

Steel Bones Celebration Day Success

Steel Bones were thrilled to host another Celebration Day in Isleham thanks to kind permission of the Isleham Parish Councillors and The Beeches. This is a free day for amputees and their family members to join, some of whom will only just be overcoming a recent amputation and it can be traumatic for the entire family.

In true Isleham spirit, everyone welcomed our community with the warm, friendly Isleham welcome. Walter flew the Steel Bones flag and decorated his house plus he decorated the Beeches with bunting. The Youth Football and Isleham Gala donating netting/fencing which Walter put up with our helpers. Marco Caffarelli donated delicious fruit and all the staff at the Beeches helped our volunteers throughout the weekend. As well as serving our attendees with fantastic food and always with a smile.



It means so much to the amputee community to be welcomed so warmly and masses to Leigh and I to be able to show them why Isleham is the very best village. BIG THANK YOU TO YOU ALL and all the helpers that pitched in to help.

Over 350 people attended the event. People travelled far and wide to attend, from Durham, Wales, Sussex and from across the region to join this special day for the amputee community. To make it extra special we were joined by the Douglas Bader's Big Band who were amazing.

The day kicked off with Acro Iris Samba Band welcoming everyone, Chedburgh Community Choir performed including a rendition of THIS IS ME. This was followed by a whole host of activities including crafts, a Petting Zoo, face painting, canvas painting, pebble art, lego, Magic from Wayne Goodman, Holistic taster treatments with West Suffolk College, Inflatables and

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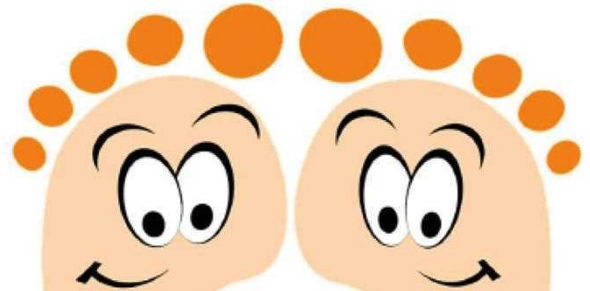


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Dates for Your Diary

If there is anything you would like included here for future issues: contact Glenda Preece,

T: 01638 780734 E: gjprece@aol.com.

August 2023

Mon 7th	Parish Council	7.15pm
Wed 9th	Library Church St.	12.15-1pm
Thurs 10th	Fenland Friends	7.30pm
Fri 10th	Book Club	2pm
Thurs 17th	Isleham Society	7.30pm
Wed 23rd	Library Mill St	3.20-4.15
Sat 26th	Pound Lane Church	1 - 3pm
	** Children's Summer Extravaganza **	
Sun 27th	**Grand Tug-of-War**	12-5pm

September 2023

Sat 2nd	St Andrew's Social Centre 2-5	
	** St Andrews Fete **	
Mon 4th	Parish Council	7.15pm
Wed 13th	Library Church St.	2.15-1.15
Thur 14th	Fenland Friends	7.30pm
Fri 15th	Book Club	2pm
Sat 16th	Isleham Market	10 - 1pm
Thur 20th	Isleham Society	7.30pm
Wed 24th	Library Mill Street	3-4.15

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

Parish Councillors address list

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Notes from The Editor

Another successful gala has now been and gone, now is the time for volunteers to contact the Gala team to assist in the implementation of next years event.

Instead of using stock photos for the Informer header I am seeking local pictures of the village/countryside from different seasons for the Informer header.

Please send direct to the editor. Any pictures used will be acknowledged.

Thanks to Kevin Porter for the header picture in this edition.

Thanks to all the contributions, and help from the Informer volunteers. Next issue in October, see you then.
Clive Patterson



Isleham Community Pantry is open every Wednesday 10-12 noon, for those struggling in these days, to collect a free parcel of food. No voucher required.

