

## Panto-tastic Performance at The Beeches!

The Beeches Entertainers brought the first pantomime to be held in the village in six years to The Beeches with a production entitled "The Panto Show-Stopper". The show, which ran for three



performances over two days, was especially written for the group as a celebration of it being the first pantomime to be held at The Beeches since it opened.

Audiences enjoyed a story which followed a bunch of pantomime characters who each didn't quite fit their traditional character traits but were trying to get new jobs as their theatre was closing down. "You have a dwarf who is over 6 foot tall. Peter Pan couldn't fly. The Wicked Witch can't say boo to a goose, and the only thing going for these two (ugly sisters) is that they're Ugly!" In a story of good -v- evil, good came out on top in the end though with the misfit bunch managing to defeat the baddie, with the help of the audience of course.

A spokesperson for The Beeches Entertainers said "We were absolutely delighted to be able to put on the very first pantomime to be staged at The Beeches, and it was wonderful to see, and hear the audiences' reaction. They were singing along, joining in and were really enjoying the shows as much as we enjoyed performing them."

A childrens dress up competition was also held on the night, winners were ;Woody; from Toy Story and Dorothy from 'The Wizard of Oz'



Indeed, praise was very high for the team immediately after the shows. Comments on social media included 'wonderful',



'a great night out', 'a fantastic show' and 'thoroughly enjoyed every minute'.

After six years' away, it was good to see the Beeches Entertainers bringing back the magic of the village pantomime, and to see so many people in the village enjoying the tradition again

Photos from: Steve Evans

## Let it Snow... Isleham in White

Just a few pictures from our visit from The Beast from the East





# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of the Parish Council following the recent freezing weather. Such weather brings home to us all how difficult it can be to get around and in and out of Isleham.

I want to record our thanks to the local farmers who freely went out to clear the snow blocking the roads to our village, now immortalised by the BBC video, before the, no doubt, incredibly stretched County's snow teams working flat out from very early that morning could reach us. If you haven't seen it here's the link. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-cambridgeshire-43242713/legends-snow-clearing-cambridgeshire-farmers-saluted>

Whilst their selfless actions are now recorded for posterity, to become part of our rich history, I am also aware of many acts of kindness and neighbourliness at that time. These have not, nor ever will, receive the deserved fame of our snow clearers, but need recognition. The instances of help so freely given to look after and support each other are an inspiration to us. These actions make Isleham such a fantastic community and place to live.

Our thanks to you all.

Richard Radcliffe, Isleham Parish Council



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

### REGULARS

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

Wednesdays: Bingo at the Bowls Club every Wednesday evening, Contact Doreen 780836

### April

Mon 9th	Parish Council	The Beeches	7.15pm
Thurs 12th	W.I.	The Beeches	7.30pm
Fri 13th	Book Club	The Beeches	2pm
Thurs 19th	Isleham Society	The Beeches	7.30pm
Fri 20th/Sat 21st	'Love begins at 50'		

The Beeches 7.30pm

Sun 29th Open Day - Bowls Club 2pm

Mon 30th Parish Meeting The Beeches 7.30pm

### May

Sat 5th Spurgeon's Trundle 3pm

Mon 14th Parish Council The Beeches 7.15pm

Fri 11th Book Club The Beeches 2pm

Wed 9th INFORMER DEADLINE

Thur 10th W.I. The Beeches 7.30pm

Sat 12th Craft Fair The Beeches 10 - 3pm

Thur 17th Isleham Society The Beeches 7.30pm

Sat 19th Royal Wedding /Cup Final showing

The Beeches from 1pm

19th/20th Football Festival

### June

Sat 2nd 'Glam Rock' Tribute Band The Beeches - doors open 7pm music starts 8.30pm

## Village Notes

### Tea, Cake and Evensong at Jesus College

Jesus College is the patron of St Peter and St Mary Magdalene Church Fordham and they have invited anyone from the group of parishes to join them for Evensong on Tuesday 1st May. Tea and Cake will be served from 5pm, Evensong is at 6.30pm and will be over by 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome, if you'd like to join us please let David know. There are several people taking cars who would be happy to offer people lifts if required.

David Cleugh

### Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 30th April. The meeting will have the opportunity to hear Mark Deas, Rural Housing Enabler and Neighbourhood Planning Officer from ECDC who will explain the process of drawing up a Local Plan. The meeting starts at 7.30pm

The full agenda will be posted on the Parish notice boards and on Isleham News Facebook page at least one week before the meeting. All parishioners are welcome.

