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*We are back and looking forward to 2017!*

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## Festival of Light

Thank you to everyone in Church and in the wider village community who supported The Festival of Light in St. Andrew's church during December.

We opened the event with a very busy and successful Christmas Fayre followed by the more reflective sessions when people enjoyed the splendour of the Church, it's architecture enhanced by the lighting and the beauty of the trees.

The Festival is supported by most community groups in the village, and also by individuals.

The Church looks beautiful as it welcomes parishioners, and others from further away, who come to enjoy this annual event.

The Carol Service by tree light was a fitting finale to the Festival with almost 200 people gathering to sing their favourite carols.

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*We are already planning the 2017 event and look forward to seeing you all there.*



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# From the Editor.....

Welcome to the February edition of The Informer. You may have noticed that we haven't been around recently, but hopefully -with the help of Lisa Alderson who has volunteered to take over the task of putting everything together - we are back on track.

Many thanks to Zoe French who did the job so successfully for the past few years, and to Ed Mayall who has edited The Informer for longer than he likes to remember; at least 12 years. We do need someone to take over from him, so if there is anyone interested in helping please do get in touch.

Looking at the list of clubs, there is a lot going on in our village, and we now have Film Night at The Beeches every month to add to the list of Dates for your Diary. If there is anything you would like added please let us know.

Finally, The Informer can only include the information we are given -we don't make it up! So if you have anything you would like to comment on, report, inform or even moan about (not too much) then let us know.

Dead line for the April edition is 9th March.

**Happy New Year!**



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## Useful Information

### Mobile Library

|                            |               |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
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| Church Street              | 2.15pm        | 3pm           |
| Mill Street                | 3.05pm        | 5pm           |

3rd Friday of the month: Church St 9.30am-10.10am

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|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
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| Newmarket Hospital .....                     | 01638 564000            |
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| Gas Emergencies .....                        | 0800 111999             |
| Anglian Water Leaks .....                    | 0800 771881             |
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## Dates for Your Diary

If there is anything you would like included here for future issues: contact Glenda Preece, T: 01638 780734 E: gjprece@aol.com.

### REGULARS

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

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

### February

|               |                         |                           |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thursday 2nd  | Mobile Library          | Church St. 2.15-3pm       |
|               | Mill St. 3.05-5pm       |                           |
| Monday 6th    | Parish Council          | The Beeches, 7.15pm       |
| Thursday 9th  | W.I.                    | The Beeches, 7.30pm       |
| Friday 10th   | Movies at The Beeches - |                           |
|               | Bridget Jone's Baby     | The Beeches, 7 for 7.30pm |
| Sunday 12th   | Movies at The Beeches - |                           |
|               | Finding Dorey (12)      | The Beeches, 2 for 2.30pm |
| Sunday 19th   | Indoor Car Boot         | The Beeches, 1-5pm        |
| Thursday 16th | Isleham Society         | The Beeches, 7.30pm       |
| Tuesday 21st  | Gardeners Club          | The Beeches, 7.30pm       |
| Friday 17th   | Mobile Library          | Church St. 9.30-10.05am   |
| Friday 24th   | Quiz Night              | The Beeches, 7.30pm       |
| Monday 27th   | Gala Meeting            | The Beeches, 7.30pm       |

### March

|               |                            |                           |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thursday 2nd  | Mobile Library             | Church St. 2.15-3pm       |
|               | Mill St. 3.05-5pm          |                           |
| Monday 6th    | Parish Council             | The Beeches, 7.15pm       |
| Friday 10th   | Movies at The Beeches -    |                           |
|               | Bridge of Spies (12A)      | The Beeches, 7 for 7.30pm |
| Sunday 12th   | Movies at The Beeches -    |                           |
|               | The Secret Life of Pets    | The Beeches, 2 for 2.30pm |
| Thursday 9th  | W.I.                       | The Beeches, 7.30pm       |
| Thursday 16th | Isleham Society            | The Beeches, 7.30pm       |
| Tuesday 21st  | Gardeners Club             | The Beeches, 7.30pm       |
| Friday 17th   | Mobile Library             | Church St. 9.30-10.05am   |
| Friday 24th   | Quiz Night                 | 7.30pm, The Beeches       |
| Monday 27th   | Gala Meeting               | The Beeches, 7.30pm       |
| Sunday 26th   | Mother's Day Afternoon Tea | The Beeches, 12-4pm       |