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1st Isleham Beavers 1st Isleham Cubs 1st Isleham Scouts		Sadly Isleham Beavers, Cubs and Scout Groups had to close down at the end of July, due to lack of volunteers to run the groups.			
Beeches Entertainers	Barbara Murfitt	07510 173412 / 01638 780373			
Book Club	Irene Brown	irene.c.brown@gmail.com	2nd Friday	2.00pm	The Beeches
Bowls Club	Rowland Wells	01638 780191			The Bowls Club
Busy Bees	Pre-School Zara King	01638 781212 zara_covington@hotmail.co.uk	Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30pm	The Beeches
Craft Club	Margo Towley	01638 781524	Tuesday	1.30 - 4.00pm	Limestone Centre
Fenland Friends	Fiona Jones	01638 780440	2nd Thursday	7.30-9.30	The Beeches
Friends of Isleham Nature reserve	Avi Stacey	01638 780023	2nd Thursday Bi-Monthly	7.30pm	Various Please ring
Gala Committee	Lisa Alderson	07947 642333	3rd Monday	7.30pm	The Beeches
Isleham Joggers	Agnieska Beswick	07840 141694 agakardys@hotmail.com	Monday & Wednesday	6.30pm	The Beeches Car Park
Isleham Performing Arts	Ruth Bendall	07894 118801 ruthbendall@yahoo.co.uk	Wednesday Thursday	7pm - 8.30pm 9.30am - 10am 4pm - 5.30pm	The Beeches
Isleham Society	Mark Fletcher	isleham.society@gmail.com	3rd Thursday	7.15 for 7.30	The Beeches
Isleham United Youth FC	Steve Isaacson	07545 395573			
Isleham United FC	Russ Boneham	07867429051/01638 780830 russ@innovoic.co.uk			
Isleham Tennis Club	Clint	07946 441351			
Isleham Cricket Club	Jamie Saunders Adrian Sheldrick	07872 507989 (Chairman) 07775 522765 (vice chairman)			
Pre-school Isleham Under Fives Ass. (IUFA)	TBA	01638 781212 islehampreschool @btconnect.com			
Pilates (Booking Essential)	Jo Simcock- Simms	07974 653775	Monday	10 - 11am 6.00 - 9.00pm	The Beeches
Pilates (Booking Essential)	"		Wednesday	12.00 - 1.00pm	The Beeches
Pilates (Booking Essential)	"		Friday	12.00 - 1.00pm	The Beeches
Tai Chi	Dave Cogan	01638 781705	Tuesday Wednesday	7.00 - 8.00pm 1.15 - 2.15pm	The Beeches
The Beeches	Finn Blair	enquiries@thebeechesisleham. co.uk			
Yoga	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 2023

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. 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 7th August 2023 - 7.15pm at The Beeches
Monday 4th September - 7.15pm at The Beeches
Monday 2nd October - 7.15pm at The Beeches*

We are currently considering ways in which Parish Council meetings might become more efficient in their operation. Please do feel free to email the clerk at islehampc@gmail.com if you have any suggestions on this matter.

Planning Applications (April 2023 – July 2023) *

23/00098/FUL Two storey side extension and single story rear extension. 1 Ellwoods Close Isleham. Amendment to boundary line. Ms E Hobbs
No Comment

23/00160/FUL Proposed single storey front extensions, new 1st floor dormer window, new UPVC windows throughout, installation of solar panels and construction of garden store in rear garden. 18 Hall Barn Road Isleham. Samantha Millington
No objections

23/00200/FUL Change of use of annexe to holiday let – retrospective. 14 East Fen Road Isleham The amendment involves: Revisions to the block plan and floorplans to clarify the proposed holiday let and demonstrate proposed parking provision on the site. The application has now been supported by an additional planning statement with further details of the proposal. Mr & Mrs A Farr
No objection

23/00260/FUL Construction of 3 bedroom, 1.5 storey detached dwelling and detached double garage. 45 East Fen Road Isleham Mr & Mrs M Earl
No objections. However, it is requested that a sign to recognise that Old Coal Drove is an historic place is put in place.

23/00267/TPO T1 Yew - Reduce crown by 3m to clear property. 2 Mill Street Isleham Mrs Ashleigh.
No objection

23/00296/FUL Retrospective buildings (tractor store, stables, field shelter) and associated works. Land Adj Larkhall Farm 38 Prickwillow Road Isleham Mr & Mrs S Mutton

Objection

23/00305/FUL Proposed 3 bed chalet dwelling, out-buildings and associated works

Mill Street Isleham. Mr & Mrs A Clarke
Objections

23/00326/FUL Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory and replace windows for fire escape. 9 Limestone Close Isleham Ms Meleuc
No objections

23/00451/FUL Retention of livestock barn and stable block with external cladding, porta cabin and completion of implements store in association with farm holding -
Objections

23/00514/FUL Proposed external porch. 9 Beech Close Isleham Ely. Mrs J Anderson
No objection

23/00516/VAR To Vary Condition 1 (Approved Plans) of previously approved 20/01095/FUL for Change of use from place of worship (D1) to dwelling (C3), removal of existing outbuilding to be replaced with single garage, landscaping and re-positioned vehicular access off The Causeway. The Old Chapel The Causeway Isleham Mr & Mrs Drage
Objections

23/00582/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension and first floor extension

7 Dockings Lane Isleham. Mr & Mrs Delaney
No objection

22/00612/DISA To discharge conditions 4 (site characterisation), 8 (soft and hard landscaping works schedule), 9 (boundary treatments), 10 (Arboricultural impact assessment), 12 (piling method) and 13 (biodiversity scheme) of decision dated 15/02/2023 for 22/00612/FUL for a replacement dwelling The Lowes 36 Prickwillow Road Isleham. Mr & Mrs Mutton
No objection

