

Retiring after 35 years

Pauline Quinn retired from the Isleham Co-op on December 7th after 35years service.



How things have changed in the intervening years - things were very different.

The shop opened at 9am then closed for an hours at lunch time, when staff when home, then at 5pm the store closed for the evening. Saturdays were only worked until lunch time and Sundays were a day of rest.

Pauline worked firstly as a store cleaner, then was offered the post as a Shop floor assistant. In those days the shop door opened into the front where people now park.

The first major refit happened after this and the door was moved to the side, where it is to this day. Since those days several refurbishments have been made. In those days staff had to know the price of all the products on sale, no technical information then. There was an ambient delivery once a week and staff were all local ladies, however very often the Manager came from other areas.

Pauline seems to remember at least 12 different managers, with 2 being ladies.

Pauline has enjoyed her time at the hub of village life and now deserves a well deserved retirement.





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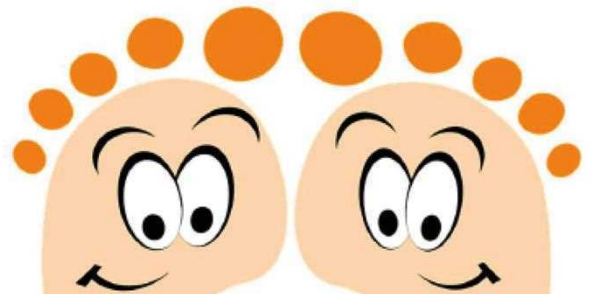


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3rd Thursday Mill Street	3.30pm	4.15pm
4th Wednesday Church St	3.30pm	4.15pm
Post Office	Mon - Thurs	9.00 - 11.30
Useful phone numbers		
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Police (Non-emergency) 101	
Accident & Casualty (Addenbrooke's)	01223	217118
Addenbrooke's Hospital (Cambridge)	01223	245151
Newmarket Hospital	01638	558400
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
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- Cruelty line	0300	1234 999
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Parish Council Clerk: Helen Dunn	01638	781687
MP: Lucy Frazer	lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk	

February 2024

Fri 2nd	Akimbo Alive	The Beeches
Mon 5th	Parish Council	7.15pm
Thur 8th	Fenland Friends	7.30pm
Fri 9th	Book Club	2pm
Wed 14th	Library Church St.	12.15-1pm
Thurs 15th	Isleham Society	7.30pm
Sat 17th	Isleham Market	9-11.30am
Sun 18th	Under 18's Disco	The Beeches
Wed 28th	Library Mill St	3.20-4.15

March 2024

Sat 2nd	Jumble Sale/Indoor Car Boot	
Mon 4th	Parish Council	7.15pm
Fri 8th	Bowls Club Quiz Night	7pm for 7.30
Wed 13th	Library Church St	12.15 -1pm
Thur 14th	Fenland Friends	7.30pm
Fri 15th	Book Club	2pm
Sat 16th	Isleham Market	9-11.30am
Thur 21st	Isleham Society	7.30pm
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	Jack and the Beanstalk	
	Fri 22nd at 7.30pm	
	Sat 23rd at 2pm & 7pm	
Wed 27th	Library Mill St	3.20-4.15

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

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Notes from The Editor

Hoping everyone had a great Christmas and a healthy New Year

Wishing Pauline all the best in her well earned retirement. Once again many thanks to Walter who did a sterling job of lighting the village.

Apologies to Mark for missing his notes from the December edition.

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. Please keep the articles coming.

Thanks to all the contributions, and help from the Informer volunteers.

Next issue in April, see you then, waiting for the warmer weather. Clive Patterson

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir, What a splendid and colourful display of lights in the village this Christmas, both along Fordham Road and coming through the village past the Church and surrounding areas, including the Alms Houses, all truly spectacular – thank you to Wally, his helpers and everyone involved.