## Village Notes

• **The Dunstall Apprentice Grants** remains at £250. If you are starting an apprenticeship or going to University in the autumn please contact the Clerk to see if you qualify for a grant.

• **POPPY APPEAL 2016.** Pauline Wilkes & Gill Savage (Isleham Poppy Appeal Organisers) would like to thank everyone who donated so generously to the 2016 appeal. Special thanks are due to Brian Challis, who spent a great deal of his spare time collecting around the village.

A total of £1,604.35 has been sent to the Poppy Appeal fund.

**Gill Savage.**

Isleham Parish Office at The Beeches

The Parish Clerk will be available:

Monday 2pm - 6pm

Tuesday 10am - 2pm



# Isleham Society

We started the New Year with the AGM on Thursday 19th January. We were all pleased that Vernon Place agreed to stand again as Chairman, and was re-elected.

After the business we were presented with a quiz 'How well do you know Isleham?' compiled by Ann Cant, which everyone enjoyed. This was followed by a buffet provided by members; a very enjoyable evening.

We have some very interesting speakers for the rest of the year:

|               |                                   |                  |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| February 16th | Isleham Washes and reserves       | Alistair Burn    |
| March 16th    | Tales from the Magistrates Bench  | Graham Higgins   |
| April 20th    | 'A life with BBC Radio Cambridge' | Sue Marchant     |
| May 18th      | Old Isleham                       | Vernon Place     |
| June 15th     | Visit to the Horse Racing Museum  |                  |
| July 20th     | 'Ouse Washes, people and places'  | Mike Petty       |
| August        | No Meeting                        |                  |
| Sept 21st     | 'Bill Tutte'                      | Richard Fletcher |
| Oct 19th      | Outing to Bletchley Park          |                  |
| Nov 16th      | 'Heart Matters'                   | Kathy Carver     |
| December      | No meeting                        |                  |

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



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2016 was a good year for Isleham WI; we had some very interesting speakers and enjoyable outings

Have you heard the Newmarket Town Crier?

She came to our meeting in July and gave us a very entertaining and amusing talk.

In September we had our Harvest Supper. Our numbers were rather depleted, but the food was lovely and we had a pleasant evening.

In October we have Members Night, when the evening's entertainment was Bingo, thanks to Kat Tilbrook and Kathy Carver who organised this.

We finished the year with a Christmas Party.

At our first meeting of the year our speaker was Graham Higgins 'Confessions of A Factory Inspector'; we learned about the work of the dreaded 'Elf and Safety' officers, and the im-

provements that have been made in safety in the work place.  
**The programme for the rest of the year is as follows:**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| February 9th   | AGM                                    |
| March 9th      | Brainstorming, social session          |
| April 13th     | Chris Maxfield Planting Pots & Baskets |
| May 11th       | S.Temple 'Impington Windmill'          |
| June 8th       | Summer Outing                          |
| July 13th      | Summer in Isleham                      |
| August 10th    | Brian Carline 'Tripe & Trotters'       |
| September 14th | Harvest Supper                         |
| October 12th   | Members Evening                        |
| November 9th   | Michelle Boon 'Handbags Galore'        |
| December 14th  | 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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## Village clubs: information