Planning Approvals

22/00439/FUL Proposed outdoor swimming pool with the installation of pool surround and associated works. 79 The Causeway Isleham

22/00984/FUL Extension above existing single storey extension to rear, garage conversion and part car port conversion. 11 Jubilee Close Isleham

22/01064/FUL Single storey side extension, partial conversion of existing garage and alterations to driveway and dropped kerb. 27 Robins Close Isleham

23/00008/FUL Roof lift to accommodate a loft conversion, chimney removal, exterior material change and associated works. 22 East Fen Road Isleham

23/00098/FUL Two storey side extension and single-story rear extension. 1 Ellwoods Close Isleham

23/00160/FUL Proposed single storey front extensions, new 1st floor dormer window, new UPVC windows throughout, installation of solar panels and construction of garden store in rear garden. 18 Hall Barn Road Isleham

23/00198/TRE T1 Apple - Remove to ground level. 16 Pound Lane Isleham

23/00260/FUL Construction of 3 bedroom, 1.5 storey detached dwelling and detached double garage. 45 East Fen Road Isleham

23/00202/DEM Pattersons Stores 11 Mill Street Isleham Ely Cambridgeshire

Proposal: Demolish barn and reinstate boundary walls with local clunch wall construction. (Not con-

sulted upon as ECDC decided that permission wasn't needed)

23/00326/FUL Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory and replace windows for fire escape 9 Limestone Close Isleham

23/00488/FUL Installation of PVCU conservatory to the side. 120 The Causeway Isleham

Planning Refusals:

22/01433/OUT Proposed erection of 4 No private detached 2 bedroom bungalows, new access and associated works. Site West Of 45 East Fen Road Isleham L1 The application site is located outside of the defined development envelope for Isleham, within the countryside. Policy GROWTH 2 of the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2015 restricts development outside of defined development envelopes to the specific categories of exception development listed within the policy, provided there is no significant adverse impact on the character of the countryside and that other Local Plan policies are satisfied. In addition, policies 1a and 2 of the Isleham Neighbourhood Plan restrict development outside of the defined Isleham development envelope to specific categories of exception development listed within those policies. The proposed development is not for any of the specific categories of development that can be permitted, as an exception, outside of the defined development envelope for Isleham. The proposed development is therefore contrary to the locational strategy for development within Isleham, as set out within policy GROWTH 2 of the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2015 and policies 1a and 2 of the Isleham Neighbourhood Plan. DCREOUTZ 2 The proposal for 4 dwellings situated within this edge of settlement location would create an intrusive urbanising impact upon the surrounding rural landscape, eroding the predominately rural character of the countryside setting, causing detrimental harm to the character and amenities of the area. The dwellings would interrupt views over open countryside and would contribute to the erosion of the rural character of this part of Isleham. On this basis the proposal is considered contrary to policies ENV 1 and ENV 2 of the East Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2015 by damaging the rural character of the area.

Other Planning Matters:

Application withdrawn 23/00031/FUL Demolition of agricultural barns and construction of 1 no. five bedroom two storey dwelling and 2 no. two bedroom single storey dwellings, garaging, parking, access road and associated works. 3 East End Farm Sheldricks Road Isleham

Noted

23/00169/TRE T1 Yew Tree - Remove due to cracks in boundary wall. 2 Mill Street Isleham. I am writing to inform you that the above proposal has been considered and it was resolved to serve a TPO to protect the tree.

*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.eastcambs.gov.uk/planning/current-planning-applications>

Highways We await from CCC

- Their start date for the installation of traffic calming measures on Fordham Rd

- The outcome of our application for funding to:

- Install traffic calming measures on Pound Lane
- Establish a 20mph corridor within the village

Potholes Cambridgeshire County Council have a relatively simple website for reporting potholes and other highways faults

- Go to: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-paths/roadworks-and-faults>

- Simply zoom in on the electronic map and you will see previously reported faults. Identify the exact location of the pothole

- Complete the other details, which includes an opportunity to attach a photograph

- Submit the form and make a note of the submission number as this will enable you to more easily keep a check on the progress of repairs

We are also most grateful for the many residents who completed the recent survey in support of our grant application for funding to install traffic calming measures on Pound Lane. We will update residents on the status of this application asap.

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

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 still 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 of the village and we would therefore appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Recreation Ground We await the legal transfer of a parcel of land to the north of the existing recreation ground as part of the Bloor Homes development and are currently considering various options for what this land might be used for. We would like to thank local residents for adhering to the rule of not bringing their dogs onto the recreation field.

Dunstall Charity Grant Applications for a £400 grant for those starting apprentices or certain further education courses are open. I copy below the criteria for this grant.

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.