Whilst extending thanks, I feel sure the residents of our small village will join me in saying a BIG THANK YOU to the Manager and staff at the Isleham Co-op who again were always on hand with their cheerful chat and comments during the long working hours over the Christmas period. The Co-op store is a “boon” to some in the village – where would we be without it?

Joyce Heywood



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Village clubs: information

CLUB	CONTACT	Contact Details	DAY/ DATE	TIME	PLACE
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
Community Pantry	Claire Gillett	claire.gillett. communitypantry@ thearkisleham.co.uk 07394 395718	Wednesday	10.00 - 12.00	The Ark Church
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 (Chair) 07775 522765 (vice chair)			
Pre-school Isleham Under Fives Ass. (IUFA)	TBA	01638 781212 islehampreschool @btconnect.com			
Move it & Lose it	Jo Griffin	Jo.griffin@moveitorloseit.co.uk	Monday	2.00pm - 3.00pm	The beeches
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 March 9th for our April 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 –January 2024

Members of the public are invited to attend Parish Council 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, Helen Dunn: tel 01638 781687, email islehampc@gmail.com. Summarised agendas are also posted on the Isleham News Facebook page.

Forthcoming Parish Council meeting dates include:

Monday 5th February – 7.15pm at The Beeches
Monday 4th March – 7.15pm at The Beeches
Monday 8th April – 7.15pm at The Beeches

Planning Applications (Dec 2023 – Jan 2024)

Planning Applications:
23/01169/LBC 17-19 The Causeway. The Lady Frances Peyton's Hospital Almshouse Charity Discussion chaired by DB, as RR had declared an interest in this matter No Objections
23/01130/FUL East End Farm 3 Sheldricks Road. Mr Colin Mcgreavy No objections
23/00989/FUL 2 Houghtons Lane. Mr T Froud No objections
23/01084/FUL Single storey building for physio treatment room and gym. Solar PV panels to south facing roof of bungalow 2 Houghtons Lane, Mr T Froud No Objections
23/01267/FUL Installation of roller shutter to side elevation display window The Co-operative Food 2 West Street No Objections
23/01326/FUL Replacement dwelling - revised scheme of previously refused 22/00837/FUL 25 The Pits, Mr I Walker Objections include: No residential amenity (no garden). Over development. Over bearing. Not in line with Neighbourhood Plan which requires a soft transition between rural fields and housing.
23/01309/FUL Construction of timber steps and decking (retrospective), log store and mesh fence with timber poles. River View Marina 26A Prickwillow Road, Mr Edward Baptist Objections include: Detracts from rural views. Detriment to an unspoilt rural area outside of the village

Planning Approvals

23/01169/LBC Replacement timber windows and doors to side and rear, secondary glazing to front windows, repair of front door and windows, repairs to rear roof, removal of various attachments, replacement of cement render with lime render, repair front boundary wall and reinstatement of chimney 17-19 The Causeway

23/00989/FUL - Single storey rear extension and exterior alterations to the front elevation 2 Houghtons Lane

Planning Refusals

23/00305/FUL - Proposed 3 bed chalet dwelling, outbuildings and associated works 22 Mill Street

Dunstall Charity Grant

Applications for a £400 grant for those starting apprenticeships or certain further education courses are open. Criteria for the 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.
5. Applicants can only claim for books, uniform, protective clothing, tools, computer and course specific software; but not for stationary or office supplies.
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

Allotments There are currently a small number of plots available on the Dunstall (Station Road) and Three Trees (Beck Road) sites. 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

Facebook Page

We run an Isleham Parish Council Facebook Group to share agendas, minutes of meetings and other information relating to the work of Isleham Parish Council. Please search for 'Isleham Parish Council' on Facebook or email islehampc@gmail.com for an electronic invitation to join the group.

Parish Clerk – Helen Dunn

For any queries or matters you would like to raise, you can find me at the Parish Clerk office located at The Beeches on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10am – 12.30pm, and can contact me throughout the week on islehampc@gmail.com.

REPORTING IS KEY!