### Blood Donors

We do not have actual number of people who donated on recent collection days, however, both days were well attended.

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## Isleham WI

In February we held out Annual General Meeting, and elected the Committee for the following year.

Pauline Wilkes was re-elected President, and the Committee is as follows:

Kathy Carver, Fiona Jones, Glenda Preece, Sylvia Powell, Jane Grant, Mary Stack, Gill Savage, Donna Carpenter, Sonia Norman, Cynthia Wick, Julie Reeve, Mary Wightman

Thanks to Jeanne Winters and Shirley Mingay who came to over see the vote.

After the business part of the meeting we had noisy Beetle Drive that was won by Fiona Jones - she has obviously played before!

We are celebrating 95 years since the inception of Isleham WI, and we all enjoyed a cake made for us Brenda Downey

In March we welcomed back Brian Carline whose talk was entitled 'Days of Dolly Blue and Izal' Brian is a very amusing speaker, a true entertainer. After refreshments Pauline read some of her mum's poems. Joyce was a member of our WI for many years, and her poems bring back many memories.

Our next meeting is on Thursday April 12th when Susi Baker will take is on a 'Musical Journey through Egypt & the Middle East'

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. Tel: 01638 780734 email: gjpreece@aol.com



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## Notes from The Editor

*When you read this edition of the Informer the clocks will have gone forward and Spring will truly be here. Around the village the daffodils, supplied by the Parish Council and planted by volunteers in the Autumn, will be blooming. I love April.*

*On 30th April the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at The Beeches. This is not a Parish Council meeting, but an opportunity for parishioners to discuss their concerns and put forward ideas for improving our village. Why don't you go along?*



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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>Beeches Entertainers</b>	Barbara Murfitt 07510 172412			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 Get Together</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	The Beeches
		Friday	12 - 1.00pm	The Beeches
			12 - 1.00pm	The Beeches
<b>Tania Fitness Powerhoops</b>	Tania McQuilkin 07983 440187	Thursday	6.00-6.45pm	The Beeches
<b>Tai Chi</b>	Dave Cogon 01638 781705/ peaceful warrior teaching or mail.com	Wednesday	1.15 - 2.15pm	The Beeches
<b>WI</b>	Glenda Preece 01638 780734	2nd Thursday	7.30pm	The Beeches

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## Isleham Bowls Club

Springtime is always about concluding the indoor carpet bowls season and preparation for the new outdoor season.

In the East Cambs carpet leagues, both teams are doing ok in their respective divisions. Team 'A' are in the lower half of the top division and need a couple more wins out of their remaining 4 matches to be safe for another top flight campaign next season. Team 'B' have still got 3 games to play and are in 4th place so unlikely to be involved in the promotion tussle.

Every Wednesday evening, we host a bingo night which anyone is welcome to come along to play. You don't have to be a member of the club, and it may be better than staying at home and watching TV! – anyone interested should contact Doreen (number below).

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 29th April, meeting from 2.00pm and anyone is most welcome to come along and join us to 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:

Secretary	Sylvia Pinder	01638 720875
Captain	Barry Grimwood	01638 781943
Chairman	Bob Cole	01638 662827
Committee	Rowley Wells	01638 780191
	Doreen Raven	01638 780836

SO COME ALONG, we would be really pleased to see you!

Barry Grimwood, Club Captain

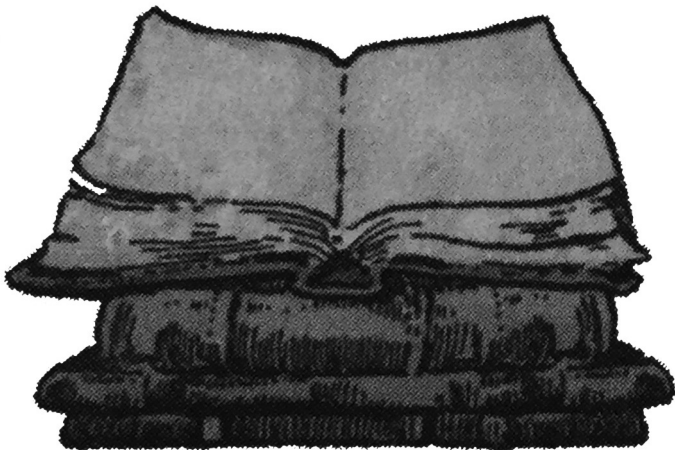
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# IUFC Update