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CHURCHES

THE Ark CHURCH

I have recently taken on being a governor at a local school. Much to my surprise I am actually enjoying it and feel as though I'm doing a small part to help the community.

The journey started when I wrote to the school thanking them for a great Nativity, it was true to the Christian ethos of the school, covered the story well and didn't disintegrate into pantomime. Teachers and staff were delighted to have a letter of praise and thanks. Apparently, despite been a great school they are more familiar with moans than positive feedback. Being thankful recognises the positive and sets the right mind set for the day ahead. It's too easy for good to become normal and we just take it for granted.

My highlight so far in my governor's role was undertaking a tour with the headteacher and being noticed by my children who were utterly shocked and also delighted. What was planned to be a subtle tour around the site created significant disruption and great excitement! They couldn't understand how their Dad and the Headteacher could be walking around the school together.

During Jesus' life on earth he was questioned over the places he went and the company he kept. He showed that God was not restricted by traditions or people's lifestyle, that he could speak into every heart and every situation and surprise us. The same is true today, each week at the Ark I am delighted to hear stories of what God is doing in people's lives, they are all different and often bring me to tears.

I and many others have been reflecting on the life of Audrey Chipper, a key person in the life of High Street Church and later as it moved to The Ark. I have noticed that even in grief it is possible to know God's presence, His healing and peace. It's also a time to reflect and take every opportunity to give thanks for her life and its effect on so many.
Martin Wells – Leadership Team
Ark Church, Isleham.

You are welcome to join us at The Ark at 10.30 on Sundays and lots of other occasions in the week.

Pound Lane Free Church

Community Event

Children's Summer Extravaganza SATURDAY AUGUST 26th 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Isn't it great to have the children home for their summer holidays? Well, at least until they get bored and you're left racking your brain for something different to do with them. We can help, for one afternoon at least. Following the success of last year's event, we will again, God willing, be holding a special event for children (nominally up to the age of 8). Last year this included Bouncy Castle, outdoor games, craft activities, science experiments, plus much more.

The theme this year is creation. So expect to encounter all sorts of things to do with nature!

Book the date in your diary! – August 26th 13:00 – 15:00
General Information Pastor: Mr Matthew Brabbs (07535908682 or 01638 781343 (Church Office), email pastor@plfc.org.uk)

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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 an enhanced DBS 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 Matthew:

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St Andrews Church

Exciting news! We have a new rector for the Three Rivers Group. Revd. Stephen Day is joining us from his role as Team Vicar in the Papworth group of churches and will be instituted as our new Rector on Tuesday 22nd August at Fordham church.



A former biochemist, he worked for twenty years in science and IT, including two years in Finland. He trained for ministry in 2009 and gained a masters degree in Practical Theology, which included a dissertation about the spiritual impacts of mobile phones! He was ordained in 2005 and spend four years as a curate at Waltham Abbey before joining

the Papworth team fourteen years ago. He and his wife Janice will live in the vicarage for our group of churches in Fordham - from where he will lead Isleham and the other four churches in our group. He and Janice also have two grown-up sons. He reads science fiction and enjoys photographing stained glass, and published a book on the subject in 2018.

My fellow minister Carol and I and the rest of our church family are looking forward to giving him a warm welcome and working alongside him in ministry and mission in the coming months and years, and we are sure the villagers of Isleham will make him feel equally welcome as he begins the next step in his ministry journey with us

That's one big change, and we are making another this year as well, having taken the decision for a variety of reasons to move our annual gift day to Saturday 9th September from its more traditional date in July. We are always deeply indebted to the generosity of so many of you in making sure our wonderful building remains a resource not only for us but for the whole village, and over the next few years we face the challenge of finding money for essential repairs and maintenance. It will cost around £250,000 in total to complete these works at St. Andrews's, including making repairs to the roof and replacing the unreliable current church lighting with more sustainable and reliable LED units.

Beyond that, we hope it's business - and socialising - as usual at St. Andrew's. We continue to offer services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m., offering holy communion on some Sundays and morning praise on others, as well as a prayer group who meet every Monday, morning prayer service in the social centre at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesdays and a short online prayer service at 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Our Sunday worship continues to be supported by our bell ringers and our

choir, both of whom practice on Friday evenings, and new members are always welcome at both groups, no experience is necessary! Everyone is welcome at any of these gatherings, and please do contact us if you'd like to find out more details about any of these regular services and meet-ups.

On Tuesday morning, we continue to hold a coffee morning after the morning prayer service which runs until 12 noon, serving hot bacon rolls alongside tea, coffee and other refreshments. Again, this is open to all. On a Tuesday, If you're popping into the Post Office (housed in the other half of our social centre, opposite the church) then why not stay and join us for a cuppa and a chat?

