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A Little Ukulele Fun!

Year 6 enjoy their ukulele lessons funded by the Fen or Fifty Charity

Our Year 6 children have enjoyed learning to play the ukulele this year, as a result of the generous funding of the Fen or Fifty Charity Partnership. The children performed at their 'Class Café' on the morning of Monday 29th January for their delighted friends and family. The charity funding has enabled visiting music teacher Peter Wright to work with all the children in Year 6 on a weekly basis throughout the year up until February, and bought a class set of colourful ukuleles for use by the children and future year groups. We are very grateful for the continued support of the Fen or Fifty Charity Partnership with this new musical venture in school.

Sarah Skillern, Headteacher



A Festival of Lights 2017

Our beautiful Church was open over two weekends in December to visitors who were able to view over 40 illuminated Christmas trees decorated by local groups and businesses. It was a very successful event that raised over £2000 for the Church. The Community Carols service on Sunday December 10 was well attended, and enjoyed by all.

Thanks go to everyone involved, the organisers and helpers, the groups who decorated trees, and the visitors who all help make this such a successful event.



A-Z of Britain

One of the tasks conducted by the school house teams during our Autumn Term 'House Day' was to explore 'British Values' and create an A-Z guide of Great Britain for display in the school hall. The children thought really hard about the things which they feel represent our nation... and produced some excellent drawings to illustrate the 26 letters of the alphabet.

A is for apples and apple crumble
B is for Big Ben and Buckingham Palace
C is for crown and cricket
D is for democracy and dragons
E is for England and English breakfast
F is for football and fish & chips
G is for St. George, and the Gherkin
H is for Harry Potter
I is for Isleham and Internet (Sir Tim Berners-Lee- the British founder of the worldwide web)
J is for jelly and jam sandwiches
K is for Kingdom and King Arthur
L is for London
M is for Mini and music
N is for Nessie
O is for Olympics and the O2 Arena
P is for Postbox and Police
Q is for Queen
R is for rain and Robin Hood
S is for scone and seaside



Notes from Lucy Frazer

Chris Grayling visits Queen Adelaide

Lucy Frazer MP accompanied the Secretary of State for Transport, Chris Grayling, on a visit to Queen Adelaide on January 11th. Lucy initiated the visit in order to further highlight the concerns of residents should local crossings be closed as part of the Ely Area Improvements Programme. Lucy said: "I am grateful to Chris Grayling for taking time to come to Queen Adelaide today to see for himself the situation and to have a clearer idea of the impact certain proposals could have on residents in this area. I feel that today's visit is significant as it shows that the



concerns raised are being listened to and I will keep representing the views of my constituents with regards to the Ely Area Improvements Programme."

Lucy Delighted with Reshuffle Promotion

South East Cambridgeshire MP, Lucy Frazer was delighted to be appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Justice in the recent reshuffle. Lucy was first elected to Parliament in May 2015. Lucy said: "I am delighted to have been appointed as a Minister to the Justice Team. Working in a department that supports people when they are often most in need – helping victims, those needing access to the courts and ensuring offenders receive appropriate punishment but are also rehabilitated – is a privilege, and I am pleased to have an opportunity to play a role in these areas. As we leave the EU it is also vitally important that the future of the UK's thriving legal services industry is secured. Some outstanding Ministers have left the department but I am looking forward to working with a dynamic new Justice team to continue to improve our justice system."



T is for tea
U is for Union Jack umbrella & Underground
V is for Victoria sponge
W is for Woodland and West End
X is for X-Factor
Y is for Yorkshire pudding and You-Tube
Z is for Zoo

Have they included all the things which would remind you of Great Britain?

The school council are photographed here with one of the alphabet friezes.

S.Skillern, Head teacher

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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: gjpreece@aol.com.

