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Copy for the next Islip Newsletter by 2 March 2018. Thank you.

## Islip Newsletter



Jan 2018

## Whether you live or work in or are just visiting Islip, Happy New Year and welcome to the first 2018 edition of our village newsletter.

Our last edition came out in December and we're delighted to report on a busy month in the village with lots of festive fun including the Christmas Tree festival and lovely services at the church, the wreath competition, Father Christmas visiting with his Thrapston firefighter helpers, SNOW!, cosy nights at the Rose & Crown, party nights at the Woolpack Inn and many a glass raised in toast at the Working Men's Club.

So, what does 2018 have in store for you? What plans have you made for ensuring it's the best it can be? Here at the Islip Newsletter we plan to bring you all the latest news and views from the village but to do this, we need your help. So, if you decide 2018 is the year you join a new club, start a new hobby or celebrate something special, tell us about it and we will share it with the village. Our latest survey shows that the newsletter is well-read so if you're looking for support, this is the ideal way to spread the word. Use the contact details on the back page and we look forward to hearing from you.



### Cuppa and cake for Cancer Care

Students from Islip who attend Northampton College will host a Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning at the village sports pavilion

on Toll Bar Road. Join Grace Duval, Beth Thirkill, Jake Steward and Reece Waterfield **9.30am-noon on 23 February** and show your support for our local young people raising funds for such a good cause.

To make a donation (financial or cake), please contact [graceduvalnorthampton@gmail.com](mailto:graceduvalnorthampton@gmail.com) or 07759274337.

## Have you seen the parish website?

It's full of useful information about the village, surrounding area and latest information from the Parish Council. Take a look at [www.islip-parish.co.uk](http://www.islip-parish.co.uk)

## Stuck for ideas of where to go out?

Try the Destination Nene Valley website. It has ideas on walks, cycle routes, places to eat, where to hire a canoe, museums, historic houses, places to stay, the list goes on. Take a look at the website [www.nenevalley.net](http://www.nenevalley.net) or pick up a leaflet in the library or council offices.



### Photos of the village needed

Do you have some great shots of the village that we could use in the newsletter? They can be of any aspect of village life and you will be credited. Please email them to us using the details on the back page. Thank you.

### Check A45 roadworks before setting off

There will be lots of landscape improvement works happening on the A45 from Raunds roundabout to Rushden Lakes from 15 January through to mid-March. Works will include thinning of trees and shrubs, bramble and weed control, new tree, shrub and grassland planting, installation of bat and bird boxes and will mean some overnight closures, temporary speed limits and lay-by closures. Diversions will be in place at times of closures. Please check the Highways England website for details.

Details of other work taking place on the A45 at Rushden Lakes can be found at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## Valentine's Quiz

1. "Love is All Around" was a major hit for Wet,Wet,Wet spending 15 weeks at number 1, but which group wrote and originally recorded the song?
2. In which year did the St Valentine's Day Massacre take place and in which city?
3. Who discovered penicillin on Valentine's Day in 1929?
4. Who played the title role in the film Shirley Valentine?
5. In which English county will you find the Cricket Ground Valentine's Park?
6. In which century was the first valentines card sent?
7. What author with a romantic first name wrote the novel Miracle on 34th Street?
8. Everyone knows that Valentine is the patron saint of love but which other pastime falls under his patronage?
9. True or False: St Valentine was born on 14th February hence St Valentine's day?
10. Who was the legendary Benedictine monk who invented champagne?

**Quiz answers** – 1 The Trojans, 2 1929 / Chicago, 3 Sir Alexander Fleming, 4 Pauline Collins, 5 Essex – Ilford, 6 15th (1477 – Margery Brews to John Paston in Norfolk), 7 Valentine Davies, 8 Bee Keeping, 9 False – He died on 14th February – the bishop's death officially occurred in Rome on 14th February 270AD, 10 Dom Perignon.

## Armed to the wreath

A huge wreath-covered thank you to all those who took part in the village Christmas wreath competition. The judges counted 50 wreaths on doors, 14 of which had entered the competition.