That's it for now, we look forward to Steve being able to introduce himself to you in the next issue! Mark Walsh, Licensed Lay Minister, St Andrew's and the Three Rivers Group

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trampolines. There were also workshops in benefits, wellbeing, prosthetics, RELAX KIDS and running. The day concluded with an inspirational Q&A with a



Panel of amputees of all ages. Followed by Bingo and the Annual raffle. We raised an amazing £900, which will go towards 2024's Celebration Day.



Each attendee received a goody bag with some goodies inside including special treats from the Charity's Legal Partners. The Charity took the opportunity to launch our new Young Voices Committee to ensure the next generation are more involved in decision making.

MASSIVE MASSIVE THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED INCREDIBLY HARD IN EXTREME WEATHER TO MAKE A TRULY MAGNIFICENT DAY FOR THE FAMILIES WE SUPPORT. WELL DONE AND THANK YOU SO SO MUCH TEAM

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Wally has been busy

In the past few weeks Wally has been very busy.



He took his mobile promotional unit to Fordham Car Boot to promote our village Gala



The Flying Scotsman heading for Ely railway on its return journey from Great Yarmouth to Kings Cross, London on 23rd June.



Harald and Alexander Bunt from Holland camped in UK visiting Cathedral organs in East Anglia. Pictured here is the organ of St Andrew's church after they gave an impromptu concert.



Wally lit up his house in blue to mark the 75th Anniversary of the NHS.

Pictures from 2023 Gala Day

Thanks and winners on page 16 & 17



Isleham Bowls Club

Centenary Celebration

This year marked the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Isleham Bowls Club and, to celebrate the event, the Club invited members of the Isleham Cricket Club, past and present, to a bowls match and barbeque on Sunday 2 July.

There was an excellent turnout from members of both Clubs and their supporters. Each club made up teams of three to play a series of round robin games during the early part of the afternoon and the result was a closely fought contest.



Mark Goldsack, Kevin Bird, Oves and Brucie

The Bowls Club would like to thank everyone who joined in with the celebrations of this special day. Thanks also to all those who helped to organise the event, contributed food, drink, raffle prizes and their time.

And if any of the Cricket Team, who played so well on 2 July, or anyone else for that matter, would like to join the Bowls Club, they would be most welcome!!!!

The afternoon finished with a final being played between the top Cricket and Bowls teams from the afternoon. The final was a noisy affair with the spectators cheering every bowl!! The Cricket team played really well and put up a good fight, but the Bowls team won after a great game. The centenary celebration was a friendly get together, with a bar and excellent food (thanks to Patrick from The Rising Sun) and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time.



AdeSheldrick celebrating his only good shot

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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

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. 250m² plot is just £17.00 per year

Reporting Crime Although it can be extremely frustrating or even deemed a waste of time the Parish Council have been reliably informed that police response does increase if the same type of incidence is reported on three separate occasions within the period of a month. Please do call 111 or submit details via the following website https://www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/?fbclid=IwAR1bqJ90ABmJvldcdeCn4iNvy4D54_nu26IEsexuMSFoWBSa54OuTtxtARg if you have been affected by any type of crime.

Facebook Page We are pleased to inform readers that we have established a Facebook Group to share agendas, minutes of meetings and other information relating to the work of Isleham Parish Council. Please email islehampc@gmail.com for an electronic invitation to join the group.



ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

Part Time 10.5 hours per week, (45.5 hours per month). This is subject to review after 6 months.

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Isleham Parish Council has an annual budget in excess of £110,000 to provide a wide range of services and support to our village.

We require a new Parish Clerk with good administrative, communication and interpersonal skills. The duties of the clerk are wide ranging and include setting agendas, recording meetings and implementing agreed action points relating to issues such as planning, recreation ground, highways, cemeteries and allotments. The Council's meetings are held at the beginning of each month. The role also includes liaising with both East Cambridgeshire District and Cambridge County Councils.

The Clerk will be required to attend evening meetings and to be available at the Council's Office to the public on a regular basis. We recognise that to service these meetings the week prior to and of the meeting are generally busier, therefore we are able to offer flexible working. Additional hours may be required dependent on the activities the Council is undertaking.

If you have the skills we need and are interested in this vacancy please contact Richard Liddington our current Parish Clerk at islehampc@gmail.com for an application form

Closing date for applications: Friday 18th August 2023

Isleham Gala Day IYFC

What a great day it was - sunny for the children and everyone involved on the Isleham Youth Football float. We had a handful of adults help this year (myself, Kara Casey, Emma Sutherland and Kaylee Dick, who worked hard with the organisation and preparation for the Women's World Cup theme that we chose.

Most importantly we would not have been able to go ahead without the help of the donation of an R & D Clarke lorry and driver. Thank you again Bobby Clarke and Debbie Clarke, without you we wouldn't have been able to be do what we did.