REGULARS

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

February

Mon 5th	Parish Council	The Beeches	7.15pm
Fri 9th	Book Club	The Beeches	2pm
Thurs 8th	W.I.	The Beeches	7.30pm
Thurs 15th	Isleham Society	The Beeches	7.30pm
Half term: 12 February to 16 February			
Fri 23rd	Quiz at	The Beeches	7 for 7.30pm

March

Mon 5th	Parish Council	The Beeches	7.15pm
Fri 9th	Book Club	The Beeches	2pm
Fri 8th	Blood Donor session	The Beeches	12.50 -1.15 4.15-7.15pm
Fri 9th	Informer deadline		
Sat 10th	ISLEHAM LITTER PICK		
Thur 8th	W.I.	The Beeches	7.30pm
Thur 15th	Isleham Society	The Beeches	7.30pm
Thur 29th	Blood Donor session	The Beeches	12.50 -1.15pm 4.15 -7.15
Fri 30th	Quiz at	The Beeches	7 for 7.30pm

Village Notes

Litter Pick

The Parish Council is organising an Isleham Litter Pick again. It is our chance to clear verges before everywhere becomes overgrown, and will improve the view of all the daffodils that were planted in the Autumn.

We will start at 10am on Saturday 10th March from the Social Centre, and tea and coffee will be available about 11.30 when we have finished. For further information email: gjpreece@aol.com 01638 780734

Poppy Appeal 2017

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 in the village, and individually collected almost £591.56.

A total of £1,920.96 has been sent to the Poppy Appeal fund. Gill Savage.

Foodbank Donations

During the Christmas period the Isleham Co-Op, along with the stores in Soham and Littleport, asked for donations to help with the local Foodbank, for a special Christmas Lunch for families in need. In Isleham we received donations of £190, which meant that 19 local families received a Christmas lunch to feed a family. The Manager and staff organised the donations, and Dan Dias, the new Isleham Co-Op Manager helped deliver the food, with the organisers of the Foodbank.

On behalf of the Co-Op, the staff would like to say a huge thank you to all the local folk who donated to this much appreciated cause.

Andrew I Myson

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Isleham WI

After an interesting and varied twelve months, our members finished the year with a Christmas Party. We all contribute the lovely food, and with friends and guests from local WI's we enjoyed a very convivial evening. We were entertained by local singer and guitar player Jacon Bruce who sang a variety of songs, finishing with Christmas Carols.

Our first speaker of 2018 was Kirti Liddington, an Isleham resident, who gave a demonstration of Authentic Gujarati Rasoi cooking, producing Bombay potatoes and a curry with Paneer cheese. Both were delicious and were much appreciated.

This year we are celebrating the 95th anniversary of W.I. in Isleham, which is an amazing achievement, and we are carrying on the tradition of providing women with opportunities for friendship, the chance to build new skills, to take part in a variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them by supporting the National Federation in selecting the resolution which will be supported in the following year.

We hold our AGM in February, and this year an anniversary cake will be shared with members. Our programme for the rest of the year is:

March 8th	Brian Carline 'Days of Dolly Blue and Izal'
April 12th	Susi Baker 'Musical Journey through Egypt & the Middle East'
May 10th	Vanessa Mann 'It's on the Cards'
June 14th	SUMMER OUTING
July 12th	Bob Scott 'Glass Blowing Demo'
August 9th	Dr G.Kyd 'Molecules, Medicine and Mischief'
Sept 13th	Alan Bardouveau - photography 'A picture spawns a 1000 words'
October 11th	Pat Blanchett 'Musical Duo'
November 8	Quintus Benziger 'Compose your own Carol'
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. Tel: 01638 780734, email: gjpreece@aol.com



Notes from The Editor

Happy New Year, and welcome to the first edition of 2018.

The days are definitely getting longer, snowdrops and crocus are brightening up the garden, and spring is on the horizon, so there is a lot to look forward to after a rather miserable January.

Here at the Informer we feel there is a shortage of 'different' articles in this edition. We would love to publish your reports of events, comments and letters. Do get in touch if you have anything of interest.

We have been running for a year now without an Editor; in the February 2017 edition we did put out an appeal to anyone who might be interested. If you have a little time to spare, and an interest in helping out, we would love to hear from you.



