

# Isleham Informer

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## A Great Gala Day, back after 3 years

We had an absolutely amazing day at Isleham Gala, so much to see and do, so many happy faces and lots of great food to be had. So many charities collected much needed funds through their stalls and the fun run.



**Fun run in aid of Kids V Cancer winners, shields awarded under 10's under 12's under 16's boys and girls, Adult - Santino Lorello Creed, Rory Money, Zak Brodie, Florence Fretwell, Aeryn Beckett, Paul Kinnett, Elsa Webber (missing from photo)**

We would love to thank everyone who came along and especially those that helped us put up marquees, take stands down, clear up, parking, road marshalls mini mile organisers, announcer Stuart, draw ticket sellers, competition tent support and so many more.

Grateful thanks to all the supporters Of The 2022 Isleham Gala seen in the adverts plus : Farr Painting and Decorating, Mark Palmer Podiatry, Karma Farm Eco Campsite and to the generous donators of prizes for our draw. The Beeches Isleham Parish Council, The Informer, The Ark Church, Malcolm Spiers, Alan Beckett, Mark Goldsack, Isleham Preschool and Primary School.

It was a shame not to have a dog show and we send Jackie Palmer our thanks for helping over the past years, we hope to regain the event if we can find a volunteer to take it on.

I would also like to thank all of the Isleham Gala Committee, we are small but mighty and can be pleased with the final day's event, we welcomed a few new faces this year and would welcome more people to help out either in the planning or on the day for **next year - Saturday July 1st 2023.**

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## Useful Information

Mobile Library	Arrive	Depart
2nd Wednesday Church Street	11.15am	1.00pm
3rd Thursday Mill Street	3.30pm	4.15pm
4th Wednesday Church St	3.30pm	4.15pm

**Post Office** Mon - Thurs 9.00 - 11.30

### Useful phone numbers

Emergency for Police, Fire, Ambulance	.....999
Police (Non-emergency)	..... 101
Accident & Casualty (Addenbrooke's)	.....01223 217118
Addenbrooke's Hospital (Cambridge)	.....01223 245151
Newmarket Hospital	..... 01638 564000
West Suffolk Hospital (Bury St Edmunds)	.....01284 713000
Staploe Medical Centre (Soham)	
- Appointments	.....01353 624121
- Prescriptions & Dispensary	.....01353 727695
- Enquiries, Home Visits, Emergencies	.....01353 624123
Minor Treatment Centre, Ely	.....01353 656675
NHS Direct (for advice)	.....0845 4647
GP Out-Of-Hours (non-emergency)	.....111
Electricity Emergencies	.....0800 7838838
Gas Emergencies	..... 0800 111999
Anglian Water Leaks	..... 0800 771881
- 24 hour	.....0845 7145145
Social Services - office hours	.....0345 0455202
- out of hours emergency	.....01733 561370
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RSPCA	.....07599 522716
- Cruelty line	..... 0300 1234 999
Citizens Advice Bureau	Mildenhall 01638 719111
	Newmarket 0300 330 1151
District Councillor: Julia Huffer	.....01638 720013
Deputy Council Leader: Joshua Schumann	.....07841 524007
Parish Council Clerk: Richard Liddington	.....01638 781687
MP: Lucy Frazer	..... lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk

### August 2022

Mon 1st	Isleham Parish Council	7.15 pm
Wed 10th	Mobile Library, Church St.	12.15-1pm
Thur 11th	Fenland Friends Summer Picnic	
Fri 12th	Book Club	2-3.30pm
Thur 18th	Isleham Society	7.15 for 7.45
Wed 24th	Mobile Library, Mill St.	3.30-4pm
Sat 27th	St Andrew's Church Fete	2.30-4.30pm
Sun 28th	Isleham Quilting Festival	12.00 - 5pm
Mon 29th	at St Andrew's Church	10am- 5pm

### September 2022

Fri 2nd	Band at The Beeches "Max Headroom!"	8.30pm
Mon 5th	Isleham Parish Council	7.15pm
Thur 8th	Fenland Friends	7.30pm
Fri 9th	Book Club	2-3.30pm
Wed 14th	Mobile Library, Church St.	12.15-1pm
Thur 15th	Isleham Society	7.15 for 7.45pm
Sat 17th	Isleham Market	10 - 1pm
Wed 28th	Mobile Library Mill St	3.30-4.15pm

**Community Pantry at The Ark every Wednesday 10-12noon**

### Parish Councillors address list

Richard Radcliffe (Chairman)	45 Sun Street, Isleham Tel: 01638 780831
Dr Chris Corbin (Vice Chairman)	5 Priory Gardens, Isleham Tel: 01638 780221
Derrick Beckett	Appleyard Farm, 1 Houghtons Lane, Isleham Tel: 01638 780476
Vanessa Bruyneel-Smith	115 The Causeway, Isleham Tel: 01638 482410
Jeannette Malkin	17 Little London, Isleham Tel: 01638 780283
Bob Mitchell	10 Sparkes Close, Isleham Tel: 01638 780707
Marco Caferelli	22 Maltings lane CB7 5RZ,, Tel: 07971 335193
Glenda Preece	94 The Causeway, Isleham Tel: 01638 780734
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Christopher Elmer	30 Limestone Close, Isleham Tel: 01638 780934
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Website: <a href="http://www.isleham-village.co.uk">www.isleham-village.co.uk</a>	

### Notes from The Editor

Fantastic to see the return of Gala Day after 3 years. The organisers are always looking for volunteers to help organise beforehand and on the day please contact anyone on the Gala committee for more information. Many thanks must go to all that contribute articles and pictures and to all that help to put all the various pieces together and then distribute the *Informer* Keep safe in the heat Clive Patterson





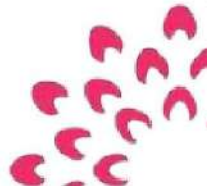
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**Burwell Museum**

**Bog oak:**

Burwell museum has a huge range of exhibits from recent history, like our replica of the Olympic torch, to the truly ancient, like our glacial boulders. Let's take a quick peek at one of our older exhibits, the bog oak from Swaffham Prior.

Between 10,000 and 5000 years ago sea levels around the UK began to rise. These high sea levels and deposition of sediment caused fenland areas to become waterlogged. Trees that once stood in the forests of the fenland basin fell into the peat below. This oxygen deprived acidic environment preserved the trees leading to the formation of bog oaks.