The Isleham Community Safety Forum

Thank you to all residents and local business representatives who attended this productive event in November. An action plan is being implemented following your feedback on the night and the Council are working together with local representatives from the Police, Highways and other local authorities to improve all aspects of safety in our village.

The main message to convey to the community is to report everything because if the local authorities do not know about it, they cannot do anything about it. A lot of people post on Facebook instead of reporting it, so below are some key links and contact details to follow:

Potholes

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

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



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 keep a check more easily on the progress of repairs.

Fly Tipping

Incidences of fly tipping should be reported directly to ECDC via their website: <https://www.eastcambsgov.uk/east-cambsgov.uk/street-scene/fly-tipping>



Anti-social behaviour

Includes criminal and non-criminal behaviour.



This could be:

- threatening, harassing or unruly behaviour such as drunkenness and loitering in public spaces
- drug use – and the mess and disruption that can go with it
- vandalism, graffiti, and littering
- disruptive neighbours consistently playing loud music or letting their dog bark all night
- abandoned vehicles
- parking on double yellow lines
- speeding
- excessively noisy exhausts

<https://www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

Reporting Non-emergencies

You can call 101 to give information to the police or make an enquiry.

Neighbourhood Policing Team

Please use the following link to read about the neighbourhood team and how to report on the Cambridgeshire Constabulary website. <https://www.cambs.police.uk/area/your-area/cambridgeshire/east-cambridgeshire/east-cambridgeshire/about-us/top-reported-crimes-in-this-area>

In addition, this QR code takes you to their community survey. They use the results to set out their priorities and where to send the resources.



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By the time you read this, I'm sure quite a few New Year's Resolutions will have been made and broken. Not so much the ones like "lose weight" or "eat more fruit" which can't really be judged in the short term, but certainly the make-or-break ones like "stop smoking".

That's because resolutions require resolve! It's not enough just to have a feeling that something would be a good idea - resolutions must spring from deep within us where our willpower wrestles with the force of habit and our fondness for instant gratification.

Will power must also battle with inertia, and impatience - we must be ready to put in the effort to change, and we must be in it for the long haul. When two people marry, so popular songs have it, they say "I do" - well, they don't! They say "I will" - they engage their willpower and look to the long term, not just the present moment.

A New Year's Resolution that is actually worth making, and actually worth sticking to, is really more of a New Year's Revolution - a turning away from how we have been to aim at what we intend and resolve to be.

The Biblical word for that kind of turning is "repentance", and it's far more than just being sorry, or saying sorry. Biblical repentance is about changing our minds, and redirecting our thoughts and actions - our whole lives. It may sound a bit strange to think of "deciding to lose weight" as "repenting of eating so much" but that's basically what it means!

Thinking about "New Year's Repentance" opens up a whole range of possibilities which we might not have thought of. How about resolving to be more humble, get angry less, be less greedy, to spend more of our time and resources on relationships than on things? These are a lot harder to measure than weight, or how often we eat our "five a day", but they are far more long- and far-reaching in their impact on our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

Jesus called his followers to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. So how about if we all resolved to be brighter and more salty? More ready to challenge the dark, and more prepared to get stuck in and preserve our world from decay? More ready to keep our eyes and ears open to what's wrong, and our mouths open to call it out? More ready to stand against injustice and oppression, more ready to extend a welcoming and helping hand to those in need, more ready to break out of our entrenched positions and see the world from someone else's viewpoint?

Those sound to me like New Year's Resolutions worth making!

Revd Steve Day

Pound Lane Free Church

With the start of a new year, why not start a new activity?

Coffee Mornings - for everyone

Every Thursday morning from 10:00 - 11:30ish. Free tea, coffee and cold drinks along with free cake and savouries. Why not come along and make new friends or enjoy a morning with existing ones.

We have an '8 minute in the news' slot every week where we look at some fun news items ending with one that we can relate to the teaching of the Bible.