Under 10s have been enjoying a fantastic 2017-18 season so far. Coming into the campaign off the back of a summer that saw them lift 10 tournament trophies (pictured below), the team were once again competing in the most challenging Under 10s division in the county. Yet they remain unbeaten this season, scoring an impressive 108 goals in 17 league and cup matches before the end of February and conceding just seven. Under 10s head coach Harry Zachariou remains very proud of the progress of the players throughout the season. "Every player has developed during the course of the campaign and we continue to see progress as a team," he says. "Our players just get better and better. But for us it isn't about winning, it's about challenging the players to be the very best they can be, as boys and as players."

According to team manager Gary Turrell, away from their busy league and cup programme they remain incredibly proactive in setting fresh challenges for their players by arranging tough friendlies. "Not only are we arranging games with older teams to challenge our boys and to prepare them for the step up to 9-a-side next season," he says, "but we have organised a programme of friendlies against the elite players of professional clubs like Cambridge United and Ipswich Town."

There is also exciting news from Isleham's Under 9s. It's not often a Premier League football club asks one of your talented young players to join their academy, but that's just what happened recently when the very talented Izzy Palmer was invited to sign for Arsenal's Under 10 Girls Academy. Izzy, aged just 9, is from Soham and has played local football for her team, Isleham Blacks Under 9's, for the past two years. She now gets the opportunity to continue her development at a leading professional club.

Isleham Youth FC would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Izzy Palmer on a fantastic achievement and wish her all the best for her future in football.

Izzy Palmer pictured in the middle with her Isleham Black U9s team mates after a recent cup game.

In other news from Isleham United Youth FC, this year's tournament is on track to be another great success for the club. Already one of the biggest youth football tournaments in East Anglia, the annual event is scheduled to take place on Saturday May 19th and Sunday May 20th. Last year more than 5,000 people attended during the course of the weekend and this year over 180 youth teams from all over the region will be competing.

The club will also be out in force on Sunday May 27th to



enjoy the annual end of season Presentation Day. As usual, a free BBQ will be laid on, with hot and cold drinks available. To make it a fun day for the kids, there will be three bouncy castles and all Isleham children and parents are welcome. For more information, please contact club secretary Steve Isaacson on 07545-395573.

## Love Begins at Fifty!

Fenland Amateur Dramatic Society (FADS), the new local drama group, are pleased to announce that our next production "Love begins at fifty" will be performed at the Beeches on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st April. This brilliant comedy relates how Clive, stuck in a loveless marriage, tries to re-capture the romantic passions of his teenage years. The farcical situations which develop (including trying to hide ladies in each room of his house) will have you in hysterics! Don't miss this production.

The play is directed by Val Quay, with a cast including newcomers and old favourites. Raven Harris is making her debut performance, while Malcolm and Doreen Speirs, Janis Harrison, Graham Carter, Jeremy Przewoznik, Sue Tennant, Vicky Lemmon and Julie Kowalczyk take on the other roles. Performances will start at 7.30pm and tickets, costing £6 are on sale at the Beeches.



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**Knitting Pattern** (with thanks to Deana-Rae Hoey)  
4mm needles and have been using Lisa premium from Amazon.  
TIP= leave long black ends as they can then be used to tie the poppies to the netting or object they will be tied too.

kfb= knit into front and back

skpo= slip one knit one pass slip st over

P2tog= purl 2 together

P3tog= purl 3 together

k2tog= knit 2 together

### **Petals ( make 2 )**

cast on 14sts

row1) kfb knit to last 2 sts kfb k1 ( 16sts)

row2) kfb knit to last 2 sts kfb k1 ( 18sts)

row3) kfb knit to last 2 sts kfb k1 ( 20sts)

row4) purl

row5) k1 skpo k2 repeat to last st k1 ( 15sts)

row6) purl

row7) skpo k1 repeat to last st k1 (10sts)

row8) p2tog to end ( 5sts)

cast off

### **Centre**

cast on 2 sts

row1) kfb k1 (3sts)

row2) purl

row3) kfb k1 (5sts)

row4) purl

row5) skpo k1 k2tog (3 sts)

row 6) p3tog

fasten off tightly

### **MAKE UP**

Petals = sew the two smaller edges together and sew in all the ends.