**Upcoming events:**

The museum will be running a series of events over the summer holidays including:

- Children's activities Thurs 28 July, 11.30-2.30 - drawing
- Children's activities Thurs 4 August, 11.30-2.30 - painting
- Children's activities Thurs 18 August, 11.30-2.30 - crafting
- Children's activities Thurs 25 August, 11.30-2.30 - modelling

Fenland heroes and villains Thurs 11th and Sun 14th of August

There will be interactive performances from History Needs You playing some fenland natural heroes and villains, including your favourites Boudicca, Hereward, Darwin and more.

Shows will be at 11.30am, 1.00pm and 2.30pm (lasting approximately 30 minutes) on both days and don't require booking.

Classic Vehicles Rally 21st Sunday August

There will be a rally of classic vehicles at the museum, including a 1928 Austin 12/4, 1949 Landrover series one and a MGB Roadster 1972. If you are interested in bringing a vehicle, not just cars, please email admin@burwell-museum.org.uk and we would be delighted to hear from you.

Heritage Open Days

As part of the Heritage Open Days scheme, where every September volunteers organize events celebrating history and culture, the museum will be open on the 11th and 15th of September with FREE ADMISSION.

295th anniversary of the Burwell Barn Fire

Please join us for the 295th Burwell Barn Fire anniversary on 8th September 2022. 2pm at St Mary's church, 2.30pm at Cuckolds Row, 3pm Burwell Mill and Museum. Within the museum there will be an exhibition about this tragic event and the impact on the village. as well as songs and poems performed written across the years to honour those who lost their lives.

If there is something else you want to do at the museum, remember you can still book a group visit, outreach talk or Zoom talk by contacting Alison on education@burwell-museum.org.uk.

The museum has just celebrated its 30th birthday and is so grateful to all of those who have helped over the years. Volunteers are what started the museum and are what we require to secure its future. There are many varied roles available, and everyone is welcome. If you're interested in being a volunteer please contact the museum at volunteers@burwellmuseum.org.uk to find out more about what's involved.

# Village clubs: information

CLUB	CONTACT		DAY/DATE	TIME	PLACE
<b>1st Isleham Beavers (boys &amp; girls 6-8yrs)</b>	Emma Bucknall	07807 349754 gsl@islehamscouts.org.uk	Tuesday	5.15 - 6.15pm	The Beeches
<b>1st Isleham Cubs (boys &amp; girls 8-10yrs)</b>	"	07807 349754 gsl@islehamscouts.org.uk	Tuesday	6.30 - 8.00pm	The Beeches
<b>1st Isleham Scouts (boys &amp; girls 8-10yrs)</b>	"	07807 349754 gsl@islehamscouts.org.uk	Tuesday	6.30 - 8.00pm	The Beeches
<b>Beeches Entertainers</b>	Barbara Murfitt	07510 173412 / 01638 780373			
<b>Book Club</b>	Irene Brown	irene.c.brown@gmail.com	2nd Friday	2.00pm	The Beeches
<b>Bowls Club</b>	Rowland Wells	01638 780191			The Bowls Club
<b>Busy Bees</b>	Pre-School Zara King	01638 781212 zara_covington@hotmail.co.uk	Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30pm	The Beeches
<b>Craft Club</b>	Margo Towley	01638 781524	Tuesday	1.30 - 4.00pm	Limestone Centre
<b>Fenland Friends</b>	Fiona Jones	01638 780440	2nd Thursday	7.30-9.30	The Beeches
<b>Friends of Isleham Nature reserve</b>	Avi Stacey	01638 780023	2nd Thursday Bi-Monthly	7.30pm	Various Please ring
<b>Gala Committee</b>	Lisa Alderson	07947 642333	3rd Monday	7.30pm	The Beeches
<b>Isleham Joggers</b>	Agnieska Beswick	07840 141694 agakardys@hotmail.com	Monday & Wednesday	6.30pm	The Beeches Car Park
<b>Isleham Performing Arts</b>	Ruth Bendall	07894 118801 ruthbendall@yahoo.co.uk	Wednesday Thursday	7pm - 8.30pm 9.30am - 10am 4pm - 5.30pm	The Beeches
<b>Isleham Society</b>	Mark Fletcher	isleham.society@gmail.com	3rd Thursday	7.15 for 7.30	The Beeches
<b>Isleham United Youth FC</b>	Steve Isaacson	07545 395573			
<b>Isleham United FC</b>	Russ Boneham	07867429051/01638 780830 russ@innovoic.co.uk			
<b>Isleham Tennis Club</b>	Clint	07946 441351			
<b>Isleham Cricket Club</b>	Jamie Saunders Adrian Sheldrick	07872 507989 (Chairman) 07775 522765 (vice chairman)			
<b>Pre-school Isleham Under Fives Ass. (IUFA)</b>	TBA	01638 781212 islehampreschool@btconnect.com			
<b>Pilates (Booking Essential)</b>	Jo Simcock-Simms	07974 653775	Monday	10 - 11am 6.00 - 9.00pm	The Beeches
<b>Pilates (Booking Essential)</b>	"		Wednesday	12.00 - 1.00pm	The Beeches
<b>Pilates (Booking Essential)</b>	"		Friday	12.00 - 1.00pm	The Beeches
<b>Salsa</b>	D Miller	07825955971	Thursday		The Beeches
<b>Tai Chi</b>	Dave Cogan	01638 781705	Tuesday Wednesday	7.00 - 8.00pm 1.15 - 2.15pm	The Beeches
<b>The Beeches</b>	Finn Blair	enquiries@thebeechesisleham.co.uk			
<b>Yoga</b>	Natasha	07738477746	Friday	10am - 11am	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. 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 PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE – July 2022

Parish Council Meetings are generally held on the first Monday of each month at The Beeches. Members of the public are invited to attend the meetings and 15 minutes are set aside each month for

public questions. (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 at the junction between Church Street & Pound Lane and from the Parish Clerk, Richard Liddington: tel 01638 781687, email [islehampc@gmail.com](mailto:islehampc@gmail.com). Summarised agendas are also posted on the Isleham News Facebook page. If you would prefer a copy of the agenda emailing directly to you then please contact me at the email address above.