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1st Isleham Cubs (boys & girls 8–10 yrs)	“	Tuesday	6.30–8.00pm	The Beeches
1st Isleham Scouts (boys & girls 10–14 yrs)	“	Tuesday	6.30–8.00pm	The Beeches
Board Games	Alison Young 01638 780351	Last Thursday	2.00–5.00pm	High St. Church
Book Club	Doreen Spiers 01638 780783	2nd Friday	2.00pm	The Beeches
Bowls Club	Sylvia Pinder 01638 720875			The Bowls Club
Bridge Get Together	Barry Lowe 01353 658358	Wednesday	10am-noon	The Beeches
Brownies	Bridget Clements 016353 624103	Thursday	6.00 – 7.15pm	High St. Church
Busy Bees	Pre-School 01638 781212	Wednesday	9.30 – 11.30am	The Beeches
Craft Club	Hazel Thompson 01638 780633	Tuesday	1.30 – 4pm	Limestone Centre
Daisy Foundation	Helen Plumb 07728 122033	Tuesday	9.45 - 12.15pm	The Beeches
Fenland Amateur Dramatic Society (“FADS”)				
	Malcom Speirs 01638 780783	3 drama productions a year		The Beeches
Gala Committee	Lisa Alderson 01638 781717	3rd Monday	7.30pm	The Beeches
Hour of Power	Jeff Pyne 07917 181982	Wednesday	6.30 - 7.30pm	The Beeches
		Saturday	9.00 - 10.00am	The Beeches
Isleham Society	Vernon Place 01638 780449	3rd Thursday	7.30pm	The Beeches
Isleham United Youth FC	Jon Marks, by email at jonmarks1965@yahoo.co.uk or 07920843914.			
Isleham Tennis Club	Clint 079 4644 1351			
Isleham Cricket Club	Chairman - Adrian Sheldrick 07775 522765 1st Team	Captain- James Tilbrook 07884 582730		
Kick Boxing	Mark Tomlinson 07938 423618	Wednesday	7.45pm - 9.30pm	The Beeches
Pilates	Jo Simcock-Simms 07974 653775	Monday	10.00 - 11.00am	The Beeches
			6.00 - 9.00pm	The Beeches
		Wednesday	12 - 1.00pm	The Beeches
		Friday	12 - 1.00pm	The Beeches
Tania Fitness Powerhoops	Tania McQuilkin 07983 440187	Thursday	6.00-6.45pm	The Beeches
Tai Chi	Dave Coogan 01638 78170/ peacefulwarrioraichi@hotmail.com			
		Wednesday	1.15 - 2.15pm	The Beeches
WI	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 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.

Remembering..... Isleham Poppy Project

11 November 1918 marked the end of World War 1 and with it's 100 year anniversary coming up lots of creative people in Isleham thought it would be a lovely idea to commemorate this milestone by using our talents to create a huge poppy display at St Andrew's Church. Isleham is renowned for its wonderful community spirit so we thought it could also be a celebration this too.

We are in the early stages of this project and are asking if all the creative people of Isleham would like to join in. Can you knit, crochet, embroider, quilt, sew? If so we would love to have you on board. We have set up a facebook group called 'Isleham Poppy Project' where you can chat about the project and find patterns that can be used. A Pinterest board has also been created (www.pinterest/scentsweetpeas/poppy-patterns) where we are pinning patterns that we find. All we ask is that the poppies are red and will withstand the weather – wool, felt, fabric etc are ideal.

Not connected to the internet? Don't worry, you can still join in. We have popped a couple of patterns below to get you started. 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.

As mentioned we have only just started this project and have lots of exciting ideas in the pipeline from lighting effects, group meetings to create together and a large scale art installation at the Church (with the kind permission of Revd David and Revd Sue). Lets make this project amazing !

A pattern to get those who love crochet & knitting to get started :

Crochet Poppy Pattern (with thanks to Helen Garbett)

Red dk yarn using a 3/3.5 mm hook.