Centre= gather round the outer edge by using the tails and pull tightly to form a ball. sew into place and finish off and pull the black ends through

If you would like to be kept up to date on the event then please pop your name and address on a piece of paper along with the fact that you would like to take part in the Poppy Project and put it through Zoe's door at 44 Sun Street and Zoe will endeavour keep you up to date via letter.



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This averages out at about 70 items a week, from our local collection points at the three Isleham Churches, the Social Centre, and the Co-op.

Also for the record, and just for interest, I have kept a weekly photographic record of what was donated. Each week, we take the collected items to the Foodbank based at the Soham Salvation Army HQ in Bushell Road, where a team of local volunteers approved by the Trussell Trust are ready to weigh it all, assign it to source, and then sort it by use-by date. The items are then boxed-up for delivery to the store at Ely, as there are no appropriate facilities to store donations in Soham.

At Ely they make up bags for single people and for families, containing an appropriate basic selection of goods, which can be topped-up from the day's donations as necessary. These bags are delivered back to Soham for distribution to local recipients from Soham and the surrounding villages. It sounds long-winded, but makes real practical sense.

Recipients there are offered tea, coffee and biscuits, and a friendly non-judgemental confidential chat with one of the team leaders, to better understand the reasons why they need emergency short-term help from the foodbank, and to signpost them to other organisations and agencies who can help them with their problems. A system of vouchers records distributions and enables an audit.

It takes some courage to ask for foodbank help, and I would personally find it hard to pluck up courage to do that - but, contrary to what some people think, those who are helped in this way are by no means scroungers, but are really desperate.

My personal opinion is that it is really appalling that there is any need to operate voluntary foodbank centres in our wealthy UK, but it's a sad fact of life: people fall on hard times, or don't know how to make ends meet, and need our help. We have always been a nation that helps the desperate, and this is our way of showing compassion and kindness.

So - kind folks - please keep-up your donations, and next time you to go to one of the collection centres, at the three Churches, the Social Centre, or the Co-op, just a tin a week would make a huge difference, in helping the desperate!

Thank you, once again!

Christopher Goodwins.

# Litter Pick

Thank you so much to everyone who gave up their time on a Saturday in March to help tidy up the village.

About fifteen people turned up for 10am; the weather was dry, and much warmer than previously.

The equipment - high vis jackets, pickers and bags - was supplied by East Cambs District Council who collected the rubbish from outside the Social Centre.

At the end of the morning we were provided with tea and biscuits - thanks to Mary Wightman and Betty Ashley.



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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](mailto:islehampc@gmail.com).

## **New Councillor**

Following the resignation of Mr Les Wightman the Parish Council seek to appoint a new councillor. Anyone interested in this vacancy should complete and return the application form which can be found on The Parish website or from the Clerk, by 6.00pm on Monday 16th April 2018. Our grateful thanks go to Mr Wightman for his years of service to the council.

## **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

- Most of you will have seen that the Parish council have finally been able to install two Vehicle Activated Speed signs, one on Pound Lane and the other on Fordham Road. We obviously hope that this will encourage drivers to adhere to the 30mph speed limit within the village. We also wait to hear if we have been successful for a further highways grant from Cambridgeshire County Council which will hopefully see the establishment of a Speed Watch team within the village.

- Residents may be interested in using the following links for the direct reporting of potholes & fly-tipping:  
<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>  
<https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping>

## **Police Matters**

- The Parish Council are happy to support the recently established Isleham Neighbourhood Watch, Facebook page.

## **Recreation Ground**

- The Parish Council are pleased to offer for rent a small amount of storage space in the recently constructed tractor shed, located behind the Beeches community centre. Please

note that this offer is only available for non profit making community groups based in Isleham. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more details

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

## **Planning Applications\*:**

17/01249/RMM Land adjacent to 8 Hall Barn Rd Isleham. Cloughmore Homes. Amendment to layout, house designs and heights.