Music Mayhem - music morning for pre-schoolers and parent/carers

Every Monday morning from 9:30 - 10:30 during school term time. Join a whole crowd of mums, carers and a few brave dads encouraging their children to enjoy singing, playing musical instruments and generally enjoying music. Each session consists of approx. 30 mins organised children's activity followed by 30 mins playing with toys whilst the adults enjoy free drinks and a chance to chat together. All sessions are free.

See www.isleham.com/html/musicmayhem for more information.

General Information

Pastor: Mr Matthew Brabbs (07535908682 or 01638 781343 (Church Office), email pastor@plfc.org.uk)

Elders: Mr. Dave Hall, Mr. Matthew Hall

Every Sunday:

Sunday worship: 10.30a.m. & 6.30p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

1st Sunday during evening service

3rd Sunday during morning service

Fellowship Lunches are served after the morning service on the third Sunday of the month.

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

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

There is a hearing loop installed as well as Braille songbooks. We have a comprehensive Child Protection Policy and a 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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email: pastor@plfc.org.uk or secretary@plfc.org.uk

Web site: www.plfc.org.uk

Full details of all our services, events, core beliefs and contact details are on our website: www.plfc.org.uk



Clear the Windscreen – Ark Church

My daughter is learning to drive in an old Fiat Panda. The car is great but has one small problem, the water jets onto the windscreen don't seem to work properly. Yesterday I decided to fix the problem. So ripped the system apart, removed years of debris and now they are working like new! The whole process was oddly satisfying and a great pleasure to get something working as it was designed.

I think there is something about human nature in our search to find "what we were designed for". I see it in younger friends and their desire to travel, explore cultures, and open fresh horizons and concepts.

Oddly, some of the most satisfied people I have met are those that have laid aside their own plans and desires and have decided to serve others who might be unable to serve themselves. Jesus said something very profound when he said, "those seeking to save their lives will lose it but those who lay down their life will gain it". Maybe looking to meet my own plans and dreams is the wrong road. Jesus even taught His disciples to pray that God's will be done rather than their own, too often I think they are the same!

My prayer for 2024 is that I would reexamine my own heart, to think differently about personal aims and ambitions and that I would have a clear enough windscreen to see the road ahead. Although each person's life will go in different directions and meet bumps in the road and a few dead ends. In getting the direction for our life right I think I still have my L plates on!

The Ark is a place of buoyant praise and worship but also prayer and reflection. Over the last few months, we have hosted a prayer meeting every day of the week, some large, some small. It's a great chance to pull the car over and see what road we are on, I recommend it!

Martin Wells is part of the leadership team at the Ark.

The *Beeches*
Coming Up Isleham

- 6th Jan Jumble Sale / Indoor Car Boot
- TBC Cheese and Wine Night
- 2nd Feb Akimbo Live
- TBC Lego Date Night
- 17th Feb Farmers Market
- 18th Feb Under 18's Disco
- TBC Under 18's Drum & Bass Night
- 2nd March Jumble Sale / Indoor Car Boot
- 15th March Bongo Bingo Charity Night
- 16th March Farmers Market
- 22nd & 23rd March Pantomime
- 29th March Charity Quiz Night

Community Pantry



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.

We serve the residents of Isleham and Fordham to help in a short-term crisis. Longer term help and signposting to other agencies is available.

The Ark Church, 101 Beck Road, Isleham, Ely, Cambs., CB7 5QP
Email: Claire.Gillett.Communitypantry@thearkisleham.co.uk
Telephone contact 07394 395718 please leave a message and it will be retrieved on Mondays and Wednesdays.

A team of over 30 volunteers, have been running the pantry from The Ark Church, Beck Road, Isleham, on a Wednesday 10-12pm every week from the beginning of December 2021.

It is proving to be a growing and essential support to those struggling to make ends meet in these days. Anyone from Isleham or Fordham can access the pantry, we aim to run a discreet and safe service and provide a warm welcome and free tea, coffee or cold drink.