Create a magic loop

Round 1 – Make 3 ch, then make 16 trebles into the ring. Join with a slip stitch into the 3rd of starting chain (16 stitches) Petals

Row 1 – Make 3 ch (counts as 1st trbl) and 1 trbl into same space, then make 2 trbls into each of the next 3 stitches (8 stitches in total), turn

Row 2 – Make 3 chain (this counts as 1st trbl). Then make 1 trbl into next stitch. Then 2 trbls in to each of the next 4 stitches, then 1 trbl into each of the last 2 stitches (12 stitches in total) , turn.

Row 3 – Make 1 chain and 1 double crochet into 1st stitch.

Now make 2 chain, 1 double crochet into next stitch Repeat from * to * until end of petal.

Make 1 chain and slip stitch down side of petal and into next stitch of round 1 and repeat Rows 1 – 3 to make 2nd petal. Continue in this manner until 4 petals are made. Slip stitch down side of 4th petal and fasten off.

Stitch a black button into the centre or embroider the centre with black thread/yarn. Remember to leave some yarn in the centre at the back so we can attach the poppy to the display.



The Isleham Society

Are you interested in our village, its history, traditions, its preservation and development. Then you might consider coming along to one of our meetings at 7.30pm at The Beeches on the third Thursday of each month. We have a variety of speakers from around the area. Visitors are always welcome.



Several years ago the Society produced a leaflet 'Beating the Bounds', a leaflet illustrating the Parish Paths in Isleham. These

paths are an important part of our heritage, giving an insight into the way of life of our forbears who used them daily to go about their business. Copies of this leaflet are still available.

At our January meeting we welcomed Jean Laurence and her assistance dog for the deaf, Dino. Jean was a very interesting speaker who gave us a brief history of the work of the society of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, and also told us of her own experiences with the two dogs she has had, and the way in which they have changed her life, giving her confidence and independence. It was a very interesting evening.

In February we hold our A.G.M, and this will be followed by refreshments brought along by members, and a quiz 'How well do you know Isleham'.

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A panto isn't just for Christmas!

The Beeches Entertainers return in March, after the amazing success of their Murder Mystery evening in November, with the revival of the traditional Easter-time Isleham panto experience. In a brand new show, written especially to mark the first pantomime at the Beeches, "The Panto Show-Stopper" brings together some of your best-loved pantomime characters under one roof. With Peter Pan, Snow White, The Ugly Sisters and a Wicked Witch, to name but a few, this is certainly going to be one not to be missed! The story follows our pantomime heroes in their struggle to join the real world of employment, or not! With three performances in March, this fun family-show is aimed at young and those young at heart and promises to be great entertainment for everyone.

A spokesperson for the Beeches Entertainers said "We are delighted to be bringing the first pantomime experience to the Beeches since it opened. The whole village used to get behind the shows at the old village hall and we're looking forward to seeing some familiar faces, and of course, plenty of new faces from the village in the audience. There will be the usual sing-along songs and a children's fancy dress competition, so we'd love the children to join in the fun by coming along in their favourite pantomime character costume. And don't forget to bring along your best shouting voices because there will be plenty of chance to join in with the characters on stage, oh yes there will!"

With rehearsals well under way, tickets will go on sale in February and will be just £3 for children (aged 3-16) and £6 for adults. They will be available at the Beeches on Saturday 10th February 10am-12noon, Sunday 11th February 2pm-3.30pm, and Saturday 17th February 10am-12noon, Sunday 18th February 2pm-3.30pm. Ticket enquiries can be taken on 07910 842910, or you can contact the Beeches Entertainers via any of the cast/crew, or via their Facebook page @BeechesEnts.

The Panto Show-Stopper is being performed by the Beeches Entertainers at the Beeches on Friday 23rd March @ 7.30pm, and two shows on Saturday 24th March: Matinee @ 2pm, Evening Show @ 7pm. Doors open for all performances 45 minutes before the start time.



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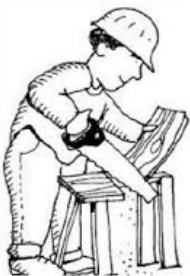
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When he first donated it was in the old Village Hall, and the blood was collected in glass bottles! Later he went to Soham, but now the transfusion service is coming to The Beeches.