Forthcoming Parish Council meeting dates include:

Monday 1st August 7.15pm  
Monday 5th September 7.15pm  
Monday 3rd October 7.15pm

**Neighbourhood Plan** I'm delighted to inform you that The Neighbourhood Plan for Isleham has now been formally adopted by East Cambridgeshire District Council and is already being used to inform planning applications. A copy of the plan can be found at: <http://isleham-village.co.uk/Neighbourhood%20Plan/Modified%20Isleham%20Neighbourhood%20Plan.pdf>

**Priory Car Park** We are most grateful to the vast majority of people using the Priory Car Park for adhering to the new rules. Some concerns have been expressed however that some residents are failing to park in the designated bays and this is affecting access to / exit from the site and setting a precedent for other drivers to do likewise. We have and continue to invest in improving this area if the village and we would therefore appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

**Mill Street Telephone Box** I am pleased to inform you that the Isleham Society are assuming responsibility for the telephone box and will be looking to turn it into a display area and signposting site for the historic sites around the village.

### Fly Tipping

Incidences of fly tipping should be reported directly to ECDC via their website: <https://www.eastcamb.gov.uk/waste/fly-tipping>

**Recreation Ground** We would like to thank local residents for adhering to the rule of not bringing their dogs onto the recreation field.

### Allotment Matters

There are currently a small number of plots available on the Dunstall and Three Trees (Beck Road) site. Please do contact me if you are interested in taking a

plot. The cost of a 10 rod (approx. 250m<sup>2</sup> plot is just £16.25 per year)

### Planning Applications (June – July) \*

22/00316/RMM Reserved matters for appearance, landscaping and layout of previously approved

16/00629/OUM for the erection of buildings to accommodate up to 4,160 square metres for B1, B2 and B8 uses and associated development on land allocated by Policy ISL6 of the adopted Local Plan, adjacent to Hall Barn Road Industrial Estate. Site South East Of Hall Barn Road Industrial Estate Hall Barn Road Isleham. An amendment has been received for the development described above. The amendment involves:

Additional information received 06/05/2022

1. Additional infiltration and hydraulic calculations
2. Dimensions of buildings
3. Layout with adjacent recent developments.

Mr Martin Coulson

### Objections

22/00351/FUL Two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and demolition of existing garage. 92 The Causeway Isleham. An amendment has been received for the development described above. The amendment involves:

- Annexe removed from proposal
  - Two storey side extension reduced to single storey
  - Proposal description amended to 'Two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and demolition of existing garage'. Mr A Woolnough
- No objection

22/00439/FUL Above ground pool, measuring 32ft(L)x16ft(W)x4ft(D), into the ground, installation of decking-type surround, electrical supplies and filtration equipment as necessary Location: 79 The Causeway Isleham Mr Stackhouse No objection

22/00462/FUL Erection of four market dwellings, garages, parking spaces, hard and enhanced soft landscaping, access and all other associated infrastructure (see 21/01636/FUL)(part-retrospective) Land Accessed Between 2 And 4 Fordham Road Isleham. An amendment has been received for the development described above. The amendment involves: Amended plans submitted at the request of the Applicant with revisions made to the fenestration of the four dwellings with additional planting proposed within the rear gardens of the properties. Bloor Homes Objections

22/00473/FUL Single story rear extension, extension above existing garage, part garage conversion and solar panels. 29 Sun Street Isleham Mr Wilson & Ms Ellis No objection

22/00438/FUL 2 storey rear extension Location: 23 Mill Street Isleham. Mr B Le Coq Objections

22/00484/FUL Proposed 3 bed chalet dwelling, garage and associated works

22 Mill Street Isleham. Mr & Mrs A Clarke Objections  
22/00537/ARN POTENTIAL DEPARTURE Change of use of agricultural building to three dwelling houses. 3 Sheldricks Road Isleham Mr C Mcgreavy No objection Objections



## Planning Approvals

22/00141/FUL Construction of double garage with store room. 23 Church Lane Isleham  
22/00325/VAR To Vary Condition 1 (Approved plans) of previously approved 19/01115/OUT dated 5/12/2019 for Construction of 2no. detached single storey dwellings and associated works. Location: Site North Of 55 Pound Lane Isleham  
22/00327/VAR To Vary Conditions 1 (Approved plans) of previously approved 20/01047/RMA for Approval of the details for reserved matters for Landscaping for previously approved 20/00286/VAR for Variation of condition 1 (Approved plans) of previously approved 19/01115/OUT (varied by 22/00325/VAR) for Construction of 2no. detached single storey dwellings and associated works. 55 Pound Lane Isleham  
22/00493/TRE T1 Yew - Remove 1 small tree due to close proximity to garden wall.  
T 2 Conifer group - Lightly trim and shape. 4 Mill Street Isleham  
22/00170/FUL Demolition of existing extensions and construction of extensions and associated works 17 Croft Road Isleham  
22/00430/FUL Proposed single storey rear extensions with a rear gable veranda. Willows 6A Station Road Isleham  
22/00279/FUL Demolition of 2no. existing single storey side extensions and erection of 2no. single storey side extensions. Conversion of integral garage into a workshop.  
Demolition of existing derelict outbuilding and erection of a large single garage with storage loft. 17 Church Street Isleham  
22/00351/FUL Two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and demolition of existing garage. 92 The Causeway Isleham  
22/00361/FUL Loft conversion to existing 3 bed semi-detached dwelling 43A West Street Isleham  
22/00368/FUL Cart lodge – resubmission. 20B Little London Isleham  
22/00493/TRE: T1 Yew – Remove 1 small tree due to close proximity to garden wall.  
T 2 Conifer group – Lightly trim and shape. 4 Mill Street Isleham

## Planning Refusals:

Nil refusals

## Other Planning Matters:

Tree Preservation Order 125 Pound Lane

The above order was noted.

For information purposes only 21/01572/FUM

Construction of 45 dwellings, new access, estate roads, driveways, parking areas, open space, external lighting, pumping station and associated infrastructure.: Land West Of Station Road Isleham Havebury Housing. An amended plan/additional information

\*Details for the reasons for objections and reasons for refusal can be found on the minutes of meetings and on ECDC /WSDC planning website: <https://www.eastcamb.gov.uk/planning/current-planning-applications>

**Dunstall Charity Grant** Are you about to start an apprenticeship or a Higher Education course and meet

the criteria below? If so then please do consider applying for a £400 grant from the Dunstall charity. Isleham Parish Council

## CRITERIA REQUIRED FOR APPLICATIONS FOR DUNSTALL STUDENT / APPRENTICESHIP GRANTS

1/ Applicants must have been resident in Isleham for one year, be under 25 years of age and submit a letter of application to the Clerk.