| CLUB  | CONTACT  | DAY/DATE      | TIME                                 | PLACE            |
|---|--|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>1st Isleham Beavers</b><br>(boys & girls 6-8 yrs)  | Sue Harrison 781837                                      | Tuesday       | 5.15-6.15pm                          | The Beeches      |
| <b>1st Isleham Cubs</b><br>(boys & girls 8-10 yrs)    | "  | Tuesday       | 6.30-8pm                             | The Beeches      |
| <b>1st Isleham Scouts</b><br>(boys & girls 10-14 yrs) | "  | Tuesday       | 6.30-8pm                             | The Beeches      |
| <b>Angling Society</b>                                | Ivan Houghton 01638 780333                               |               |                                      |                  |
| <b>Ballet &amp; Dance</b>                             | Lisa Nixon 07512 717758                                  | Tuesday       | from 3.30pm                          | The Beeches      |
| <b>Ballroom Dancing</b>                               | Cynthia George 01954 202095                              | Friday        | 7pm                                  | The Beeches      |
| <b>Board Games</b>                                    | Alison Young 01638 780351                                | Last Thursday | 2-5pm                                | High St. Church  |
| <b>Book Club</b>                                      | Doreen Spiers 01638 780783                               | 2nd Friday    | 2pm                                  | The Beeches      |
| <b>Bowls Club</b>                                     | Terry Pinder 01638 720875                                |               |                                      |                  |
| <b>Bridge Classes</b>                                 | Barry Lowe 01353 658358                                  | Wednesday     | 10am-noon                            | The Beeches      |
| <b>Brownies</b>                                       | Bridget Clements 01353 624103                            | Thursday      | 6-7.15pm                             | 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>Gala Committee</b>                                 | Margaret Davies 01638 781175                             | 3rd Monday    | 7.30pm                               | The Beeches      |
| <b>Isleham Gardeners</b>                              | Alison Moughton 07894 473977                             | 3rd Tuesday   | 7.30pm                               | The Beeches      |
| <b>Isleham Society</b>                                | Vernon Place 01638 780449                                | 3rd Thursday  | 7.45pm                               | The Beeches      |
| <b>Isleham United Youth FC</b>                        | Steve Isaacson 07545 395573                              |               |                                      |                  |
| <b>New Age Kurling</b>                                | Lisa Milne 01638 780186                                  | Friday        | 2-3.30pm                             | The Beeches      |
| <b>Pilates</b>  | Jo Simcock-Simms 07974 653775                            | Monday        | 7-8pm, 8-9pm<br>Wednesday<br>12 noon | The Beeches      |
| <b>Tania Fitness</b>                                  | Tania McQuilkin 07983 440187<br>Powerhoops & kettlebells | Tuesday       | 9.30-11am                            | The Beeches      |
| <b>WI</b>   | Glenda Preece 01638 780734                               | 2nd Thursday  | 7.30pm                               | The Beeches      |

- 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.



# Isleham Cricket Club Alive & Well

Now that the Christmas pudding has been worked off in a traditional January purge and all too fleeting burst of exercise, the thoughts of all the finely honed athletes that make up Isleham Cricket Club will soon be turning to the new season. The smell of linseed will again be in the air, as well as that unwashed pair of socks that managed to hide in the bottom of the cricket bag after the final game of last season. But what a season! One of the cricket clubs finest. The 1st team going unbeaten through the whole campaign for the first time in the club's history. Carrying all before them in gaining promotion and winning the league. A lot to live up to, but Captain James Tilbrook is confident of more success this season, secure with the backbone of last year's team, the heart of which has progressed through previous Isleham youth teams. However we are always looking to add too both the 1st's and the 2nd's squad -so please note any cricketers out there in the village, whether you unfurl a cover drive, or hoick to cow corner like most of us, come and play.

The Youth section of the club also had a great year. Friday night training had 49 kids of 6 to 9 years old signed on to play, under the care of our professional coach Karl, 5 other qualified coaches and other welcome volunteers ( thank you one and all for your time and effort ). But with our growing numbers as we look to take on the next reception class and progress our existing young cricketers, we will need more parents to lend a hand, join in the fun with your child, and make it possible for the club to offer them this opportunity.