Objection on the grounds that:

- There are no details of the size and nature of the 4x affordable houses
- The height of type 3 houses would appear to still be above the height of houses to the south of this development

18/00127/FUL Resubmission of previously refused application 16/00457/FUL – new four bed dwelling) for a new four bed dwelling. Mr R Turner

Objection on the grounds that:

- The reasons for the previous refusal (16/00457) remain exactly the same
- Little London is a single track road with no footpath, which is used by numerous residents to access different public footpaths. additional traffic would result in danger to residents and possible further damage to existing properties
- The detrimental effect that the proposed development would have on the local environment, biodiversity and the aesthetics of our village
- The lack of infrastructure to support the construction of additional houses

17/01642/FUL Erection of an oak framed garage/cart lodge. (Amendment) The Old Farm 10 Little London Isleham. Mr M Flynn

No objection.

18/00148/FUL Full planning application for a replacement dwelling. Larkhall Farm. 38 Prickwillow Rd Isleham. Hasse Estate Farming Company Ltd

18/00213/FUL Alterations and extensions to alter existing bungalow to house. 19 Church St Isleham Mr Blake.

## **Planning Approvals:**

17/02050/FUL Single storey rear extension (resubmission of previously approved 17/01484/FUL) 39 West St Isleham. Mr Rashed. Noted

17/02110/FUL Residential development of two bungalows, garages, parking, access & associated site works. Site adjacent to 3 Hall Barn Rd. Isleham. Mr & Mrs R Clarke & Mr & Mrs Green. Noted

17/01636/FUL To vary conditions 1 (plans and drawings) of the decision dated 06/11/17 of previously approved application for proposed erection of 1 No private detached dwelling and cart lodge. 53 Pound Lane Isleham. Mr G Baxter

17/02020/FUL Development of 2 No three bedroom bungalows. Land to the south of 61 to 71 East Fen Rd. Isleham. Mr J Waters

17/02166/VAR To vary condition 1 (approved plans) of previously approved 17/01390/FUL: Construction of 2 bedroom single storey detached dwelling. Land to south of 35 Pound Lane Isleham. Mr C Reed

17/02230/FUL Side double storey extension, infilling the rear area with double storey extension (re submission of 16/01589/FULL) 8 East Fen Rd Isleham Mr A Stevens.

17/01642/FUL Erection of an oak framed garage/cart lodge and rebuilding of clunch boundary wall. The Old Farm 10 Little London Isleham Mr M Flynn

**Planning Refusals: Nil**



### Other Planning Matters:

Local Plan Consultation – IPC response assigned references PS287 – PS290. Noted

17/02020/FUL Development of 2 No. three bedroom bungalows. Land to south of 61 to 71 East Fen Rd Isleham Referred to Planning Committee meeting on 7.2.18 Noted

17/02090/OUT Residential development for 2 no detached houses and garages. 45 East Fen Rd Isleham Mr I Cox. Application withdrawn

17/02147/FUL Proposed detached two storey dwelling with integral garage. Site east of Appleyard Farm Houghtons Lane. Mr D Beckett. Inclusion in the Planning Committee agenda of 7th March 2018

**Additional Planning Meetings:** A reminder that the Parish Council now hold (where 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.

\*It is important to note that Isleham Parish Council are only ever consultees on planning applications with the final decision for approval, refusal or conditions being made by ECDC

Residents may be interested to know that **Fordham Parish Council** have published a draft neighbourhood plan for their village. This can be viewed at [www.fordhamnp.wordpress](http://www.fordhamnp.wordpress).

## County Councillor's Notes



It's getting on for a year since I drew up a list of priorities in advance of the county council election. Top of the list was road safety. So it's really pleasing that new vehicle-activated speed signs have gone up in Isleham. And I am happy to report that the County Council has also agreed to this year's bid from Isleham Parish Council, which I strongly supported, for more equipment to help

tackle speeding through the village. The County and Parish Councils make an excellent partnership.

We are also making progress with other issues I campaigned on. The Mayor and county council have agreed the need to upgrade the A10. This has already moved forward to the point where a study of possible routes for a dualled road has been commissioned. The county council, the Mayor and our MP Lucy Frazer have lobbied the government for improvements to make the A14/A142 junction safer. And the plan for reopening the station at Soham is now in its design phase. Although there are still hurdles to be got over, there is no doubting the drive behind this project.

Things I didn't expect to be doing this time last year have included leading the County's Library Transformation project. As a result of that work, we have managed not only to keep all our libraries open and maintain the mobile service, but to add an extra quarter of a million pounds to the book fund – the core of what libraries are about. Libraries will also be doing more – in Soham, for example, the Neighbourhood Cares service, which is the new model for social care, is operating out of the library, while libraries have also started hosting music and theatre performances. And we are managing to do all this



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# Isleham Society

within a total libraries budget that is roughly half what it was in 2010.