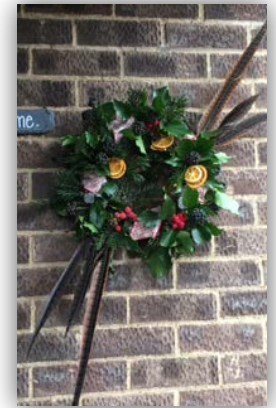
They were all beautiful and it was a tough decision but we were delighted to choose the wreath by Emma Morehen as the winner. As you can see from the photo, Emma blended a traditional style with lots of unusual elements including feathers; the effect was quite exceptional. Emma received a big box of chocs with runners up receiving sweet treats too.

Please look out for more events in the spring and summer to make our village an even better place.

Thanks again

Bob Lymn  
Chair of Islip Parish Council

December also saw another wonderful Christmas tree festival at the church. Which was your favourite?

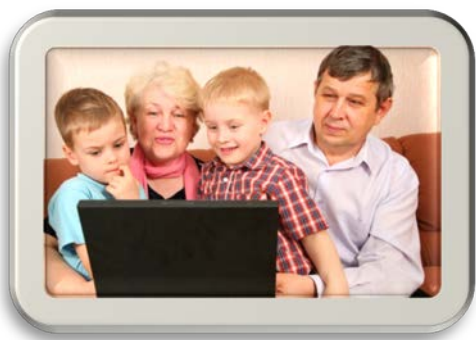




## Learn how to stay safe on the internet this February

Tuesday, 6 February 2018 is Safer Internet Day and this year's theme is 'Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you' which means all of us who use the internet have a part to play in creating a better and safer internet, particularly for young users out there.

The internet is a fabulous resource for all ages but there will always be some who will use it to take advantage of the vulnerable, including our village young people, so make sure you and your family are clued up on internet safety by following the helpful advice at [www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



## Flippin' good times

Who remembers pancake races? Flip your pancake at the start, run as fast as you can to the finish line where you have to flip it again before you can revel in the glory of being the best flipper and fastest runner. It would be wonderful to have an annual Islip Pancake Race. If you're interested in helping to organise one, drop us a line at the Islip Newsletter and we'll connect volunteers to make it happen.

Send us photos of you flipping your pancakes this Shrove Tuesday (13 February) and we'll share them in the next edition. What's the secret to an awesome pancake? Happy flipping!

## More Thoughts on Growing Older by Linda

As I wander through life  
With its laughter and strife  
It is clear that it's all just a game.  
Through its highs and its lows,  
With its joys and its woes,  
Why on earth do I still feel the same?

When I drive to the store  
And then wonder, "What for?"  
Then I'm asking myself why I came?  
With my brains "on the shelf"  
I can laugh at myself  
Because inside I still feel the same.

Yes my eyesight is weak,  
And my bones always creak –  
I will soon have to walk with a frame.  
Though my body is fragile  
My mind is still agile,  
So why shouldn't I feel the same?

I can look at the world  
With my banner unfurled,  
Without fear or pretension or shame.  
My mistakes I will face,  
I will win every race  
And continue to feel just the same.

Though my future is murky,  
My mind is still perky –  
I'm a "Senior" only in name.  
When I've met every test  
And they lay me to rest,  
I can bet I will still feel the same!

## Be part of the next 25 years of the Islip Women's Institute

This year Islip WI celebrates its 25th Anniversary and it's set to be a great one.

Last year, saw members enjoy speakers and demonstrations on subjects ranging from belly dancing to gift wrapping. This year, the topics include History of Henna, Tai chi and WW1 Women's Land Army. We also debate topics to be discussed and voted on at the National Federation of WI's AGM.

As well as the monthly meetings (every 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm at Islip Working Men's Club), we also go for meals out and enjoy an annual trip to dog racing. Trips for this year are yet to be finalised but this June we hope to attend the WI picnic at Althorpe to commemorate 100 years of the WI. We also get involved with various charities and make cakes for Cransley Hospice and have a skittles team.

We're a friendly group and welcome new members. The first meeting is free so do come and try us out! Contact details on the back page.



## Defibrillator moves into village phone box

After a wonderful community effort, our village phone box now houses a defibrillator which could mean the difference between life and death.

To learn how to use this vital piece of equipment, contact the parish clerk (details on the back page) who will arrange training.

## Islip Parish Council report

The parish council meets monthly, as advertised on the parish noticeboard. Our ongoing aim is to offer good value for money to the village and its residents in terms of the precept received from the general rates.