We distributed 119 Parcels in December which included 30 Christmas parcels to Isleham Church of England (VC) Primary School and 40 to Fordham Primary School.

Last month we supplied weekly (on average) 40 parcels per week numbering 62 Adults and 48 children that have been supported.

We are so grateful for donations from many individuals also from Ely and the Lighthouse church food banks, Soham and Ely Hygiene bank and our local Co-ops, Morrisons, Explore Outdoors (Kevin Porter), Boomerangs Pet Food Bank, Still Good To Go Food, Zion Landscapes, Carter Street butchers, Lady Maynard Charity, Fareshare, the Ark church and both parish churches.

If you would like to contribute to the running of this pantry, please bring nonperishable food, that is in date, to The Ark Church Monday or Sunday mornings or leave in the crates of the Coops in each village.

Cash or Baccs donations can be processed through the Ark Church office, labelled "pantry". For further information please contact:

Email:
claire.gillett.communitypantry@thearkisleham.co.uk

Or Tel: 07394 395718 and leave a message. (The messages are collected Mondays and Wednesdays.)

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Isleham Primary School

Hello all,



When you become a teacher, it is usually because you want to impart your knowledge to the children, have some skills to share and want children to have an awe and wonder experience, alongside an inquisitiveness to discover more. However, often the day in day of teaching of the government designed curriculum can lose those features. Collapsed curricular days alongside themes, is a definite way to engage children in school and that is why we try to hold these days as frequently as possible.

When you ask Primary School leavers about their most exciting and memorable occasions at school, they talk about the residential trip, visits to places of interest and special themed days. This is the reason that teachers spend so much time on creating these experience days, as the child learn more, are memorable and far more engaging than the usual English and Maths lesson, no matter how much time and effort you have used in the planning! No child talks about that maths lesson that took you 3 hours to prepare!

Over the Autumn term the school have arranged; a whole school World Religion learning about the Jewish festival of Sukkot, a residential trip for the Year 6 class as well as a visit to Duxford Air Museum, a visit to Denny Abbey for Year 5, a Greek themed day in Year 4, a Roman themed day in Year 3, a Great Fire of London experience for Year 2, as well as a trip to the Pantomime for all of Years R, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. There are also plans for year 4, 5 and 6 to go to Young Voices at the end of January 2024. What a vast selection of extra curricular learning sessions, which we are very proud to arrange and deliver!

After the Year 4 Greek theme day there were some great quotes from the children; 'We are having all this fun while the rest of the school is learning.'

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Greek Day



Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

I'm sure that this Spring term will be just as busy and exciting for each class with plans for a trip to the Young Voices, a Fire Engine visit, Science week with a range of visitors and other topic theme days.

Dawn Deacon, Headteacher
Isleham C of E Primary School

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17th
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12.45pm**