2016 also saw the start of ICC's ladies cricket training on a Monday night. This proved to be a great success, and boasted



ed up to 25 women cricketers, under the cultured eyes of coach and Chairman Adrian Sheldrick and Steven Goff. They are looking to expand the women's section this year.

The season finished for all members of the club with a fantastic 20/20 day in early September.

Seniors, juniors, ladies and parents all played in competitive games throughout the day, which finished with a BBQ at the Rising Sun, with trophies for the winners and medals for all the kids. The day raised a fantastic £750 for the club, and with the generous sponsorship from Universal Garage in Isleham, it has allowed us to purchase much needed training equipment for this year's youth training sessions.

For all those interested in cricket this year the important info is as follows; Youth cricket starts on May 5th at 6.30pm until 7.30, and will be on every Friday evening. Signing on for youth cricket is £10 and weekly training fees are £2 a session.

The Senior leagues start on May 6th with a game for 1st's and 2nd's every Saturday until the end of August. We are also entered in a midweek 20/20 league on Wednesday evenings throughout May and June. Women's cricket training will be on Monday nights again, the start date to be announced.

The Cricket Club AGM will be on March 3rd at 7.30pm at the Rising Sun, all are welcome.

For more information if you or child would like to play Senior or Women's cricket for Isleham please call Adrian Sheldrick on 07775 522765 or Dan Cant 07766 740686 for Youth cricket. We look forward stepping over the boundary rope with you all, under a sunny sky ( no snow! ) in a few months time.

Tim Acheson, Isleham Cricket Club

## Isleham Gala July 1st

Isleham Sports and Gala Association AGM - held 21st November 2017.

The AGM was an opportunity for the committee to review the event this year and to appoint new committee members for 2017. The meeting was chaired by Margaret Davies (chair 2016) (pic right) who has supported the event over many years.



Margaret spoke about her busy year as Gala Chair and gave her thanks to all who have helped both before and on the day as it takes a great deal of effort to make the Gala happen and having the support of the village is essential. This year's Gala was a great success despite the high winds and odd shower with lots of people attending and taking part in the many activities and shows. Margaret then stepped down as chair and was presented with a card, garden vouchers and flowers as a show of appreciation for all her hard work over the years.

The new committee was then elected as: Chair - Lisa Alderson, Secretary - to be shared, Treasurer - TBC, Minutes Secretary - Marie Bowker, Bookings Secretary/Field Planning - Barbara Murfitt. If anyone would like to help with the treasurer role please do contact the committee members.

### Isleham Gala date: Saturday July 1st 2017

We always need more help for the Gala so if you can come along to one of our meetings would be great to see you - even if you can only offer a few hours we would really appreciate it!

Forthcoming meeting dates (all at The Beeches at 7.30pm):

27 February,  
27 March,  
24 April,  
25 May,  
26 June

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# We now have a defibrillator - thank you UYFC!



Isleham United Youth Football Club have donated the defibrillator which is installed on the front of the Beeches. It has been paid for from monies raised from the Youth Football Festival is held every May.

The Isleham United Youth Football Club with all its members and kids, which now comprises more than 280 boys and girls registered, would like to thank the Isleham community for its support, and thought there could be no better way than to provided a life saving piece of equipment that can be used by all.

The Isleham Youth Football has grown and grown over the years and has become a haven for many kids to enjoy the game of football, having over 20 teams in the Cambridgeshire leagues and having trained coaches for all teams with at least a level 1 FA award. It's no wonder that the club, with the facilities at the Beeches, is the envy of all the surrounding villages and most of the teams in the Cambs league.

Tim Drayton

Isleham United Youth Football Club

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# Isleham Football

Isleham under 10s Whites played at a tournament on the Haverhill 3G all weather football pitch on the 30th December when they played 8 games in their league and didn't lose a game, which made them top of their league.