Less easy has been the County's decision that our school catering and cleaning service is no longer viable and will have to close. With so many of our schools now set up as academies, buying school meals and cleaning from other providers, CSS no longer has enough customers to keep going. I and my colleagues have made it very clear that if loyal customers like Isleham primary need help finding a new contractor, the county will support them to find one. I have offered Isleham's school governors my help with that if they need it.

A final update: I mentioned in my last notes that the County Council will be improving Prickwillow Road in the near future. This work was originally timetabled for February, but the date has now slipped. I am currently being told that it may happen in April.

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In February we held our A.G.M. After many years Vernon Place decided it was time to stand down as Chair. Vernon's knowledge of the history of the local area, the endless hours he has spent maintaining and enhancing Arthur Houghton's Collection, and his fascinating anecdotes relating to people and places have all blended together to make him the perfect Chairman. He was thanked for all he had done, and presented with gifts. Luckily, Clive Patterson was willing to step forward, and he was elected unanimously.

Beryl Powys was unable to attend the meeting, but had previously notified the Chair that she was standing down. Our thanks will be passed on to her.

Other committee members expressed a willingness to stand again, and were elected by a show of hands, as follows.

Treasurer Bryan Wynne

Secretary Glenda Preece

Ann Cant, Pat Houghton, Betty Ashley,

Ian Powys is our President

Vernon Place

A vice-chair and programme secretary are yet to be appointed.

In March Pip Wright, the Suffolk author came to speak to us about Joe Whistlecraft and the poachers of Rickinghall. Pip came as Joe, and told his story. George Ruffels, later to be known as Joe Whistlecraft died in 1960. Convicted over a hundred times, mainly for poaching, he was one of a notorious family who, nevertheless, are fondly remembered by many who knew them in Rickinghall and Hinderclay in Suffolk where they lived. Known as the man who got away with murder, Joe still served over twenty years in jail, longer than many who have received a life sentence. This included three spells in Dartmoor. His father and brothers were also regulars at both Ixworth and Eye Petty Sessions. Pip was a very good speaker who entertained all at the meeting.

Our speakers for the rest of the year are as follows:

April: A visit to Turner's for a guided tour of their Fordham depot.

May: Tim Young "I've got a brand new Combine Harvester

June: Donna Martin Soham Museum

July: Judith Wakelam "Swifts"

September: Newmarket's U3A study of Isleham

October: tba

November: Philip Clark "The role of a Community Green Spaces Manager"

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# Speed Watch

I am pleased to inform residents that the Parish have been awarded a small grant from Cambridgeshire County Council to fund the establishment of a Speed Watch team within the village.

'Shown here are the 2 portable speed indicator signs that have been purchased with a grant from Cambridgeshire County Council. At the moment they are placed in Fordham Road and Pound Lane, but will be moved around the village in the future. Parishioners have long expressed concern about the speeds some people reach entering and leaving the village.'

For those of you that are not aware, Speedwatch is not about enforcement; it is about raising awareness of speeding within communities and educating drivers. The key roles of a Speed Watch team are as follows:

1. Undertaking high visibility roadside operations.
2. Reporting to the Police the details of speeding vehicles. The police are then responsible for sending advisory letters to the registered vehicle owners.
3. Deliver locally based feedback and problem solving schemes.

Further details can be found on the Parish website <http://www.isleham-village.co.uk> We are therefore looking for approximately 10 volunteers, aged 18 and over, who are willing to be trained and then participate in these operations. Please contact the Parish Clerk [islehampc@gmail.com](mailto:islehampc@gmail.com) should you wish to be considered for this role.



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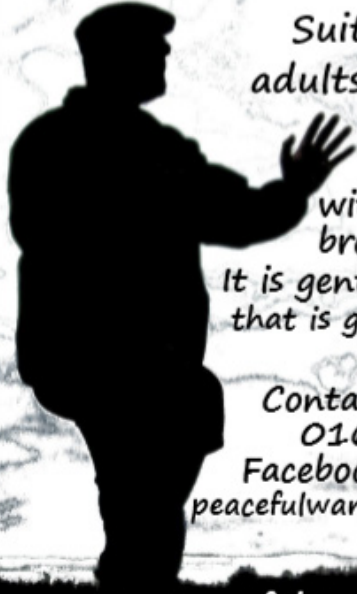
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## Spurgeons Trundle: Advance Notice May 5th 3.00pm

Just a reminder to put into your 2018 diaries: the date of the next Spurgeon Trundle. It's going to be on Saturday the 5th of May, starting at the pond at 3.00pm.