2/ The maximum grant available under the scheme will be £400.

3/ Applicants must have spent the money first, and send in original receipts with their application.

4/ Applicants must be serving an apprenticeship, for example chef, mechanic, engineering, or be a University student or student of further education at university level studying for a specific career, for example geologist, computing, law.

5/ Applicants can only claim for books, uniform, protective clothing, tools and course specific software; but not for stationary, office supplies travel expenses or computers.

6/ Applicants must have already started the University, College of further education or apprenticeship/job.

7/ Applicants are required to submit a letter from their course tutor or employer, stating that they are attending the course, or that they have commenced employment

Applications and supporting evidence should be submitted to:

The Parish Office, The Beeches, 32 Mill Street Isleham or via [islehampc@gmail.com](mailto:islehampc@gmail.com)

## Village Information Board

We have recently commissioned a new Village Information board, based on the fantastic graphic below, most kindly produced by Mrs Emily Stevens. This information board will be positioned on the Priory mound within the next few weeks.

See page 9 for the colour picture

## Mr. Patrick Cain

It has been suggested by many friends in the Village and others who remember Mr. Cain, that it would be a fitting tribute to purchase a bench to commemorate Patrick who was a former head master at Isleham Primary School.

Permission has been given for the bench to be placed in the grounds of the Primary School by the present head Mrs. Sarah Skillern.

Of course we will need to raise some funds for this to go ahead and donations will be gladly accepted .

Donations can also be left at the Beeches . (In the Beeches Post Box)

Further updates will be available on Isleham News or you can contact: Brenda Downey, Barbara Murfitt or Pauline Wilkes.

Isleham Pre-School Art Competition	Sponsored and judged by Barbara Murfitt
1st place:	1st Lucia Bye
2nd place:	2nd Freya Wright
3rd place:	3rd Owen Steer
	All 3 were presented with a bag of art and craft materials.
School Art Competition Winners	WH Smiths vouchers £20, £15, £10 sponsored by Gala Committee
The art winners were	1 <sup>st</sup> Noah Dransfield Year 3 for his super chicken pastel drawing
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Joshua Durham Year 5 for his butterfly collage
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Noa McDonald Year 2 for her wonderful dog collage
The photo winners were:-	1 <sup>st</sup> Freya Sutherland Year 6 for her super photo of her dog
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sophia Fuga for her rabbit picture
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Millie Beadling – for her guinea pig photo
Grand Draw Winner	Ms Ann Potter
The Float Competition:	
1st Place	1st Isleham Under Fives as Jubilee Kings and Queens.
2nd Place	2nd Scouts
3rd Place	3rd Isleham Youth Football team
Fancy Dress	Fancy Dress, all winners received a special Isleham Gala Jubilee medal.
Pre-Schoolers	All 5 participants, Megan, Fraser, Barney, Harper and Isabella received winners medals.
Age group 5,6 & 7 year olds	Winners were Rory, Johnny, Olivia, Willow and Rocko.
Age group 8,9,& 10 year olds	Sophia and Bethany.

GALA DAY COMPETITIONS 2022		1ST	2ND	3RD
<b>CAT01</b>	<b>Fruit and Vegetable Category</b>			
1	Three potatoes	Jasper McGreavy	Alana Steedman	Alan Beckett
2	Three broad beans (in pods)	Jacob Ambler	Sheila Taylor	Olive Hall
3	Three peas (in pods)	Ray Graham	Alan Beckett	Alana Steedman
4	Three carrots	Olive Hall		
5	Three beetroot	Ray Graham	Olive Hall	Jasper McGreavy
6	Three spring onions	Olive Hall	Sheila Taylor	
7	Three sticks of rhubarb	Rory & Effie Money	Alana Steedman	Rowena Beckett
8	Six gooseberries	Olive Hall	Sheila Taylor	Amelia Rayment
9	A container (basket, tray or box) of produce from my garden or allotment	Peter Bishop	Olive Hall	Isleham Community Allotment
10	A bowl of cherries	Alana Steedman		
11	A bowl of soft fruit (single or mixed)	Olive Hall		
<b>CAT02</b>	<b>EGGS</b>			
1	Six matched hens eggs	Felicity Beckett	Wendy Davies	David Sadler
2	Six eggs from mixed poultry	Martin Beckett	Marianne Corbin	Wendy Davies/Sheila Taylor
<b>CAT03</b>	<b>Floral Category</b>			
1	An arrangement to depict "The Royal Jubilee"	Alana Steedman		
2	A vase, jar or bowl of flowers from your garden or allotment	Hayley Davies	Angela Bishop	Alana Steedman/Emily Radcliffe
3	A vase of fresh mixed herbs	Isabelle Smith	Emily Radcliffe	Angela Bishop
4	3 or 5 stems of sweet peas single or mixed colours	Isabelle Smith	Angela Bishop	Rowena Beckett
5	3 or 5 pansies – single or mixed colours	Olive Hall	Eve Graham	Eve Graham
6	A single rose	Rowena Beckett (Rose Bowl winner)	Jane Brown	Zara Smith
7	3 or 5 roses	Isabella Maynard	Sarah Pollard	Isabelle Smith
8	A garden Roses	Chris Sadler	Toby Kitchen	
9	An allotment photograph	David Sadler		
10	A gardening tip			
<b>CAT04</b>	<b>Bread</b>			
	Bread-makers may be used			
1	Six White rolls	Rowan Taylor	Tarin Taylor	
2	Six Wholemeal rolls	Marianne Corbin		
3	A loaf of white bread			
4	A loaf of wholemeal bread	Rowan Taylor		
<b>CAT05</b>	<b>Cakes</b>			
1	A Victoria Sponge with a Jubilee Theme using the Royal Recipe listed below	Henry Tilbrook	Hayley Davies/Catherine Mitchell	Lucinda and Zara Smith
2	4 scones – fruit, cheese or plain (please label)	Hayley Davies	J Malkin/Alana Steedman	Catherine Mitchell
3	Fruit Pie – (double crust plate pie)			
4	A plate of shortbread	Jackie Human		

