295/FUL Replacement of outside balcony and cellar windows. The Manor House 2 Pound Lane Isleham. Mr Jones.

17/01247/FUL Development of 3 No. three bedroom bungalows. Land adjacent to 2 Houghtons Lane Isleham. Mr Waters.

17/01379/FUL Menage and horse walker. Poppies 23 Prickwillow Rd Isleham. Mrs Macey.

17/01390/FUL Construction of 2 bedroom single storey detached dwelling. (Amendment) Land to south of 35 Pound Lane. Isleham. Mr Reed.

17/01484/FUL Single storey rear extension. 39 West St Isleham. Mr Rashed.

17/01532/FUL Proposed erection of 1 No private dwelling and associated works. 60 Beck Road Isleham. AJS architectural and Planning Consultancy.

17/01750/FUL Single storey rear extension. Bramley Cottages 4 Coates Drove Isleham. Mrs Burn.

DC/16/0866/VAR Variation of conditions 5 & 6 of F/2001/768 to extend the opening hours to allow for continued use of land as motocross track on a permanent basis and variation to conditions. Motocross circuit Hayland Drove. West Row. Mr T Waters. As the noise from this track can affect a significant part of our village we are very disappointed by the approval of this extension of hours. The approval is however only initially awarded until March 2019 so it is vital that WSDC are made aware of ALL incidences of noise disturbance from the circuit, ideally using the forms which can be found at: <https://web-cache.googleusercontent.com/search...>

As Isleham Parish Council are in direct liaison with both WSDC and ECDC on this matter we would ask that residents complete and email these forms to myself, at [islehampc@gmail.com](mailto:islehampc@gmail.com) (Marina residents should send their completed forms to [info@mildenhall.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:info@mildenhall.suffolk.gov.uk))

Other Planning Matters:

17/01443/LBC Proposed erection of 1 No private detached dwelling and garage and restoration / reinstatement of existing clunch boundary wall. Land South of 68 and 68a West St Isleham. Mr Clarke. Application withdrawn.

15/01009/DISA To discharge condition 4 ( slate details and condition 5 (window and door details) of decision dated 9/11/15 for the revised position of 2 doors and 1 roof light and 3 new windows for previously approved 15/00403/FUL. 14 Pound Lane Isleham. Mr Goldsack.

Additional Planning Meetings: A reminder that the Parish Council now hold (were necessary) interim monthly meetings to consider planning applications. Such meeting will be advertised on Parish notice boards, the Parish website and the Isleham News Facebook page.

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# A Message from Lucy Fisher



I wanted to take the opportunity to wish all my constituents a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to come. 2017 has flown by with so much to do and an unexpected election on top! I have been pursuing with vigour the roll out of superfast broadband across the constituency regularly meeting and speaking with all involved pressing for more, quicker! I am also pursuing a campaign to get South East Cambridgeshire selected as a test bed for the trialling of the next generation of

digital infrastructure through industrial 5G pilots.

As most of you will know by now, education is a passion of mine and I am relentless in my efforts to pursue fairer funding for our schools. I take every opportunity to engage with both schools and the Secretary of State for Education to ensure our requirements are front of mind. I welcome the recent announcement of £3.1 million more for our constituency and I will continue on this mission to pursue funding wherever it is available.

Other projects I am involved with around education include encouraging businesses to work hand in hand with schools with specific reference to STEM subjects and building pathways to future careers in local businesses. I am also driving a project to reduce the costs of teacher recruitment through an online government website.

Infrastructure projects occupy a lot of my time, fighting for necessary funding and maintaining a presence where projects are underway to ensure where possible they remain on schedule and on budget. The start of works on the Ely Southern Bypass in March was the culmination of a great deal of work and lobbying by a great many people including myself and I'm delighted work is now underway. I am very much behind the Greenways initiative to introduce more cycle and multi-purpose routes into Cambridge.

The range and diversity of businesses across the constituencies is vast. I maintain a close dialogue with the business community as I do with the farming community and I have welcomed the opportunities I've had over the past 12 months to meet with the team at Asynt and at Tompsett Burgess Growers

I enjoy every opportunity I have to meet with constituents from all walks of life and have enjoyed a range of activities: welcoming members of St Andrew's Church to Westminster, having lunch with pupils at Kettlefields Primary School, spending time at The Beeches Community Centre in Isleham, joining Women's Institute gatherings and opening summer fetes amongst other things. I never like to pass up the chance to exchange views and hear any issues constituents may have.