In the semi final it went to extra time then penalties which they won. That meant they had reached the final undefeated, the only team out of 9 teams to do so. Unfortunately it wasn't to be and the team lost their only game 3-1 to the hosts and were runners up after a long and cold afternoon.



The under 9s also took part in the day and all the boys really enjoyed playing on Haverhill's all new 3G all weather surface and well deserved their free sausage and chips provided at the end, by the hosts.

Tim Drayton, Isleham United Youth Football Club

## Volunteers needed at Chippenham Fen Nat Nature Reserve

Would you be willing to offer some of your free time to help us look after the special wildlife of Chippenham Fen? Do you like being active? Working outside? Not afraid of getting your hands dirty?

Chippenham Fen National Nature Reserve is tucked away between the villages of Snailwell, Fordham and Chippenham. Natural England manages the site and we are struggling to keep on top of all the work to keep the site in tip top condition.

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I wonder if you or anyone in Isleham can help me get in touch with the young lady on the front row far right. Her name is (was) Gilliam Smart and she came from Isleham. I realize she may have married and possibly moved away. I am the person on the back right row 3rd from left.

I have already found out that at least three of them on the photo have died, and as we are now in our 70's others may have also died.

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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 Lidington: tel 01638 781687, email [islehampc@gmail.com](mailto:islehampc@gmail.com).*

## District Councillors Report

- Devolution of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough District Councils has been approved

## Police Matters

- PCSO Annie Austin has been assigned to our village. She can be contacted on 07525 227457
- A house on Fordham, Road was broken into just before Christmas.

## Recreation Ground Report

- It has been agreed that the annual:
    - o Isleham Gala will take place on Saturday 1st July 2017.
    - o Youth Football tournament will take place on 20th & 21st May 2017
  - Approval has been given for the storage and use of cricket covers on the recreation field.
  - It has unfortunately been necessary to fell three trees on the recreation ground as a result of disease. Replacement trees will be planted.
  - A large number of bushes have been planted in the garden at the rear of The Beeches.
  - The Council are grateful for the work of a wide number of people for the excellent condition of the recreation field.
  - Please note that no dogs are allowed on the Recreation Ground or on The Beeches car park and footpaths.
- ### Play Area and MUGA Report
- The MUGA (all weather pitch) has been cleaned.

## Churchyard Report

- Burial fees were increased by 5% from the start of October 2016

## 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 Beeches have introduced a number of new Keep Fit classes as well as monthly cinema events. See: <http://the-beechesisleham.co.uk/> for more details

## Wash Matters

- The overgrown nature of the footpath on the Luggar bank has been reported to the Environmental Agency and we await their attention.

## Fifty Fen Charity

- After many years valued service, Mr Flatt has resigned from the charity

## Highways Report

- Remedial work has been undertaken to a number of footpaths around the village by members of the Community Payback scheme.

## Finance Report

- A satisfactory audit of the Parish Councils finances has been completed

## 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](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk)

## Planning Applications

- 16/00914/OUT Proposed 4no four bedroom detached dwellings with associated access, turning and garage with some matters reserved at land northeast of 44 Sun Street, Isleham for Mr R Diver: Objection
- 16/00986/FUL Demolition of bungalow & construction of four bedroom chalet bungalow at 26 Beck Road, Isleham for Mr & Mrs D Boughen: Objection
- 16/01290/FUL Change from one dwelling to two dwellings (retrospective) at 23 Little London – Objection.
- 16/01293/OUM Proposed farm relocation. Land parcel South of Fifty Farm, Prickwillow Road. Mr PJ Leonard: Noted
- 16/01501/FUL Demolish existing commercial property Priory Garage and the erection of four new dwellings 8 Church Street Isleham for Mr R Manchett: Objection
- 16/1572/FUL Proposed two storey side extension and cart lodge at 49 Pound Lane for Mr & Mrs Easton: Objection
- 16/01576/VAR Removal of condition 9 (roof window glazing) 26 Beck Rd Isleham for Mr & Mrs Boughen: No objection
- 16/01589/FUL Side double storey extension, infilling the rear area with double storey extension at 8 East Fen Road Isleham for Mr A Stevens: Objection
- 16/01669/FUL Single storey rear extension plus new front porch. 20 Maltings Lane Isleham. Mr Alex King: No objection