GALA DAY COMPETITIONS 2022		1ST	2ND	3RD
<b>CAT06</b>	<b>Jams, Pickles and Chutneys - A Jar of...</b>			
1	Jam – fruit of choice please label	Sarah Ahmet /Jacob Ambler		
2	Marmalade	Marianne Corbin		
3	Pickled onions or shallots			
4	Tomato chutney	Xavin Taylor		
<b>CAT07</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Crafts Section Open to all ages including children</b> Entries from children to be clearly marked with age			
1	A quilted item	E Radcliffe		
2	A tapestry, embroidery or cross stitch item	Susan Hall	Mary Whightman	Eve Graham
3	An item created with yarn	Susan Hall	E Radcliffe	Sarah Kitchen
4	A painting – any medium	J Bowers	Donna Taylor	Stanley Hawes
5	A drawing – any medium	James Watts	Olivia Wright	Amelia Davies Wright/Florence Hawes
6	An item created in wood	Jeff Bowers	Robert Radcliffe	Patric Cannon
7	An item modelled in clay; pottery; or other material	Robert Radcliffe	Noah Ahmet	
8	Photographic Art	Chris Sadler	Toby Kitchen	Toby Kitchen
9	Handmade Jewellery	Eva Rogerson		
10	Hand or machine finished home made garment			
11	An item of feltwork	Sam Lee McCloud	D Carpenter	Julie Aldus/Olivia Wright
12	Paper craft item	Henry Tolbrook		
13	An arrangement of silk (or artificial material) flowers, foliage, feathers, etc.			
	<b>Children's Competitions</b>			
	ALL CHILDREN MAY ENTER INTO ADULT SECTIONS BUT CLEARLY MARK ENTRY WITH AGE			
<b>CAT08</b>	<b>Garden</b>			
1	Mixed flowers in a hand decorated container	Zara Smith	Olivia Wright	Charlie Bentley/Amelia Davies Wright
2	A garden on a plate	Megan Steedman	Olivia Wright	Leia Taylor/Stanley Hawes
3	A container of home grown cress			
<b>CAT09</b>	<b>Other Creations</b>			
1	A castle design on a plate			
2	A hedgehog potato	Freya Wright	Olivia Wright	Stanley Hawes
3	A crown for a king or queen	Zara Smith	Megan Steedman	
4	A wind chime made from any materials	Thomas Tilbrook	Olivia Wright	
	<b>Baking</b>			
<b>CAT10</b>	<b>Baking</b>			
1	Three decorated cup cakes	Florence Hawes/ Eva Rogerson/ Eloise Rogerson	Rory Money/Effie Money	Amelia Davies Wright
2	Three jam tarts	Rory & Effie Money		
3	Gingerbread figures			
4	Any type of bread product			

• No listing means either no entry or no prize awarded

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# Isleham United Youth Football



The Isleham youth football club were asked to decorate a float for Isleham gala. As the youth football is a big part of the village, we managed to locate a large lorry which was big enough for a good number of children to sit on. Each child was asked to design and create a flag, with the football theme in mind, to wave whilst on the float. Banners were then made, balloons were blown up and the bunting was attached. The weather wasn't playing ball (excuse the pun!), when trying to put the balloon arch together as it was so windy. We were expecting it to have blown away by the time the parade started.

But everything stayed together and the kids and volunteers did the football club proud, even though we were pretty noisy! Everyone had a great time and we were chuffed to win 3rd place. Thanks to all involved and it was a privilege to be part of the 40th anniversary of Isleham gala.

Steve Isaacs



**1. Church of St Andrew** - Parish church of cruciform plan dedicated in 1331, replacing an earlier church on the site of which traces remain in the stone-work of the north east corner of the nave and in the C13 tracery in the north chapel.

**9. Priory Church of St Margaret of Antioch** A small Benedictine priory of c.1080-90 built by Count John and given to the abbey of St. Jacut in Brittany.

**11. The Lyth Gate** - Much repaired and restored, but of late C15 or early C16 origin. Timber-framed on brick sill with tiled gable roof. In two unequal bays, the narrower bay said to have been used as the village stocks.

**12. The Lime Kilns** - Four lime kilns, built c.1860 Four lime kilns, built c.1860 for the manufacture of lime mortar. Scheduled as an Ancient Monument.

**2. The Merry Monk** - C17 of lobby entry plan. Timber-framed, rendered with steeply pitched pantiled roof and original ridge stack of gault brick.

**10. The Griffin Inn** - C16. Timber framed, plaster rendered with steeply pitched roof of C20 tiles and internal stack.

**13. The Rising Sun Public House** - Early C17 timber framed and rendered cottage. Extended by one bay to the right hand in late C17.

**3. Pound Lane Baptist Chapel** - Non-conformist chapel built 1829, enlarged 1838, with gable end to road.



**14. Spurgeones Stone** - Marking the site of C19 preacher Charles Spurgeons cottage. Access to this site is currently restricted.

**15. Lady Peyton Alms houses** built in 1842, restored and modernised in 1982.

**16. 7 Sun Street (The corner house)** Farmhouse, c.1670.

**17. Isleham Primary School** - The main school building was opened in 1849 on land owned by the Church of England and cost c. £700

**18. The Ark Independent Church** Formerly known as High Street Baptist Church. The original church was founded in 1812 The new building has a magnificent oak frame.

**19. The Old Railway Station** The Cambridge to Mildenhall Railway was opened in 1885 and Isleham Station was built on the southern outskirts of the village. The line was closed in 1964 as part of the Beeching cuts

Abbreviations used in map:

Footpath: - - - - -

The History of Isleham: The archaeological record shows Isleham Parish has been inhabited for at least three thousand years. The spectacular hoard of a Bronze Age metal works, evidence of a Romano-British farm and the still visible remains of Medieval canals and wharfs all point to a flourishing community throughout the ages. In the Domesday Book of 1086 Isleham is recorded as being in the largest 20% of settlements in the area with a total of 46 households. Isleham means 'Isis's hermetstead' or 'enclosure'. The unassuming 'Crooked Ditch', probably of Saxon origin, forms the western parish boundary with neighbouring Soham. It then joins the River Lark, forming the northern tip of the Parish. A cricket club was first established in the village in 1882. It remains an active part of village life. In May 1850 the famous church minister Charles Spurgeon was baptised in the river Lark approximately 1.5 miles from the centre of the village. The recreation facilities have expanded and now include an all-weather pitch for both tennis and 5 a side football as well as a designated skateboarding park and children's play area. The old Parish Pound, was so called because it was here that stray cattle were impounded and a fine was collected from the owner. This area also included a lock up or cage where local, petty criminals were temporarily kept. The war memorial next to the Parish church was designed by architect Mr Thomas Dinham Atkinson and unveiled in the spring of 1921. It commemorates the local men who gave their lives during the two world wars: 45 in the first and 14 in the second.