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SUNDAY 19TH MAY
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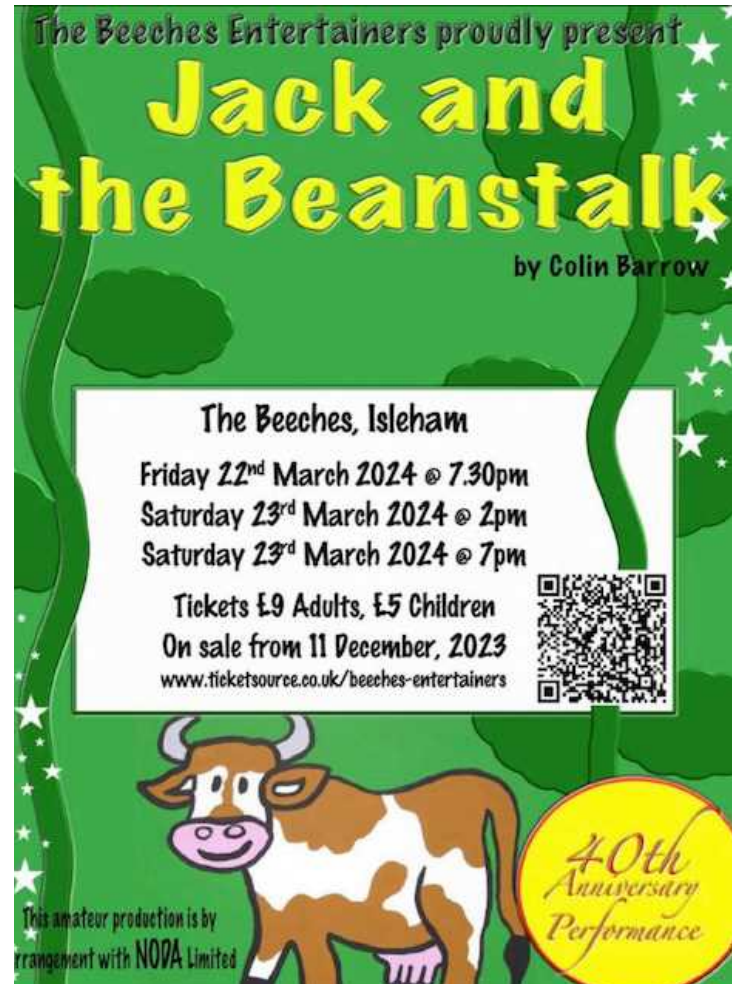


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Dear fellow Isleham Resident

Like many myself and my family have been struck down by Covid over the festive period but between bouts of coughing and breathlessness it gave me chance to reflect on 2023 and look forward to 2024. I was pleased to instigate the community meeting and await solid actions from this. I was content that I applied sufficient pressure to see major pot holes and pathway issues like the Griffin entrance addressed. However there is much more to do.

As for 2024 I've already pushed for further pathway repairs and the 20mph review. I believe on changes to road speeds the public needs sufficient consultation and that such changes should be done with not to residents.

In the midst of writing this the news has reached me of the loss of a very good friend aged 63 who has passed due a heart attack. He was slim and fit, a farmer, not a drinker nor did he smoke. His life has ended without warning or notice. Because of this I advise you all to seek happiness where you find it, grab fun when available and tell those to whom it applies that you love them. All simple but we all very easily slip back into a corporate, family or debt driven world and whilst life for many is hard, it remains beautiful and better than the alternative.

So belated happy new year to you all, the editor missed my last notes from Decembers edition, but I forgive her entirely, and I wish you all nothing but joy, laughter and good health ahead.

Feel free to contact me for anything County Council and I will help or signpost accordingly.

Kind regards

Cllr Mark Goldsack

Lucy Frazer MP



As the Member of Parliament for South East Cambridgeshire, I am always keen to hear from my constituents.

Ever since I was first elected in 2015, I have tried to be as accessible as possible, hosting regular meetings and surgeries across the constituency.

I wanted to let you know that on Saturday 17th February at 12:45pm, I will be hosting an open meeting at The Beeches. All residents are invited to discuss any issues or concerns with me, whether local or national.

If you are unable to make the meeting occurring in your own village, you are welcome to attend one of the other meetings in the neighbouring villages.

The details of these villages are as follows:

Snailwell Friday 16th February 2:45pm
The George and Dragon, 31 The Street, Snailwell, CB8 7LX

Kennett Friday 16th February 4:15pm
Kentford and Kennett Village Hall, Kennett Playing Field, Station Road, Kennett, CB8 7QF

Chippenham Friday 16th February 6pm
Chippenham Village Hall, Scotland End, Chippenham, CB7 5PR

Soham Saturday 17th February 9:45am
The Walter Gidney Pavilion, Fountain Lane, Soham, CB7 5ED

Fordham Saturday 17th February 11:15am
Victoria Hall, Carter Street, Fordham, CB7 5NG

Isleham Saturday 17th February 12:45pm
The Beeches Isleham, 32 Mill Street, Isleham, CB7 5RY

If you are planning on coming along to any of the open meetings listed, it would be very helpful if you could email me at lucy.frazer.mp@parliament so that my team and I can make the necessary practical arrangements.