Sessions will be held on Friday 9th and Thursday 29th of March, and you are advised to call 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk to book an appointment. Alan can remember up to seventy or eighty people attending a session. Can Isleham do as well?

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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.

New Councillor

The Council received one nomination for the post of Parish Councillor which resulted from the resignation of Mrs Marie Bowker. Mr Brett Turton, who lives in Beck Road has been appointed to this position.

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 252m² 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 Co-Op 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

- Residents are asked to note that major delays may result from repairs to Prickwillow Road in March.

- We expect the delivery of three Vehicle Activated Speed signs, which have been largely funded by a grant from Cambridgeshire County Council by the end of January.

- We 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

- Concerns have been raised on social media regarding suspicious persons operating in and around the village. Residents are advised to always report such concerns directly to the police.

- Recent incidences of anti social behaviour in The Beeches car park have been reported to the police.

Recreation Ground

- Residents will see that the recent planning application from IYFC for the construction of a 3G all weather sports pitch on the recreation ground has been turned down by ECDC. We wait to hear if an appeal or fresh application is to be submitted for this project.

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

Planning Applications*:

17/01907/FUL Proposed extension to create 2 ½ storey property. 9 St Andrew's Close Isleham. Mr Aver. Objection on the grounds that the increased height of the development (approx. 2m) would: - dominate neighbouring properties including loss of light and privacy and therefore change the character of the close.

17/01918/RMA Reserved matters for Outline application for single storey dwelling along with associated, parking, access & site works. Plot 1. Site adjacent to 3 Hall Barn Rd Isleham. Mr & Mrs Green. (previously 17/00255/OUT) Conditional objection, on expectation that -the overall height of the development is reduced to be in line with neighbouring properties -the surrounding hedge is at the higher level throughout existing telegraph / electricity cables are buried underground

17/01919/RMA Reserved Matters for a single storey dwelling. Plot No.2 Site adjacent to 3 Hall Barn Rd Isleham. Mr R Clarke. (previously 17/00627/OUT) Conditional objection, on expectation that: - the overall height of the development is reduced to be in line with neighbouring properties - the surrounding hedge is at the higher level throughout existing telegraph / electricity cables are buried underground - the proposed steel flue is replaced with a permanent brick built chimney

17/01220/FUL Erection of new dwelling and associated development. 29a Hall Barn Rd Isleham (amendment) Mr Stebbeds. No objection

17/01944/FUL (previously 17/00672/FUL) Proposed two bedroom bungalow. Plot adj 20 little London Isleham. Mr T Drayton. Objection on the grounds that previously raised concerns have not been addressed, specifically that: - this remains an overdevelopment of the site - it would result in increased danger to the many pedestrians accessing local footpaths 5, 6 & 7 - access to the site would compound the already existing problems of large vehicles damaging neighbouring properties - the tandem car parking would not work and result in increased parking on the lane

17/02021/TRE T1 & T2 HORNBEAM TREES Reduce tree canopies by 1m all over and thinning canopies throughout by 20% 1 Robins Close Isleham Mr & Mrs Edwards. No objection

17/01642/FUL. Erection of an oak framed garage/cart lodge. The Old Farm. 10 Little London Isleham. Mr M Flynn. Objection on the grounds that the proposed height will have a negative visual impact on both the (listed) house as well as other local properties.

17/02020/FUL Development of 2 No three bedroom bungalows. Site between Houghtons Lane and East Fen Rd Isleham. Mr J Waters. (previously 17/00223/FUL) No further comments to those already made.

17/02050/FUL Single storey rear conservatory extension. Replacement of front porch, windows and doors. 39 West Street Isleham. Mr Rashed. No objection.

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

Objection on the grounds of the further erosion and development of our village fringe including the precedent that it would set for further development by neighbouring properties.