Further details relating to the development of Isleham can be found at: <https://www.british-history.ac.uk/ach/cambs/vol10/pp429-427>





Primary School walking float



Fancy dress preschoolers winners



Tug o war



Fancy dress winners 5,6, & 7 yr olds



Fancy dress 8,9,10 & 11 yr old winners



Looking for the storm trooper...



Float winner 1st place  
Isleham Pre School



3rd Prize winner Isleham  
youth footballers



Lucia Bye and Owen Steer, Isleham  
Under Fives Art competition winners,  
Freya was busy having fun on a ride.



The three winners of the crown  
art competition.



Our fantastic Barbara  
who just loves Gala!



## SELL-OUT SUCCESS FOR ISLEHAM BIG BAND SHOW

The much-publicized Jubilee Big Band show with Opus 17 in Isleham on Saturday proved a great success for St Andrew's church funds, with over 120 tickets sold after limiting the number due to the need for dancing space.

It was a superb programme, some of it unplanned, and leading to the rafters being lifted to the skies! With emphasis on singing and dancing, a lot of favourite Glenn Miller hits were enjoyed, together with an assortment of numbers sung by the two vocalists.

During the second half, choir member Ruth Ogden performed Ella Fitzgerald's version of Miss Otis Regrets, as this was listed by the Daily Mail as one of the Queen's favourite songs. While waiting in the wings to go on stage she agreed with her pianist Eric, following a brief conversation earlier about Sweet Caroline becoming an unofficial anthem for the Jubilee, that they try it as a piano duet. When she had moved from microphone to piano the rhythm guitarist heard them talking and said "What key?" Then he started the song, followed by the bass guitar, drummer, Ruth and Eric. Gradually more of the band joined in, drawing maximum noise and vigorous flag-waving from the audience – an unplanned jam-session!

Finishing the evening with Land of Hope and Glory (more flag-waving) and the national anthem, the band by vociferous requests played another two Miller numbers before finally packing up and going home.

A fantastic Jubilee event that will be well remembered.



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## Farewell After 6 years

I have enjoyed 6 years as Headteacher of Isleham C of E Primary School and am writing my final article for the Isleham Informer before moving on to a new school in Suffolk this September.



It is a personal area of pride for me that we have maintained good academic results and progress for children, as well as a focus on pastoral care, wellbeing and development of the whole child- their interests and talents- throughout the past six years. Even during the pandemic, we have continued to offer as varied a programme of music, sports and arts activities in addition to standard class sessions as possible, and as many fun events and opportunities as possible for the children to enjoy, despite frequent staff and pupil absence and the ongoing disruption of COVID-19. We are incredibly grateful to everyone for supporting us in adhering to the ever-changing health and safety advice and regulations and ensuring that school could continue to be as fun as possible for everyone.

We have continued to offer Premier Education trained sports coaches to lead sports clubs and activities at playtimes for our children- a commitment maintained throughout the past 8 years- and regular assemblies, church services and performances, trips out and visitors in- whenever possible. This summer, the children in Key Stage 2 were treated to a visit to Frozen the Musical in London, and our Year 6 children once again enjoyed a residential visit to Thorpe Woodlands adventure centre. We thank once again the Fen or Fifty Charity Partnership who help us to ensure that every child can attend the Year 6 residential visit even in cases of financial hardship.

This year, thanks to our families' generosity, we have also raised significant funds for the school through PTA discos, dress-up days, raffles, and a Danceathon Jubilee fundraiser which raised over £2500 for the school to support our on-site swimming pool and the swim classes led by Wendy Read. We also ran an 'Isleham's Got Talent' show in April and a 'Pet Day' in school which saw various pets visiting us! The school council helped to create banners for a walking float too at this year's gala. There are over 60 families signed up to use the school pool throughout the summer season too outside school time which is great news for the children and their swimming skills. We remain incredibly grateful to all parent volunteers who have helped the children with their weekly swim sessions and visits to the local private woods in Isleham which classes have been permitted to visit. We are proud that the children's ideas have helped to guide the work and calendar of the school this year and that parents have supported us in mak-

ing the children's ideas happen and in continuing to offer fun and exciting events for the children in their primary years.

Isleham Primary has also attended and enjoyed success at multiple sports events this year including athletics, hockey, sport stacking, golf and cricket to name but a few- through the East Cambs Witchford sports partnership- and we have re-gained the Gold school sports mark for 2021-22- well done to all involved.

We are proud as well to have offered a range of clubs for children to enjoy after school including roller skating, computing, mindfulness, construction, origami, yoga, cross country, netball and cricket, and a range of lunchtime activities including colouring, parachute games, friendship bracelet-making and bubble fun.

This summer we will be saying farewell to Miss Bottomley and Mrs Davison from the class-based teams, and Mr Patterson as he retires as the school caretaker. We also of course say farewell to our Year 6 children as they move on to local secondary schools and wish them every success and happiness for the future. I feel privileged to have worked with a great group of staff, governors, families and children throughout the past six years, and wish the school every ongoing success as its new leader- Mrs Dawn Deacon- takes on the headship in September.

Mrs Sarah Skillern  
Headteacher September 2016- September 2022



Danceathon



Isleham's got talent



### The Ark Church



### Thankyou very much

Along with a few friends I was involved in providing and erecting a couple of marques for the Gala. Afterwards I reflected on what a difference it made to be thanked before, during and even after the event. It wasn't needed but we were grateful for the appreciation, it certainly made a difference to my day.

At the Ark we have started meeting on a Thursday evening as well as our normal Sunday morning. It's a great time, with some worship and chance to share our lives and faith. People come from the area, many of whom don't normally come along on a Sunday.

I notice on Thursdays there is a real thankfulness to God for who He is and what He has done. I have concluded that being thankful even in difficult times, is a habit we need to develop; we need to cultivate an attitude of gratitude.

Jesus tells a story about 10 lepers who were healed and only one returned to say thank you. On the face of it, it seems miserable that the other 9 didn't make the effort. I wonder what I would have done, I've been away from my family for years, separated from earning an income and believed to be cursed by society. I have a lot of time to make up and an amazing story to tell. Perhaps tracking down Jesus to thank him is low on my priority list.

At the heart of the Christian faith is a recognition and thankfulness of what Jesus did, not just for these 10, but for humanity and us. I love it when people are thankful – so does God!