I look forward to seeing many of you soon.

Best wishes,

Lucy Frazer MP for South East Cambridgeshire

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Mereside Medical are pleased to announce that they will be submitting a full detailed planning application for a new Staploe Medical Centre building imminently.

As many of our patients are already aware, there have been long-standing discussions to build a new modern healthcare facility within the proposed Soham Eastern Gateway housing development. We know that our patients want a new building. In a recent survey, 93% of 270 patients who responded were supportive of a new, larger, fit for purpose building.

We believe it is now critical that new medical centre premises are built and operational as soon as possible, to keep up with further housing development in Soham, Fordham, Isleham, Chippenham, Wicken, and the other surrounding villages that we serve.

The only location in Soham that is central enough and provides a large enough plot of land to deliver a building fit for the future is the location indicated in the Soham Eastern Gateway outline plan. Over recent months we have been working closely with This Land to jointly prepare and submit a full, detailed planning application for the medical centre that we have envisioned for many years.

The new building is future-proofed to serve around 32,000 patients: almost double the size of the current building, c.100 parking spaces, and an integrated retail pharmacy. The extra space will enable us to offer a wider range of services and an increase in the number of face to face appointments. There is room to extend the building in future, subject to demand and affordability.

All being well, this planning application will be submitted in January 2024. Please check our website or Facebook page for updates. www.meresidemedical.nhs.uk.

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I'd like to share our guide Share the Road: Cyclist & Pedestrian Safety Awareness for Drivers: <https://www.comparethemarket.com/car-insurance/content/cyclist-pedestrian-safety-awareness-for-drivers>

Our guide offers a few helpful insights for all of us on the road such as:

The changes in the Highway Code are designed to minimise injuries and deaths on the road.

In the UK alone, 346 people have died on the road due to car collisions.

Accidents in overtakes led to a shocking 141 fatalities on British roads in 2020

Cycling is one of the ways people are minimising their fuel expenses.

For many, however, we'd still prefer to drive, and we need to know what to do in this new normal on the road, so we came up with this guide: Share the Road: Cyclist & Pedestrian Safety Awareness for Drivers: <https://www.comparethemarket.com/car-insurance/content/cyclist-pedestrian-safety-awareness-for-drivers/>.

We share some important information drivers need:

New changes to the Highway Code to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians.

Considerations while behind the wheel for drivers around cyclists, pedestrians, and horse riders.

What to do in case of an accident with said groups.

Claire Monroe

Isleham Society



The Isleham Society encourages an interest in the village and its surroundings with a particular focus on history and heritage.

Do ask <Isleham.society@gmail.com> to be on the email info list which will keep you up to date with news of events. Membership also gives you access to many interesting 'local history' articles.

In December the weather was kind to us at the carol singing in the beautifully lit Social Centre Garden and, despite the heavy rain just after Christmas, lots of family groups enjoyed following the Church mice trail around decorated village windows.

The programme of events for 2024 got underway with a January AGM and 'Mystery Objects' evening and a well supported Saturday 'footpaths' walk. In February the hugely popular voice coach Charlie Haylock returned to bring us a tour de force trip through time with his entertaining 'History of Spoken English' ! Our March meeting takes us galloping with a talk on the Sport of Kings especially relating to the Newmarket area. In April we'll be hearing about and sharing memories of sports, entertainment, and traditions in the village in days gone past. At least one event per month has been planned through the year and details are at the Isleham Society Facebook group.

Talks are normally 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month at the Beeches. Timing for visits and themed walks are advertised separately. The Isleham Society also supports projects which assist long-term residents and very new arrivals to connect and share memories and ideas.

Annual individual membership is still, only £10, - and a whole family can join for £15! The more members we have the greater the range of ideas, and questions we have as stimulus, - and the more The Society can contribute to the sense of community in the village.