More than 48 children were included on the float and they had a wonderful time - blowing their whistles and making sure we were heard all the way towards the recreational ground. We came in third place, and the amazing £50 prize was donated to the Wildcats

Many thanks from the Isleham Youth Club executive committee for the hard work put in by all the volunteers who helped to make this a wonderful day. Steve Isaacson

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Morris Men

At The Griffin on Thursday 8th June the Devils Dyke Morris Men were welcomed by some enthusiastic spectators who generously contributed to our charitable collection.

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Morris Dance is a great way to keep fit, meet others, and helps to keep an ancient tradition alive. Its also free to join!

We would also like to hear from any dancers or musicians who would like join us at our practice sessions in Bottisham.

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Isleham Society



Earlier this year we were delighted to welcome Jonathon Shanklin, a world renowned scientist whose discovery of the hole in the ozone layer gave impetus to the Environmental movement and led to the ban on CFSs. Jonathon's talk was packed with expert knowledge presented in an accessible way, and was highly relevant to current issues of climate change.

The annual Spurgeon Trundle took place in May with a larger than usual group walking to the riverside site of the famous preacher's baptism. Also in May we had a most interesting, and at times moving, evening with recollections of Vernon Place and Arthur Houghton, two people who made a massive contribution to researching and preserving Isleham heritage.

In June we had a picnic visit to the Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow which included poetry from that period and learning more about the Bronze Age treasure, the 'Isleham Hoard', discovered by Arthur Houghton and his brother Bill and now kept in the museum there.

A new event for the society was to lead a village heritage tour for Year Four Primary students. We would like to develop more ways like this of engaging young people, and indeed families, in the rich history of their local area.

The Gala table with many folders of photos and Press cuttings produced lots of stories of past processions, and May Queens, School days and pancake races.

Charlie Haylock, voice coach to Ralph Fiennes 'Basil Brown' is with us in July and the programme over the summer and autumn is looking good with social events, talks including 'Waste Management' and 'Bee Keeping', and visits.

Events are open to all (free to members and admission fee of £3 for visitors) Contact: Isleham.society@gmail.com to join the mailing list and receive details of the Society activities and projects. Mark Fletcher (Chairman)

It is with sadness we heard in July that Ian Powys has died.

He passed away peacefully, in France, in his sleep during a siesta after a good lunch.

Ian was Patron of the Isleham Society and a stalwart researcher into local history and heritage. A formidable intellect well into his nineties, Ian tackled aspects of heraldry, roof restoration, and very much else with energy and expertise. Not one to mince his words he was an entertaining if challenging commentator on anything that attracted his attention.

Ian had won the Military Cross for bravery in the Korean War and many of us will remember the tribute he paid to fallen comrades on Remembrance Sunday a few years ago.

Many members will also remember with great affection his wife Beryl who was Secretary of the Society for a long time and who pre-deceased him relatively recently.

I have sent our condolences to Andy, Ian's son, and will circulate any further information as we receive it.

Mark

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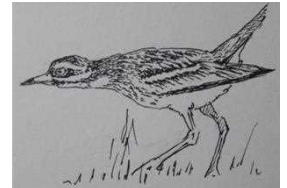
The main aim of Speedwatch is to remind people of the limits around the village, to try to ensure the safety of children, pets and all road users.

Volunteers who can help with Speedwatch sessions are urgently needed. Can you spare the odd hour?

Training takes 1 hour, usually whilst doing a speedwatch session. After that you can come to sessions as often as your schedule allows, as long as 3 people are available they can be done at any time in the daylight.

Please contact Anne on 07880 738076

Isleham's Wailing Heath Chickens



During these spring and summer nights some of you may have heard a loud, drawn-out, curlew-like call from a mysterious creature flying over the village. This is the Stone Curlew – a nocturnal bird also known as the Thicknee or colloquially (in Norfolk) the Wailing Heath Chicken.

The Stone Curlew is a summer visitor, arriving in March but rare in Britain with only around 400 pairs, mainly in The Brecks and the Wiltshire Downs. It's a strange-looking bird, rather larger than a partridge with long yellow legs and a staring yellow eye and beautifully camouflaged to enable it to hide up during the day in dry open heathlands or in the sparsely vegetated arable fields (it seems to prefer onion or young sugar beet fields) where it breeds in low numbers.

The ones we can hear from the village are probably moving from their nest sites to some favoured fields to feed on worms and beetles during the night. It's a bird of conservation concern and protected under wildlife legislation and as a result has started to increase in numbers from a low point in the 1980's. Difficult to see, and easily disturbed, your best chances of getting a good view are from a hide at the Norfolk Wildlife Trust reserve at Weeting Heath.