Martin Wells

Martin is one of the leaders at the Ark Church  
[www.thearkisleham.co.uk](http://www.thearkisleham.co.uk)

### Moving on

One of the features on display at Ely Cathedral this summer is a remarkable table. 13 metres long, it was crafted from a 5000-year-old black, or 'bog' oak, found on farmland at Methwold Hythe, near Downham Market in 2012. The table was unveiled by the Princess Royal at a ceremony to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June, and will remain on public view until March 2023.

Churches, like trees, witness to spans of time beyond our human knowing. It's one of the reasons that trees and churches alike are a comforting presence in the landscape. They were there before we were, and we assume they'll carry on long after us.

The St Andrew's Church has been a presence in Isleham since at least the early 14th century, and in the form we know it for a good 500 years. There's a feeling of permanence and stability when you walk in, as though time might stand still for a short while as the cares of the world remain outside.

The summer season coincides with what in church speak we call 'Ordinary Time'. It's an unprepossessing title for the stretches of time between major festivals (e.g. Christmas, Easter and Pentecost), and the summer is the longest of them, extending into the far distance of autumn, rather like the long school holidays used to feel, at least at the start. Far from being dull, 'ordinary time' can be an opportunity for growth and development, for taking stock, noticing things, and taking time to look ahead.

Bricks and mortar notwithstanding, churches aren't as immutable as we like to think they are. Some may be surprised, others relieved, to hear that strategic planning is now very much part of life in the Church of England. The Diocese of Ely, within which we fall in Isleham, is currently undertaking a review and planning exercise to help shape how ministry is offered in parishes across Cambridgeshire and West Norfolk in the short, medium and long term.

We are in a phase of transition in our own parish (and the wider Three Rivers Group) at present as we continue 'in vacancy' between Rectors. It's natural to feel that our familiar anchors are less sturdy than they once were, that the comfort we drew from the unchanging place in our midst is no longer there because it too is subject to change.

And yet, life does go on. The building still stands and needs caring for, the community ebbs and flows and people still need and want to support each other. Perhaps we might accept the invitation of this season of 'ordinary time' to do some reflection of our own and notice what's really important in our lives as

individuals and as a community, what we can afford to let go of, and what might be the ongoing gift of being interrupted.

In the meantime, we keep meeting for worship on Sundays at 9.30am and for Morning Prayer at 8.15am on Tuesdays; for coffee, bacon rolls and chat on Tuesdays from 10-12; and for occasional events such as the Quilting Exhibition and Family Fun Day planned for the August bank holiday weekend. All are welcome. Look out for further details on the St Andrew's Social Facebook page.

This will be my last contribution to this slot in the Isleham Informer, as I will be moving on myself at the beginning of August before starting a new job in Cambridge in September. The past three years have really flown, and despite all the strangeness of the pandemic, etc., it really has been an excellent time. I'm hugely grateful for the support and love people have shown, and for the encouragement you've given me through my apprentice period with you as Assistant Curate. I'll be very sorry to leave, but will carry with me a great deal of the wisdom and experience that you've so generously shared. Thank you, and please be assured of my ongoing prayers for the people and places of all the parishes in the Three Rivers Group as the future unfolds.

"We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.

T.S. Eliot, 'Little Gidding'

## St Andrew's Social Forthcoming Events

### St Andrew's Church Fete

Saturday 27th August, 14.30 - 16.30

St Andrew's Social Centre

Traditional fete games, including can-alley, splat the rat and welly wanging. We shall be serving tea and cake.

Come relax with some tea, or try and beat last year's Welly Wanging Champion.

**Isleham Quilting festival.** Saturday 28th, 12.00 - 17.00 and Monday 29th August, 10.00 - 17.00 in St Andrew's Church

New and old quilts on display, demonstrations and stalls. If you have a quilt you'd like to display, please contact Nettie May: [nettie@may-web.co.uk](mailto:nettie@may-web.co.uk)

### Isleham Open Gardens

Open Gardens returned to Isleham on Sunday 3rd July, after a break of at least 15 years. Eleven gardens were open across the village.

A lovely day was had by all. It had been a very hot morning, but fortunately, the temperature dropped a little for the afternoon, as there was much walking to be done.

11 gardens in 2 hours were a mammoth task. All the gardens were very different, not just in size and style, but in plant-types. It was great to see what plants grew well in other gardens, and also gain some inspiration for home.

The £5 ticket included a cup of tea and cake, which were being served at three of the 11 gardens. The cakes looked wonderful in all the locations and it was difficult to choose which garden to pick, but we settled with The Corner House, as there was a well-positioned church pew in the sun, where we could rest our weary feet.

It was a wonderful day, with over 100 people visiting in total. We met new people, and bumped into old friends, and felt thoroughly inspired yet rested after our small exploration.

I hope they hold the event again, and I hope to see new gardens, as well as see how the ones from this year have changed.

atherine Drance

## Pound Lane Free Church

Pastor: Mr. Dave Hall (01638 781343 or 01638 780636, email [pastor@plfc.org.uk](mailto:pastor@plfc.org.uk))

Elder: Mr. Matthew Hall

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1st Sunday during evening service

3rd Sunday during morning service

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Kingdom Kids (3yrs. - Yr3): 9.45a.m. - 10.30a.m.

Youth a.l.i.v.e. (Yr.4 - 18yrs.): 9.30a.m. - 10.15a.m.

There is a hearing loop installed 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.

For further information on any of the above or if you would like to speak to Pastor Dave:

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## ISLEHAM Cricket Club

Our Cricket season is well underway, coming up to the half way mark already. The season has its ups and downs like all, our 1st XI are having one of their best seasons in years with a more organised approach with new captain Rich Coxhead. Sitting in third in the CCA Senior Division 3, which would be a best finish in the league for the team in over four years if they can continue their good form till the end of the season.

The 2nd XI are sitting last in the CCA Junior Division 4 North. With some perspective it isn't as bad as it's seems, the team are newly promoted & are fielding a much younger team than years past. Second XI captain Carl Houghton fielding a younger team at one of the highest levels the team has ever been, is a project for the future and with improving performances from the youth he is confident the team will be back to challenging for wins every time they take the field. The Vets XI is one of the most popular watched by spectators teams. Bringing friendly cricket to the village on Sundays with lots of laughs had by all. The team are currently one win from one, with some more fixtures coming up in July & August.