Mark Fletcher (Chairman)



Dvořák ~ Mass in D

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Stanford ~ Three Motets:

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If you have not visited St Mary's Church, Ely recently - or perhaps ever - Ely Consort's Concert on Saturday 9th March 2024 provides the perfect opportunity to come and see the incredible changes that have taken place in this beautiful building. A recently completed major building project has transformed the interior of this historic church into a warm, bright and inviting space, with comfortable seating perfect for listening to an evening of glorious choral music performed by one of the area's leading chamber choirs.

The main work of the evening will be Dvořák's highly attractive Mass in D. Dvořák was commissioned to compose this mass by the Czech architect and patron Josef Hlávka for the inauguration of the chapel that he had built for his summer residence in Lužany. It was first performed in 1887, conducted by the composer.

Our performance will be accompanied by a wind quintet in a recently published new arrangement of the original organ accompaniment; even if you have heard this piece recently, this fascinating new accompaniment will reveal the work in a new light. Other pieces in the programme include Sir Charles Villiers Stanford's much-loved group of three motets: *Justorum animae, Coelos ascendit hodie* and *Beati quorum via*, paired with Janet Wheeler's imaginative *Homage to Stanford*, based on the final piece of the set.

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Through recent fundraising events, we've been able to purchase a new classroom set of iPads, off-set field trip costs, maintain and repair the school pool, bring in guest speakers, and have lots of fun!

A big thank you to everyone who came to our annual Christmas Fair and bought raffle tickets. We raised a whopping £2100!

Our next community event is a Quiz Night on 10 May at the Beeches; for more information or to book tickets, please email islehampta@gmail.com or message us on Facebook.

Kat Pohl & Tina James
Co-chairs, Isleham PTFA
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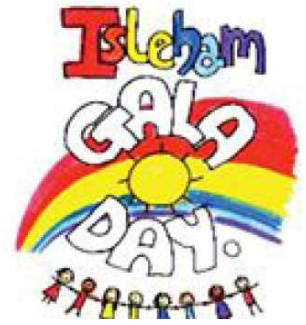
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If you have the skills we need and are interested in becoming involved with this local Charity please contact Richard Radcliffe on richardradcliffe0@gmail.com 07513430397

Isleham Gala Day 2024

Gala 2024 will be held on
Saturday 6th July 2024



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE GALA COMMITTEE!

Now that January is here, arrangements for Isleham Gala Day 2024 are underway. This year the date will be Saturday 6th July and we are excited to see how plans unfold for this much-loved event.

We would love to welcome new people to help with organising Gala. There is lots to do both beforehand and on the big day itself. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, we really do value everybody who helps us each year. We especially need helpers from 8am to help us set up and from 5pm to help clear everything away. We would also really like to see new people join us with some fresh ideas.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact us via our Facebook page or email us at islehamgala@gmail.com. You are very welcome to join us at one of our committee meetings. Meetings for the first quarter of 2024 are: January 17th, February 21st and March 27th. All meetings will be held in The Maple Room at The Beeches at 7.30pm

Further information about the day itself will be publicised in forthcoming editions of the Informer and of course on our Facebook page.

Julie Aldous
Secretary



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The editor.

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The cameras will not record details of cars or registration numbers but simply the number and speeds vehicles are travelling. That data may then be used by the Police to help them determine where speeding is an issue.

It is concerning to note that many of the cars speeding on Fordham Rd turn into the Bloor Homes estate.

December figures show approximately 1 in 3 cars is exceeding the 30mph limit with one car recorded at 103mph by the Pound Lane camera. Fordham road and Pound Lane are the busiest with around 75000 vehicle movements in the month.

The Speedwatch team will continue to do sessions around the village including roads not covered by the speed cameras - depending on weather conditions.

Volunteers to join the Speedwatch team are always welcome, even if you can only spare the odd hour it would be really useful.

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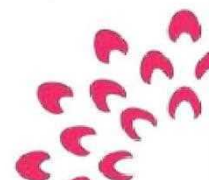
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