



THROUGH YOUR LETTER BOX.

THE NEWS LETTER OF ISLIP VILLAGE IN EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Welcome to the September and possibly final edition of Islip Village News.

Village Hall News

Islip Village hall has been awarded a £20,000 grant from Biffa Award to upgrade the central heating system. Biffa Award is a multi million pound fund that helps to build communities and transform lives through awarding grants to community and environmental projects across the UK as part of the Landfill Communities Fund. The funding has paid to improve and upgrade the central heating to the whole building including the kitchen and toilets. The work is now complete and the hall is open again for hire. For information on booking the hall please contact Penny Pedroli, 01832 730057, or Julie Lymn, 01832 730119.

Islip Bowls Club

There are two events planned in the near future: **JUMBLE SALE** on Saturday 3rd October at 2pm in the Village Hall, Admission 20p. **RACE NIGHT** on Saturday 21st November with Free entry . A buffet will be available. For more information please call 01832 735170

Islip Bowls Club News; The next scheduled fixtures will be; Saturday 12th September at 2.30pm will be a 4 rinks home match against the visiting team from Woodsend. Thursday 17th September at 2.00pm will be a 4 rinks away match at Finedon. Saturday 19th September at 2.30pm will be a 4 rinks away match against the Managers & Foremen team at Wellingborough. Then on Sunday 20th September at 2.30pm will be a friendly skittles match in Islip W.M.Club between Islip Bowls Club bowlers and the Islip WMC skittlers.

Islip Womens Institute

The monthly meeting of the Islip WI will take place on Wednesday 9th September starting at 7.30pm in the Islip WMC main hall when the topic will be the Women's Institute Centenary, the competition subject will be 'Make a Cake' and the hostesses for the evening will be Sheena Hill and Julie Mawson.

Mobile Library

The Northamptonshire County Council's mobile library service will be visiting Islip on Saturday 3rd October from 10.45am till 11.15am, stopping only at the corner of Nene View and Drayton Close.

If you go down Tollbar Rd today, you're sure of a BIG surprise

Our new sports pavilion, the story so far:

In 1948 Colonel Stopford Sackville gave over an area of land between Kettering Road and Toll Bar Road to be used as sports facilities in memory and recognition, of those local men who lost their lives in the war. An early pavilion was destroyed by fire and then replaced by two adapted ocean going containers, incorporating changing, toilet and shower facilities.

Three years ago, in November 2012 we realised that those existing changing facilities were fast approaching the end of their usable life, with a leaking roof and collapsing floor, and were rapidly becoming unusable. Many people had put in long hours to keep the facility up to scratch, in particular, Darren Andrews of Thrapston Town Warriors who made an enormous effort to keep the building usable. Time was not on our side, so a decision was made to seek funding from many sources to finance a completely new up to date building for the benefit of existing clubs, both adult and children, and most importantly for the use of all potential clubs in the future.

The clubs currently using the field joined with the parish council and each made a contribution as follows....

Thrapston JFC. £4000, Warriors JFC. 1000, Burton Utd. FC 1000, Sargents FC. 1000, Thrapston CC. 1000, Thrapston JCC. 1000

But, this was obviously not enough, so...

Councillor Richard Maxwell drove the project on, and without his inspirational leadership we would not be where we are today. Richard secured promises of funding from the following organisations:

Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund, delivered by The Football Foundation: £150,000
The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund is funded by the Premier League, The FA, and the Government, via Sport England. It is delivered by the Football Foundation, the country's largest sports charity. The Football Foundation is currently celebrating its 15-year Anniversary. Since it was launched in 2000, the Foundation has awarded around 13,000 grants worth more than £540m towards improving grassroots sport. It has used this investment to attract additional partnership funding of over £740m – delivering over £1.3bn of investment into the grassroots game.

Football Stadia Improvement Fund: £50,000

Funded with £5.2m each year from the Premier League, the FSIF is the country's largest provider of grants towards projects that help improve the comfort and safety of lower league football grounds in both the professional and amateur game. These improvements range from new football stands and turnstiles to floodlighting and improved provision for disabled supporters.

Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund: £50,000

An additional £50,000 came from Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund. To date the fund has helped more than 1,800 local sports projects across the country to improve and refurbish sports clubs or transform non-sporting venues into modern grassroots sport facilities.

East Northants Council Community Facilities Fund 50,000
WREN's FCC Community Action Fund. £44,500
Islip Parish Council. 10,000

The first major funder to come on board was East Northants Council Community Facilities Fund who with their £50,000 showed true and enthusiastic commitment to improving locally available facilities, it was their help that spurred on the raising of the other funds, and for that we are most grateful.