Our new net facilities, located at the back of the recreation ground are getting lots of use. With youth 11 to 16 year old hard ball coaching taking place there on Tuesdays 6:30 til 8pm & Thursday men's practise 6pm onwards, with anyone new or old to cricket welcome, continuing thought out the summer. The nets are for all in the village to use, so if interested in cricket or the nets contact a club official

Our ever popular children's coaching on Fridays, sees good numbers week to week. A fun environment for all the family, aimed at 5 to 11 year olds giving them a great intro into cricket. You will also be seeing some youngsters playing games up the Rec, very soon, with a number of fixtures coming up.

For further information, or how to get involved don't hesitate to contact:

Chairman Jamie Saunders: 07872 50

## Community Pantry update

We have been running the Community pantry, with kind permission and support from the Ark Church, for 7 months now and it is growing, both with people's needs and the donations we require.

These days are getting tougher for more people with the price of fuel and utilities rising. We are so very grateful for all the donations we receive and support from Isleham and now Fordham Coop's.

If anyone can offer any help by way of donations, we are always so very grateful and in need of:

Cereal, Uht milk, Tea and coffee, Squash,  
Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Tinned vegetables,  
Tinned fruit, Pasta sauce, Rice, Sandwich fillers,  
Crisps and biscuits Hygiene products

These can be brought to The Ark Church on a Wednes-

day or Sunday morning or left in crates in the Coop stores. We are also in desperate need for plastic bags to pack the parcels in.

If you know of anyone in need, please encourage them to contact us or just turn up on a Wednesday 10-12pm. Longer term help is also available. Grateful thanks also to the amazing team of volunteers, that without them, this project would not be possible.

Many thanks Claire

Claire.gillett.Communitypantry@thearkisleham.co.uk  
Isleham community pantry Facebook page.

## Coming up at The Beeches

### Isleham Market

Please be aware that there is no market scheduled for August, but we are back again on:



Saturday 17th September 2022

Saturday 15th October 2022

Our Christmas Market is back on Friday 18th November 2022 (6pm - 9pm)

Interested in having a stall at our markets? Please contact us at thebeechesisleham@gmail.com for further details

### Live Music

We have two more bands booked for this year, Max Headroom, performing on 2nd September 2022 at 8.30pm and The Rifugees, performing on 28th October 2022 at 8pm. Both events are FREE ENTRY!

Max Headroom play 90's/00's hits from the likes of Oasis, The Killers and Kaiser Chiefs

The Rifugees are a four piece band consisting of twin guitars, bass and drummer. They have a passion for Blues & Southern rock, and add some classic rock songs to their set which includes: The White Room (Cream), Smoke On The Water (Deep Purple), Sharp Dressed Man/Gimme All Your Loving (ZZ Top), Sweet Home Alabama/Freebird (Lyrnrd Skynrd) and more

We would love to have your support for these two great bands. Come on down with family and friends for a great night, enjoy a drink and some food. Your support will be greatly appreciated and will ensure that we can continue putting on events for you to enjoy.

Please keep an eye out for updates on our Facebook page @IslehamCommunityCentre or by browsing the notice board located next to the car park height barrier

Thank you The Beeches

## County Council



Good day and happy summer to everyone in or connected to Isleham. Last month we saw the village come together for an amazing Gala Day. I have lived in the village for over 25 years and have been involved in one way or another for well over 20 years. Gala day always reminds me of the good people we have said farewell to over the years including Graham Wells, Barry Clarke and Ivan Cox. For a good number of years these three were the finish line monitors and I am confident that they would have all approved of what they'd have witnessed this year. Well done to everyone involved for a wonderful event and community focussed gathering.

There are lots of things happening at the Cambridge & Peterborough Combined Authority, which is now the lead travel authority. I will not publish here matters pertaining to the monetary cuts or Mayoral investigations but I have been fighting for an improved bus link for Isleham, as lets face it one more bus in and out would be a 100% improvement. Whilst this remains ongoing there is a demand bus service that residents can use. Yes it has limited destinations and you have to join to take part but it works and works well. Please see below for further details.

I would like to highlight the run of recent road closures, particularly to Pound Lane and the issues these cause. They are normally happening to join the new builds to the utility systems, or upgrade the roads or utility sections beneath. At no point does this mean that traffic is allowed to ignore the one-way system on Church Lane, or ride roughly over the Waterside track rather than follow the alternative route. It is a slight pain to travel 1/2 mile extra, I appreciate that, but chances are the house in which you live was connected one day to the utilities required and caused similar interruption. It's not exactly taxing to follow the divert and it is not for long. I, like many local residents, would welcome your patience and adherence to the alternative arrangements whilst they may be in place.

There are many pathways and byways around our village and numerous of these are impaired by hedges, trees and vegetation that rapidly grow late spring early summer. Most are well maintained and add to the colour and habitat in our village but some have become overbearing and are forcing pedestrians, particularly pram and push chair pushing parents into roads. On behalf of all path users if I could ask you to cut back and keep under control path adjoining hedgerows etc, It saves so much hassle for others. Ultimately there is a local authority enforcement route which we really do not wish to see being used but is part of the process that eventually engages the law in such matters. As with most things a stitch in time etc and all is good for all involved and keeps our village moving positively in every way.

We are now in full holiday mode and after a few years of pandemic interruptions I wish all those heading off a great summer break and those not managing to get away at all fine weather and a relaxing summer

at home. If I can assist in any matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards and happy summer

Mark Goldsack Tel 07831 168899

## Isleham Society



June took us exploring the legacy of the Iceni tribe of Britons in our region. A much more artistic people than we might have imagined and whose fine metal work often included a motif of the horse thus anticipating the importance of Newmarket by about seventeen hundred years.

We organised an Open morning at the Priory as part of the Jubilee celebration, and thanks to Walter Gunston over a hundred visitors were able to have a 'selfie' with Her Majesty

Thanks also to Nigel Cooper for hosting a popular series of 'Hands-on Botany workshops'.

The talk in July will illustrate some of the geology, history, and wildlife along the Fen Edge Way.

August is usually a 'fallow' month, but I strongly suspect that this year there will be a dramatic surprise on the 20th. You can join the Information email list at [Isleham.society@gmail.com](mailto:Isleham.society@gmail.com)

Most meetings are third Thursday in the month at the Beeches with the bar open at 7.15 and a prompt start at 7.45pm start.

Thanks to Arthur Houghton, Vernon Place and Clive Patterson we have a good number of folders of village photos and press cuttings to browse through as well as relevant books and maps.

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