We have no major projects underway at the present but always seek to maintain our area to the highest standard possible; many of you will have noticed lots of potholes have been fixed however there are always more to repair!

In conjunction with the NDC, we have addressed the ongoing problem of lorries parking in the lay-bys on the edge of the village for extended periods. This problem is being resolved as I write.

Don't forget if you have issues of this nature that you would like addressed, you can bring them to the first 15 minutes of any of our meetings. Just let us know us know in advance so that we can allocate you some time.

It's our intention, in the spring, to refurbish some of the playground equipment which could do with re-painting. Can you help? We pay in coffee and bacon sandwiches and always have a good time. It's not hard work, anybody can do it.

We are lucky to have a very creative young person in the village, Joe Pendred who has designed a brilliant sign for the village reflecting its history. It is currently being made and is very impressive. Great work Joe.

Please understand that all councillors are unpaid volunteers, so contact the IPC clerk in the first place using the details on the back page. Thank you very much and I hope you enjoy reading this.

*Bob Lymn, Chair of Islip Parish Council*  
[www.islip-parish.co.uk](http://www.islip-parish.co.uk)

**Dates for your diary** – all contact details on back page

### **Rose & Crown**

Sunday lunch noon – 4pm.

Sat 3 Feb - Papa Jeff's American Breakfast 9-11.30am

Wed 14 Feb Valentine's Day 5-9pm, booking essential

Thurs 15 Feb – Bingo 7.30pm

Sat 17 Feb - Tapas 6-9.30pm, booking required

Tues 20 Feb - Steak Night 5-9pm, booking required

Wed 21 Feb - Pub Quiz 7.30pm

Sat 24 Feb - Thai Night 6-9.30pm



### **Islip Friendship Club**

Fortnightly afternoon social get-togethers held in the Islip WMC main hall 2-4pm. Next session 7 Feb.

### **Islip Age Concern Welcome Club**

Weekly group meets 10.30am-1.30pm in the Village Hall, including a freshly cooked hot two course lunch for £5.50. New members welcome.

### **Short Mat Bowls**

Meet Tuesday 10am-noon and Wednesday 2-4pm in the Village Hall. £3 per session. New members and beginners welcome.

### **Islip Working Men's Club**

Fri 2 Feb & Fri 2 Mar – Bingo Big Book Special 8.30pm

Mon 5 Feb - Islip & District Skittles League 2017-2018 8.30pm

Wed 7 Feb, 21 Feb & 7 Mar – Rodney's Quiz 8.30pm

Thurs 15 Feb & 8 Mar - Three Shires Skittles League 8.30pm

Sat 17 Feb - Quiz Night in aid of Thrapston & District Branch Royal British Legion 8pm

Wed 21 Feb - Islip & District Skittles League Meeting 8.30pm

Mon 26 Feb - Islip & District Skittles League 8.30pm

*For regular skittles, cribbage, pool and dance, see the club noticeboard*

## **Show the love this Valentine's Day**

This 14 February show someone you care with an act of kindness. Love can be shown in all sorts of ways and not just a romantic meal or a box of chocs so use this opportunity to tell someone that they matter to you. Some ideas below:

- ♥ Pop round to a neighbour for a cuppa and a chat
- ♥ Bake and share a Valentine's cake or cupcakes with friends (Chocolate is the editor's favourite, just saying)
- ♥ Enjoy a walk with loved ones around the village and local area – great routes here [www.islip-parish.co.uk/links/walks/](http://www.islip-parish.co.uk/links/walks/) and here [www.nenevalley.net](http://www.nenevalley.net)
- ♥ Throw a party – the village hall and pavilion are great venues. See below for details
- ♥ Volunteer – use the day to give back by offering your time or skills to help others. What better way to show you care?



### **Need a party venue or meeting room?**

The village hall and the pavilion have all you need for your function/ event. Both boast ample community space with excellent kitchen facilities, parking and easy access.

The hall, which is licenced for entertainment, seats 100 for larger events and has a smaller room for meetings.

The pavilion has a large function room with French doors enabling outside use (ideal for sports, bouncy castles, picnics etc.) as well as an FA Step 7 standard football pitch, training pitch, cricket square, floodlighting and changing facilities.

For more information, use the contact details on the back page.