## Planning Approvals

- 16/000055/OUM – Outline application for erection 14 dwellings and new access. Land adjacent to 8 Hall Barn Road Isleham for Mr & Mrs Brian King
- 16/00434/FUL Timber storage building for use of adjacent boat moorings at land adj to 37 Prickwillow Road, Isleham for Mr & Mrs S Mutton
- 16/00486/OUT Residential development for two bungalows, on land adjacent to 4 Fordham Road Isleham for Mrs J Sargeant
- 16/00532/FUL Proposed two storey rear extension and internal alterations 31 Waterside, Isleham, Ely for Mrs Sophie King.
- 16/00677/FUL New three bedroom bungalow and new access (Demolition of existing outbuilding) at 6 Station Road, Isleham.
- 16/00820/FUL Rear one and half storey extension (lowered) with dormer window and internal alterations at 39 Hall Barn Road, Isleham for Mr David Straiton
- 16/00827/FUL Additional Roof Lights at 29b Hall Barn Road, Isleham for Mr & Mrs J & A Bye
- 16/00838/FUL Single storey front extension at 17 East Road, Isleham for Mr Craig Nicholas
- 16/00840/FUL Erection of single storey extension at 8 Robins Close, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Chris & Karen Allitt

- 16/01059/FUL Erection of storage building at Isleham Recreation Ground, Isleham for Isleham Parish Council.
- 16/01117/PDR Conversion of garage to habitable use at 15 Church Lane for Mr & Mrs G Qayam
- 16/01119/PDR Conversion of garage to habitable use at 11a Church Lane for Mr & Mrs Matthew Norbury.



- 16/01162/PDR New GF window to North-West Elevation for En-suite at 29b Hall Barn Road, Isleham for Mr J & Mrs A Bye
- 16/01336/FUL Part retrospective Loft conversion 2a Malt-ing Lane Isleham for Mr & Mrs Gray
- 16/01396/LBC Demolish and replace existing Eastern boundary wall. 3 West Street Isleham. Mr John Howlett
- 16/01471/FUL – Erection of two storey dwelling and garage (plot 3). 27 Sun Street

### Planning Refusals

- 16/01061/FUL Change of use of land for the erection of five static log style cabins for tourism purposes. River View 26 Prickwillow Road Isleham. Mr A Dilley
  - 16/01161/FUL Convert existing outbuilding to annexe at 17 Mill Street Isleham for Mr Gavin Beamon
- Other Planning Matters
- TPO/01073/TPO Tree work consent at 54 & 56 West Street, Isleham
  - 16/01100/TRE & Trees/Isleham/CA Tree Work Consent at 39 Mill Street, Isleham
  - 16/01204/TRE & Trees/Isleham/CA Tree Work Approval for 8 West Street, Isleham.
  - ECDC Assets of Community Value – The Rising Sun Public House
  - Naming site rear of 32 and 34 Church Lane, Isleham – Pro-posed to ECDC that named as Clay Pot End.

### 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](http://www.eastcambs.org.uk)

A new Local Plan for the development of housing in local vil-lages including Isleham, is now open for public consultation. Details of the plan and the consultation process can be found on the Parish Council website: <http://www.isleham-village.co.uk/parishcouncil.html>

## New Parish Clerk

My name is Richard Liddington and I was delighted to be of-fered the post of the Parish Clerk at the end of Octo-ber. Taking over from Di-ane Bayliss who faithfully served the interests of Isle-ham for over eleven years is certainly going to be a very hard act to follow but I am committed to doing every-thing that I can in support of the Parish Council, to help maintain and improve our village.