All across the constituency, over recent weeks, our senior school pupils have been busy debating. This year marks the 4th inter schools debating competition since I became a Parliamentary Candidate and first initiated the idea. The final sees 14 students debating in the House of Commons. I am so grateful for all the support I receive from constituents young and old and I look forward to working as hard as I can on your behalf in the coming year.

To keep up with what Lucy is doing on a more regular basis, you can sign up for her newsletter at [www.lucyfrazer.org.uk](http://www.lucyfrazer.org.uk) and / or follow her on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy](http://www.facebook.com/FrazerLucy)

# CHURCHES

## St Andrew's Parish Church

All are welcome in this community of faith in Jesus Christ. St Andrew's is part of the Three Rivers Group of parishes, also including the parishes of Chippenham, Fordham, Kennett and Snailwell. Do join us for worship and fellowship.

Rector: David Cleugh, The Vicarage, 24 Mildenhall Road, Fordham, CB87 5NR 01638 723010 davidrcleugh@gmail.com  
Associate Priest: Sue Potts. The Vicarage, Chippenham, CB7 5PP 01638 721662 revd.sue@icloud.com  
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Kathy Carver kathy@carverfamily.org.uk  
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Tower Captain: Ruth Ogden 01638 780646 ruth.ogden@islehamchurch.org.uk  
Webmaster: Andrew Stephens 01638 781468/780229 www.islehamchurch.org.uk

### Worship

Our main Sunday service is at 9.30 am with Junior Church meeting in the social centre. On the Third Sunday of the month we worship together at an All Age Communion Service.  
Monday: 9.00am Morning Prayer at 7, The Close, Kennett  
Tuesday 8.15am Morning Prayer Social Centre Isleham  
Wednesday 8.15am Morning Prayer St Margaret's Church, Chippenham  
7pm Compline St Peter's Church Snailwell  
Thursday 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) St Peter and St Mary Magdalene Church, Fordham  
Friday 8.15am Morning Prayer St Peter and St Mary Magdalene Church, Fordham  
6.30pm Choir Practice: St Andrew's Church (beginners welcome)  
7.30pm Bell Practice: St Andrew's Church (beginners welcome)

Social: Coffee Morning every Tuesday 9am-12noon Social Centre: Tea, Coffee, Bacon sandwiches, village gossip, post office, fun what more could you want?

### Special Services

Sunday 10th December 4pm (No 9.30 service) Community Carols as part of the festival of light.  
Sunday 24th December 4pm Carols around the Crib (No 9.30 Service)  
Sunday 24th December 11.30pm Midnight Mass#  
Monday 25th December 9.30am Christmas Communion  
Sunday 31st December 10.30 Group Ride and Stride Fordham (No service at St Andrew's)  
Sunday 7th January 4pm Epiphany Service (No 9.30 service)

## Introducing the new Rector of The Three Rivers Group - or perhaps we will just say David.

I'm delighted to be taking up this post and I'm looking forward to working with and for the people of the five parishes as together we can make God's presence felt in our part of East Cambridgeshire and beyond.

I grew up in a village called Ravenshead about ten miles north of Nottingham. From there I went to read for a degree in Mathematics at New College, Oxford. More significantly perhaps this is where my calling to the priesthood was first fostered. It was whilst studying at Oxford that I first met Hannah; we were friends for a while before we became and "item". We have now been married just over twelve years.

After the Maths degree I spent a year in St Albans working at the cathedral there, before returning to Oxford to work in Customer Services for Blackwell Publishing. From there we moved to Cuddesdon, which is just outside Oxford, to train for ordination. We both went on from there to serve our curacies in the Dorchester-on-Thames Team Ministry, working within the same team but in different parishes.

After finishing our curacies we headed to the Northeast of England where Hannah was born and raised. Hannah worked as Chaplain and Research Fellow at University College Durham and David was priest-in-charge of three parishes (with four churches) on the outskirts of Consett, Hannah was appointed Senior Chaplain to the Bishop of Ely earlier this year and so we now embark on a new phase of our ministries in a new place.

In my spare time I enjoy reading (murder mysteries being a particular favourite), listening to music (mainly classical and choral), walking (see below) and cooking (particularly baking sweet things).

I'm also keen to get back into gardening, moving from the top of a hill in the cold north to Ely I'm hoping that growing conditions will be a little easier in my new garden. Of course last but not least there are Rory and Obi our nine year collie shaped mongrel and seven year old English Springer Spaniel.