The whole process is taking place under the watchful eye of parish council chairman Bob Lymn, who has done some of the problem solving and running around to make sure certain elements are dealt with on time.

With the support of the above we instructed architects, obtained planning permission and contracted Colson & Loring to carry out the build.

Funds being tight we approached Sir Robert MacAlpine and were given valuable and enthusiastic support in a very tangible way by Roger Smart and Piers Morgan who provided the following assistance: ground preparation and site clearance plus provision of temporary changing and toilet facilities to enable the cricket teams to continue using the field during the build. In total this generous help saved us around ten thousand pounds. Adrian Eyles brought his tractor and equipment to enable soil tests to be carried out.

We also received enthusiastic support from Wendy Brackenbury our local councillor, plus encouragement from our MPs past and present Andy Sawford and Tom Purseglove. So this is where we now are, foundations are finished, walls are rapidly going up, our new pavilion is quickly becoming a reality.

Please look out for our next press release very soon, where you can see how our facilities are transformed on what one club supporter has termed: **The Field Of Dreams...**

Charity Stamp Collection

Many thanks to everyone who has in the past been collecting and depositing their large and small donations of used postage stamps UK or Foreign for the Guide Dogs and the Royal National Institute for the Blind charities in the designated collection box in the Islip W.M.Club at 4 High Street, Islip, NN14 3JS. Please continue to keep your donations coming in for these very worthwhile causes. If for any reason you find the venue closed, please put your stamp donations in a used envelope and drop it in through the W.M.Club letterbox.

VILLAGE QUIZ

If you have enjoyed the previous quizzes held in the village hall, and would like to be kept informed when another will be held, just drop us an e mail enclosing your e mail address and titled Quiz List,
to

islipparish@gmail.com

Islip Working Mens Club

SUNDAY BAR STAFF wanted on a rota basis – Please contact Terry Gunn on 01832 733165.

Islip W.M.Club's 'Special' Activities in September 2015;

Tuesdays; Sept 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th – Mash School of Dancing classes (in main hall); 4.00pm = children uti 8 years. 5.00pm = children 9 years and over. 6.45pm – 9.00pm = Adult learners.

Wednesdays; 2nd, 16th & 30th Sept. Friendship Club at 2.00pm - 4.00pm (in main hall).

Wed; 2nd Sept; at 8.30pm; Islip & District Skittle League AGM - New Teams Welcome for 2015-2016 season – Please contact Terry Gunn on 01832 733165.

Friday; 4th Sept; Terry's Bingo Special at 8.30pm (in main hall) - Big Houses - (Non members welcome on first Friday of each month).

Wednesday; 9th Sept; Islip Women's Institute meeting in main hall at 7.30pm.

Wednesday; 9th Sept; 'Quiz Night' at 8.30pm (in lounge) ; Cash prizes. All Welcome.

Thursday 17th Sept at 8.00pm (in main hall) – Vintage Tractor- Crank-up '87 Club.

Friday 18th Sept; Debra Griffith's Memorial Golf Day in aid of Cransley Hospice; afterwards at 7.00pm buffet and a charity raffle (donations please).

Sunday 20th Sept; Open 12 noon to 6.00pm – 2 skittles matches at 2.30pm; Islip WMC Skittles teams versus Islip Bowls Club teams. Regular Bingo from 3.30pm.

Wednesday; 23rd Sept; 'Quiz Night' at 8.30pm (in lounge) ; Cash prizes. All Welcome.

Islip W.M.Club's Diary of regular activities in September 2015;

Sundays; 6th, 13th & 27th - Open from 12 noon to 5.00pm (Bingo from 3.30pm.)

Mondays; 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th – Skittles (Rushden 4 A Side League) at 8.30pm.

Wednesdays; 2nd, 16th & 30th ; Islip WMC Committee meetings at 8.00pm..

Wednesdays; 2nd, 16th & 30th; Pool matches (Northants Country Pool League E) at 8.30pm at Islip WMC.

Thursdays; 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th; Skittles (Islip & Dist Summer Charity Skittles League) at Islip WMC.

Fridays; 11th, 18th & 25th; Bingo at 8.30pm in main hall.

Saturdays; 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th; Open all day from 12 noon. TV Tipster's competition.

ISLIP NEWS LETTER...THE FUTURE

Despite appeals, there has been no interest shown by anyone in editing the news letter.

On that basis, I have produced these four pages to inform and help the village to know what is going on, however, I cannot continue due to my other commitments. I would like to make one last plea for someone within Islip to take over, what is not a difficult job. If you are only slightly computer literate, like me, it will take a couple of hours every two months.

You can contact the parish council via islip.clerk@gmail.com ., articles for inclusion in a newsletter, should be e mailed to islipparish@gmail.com

WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO ?