We are astonishingly lucky to have these rare birds close to our village, even if they do occasionally wake some of us at 3.00am

Alistair Burn

Isleham Gala 2023



Saturday 1st July

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone involved from start to finish for making this year's Gala a success. The Gala is very much for the people of the village and surrounding areas to have a great day and to help raise funds for local charities and businesses.

Grateful thanks to all our supporters: Isleham Farm Services, Nick Sharp, Mildenhall Skip Hire, Anglia Towbars, AMS Driveways, Farr Painting and Decorating, Anglia Towbars, Karma Farm Eco Campsite, and to the generous donators of prizes for our draw.

The Beeches, Isleham Parish Council, The Informer, The Ark Church, Mark Goldsack for his continued support of the races! Rose George, Isleham Preschool and Primary School. All the volunteers, Parade Marshalls that keep us safe on the day.

Thanks also to our lovely stall holders, pony rides that were back for the first time in a long time, everyone who took part in the floats and fancy dress, Ruth Bendall dancers and the Irish dancers. And those who brought their fantastic classic vehicles to the field – they were stunning.

Many thanks to our competition judges: Serena from Serena's Bakes, Rebecca Christie from Flowers Made with Love, Mark from Snakehall Farm, Sue Creasey and Pauline Wilkes. They all did a wonderful job amid the chaos that is the competition tent!

Our winners in the competitions and races this year are listed below, well done to everyone who entered, even if you didn't manage to come in 1st, 2nd or 3rd you were all winners for taking part.

We would also like to thank our committee members for their amazing support throughout the year conducting meetings to put the gala plan in place, raising funds, organising promotion, insurance, social media, booking entertainment and stalls, displays in the village, etc a lot goes into the event beyond a very long day on the field.

If you have enjoyed gala this year and would like to support our very small team we would welcome you, even for just 20 minutes before you head home or back to the bar it would mean we could all finish earlier and be a bit less tired at the end of the day. Without more help next year we will struggle to provide this wonderful day in your diaries.

The Gala Team

Isleham Gala 1st July 2023

Record of Winners

Floats

- 1st Isleham Primary School PTA
- 2nd Isleham pre-school
- 3rd Isleham Juniors Football

Fancy Dress Competition

- 1st Millie Crawford-Amber - patient in bed
 - 2nd Delilah Grey – Mr Bump
 - 3rd Jo-Jo Beckett – Incredible Hulk
- Special commendation for Ellen, the only adult entrant. Maybe more next year?

Other entries included: a doctor, astronaut, Willie Wonka's Golden ticket, Cinderella, spider girl, characters from literature - witch from Harry Potter, Mog, and Hatchet, a lion, and Supergirl.

Children's Pre-school

- 1st Sophie Challis
- 2nd Freya Wright
- 3rd

Reception/Y1

- 1st Toby Simms
- 2nd
- 3rd Alex

Years 2 & 3

- 1st Frankie Stebbeds
- 2nd Tobias Howie
- 3rd Samuel Norbury

Years 4 & 5

- 1st Lewis Piccaver
- 2nd Reuben Myson
- 3rd Max Edwards

Year 6

- 1st Jack Woodcock
- 2nd Lottie Wells
- 3rd Elsa Webber

Secondary School age tug of war

The winning team comprised:
Chantelle Challis, Cassie-Mai Cooper,
Courtney Parker, Josh Turner, Charlie Fordham
+ one other un-named

Adult Space Hoppers

- 1st Becky Parker
- 2nd Lisa Dalby
- 3rd Michaela Edwards

Fun run winners

- Under 10 girl – Phoebe Brown
- Under 10 boy – Max Edwards
- Under 12 girl – not awarded*
- Under 12 boy – Jack Woodcock
- Under 16 girl – not awarded*

Under 16 boy – Santino Lorello-Creed

*due to unfortunate mix up and insufficient recorders on the finish line

Quiz winners

Jackie Human and Sarah Pollard

Adult tug of war

Was fiercely contested by 4 teams in 2 heats and a final, the winners being a team of 9 led by Nick Sharp

BEST IN SHOW

Children - Olivia Wright
 Floral - Hayley Davies
 Craft - Anne Johnson
 Baking - Hannah White
 Fruit & Veg - Peter Bishop
 Rose Bowl - Helen Hawes

Credit: Mildenhall Photo Shed members,
 Lisa Alderson

GALA DAY COMPETITIONS 2023 (Competition Tent)