David Cleugh



## Pound Lane Free Church

We warmly invite anyone to join us on Sunday morning or evening as we worship together, or a Wednesday evening for prayer and bible study. If you've never stepped into a church before and are curious or simply wish to come and look around and learn about the historical building - you're very welcome to come on a Thursday morning (10.00-11.30am) to enjoy tea, coffee, cake and a quick round of dominoes during our weekly "open doors" Coffee Morning. There is no charge or donation, children are welcome and with a regular attendance of 10-15 people from the village, you're likely to recognise a face. During the morning a short (8 minute) presentation is given looking at something in the news from a Christian perspective.

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

Elder: Mr. Matthew Hall (01638 781805)  
Please feel free to call or email the pastor for any further information.

Every Sunday:  
Sunday worship: 11.00a.m. & 6.30p.m.  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper:  
1st Sunday following evening service  
3rd Sunday following morning service  
A Crèche is available for babies to 7 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  
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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)  
Fellowship Meeting (monthly): 12.00 – 2.00pm (Church office 01638 781343) For older folks – starts with a meal.

Saturday : Men's Fellowship (2nd Sat. of month): 8.00am  
(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](mailto:pastor@plfc.org.uk) or [secretary@plfc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@plfc.org.uk)  
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Full details of all our services, events, core beliefs and contact details are on our website: <http://plfc.org.uk>

As I write this we are just gearing up for Operation Christmas Child 2017. We want to say "thank you" to the Co-op for allowing us to distribute leaflets again this year.  
If you are one of the many friends who prepare a box or come and help us process boxes – thank you – we couldn't do it without you! Your box will have brought joy to a disadvantaged child this year and shown them they are loved.

Our Candlelit Carol Service is on Sunday 17th December at 6.15pm. It's a lovely start to the Christmas season, do come along and enjoy singing some of the traditional Christmas Carols and watch the children take part in sketches and a Nativity. The service will be followed by refreshments.  
Christmas Day Service 25th Dec. 10.30am – you are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus – the Light of the World. The service is followed by refreshments.

## High Street Church

What a lovely time of year this is.....Christmas is just around the corner! Our homes are warm and cosy, mysterious parcels are being wrapped and hidden away, and decorations just increase the excitement.

Most folk will spend time with their family and friends but some will enjoy a quieter, restful day. If you are going to be on your own and would prefer not to be, please feel free to ring 01638 780652 and speak to Kathryn. We have families who are keen to have a guest or two on Christmas Day so just let us know your name and contact details and we will be in touch.

Christmas is so much more than food and presents, though we all enjoy those, it's that special time of year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Most of us at High Street couldn't imagine life without knowing Him and receiving His love and forgiveness. We continually give thanks to God (not just in December) for sending His son as a baby, this baby named Jesus, the Saviour of the world. This verse from the Bible, 2 Corinthians chapter 9 and verse 15, says it all....'Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift'..... yes, there really is a lot to celebrate!

Join us at High Street for either or both of our Christmas services on December 24th. We will be holding an all age family service at 10.30am and our carol service at 6.30pm....you will be very welcome.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas from all at High Street.  
Kathryn Kyte

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# Isleham CofE Primary

## School

### Thanks to the Fen or Fifty Charity

The annual general meeting of the 'Fen or Fifty' Charities partnership took place on 30th October 2017, and I was once again able to attend in my capacity as Headteacher of the village Primary School to thank the Fen or Fifty Charity for their exceptional generosity once again in the 2016-17 school year, funding lots of extra opportunities and items which we could not otherwise have purchased:-

1. the new sports kit for the children to wear when attending local sports tournaments,
2. the repair of our bank of brass instruments and funding of the class lessons and instrument hire for all 30 Year 4 children from January through to July
3. placement rugs for our Key Stage 1 and early years' classes, with a picture or shape for each child to sit on, and
4. the wooden triangular tepee, planters and water feature for our new reflection zone outside.

In addition, the Isleham Charities Partnership vouchers donated back to the school each Christmas by over 60s in the village enable the school to purchase additional books each year for the library. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Charity and supports the school in this way.



We are incredibly lucky to have the Charity's ongoing support, and are delighted that this year the Charity will provide the opportunity for the school to purchase lighting and radio microphones for school productions, as well as ukulele and brass lessons for two entire year groups, and much-appreciated support for families in hardship to enable all children to attend the Year 6 residential visit in 2018.

# Isleham Beavers News

This term 1st Isleham beavers have welcomed 14 new beavers after some moved up to become cubs. We have been busy working on badges. The children have worked on their green cross code, obstacle course and team work challenges.