For those of you who haven't joined us before, the Spurgeon Trundle is a pleasurable gentle walk from the pond at East Fen Road, just over a mile along the path to the River Lark, where we hold a very short worship occasion, to mark the place where there's a stone monument recording the fact that the Reverend Charles William Haddon Spurgeon was baptised there in the River Lark in 1850. So, who was he?

He is held to be amongst the greatest Christian preachers of his time, and the fact that he started out from Pound Lane Church here is one of Isleham's best-kept secrets - as the general public don't now have unauthorised access to the site.

So - let's have a hundred trundlers this year! All three Churches have now had notice of the event, and it is open to people of any or no religious persuasion to join us on this year's pleasant Spurgeon Trundle - the seventh we've done!

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# World Book Day

On Thursday 8th March, we were pleased to finally be able to enjoy the visit of author Lou Treleven for World Book Day (as Lou's visit had needed to be cancelled the previous week due to the snow.) As has become tradition, the children put a huge amount of effort into their costumes for the book character fancy dress competition, with children from Reception to Year 6 dressed to impress! Lou ran some excellent workshops about her books throughout the day, and a whole school assembly in the morning, as well as signing copies of her books for the children and judging the 'Best Costume' award for each of the year groups. It was impossibly difficult to decide the winner in each year group, although special mention must go to Year 6 winner (Edith) whose 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' costume was truly inspired and will never be forgotten. Edith is pictured here with Lou Treleven in her costume. Throughout the week, families also generously supported a book sale in aid of our partner school in Zambia- Taonga School- so that a donation cheque can be sent to Zambia to help with the purchase of library books for their new library. We were also treated to 'green eggs and ham' biscuits by our catering team of 'Thing 1' and 'Thing 2' (aka Mrs King and Mrs Marsh) which were delicious! Our 'World Book Day 2018' was a wonderful celebration of books and we are grateful as always for the wonderful support of staff and families.

## Snow brings fun and chaos to the start of March at Isleham Primary

Whilst the recent snowfall caused havoc for grown-ups on the roads and led to the school's closure on the 1st and 2nd March 2018, the school children at Isleham certainly enjoyed their playtime on the field on the last day of February. Children from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed rolling in the snow, throwing snowballs and attempting to build a snowman! The school looked beautiful cloaked in white, and we would have loved it to remain if it weren't for the treacherous road conditions and icy pathways on the journey to and from school which came with it. We were all relieved to get back to work on the 5th March after a weekend of warmer temperatures and rain, and pleased that the icy roads and paths around Isleham were no longer a hazard for families making their way to school. As one Year 1 child put it, 'That was the best snow ever!', but we're secretly glad it is not that icy too often!

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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

14th February Ash Wednesday 8.15am BCP Communion Fordham, 7.30pm Eucharist Chippenham

29th March Maundy Thursday 7.30pm Eucharist with Foot Washing at St Andrews Isleham.

### Visiting Bell Ringers

Ely diocesan bell ringing guild will be visiting on Saturday 10th March and will be ringing the bells between 4.00-5.30pm. Those who enjoy the sound of the bells might like to listen and those who don't might like to flee. Our team of bell ringers is looking to train new ringers as part of a national campaign to train ringers to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One. Please contact Ruth (details above) if you are interested.

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Elder: Mr. Matthew Hall (01638 781805)

Every Sunday: Sunday worship: 11.00a.& 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) 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) W

ednesday: 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 8.00am (2nd Sat. of month): (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

Roger, father of four and husband to Dot, is from Yorkshire. He became a Christian in his teens while visiting family in Lebanon. He worked as a school teacher for over ten years before realising it wastime to change. Now he travels around the country telling people about the life that is found in Jesus Christ. Roger speaks at university events, church events and has written many books.

Roger has visited Isleham in 2001, 2003 and 2012 and now he's back for our series of events in June 2018. At the time of writing many of the details are still to be confirmed. Plans so far include: Thursday 7th June 10 - 11.30am at Pound Lane Free Church Coffee Morning - relaxed time with tea, coffee and cake - Roger will be leading the usual eight-minute slot. 7.30pm refreshments from 7pm at Pound Lane Free Church Roger will be speaking; the interviewee is to be confirmed.