17/01907/FUL (Amendment) Proposed extension to create 2 ½ storey property. 9 St Andrew's Close Isleham. Mr Aver. No objection to the amendment.

17/02110/FUL Residential development of two bungalows garages, parking, access & associated site works (full submission following outline approvals for 2 no detached bungalows under separate applications (previously 17/00627/OUT, 17/00255/OUT, 17/01918/RMA & 17/01919RMA) Site adjacent to 3 Hall Barn Rd Isleham. Mr R Clarke. No objection.

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 Reed.

Conditional objection: Due to the inclusion of a fixed staircase a condition is requested that there should be no further approval for the installation of a second floor within the property as this would affect the visibility of The Priory.

17/02131/VAR To vary conditions 1 Plans and Drawings) of the decision dated 06/11/17 of previously approved application 17/01636/FUL for proposed erection of 1 no private detached dwelling and cart lodge. 53 Pound Lane Isleham. Mr Baxter.

Objection on the grounds that previously raised concerns regarding the size of the proposed development and access onto Prickwillow Road have still not been addressed.

17/02147/FUL Proposed detached two storey dwelling with internal garage. Site east of Appleyard Farm Houghtons Lane Isleham. Mr D Beckett. (previously 15/01121/FUL)

Conditional objection: Due to the rural location of the proposed development it is to be requested that sympathetic landscaping including the planting of trees, open fencing and the rebuilding of any clunch walls be included as a condition of any approval

1702181/RMA Proposed farm relocation. Land parcel south of Fifty Farm. Prickwillow Rd Isleham. Mr Leonard. No objection.

Planning Approvals:

17/01739/CLE Certificate of lawfulness of existing use or development. Larkhall Farm 38 Prickwillow Rd Isleham. Hasse Estate Farming Company Ltd.

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

17/01636/FUL Proposed erection of 1 No private detached

dwelling and cart lodge. 53 Pound Lane Isleham Mr Baxter

17/01698/VAR To vary condition 1 of previously approved 15/0167/FUL for proposed 1 and ½ storey dwelling, garage and new access drive. Lilybob 58a West St Isleham. Mr & Mrs L Clarke.

17/01710/FUL Demolition of workshop connected to Priory garage and construction of new workshop. 8 Church St Isleham. Mr R Manchett.

17/02021/TRE T1 & T2 HORNBEAM TREES Reduce tree canopies by 1m all over and thinning canopies throughout by 20% 1 Robins Close Isleham Mr & Mrs Edwards

17/01220/FUL Erection of a new dwelling and associated development. 29a Hall Barn Rd Isleham Mr Fuller (agent).

17/01907/FUL Proposed extension to create 2 ½ storey property. 9 St Andrew's Close Isleham. Mr Aver.

Planning Refusals:

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

17/01795/FUL Construction of 3 bedroom detached dwelling. Land adjacent to 3 Croft Rd Isleham. Mr Coleman.

17/01109/FUL Development of an external artificial turf pitch (ATYP) with fencing, floodlighting and a storage container. Isleham Recreation Ground Mill St Isleham. Mr Caffarelli.

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.

*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.

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Easter Celebrations at PLFC

Easter Celebration at PLFC 2018 - We are looking forward to holding our annual Easter children's event on Saturday 31st March 1-3pm. As always the celebration will include an Easter egg hunt, crafts, games, biscuit decorating and a bouncy castle. We've enjoyed seeing this event grow and grow each year so why not put the date in your diary to come and visit us at Pound Land Free Church, as always it's free of charge.





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County Councillor's Notes



This winter has brought its usual tally of potholes, fallen branches and floods, and the County Council has been out dealing with them. Beyond dealing with what is urgent, though, work also goes on to tackle some of our longstanding challenges. For those of us who live in Isleham, the state of the Prickwillow Road is one of those permanent niggles, taking its toll on tyres, suspension and (in my car at least) passengers' heads. Part of the problem is that, like many Fen roads, it rests on peat that changes shape as it dries out, so its problems are more than a matter of patching up potholes.