PRODUCE		1ST	2ND	3RD
Judge: Mark Snakehall Farm				
CAT 01	Fruit and Vegetable Category			
1	Three potatoes	Hayley Crawford	Alan Beckett	Pat Dorey
2	Three broad beans (in pods)	Jasper McGreavy	Seren Heath	Angela Bishop
3	Three peas (in pods)	Olivia & Freya	Henry Clark	Alan Beckett
4	Three beetroot	Alan Beckett	Jasper McGreavy	Angela Bishop
5	Three sticks of rhubarb	B Stacey	Henry Clarke	Kat Pole
6	Six gooseberries	Henry Clarke	Helen Hawes	Rowena Beckett
7	Wonky fruit or veg from my garden or allotment	Aga Beswick	Wendy Davies	Megan Steadman
8	A container (basket, tray or box) of produce from my garden or allotment	Peter Bishop	Alan Steadman	Henry Clarke
CAT 02	EGGS			
1	Six matched hens eggs	Sarah Ahmet	Alana Steadman	Alan Beckett
2	Six eggs from mixed poultry All must be free range (garden or allotment) and fresh laid	Alana Steadman	Ella Taylor	Alan Beckett

FLORAL		1ST	2ND	3RD
Judge: Rebecca Christie. Flowers Made with Love				
CAT 03	Floral Category			
1	An arrangement to depict "The Coronation of King Charles III"	Hayley Davies	Alan Steadman	
2	A vase, jar or bowl of flowers from your garden or allotment (foliage may be used)	Angela Bishop	Alana Steadman	Hayley Davies
3	A vase of fresh mixed herbs	Pat Dorey	Hayley Davies	Angela Bishop
4	3 or 5 stems of sweet peas single or mixed colours)	Raymond Graham	Freya & Olivia	
5	3 or 5 pansies – single or mixed colours	Emma Downey		
6	A single rose	Emma Downey	Pat Dorey	Sarah Goldsack
7	3 or 5 roses – single or mixed colour Miscellaneous Category (children may enter)	Raymond Graham	Michael Hawes & Alan Watson	Rowena Beckett

BAKING		1ST	2ND	3RD
Judge: Serena, Serena's Bakes				
CAT 04	Bread (breadmakers may be used)			
1	Six White rolls	Mandy Mayes	Vala Taylor	
2	Six Wholemeal rolls	Marianne Corbin	Mandy Mayes	
3	A loaf of white bread	Mandy Mayes	Vala Taylor	Will Taylor
4	A loaf of wholemeal bread	Marianne Corbin	Mandy Mayes	
CAT 05	Cakes			
1	A Victoria Sponge & Recipe listed below	Hannah White	Jennifer Leonard	Hayley Crawford
2	4 scones – fruit; cheese or plain (please label)	Emma Downey	Liz Moate	Alana Steadman

PRESERVES		1ST	2ND	3RD
Judge: Serena				
CAT 06	Jams, Pickles and Chutneys - A jar of...			
1	Jam – fruit of choice please label	Martin Gilder	Martin Gilder	
2	Marmalade	Marianne Corbin	Martin Gilder	
3	Chutney – any variety (labelled)	Marianne Corbin	Suwarna Pathmanathan	Martin Gilder

CRAFTS		1ST	2ND	3RD
Judge: Sue Creasey. Peacemakers				
CAT 07	Arts & Crafts Section Open to all ages including children			
1	A quilted item (please bring your own stand if you wish to exhibit a quilt)	Phyllis		
2	A tapestry; embroidery or cross stitch item	Anne	Anne	Eva Rogerson
3	An item created with yarn	Sue Hall	Catherine	Hayley Crawford
4	A painting – any medium (adults)	Jack Lewis	Eva Rogerson	
	A painting – any medium (children)	Eloise Crawford	Megan Steadman	Megan Steadman
5	A drawing – any medium	Ella Taylor	Eva Rogerson	
6	An item created in wood	Alan Watson	Alan Watson	Eva Rogerson
7	An item modelled in clay; pottery; or other material			
8	Photographic Art	Terry Tatum	Karen Varna	Terry Tatum
9	An item of feltwork (needle felt or wet felt)	Julie Aldous	Julie Aldous	
10	Scrap Model Challenge:	Megan Steadman		

CHILDREN'S COMPETITIONS		1ST	2ND	3RD
Judge: Pauline Wilkes				
CAT 08	Garden			
1	Mixed flowers in a hand decorated container such as a jam jar etc	Arabella Kumar	Aubree Pollard	Charley Kumar
2	A garden on a plate	Ava, Isla and Maddy Pearson	Amelia Rayment	Megan Steadman

CAT 09 Baking		1ST	2ND	3RD
1	3 decorated cupcakes	Mollie Downey	Lily Collen	Roman Reed
2	5 home made cookies or biscuits on a plate	Aubree Pollard	Olivia Wright	Eleanor Bedwell
CAT 10	Other Creations			
1	A Painted Pebble	Leia Taylor	Olivia Wright	Eloise Cranford
2	A hedgehog potato	Freya Wright	Akira Kumar	Mollie Downey
3	A wind chime made from any materials			

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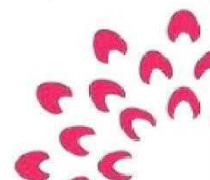
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