



# Busy Bees News

September 2008



Hello! Welcome to Busy Bees at the start of the Autumn term. We hope you have all had a good, if rather wet, holiday!

We said goodbye to a few of our older bees as they started primary and pre-school. We wish them well and hope they are enjoying themselves. We also welcome any new bees joining us this term and a special welcome to our latest arrivals: Sophie – a little sister for Annessa, congratulations to Helen and family; also to Ella, a little sister for Archie – congratulations to Amy and family! Both babies were born at the end of last term. There were a few more pregnant mums around last term so we hope to have some more news shortly.

Looking briefly back to July, we would like to thank again everyone who helped with the gala. The day was a great success and our lovely fairy float came second, so we were delighted! Well done all of you!

We did attempt some outings over the Summer holidays as planned. The rain was a bit of a disruption but we did manage to get to Church Farm and Brandon Country park and a few brave souls made it to a very damp Banham zoo! If you found any other good places to go over the Summer then please tell us and we will include them in our list of "places to go" in the future.

Some of you may be aware that there have been changes to the caretaking of the village hall. Donna Madgewick, who has been a fantastic help to us opening up and cleaning over the last few years, left at the end of last term. The new caretaker has also had to move on. The hall is now booked and opened by Diane Bayliss of the parish council. As a result of these changes (and also because Sasha and I both have to do the pre-school run on a Tuesday morning) we will not have as much time to set-up for Busy Bees. If you arrive and we are not quite ready, please bear with us and if you are able to help with that early morning setup it would be greatly appreciated. We promise to get the coffee out as soon as possible!

This term looks to be quite busy. We have a visit from Soham area children's centre on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept; Vernon Place the photographer will hopefully be visiting to take some pictures ready for Christmas (more details to follow); we have a fund-raiser for the new community centre on 30<sup>th</sup> September. The Nearly New Sale of baby items returns on 1<sup>st</sup> November and of course we will have the Christmas party to look forward to at the end of term. There will be more info to follow. Watch this space.



**Isleham Gala 2008 – AWAY WITH THE FAIRIES!**

Thanks to Zoe French for the photo.

Isleham Community Centre Plans for a new multi-purpose community centre are underway but the committee need to raise money and demonstrate public support to grant providers. To help with this all groups who use the existing village hall have been asked to run a fund-raiser in aid of the community centre project.

Busy Bees is going to hold a sale on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September** during the Busy Bees session. We will be selling **cakes** (to have with that cuppa!), **books, craft and gift items.**

Please help us help them by donating any suitable items, particularly if you have a talent for making giftware of any kind. If the community centre goes ahead as planned we hope to have much better facilities for our toddler group. Thank you!



The rain will not defeat us!  
**Ways to stay dry at Banham zoo:**

1. Stay under the buggy raincover
2. Buy a very fetching bright green plastic poncho.

## *The Return of the Nearly New Sale*

Following the success of the Nearly New Sale in May, we will be holding another sale of baby items on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 10am to 12 noon at Isleham Village Hall**. The sales work in a similar way to the NCT sales. You register as a seller and receive a seller pack, then label your items clearly as instructed, and we sell them for you. You will get most of the money raised, with a small proportion going to IUFA. You do not need to be present at the sale, but we would welcome volunteers and those helping set up would get first pick of other people's items. Items to be sold at the sale would include good quality children's clothes, toys, books and general baby items – highchairs, baths, feeding equipment, pushchairs, buggies etc. If you were a seller at the previous sale you keep your seller number but **you still need to register for a pack**. Seller places are limited so please book early. **Contact Mel 01638 780902 or 07717 792463 or email bees@iufa.org.uk**

## Isleham Under Five's Association

Registered Charity No 294978

There is a really easy way you can help us raise funds for the Pre-School.

If you shop online please register as a user at

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

You can use this site to link to the following shops: Amazon, NEXT, John Lewis, Vodafone, M&S, Play.com, Boots, Debenhams, British Airways, Travelodge, eBay and many more.

Through going to the easyfundraising site first and using the links provided to shop as you would normally, your shop will donate up to 15% of the total purchase price to the pre-school at no additional cost to you.

Easyfundraising also features [www.easysearch.org.uk](http://www.easysearch.org.uk), a search engine. Make this search engine your favourite and search the web with easysearch and you'll raise around 1p for the pre-school every time you search. Make just 10 searches a day and you could raise over £25 a year- just by searching the web. Easysearch is powered by Yahoo!, MSN Live Search, Ask.com and several other well-known search engines.

**Easyfundraising** and **easysearch** are both completely FREE to use and if you select **Isleham Under Fives Association** when you register as the cause you wish to support you'll help to raise much needed funds. Please also ask your friends and family to do the same! Many thanks

For more information please email [preschool@iufa.org.uk](mailto:preschool@iufa.org.uk) or ask at the pre-school/Busy Bees

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September we will have a visit from Soham Area Children's Centre to introduce themselves and the plans they have for the Children's Centres in our area. There are also some leaflets on the reception table. Please pass this information on to any of your friends in the area too.

Soham Area Children's Centre (reaching Fordham, Isleham, Wicken, Chippenham, Kennett & Snailwell)

Children's Centres are places where children under five years old and their families can receive information and advice about support, services and activities. Earlier this year, a Children's Centre opened in the Soham area, with a temporary base at Soham Health Centre. New children's centre buildings are planned at Weatheralls Primary School and St Andrews Primary School in Soham and these should be ready by early 2009.

Services and activities will be delivered at the centres but also in all of the surrounding villages in the area.

Planned activities in Isleham in the Autumn term include a messy play morning (great fun!), a childminder drop-in session and a weekly 'Tea and Toast' drop-in morning where parents and carers and their under 5s can come along and relax, have a chat and play with our toys.

Throughout the Soham reach area we will be also be running drop-in play sessions, young parents' groups, positive parenting support, speech and language sessions, family fun days and other activities and services. For further details, please take one of our timetables, which will be updated regularly.

We will also be holding informal get-togethers for parents and carers who would like to be involved in the development of the children's centre. If you would like to come to one of our get-togethers, please let us know. Children will be welcome to come too.

For more details please contact **Mary Barnes, Children's Centre Manager** on 07827230891 or email [mary.barnes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:mary.barnes@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### IUFA – Annual General Meeting

Isleham Under Fives Association AGM will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Pre-School Unit 7pm for 7.30pm start, with cheese and wine. All welcome.

IUFA is the organisation that encompasses both the toddler group and the pre-school, so if you are interested in the running of either of these please do come along.

### Diary Dates

16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Visit from Soham Children's Centre
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	IUFA AGM at pre-school 7.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Cake & Craft sale at Busy Bees in aid of new community centre
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	No Busy Bees (Half term)
1 <sup>st</sup> November	Nearly New Sale of Baby Items, Isleham Village Hall 10am-12noon
16 December	Last Busy Bees, Xmas Party
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2009	Busy Bees re-opens

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### MUSIC MAYHEM

Please note that Music Mayhem has moved to the afternoon Mondays 1:45-2:45pm Pound Lane Free Church

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