In our second week of the term the children completed the Mr Men and Little Miss marathon sponsored event. This involved covering 26 steps in a relay and coming up with 26 words beginning with the letter 'b'. This was a great success and the children raised £250 for children with cancer.



We have had a Halloween party and cooked s'mores over candles, some of the children have achieved their first night away with the beavers and are great at putting up tents. The children also joined over 300 beavers from across Cambridgeshire for our annual day at Duxford Imperial War Museum.



Coming up we have a trip to Legoland, a cross sectional district camp/funday, a county camp just for beavers, quizzes, games and much much more.

With all the exciting things we have coming up across our sections we would like to ask Can you inspire? Are you bursting with energy and ideas? Are you most at home in a room full of people, helping bring out the best in them? Good. Then you'll do nicely as a volunteer manager for our Scout Group.

We promise to support you every step of the way, and no you don't need to have been a Cub or a Scout.

# The Beeches Update



The Beeches has been a hive of activity recently with numerous parties, events and meetings. It is four years now since we initially opened and as chair of trustees I thank everyone for the support received. I also thank Louise Quinn and our wonderful staff and volunteers for all that they continue to do to make the centre the success that it is.

For the year just ended on 31st Oct we have again achieved our goals for Isleham and surrounding area and financially too. Just this week we have again attained. 5\* rating from environmental health. From our last update we are delighted to announce that Brett Turton has stepped forward as a trustee, and now joined formally by Glenda Preece as a co-opted Parish Council trustee. There is still room for two further trustees should anyone want to help in that manner, and financial knowledge would be particularly useful.

Volunteering can be in many forms. Perhaps you may be keen on committees or management but others may well welcome the opportunity for company and involvement. Please, if you have any thoughts about volunteering, in any guise we'd love to hear from you. From an hour a week to working bars on busy evenings of bar work. So please make contact for a completely no obligation chat with any trustee or Louise our centre manager.

We are fully booked between now and Christmas with a full variety of bookings. We have two theatre productions, live music, Christmas parties and private parties. User groups continue to grow and use the centre meeting rooms, bar, and main hall. The IUYFC are striving for their 4G playing surface and all boys and men's teams, not forgetting the girls and ladies our changing facilities are in high demand.

On behalf of The Beeches, Isleham I'd like to thank you again and wish you and all family and friends the best Christmas ever this year. As for 2018 we have loads here to look forward too, so look forward to seeing you very soon.

Merry Christmas

Mark Goldsack, Chair of Trustees, The Beeches Isleham

# Annual Sportsmen's Evening

The annual Sportsmen's Evening was held at The Beeches earlier in November.

The speakers, Chris Sutton, seen here with Mark Goldsack, Chair of the Trustees of ICA, and Paul Nixon, who was recently appointed Head Coach at Leicestershire County Cricket Club, entertained 120 guests at fabulous evening enjoyed by all.

All profit from the evening will go towards refurbishment of our popular Centre



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- ✓ A robust and efficient 'little black book' of everything an Amputee needs access to: sports clubs, expert surgeons in the field, holistic therapists, financial support
- ✓ Events calendar combining every event in the Amputee world including sports
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**St. Andrew's, Isleham  
Festival of Light  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> and Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec  
with  
Christmas Fair Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
December.**

If you would like to place a tree in Church during our annual event or have a stall at our Christmas Fair please contact

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Everyone's welcome to  
**Isleham Under Five's Association Christmas Fair**  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Games, crafts and biscuit decorating and lots more.....

Face painting  
Tasty Refreshments  
Santa's grotto  
Raffle with great prizes!

Tombola  
Spikes & Ponies will be there to cut or style hair!  
Sweet treat

Reindeer food to put out on Xmas Eve!!

**Where: The Beeches, Mill Street, Isleham**  
**Time: 3.15 - 5.15pm**



*Isleham Primary School*  
*Christmas Fair 2017*  
*Isleham Primary School*  
*8<sup>th</sup> December*  
*3.30pm-5.30pm*

*Free Entry*  
*Lucky Dip*  
*Grand Draw*  
*B-B-Q*

*Gift Stalls*  
*Tombola*  
*Santa's Grotto*  
*Games*



**The Beeches, Isleham**  
**Family Christmas Grotto & Disco**  
**16<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
 Meet Santa from 4pm-6pm  
 All children £2pp entry  
 includes a gift for each child and hand stamp entry to the disco

**Disco from 5pm-9pm**

Adults = £3.00  
 Children = £1.00

This is a Pay on the door event.  
 We would love to see you get into the festive spirit with us.

**Call The Beeches on 01638 780097**