So I am very pleased to report that the County Council is now going to re-make two big sections of the Prickwillow Road, giving them a new bed, constructed by a new method. Of course, that means the road will have to be closed for a time. Council officers have told me that individual residents who live along Prickwillow Road will be getting a letter explaining how they will be affected. The work is due to happen in late February. There will also be updates on the council website and via social media. I really hope the inconvenience will be short, and justified by the benefits of a road that is safer to drive along in future.

A less good piece of news is about the Council Tax. I think people who've spoken to me know that I want to keep the council tax low. I think it's a good thing that Cambridgeshire charges less than most counties. So I would much prefer it our County Council's tax didn't have to go up in April. But the simple facts are that the services we run have to be paid for somehow; demand for those services is rising; and government grant to the council has been cut a lot.

Just as one example, the number of people leaving Addenbrooke's hospital each week and needing care from the council's social services went up by half in December. The pressure on the NHS that we all hear about on the news is also pressure on the county council. Our council tax rise is, in effect, helping to bail out the NHS.

The council has a good record on keeping its costs down: we spend less on services than all (except one) of the places that are like us, and our tax is below average too. But however efficient we are, we can't turn away elderly people who need care or children who must be looked after to be safe. I nevertheless want to see the council carry on making savings and becoming even more efficient, and I know my colleagues are committed to that.

But Cambridgeshire also gets far less money from the government than other places. We receive £23 per person from the government. Central London Boroughs get £225 a person – ten times as much. If we got as much from Whitehall as some other councils, we'd be able to talk about reducing the council tax! This simply isn't fair, and my colleagues and I, including our local MP, are campaigning for fairer funding.

Paul Raynes paul.raynes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Isleham Parish Office at The Beeches

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Bob Mitchell	10 Sparkes Close, Isleham Tel: 01638 780707
Clive Patterson	21 West Street, Isleham Tel: 01638 780669
Glenda Preece	94 The Causeway, Isleham Tel: 01638 780734
Brett Turton	5 Beck Road, Isleham
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Richard Liddington (Parish Clerk)	Parish Office, The Beeches Tel: 01638 781687 Email: islehampc@gmail.com Website: www.isleham-village.co.uk

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

Churchwardens: Rob Savage 01638 780218 robert.savage@islehamchurch.org.uk,
Kathy Carver kathy@carverfamily.org.uk

Licensed Lay Minister: Carol Taylor

Authorised Lay Minister and Choir Director:
Mark Liversidge 01638 781696 mark.liversidge@islehamchurch.org.uk

Parish Intern: Mel Takac mel.takac@gmail.com

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

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.

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)

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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)

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High Street 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 Well, the new Church build is progressing well and we've heard a whisper saying we could possibly have moved in by next Christmas! Watch this space....

The fact is, wherever we meet, we are still 'Church' and anyone is welcome to join us.

Throughout the week we hold prayer meetings and Bible studies, groups for young people and young adults, groups for men and for women, groups for those who are retired and for those who are pre schoolers, giving everyone time to get to know each other and support each other on this journey.

On a Sunday, we meet together at 10.30am and 6.30pm (and there are planned activities for the children during the morning.)

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If you are new to the village and we can help you in any way, contact us on 01638 780985 and we will be in touch.

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Kathryn Kyte

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Wednesday	9.30am - 11.30am	BUSY BEE'S PLAY SESSION
	12 - 1pm	PILATES
	1.15pm - 2.15pm	TAI CHI
	6.30pm - 7.30pm	HOUR OF POWER
Thursday	7.45 - 9.15pm	KICK BOXING
	7-8.30pm	RUNTALIN YOGA & MEDITATION Starts 7th Feb 2018 (Large Meeting Room)
	6pm - 6.45pm	POWERHOOPS
	7.30pm	WYMEETINGS - 2nd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
Friday	7.15 for 7.30pm Start	ISLEHAM SOCIETY - 3rd THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
	12 - 1pm	PILATES
	2pm - 3.30pm	BOOK CLUB - 2nd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
	7pm for 7.30pm start	QUIZ NIGHTS - 4th FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
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