**Friday 8th June 7.30pm** refreshments from 7pm at Pound Lane Free Church Roger will be interviewing Simon Pilcher – Chief Executive of M and G Investments and chairman of the Real Estate division – the largest investor in property in the UK. Simon is 52 years old, married with 5 children.

#### **Saturday 9th June 5pm at the Priory**

Come along and enjoy our free barbecue and bouncy castle and listen to Roger as he interviews Richard and Carol Taylor from West Row who have a disabled daughter of forty years of age. Hopefully in the beautiful setting of the Priory.

## High Street Church

What do you know about The Alpha Course?

It's a great opportunity to make some new friends, share a meal together, watch a short DVD and then ask any questions you want to about Jesus and who He really is....and it's free!

The 10 week course starts again on May 3rd and will be hosted by George and Jess Claringbold at High Street Church. To book a place please contact them via The Church Office 01638 780985.

Rendezvous is a group of about 50 retired men and women from Isleham and surrounding villages who meet each Tuesday afternoon at High Street. We are pleased to have welcomed some new folk recently and are enjoying getting to know them. Want to know more? Come and join us next Tuesday at 3pm...we don't bite!

Acorns is a new group for toddlers which meets on the first Friday morning of the month at High Street, starting at 9.30. It's great to see Mums, Dads and Grandparents enjoying a chat over a cup of coffee while the little ones play, paint, dress up, colour etc. under the supervision of Geraldine, Emma and Alison. Then it is time to stop for a story and a sing before every one goes home. You are very welcome to join us on the first Friday of the month.

There really is something for everyone!

Join us on Sundays at 10.30am and 6.30pm or if you would like one of us to visit you at home, just let us know.

## Hedgehogs

It's that lovely time of year again, Spring! Gardeners are working hard to prepare beautiful and productive gardens. As you toil, please spare a thought for

"the gardener's friend" the hedgehog.



It is well known that hedgehog numbers have halved in the last fifteen years. There are several reasons for this drastic decline. It is estimated that tens of thousands are killed on the roads each year. The main reason for the decline, however, is thought to be the change in farming methods from pastoral to intensively-farmed arable land. This has resulted in the loss of the hedgehogs' natural habitat by the removal of hedges and loss of food sources - beetles, earthworms, caterpillars etc. by the use of insecticides.

\* Hedgehogs increasingly need domestic gardens in which to forage for food.

\* The implementation of the following simple steps are ways in which gardeners can create hedgehog friendly gardens :

\* A five inch square opening at ground level in the fence or wall will allow access for hedgehogs to move between gardens.

\* Avoid using pesticides, particularly slug pellets. Put "escape" ramps in your pond. Leave a small area of garden "wild".



den "wild".

\* Remove low level netting. Construct a log pile as a shelter.

\* Take care when strimming long grass .

\* Check for the presence of hedgehogs before lighting a bonfire.

\* Don't feed hedgehogs bread and milk but use meaty cat /dog food or proprietary hedgehog food, plus fresh water. ( Friends of Isleham Nature Reserves )

For further information please contact :

The British Hedgehog Society <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/>

15/16th June . BioBlitz around the village . Lots of activities- see Informer and Isleham News Upcoming events at the FNIR :

10th May AGM at the Beeches, 7:30pm Talk about Chippenham Fen Nature Reserve

(Further information on our Facebook Page – <http://tiny-url.com/foinr> )

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## Whats On at The Beeches

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Tues	5.15 - 6.15pm 6.30 - 8pm 6.30 - 8pm	BEAVERS CUBS SCOUTS
Wed	9.30 - 11.30am 12 - 1pm 1.15 - 2.15pm 6.30 - 7.30pm 7.45 - 9.15 7 - 8.30pm	BUSY BEES PLAY PILATES TAI CHI HOUR OF POWER KICK BOXING KUNDALINI YOGA
Thur	from 7/2/18 6 - 6.45pm 7.30pm 2nd Thursday " 3rd Thursday	& MEDITATION POWERHOOPS WI ISLEHAM SOC
Fri	12 - 1pm 2 - 3.30pm 2nd Friday 7 for 7.30pm 4th Friday 7 for 7.30pm	PILATES BOOK CLUB  QUIZ NIGHT  BINGO

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