The majority of my pro-fessional background has been in primary education, including 19 years as a headteacher in two different schools but I do believe that many of these skills will be transferable to this new role.

Although the majority of my 18 hours per week will continue to be undertaken as flexi hours, I am pleased to report that I will be available at the Parish Office in The Beeches building, to listen to any issues raised by local residents on the following days and times each week: Monday: 2.00pm – 6.00pm & Tues-day: 10.00am – 2.00pm. Alternatively you can contact me by tel 01638 781687, email [islehampc@gmail.com](mailto:islehampc@gmail.com)

### Parish Councillors address list

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**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](http://www.islehamchurch.org.uk) •

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**Kingdom Kids** (3 years–Year 3): 10–11.15am (Sue Thompson 01638 780030).

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

**Covies & All Stars Club Night** 7–8.30pm once a month, first Monday of the month.

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 (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.

**Wednesday: 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:** Once a month, on the Thursday after the first Sunday of the month, 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.

• On Sunday 11th September we shall be holding our **Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service** at 10.30am. Please come along and give thanks to our God for His abundant provision for us over another year. We will have a small display of fruit and vegetables together with a collection of items for the Soham Food Bank, and will be taking an offering to help those made homeless in Sri Lanka as a result of the May floods.

• Our new look once-monthly **Friday Fellowship Meeting** has been running since March and is going very well. We begin with a lunch at 12.00pm and have a meeting from 1.10–2.00pm which includes a bible message, prayer and hymns. Any over 60s are very welcome to come along – just call the church office to let us know you'd like to come. Dates are as follows: August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd.



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**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); [secretary@plfc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@plfc.org.uk) Web sites: [www.plfc.org.uk](http://www.plfc.org.uk); [www.isleham.com](http://www.isleham.com) •

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Whatever is going on in your life at the moment, consider taking some time out to join us one Sunday, you'd be very welcome.

**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 •

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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.

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**February 2017**

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### Tuesday –

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### 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
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# Super start to 2016-17 academic year at Isleham CofE Primary School

We enjoyed a really happy and successful Autumn Term at Isleham Primary School. The staff, parents and children of Isleham have been extremely welcoming to me as new Headteacher here, and I am thoroughly looking forward to getting to know everyone in Isleham better over the coming years.

Our Autumn term was action-packed as always, with lots of extra-curricular activities on offer- Cross Country running, Computing Club, Maypole Dancing, Science Club, Craft, Archery & Drama to name just a few. Huge thanks are due to all the staff and volunteers who offer such a wealth of opportunities in addition to the daily curriculum lessons delivered each day in class.

There were many successes of the term, including the wonderful class assemblies and nativity concerts put on by the children towards Christmas time, and the carol singing by the choir club children at Limestone Close sheltered housing and at St Andrew's Church for the community carol concert. The Isleham children also did brilliantly at the area 'Tag Rugby' tournament, coming second out of all the small schools.



In November, we were thrilled to welcome children's author Nigel Blackman to school to talk about his writing and illustration of the Secret Dinosaur series of books, and his latest Anglo Saxon adventure for children- 'Freedom for Bron'.

We have been very fortunate to gain further support this year from the 'Fen or Fifty' Isleham Charities Partnership, and are delighted to soon be receiving some wonderful plush new rugs for each of the classrooms, and some planters and furniture for our outdoor sensory garden. The Charities Partnership have also funded this wonderful sports kit for the children to wear when competing in local tournaments for the school (modelled by our Year 6 children!)



The Spring Term has already got off to a busy start- I couldn't be more excited about being part of Isleham C of E Primary, and look forward to regularly contributing school news to the 'Informer'!

Mrs Sarah Skillern, Head Teacher



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