

# I C E N E

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Thank you to contributors to this month's edition, and a Happy Christmas to all Ickletonians and their families. The deadline for January 2022 Icene is **18th December** to allow the printing to be done before the New Year.

**Local Plan Consultation** This is your opportunity to share in this important document which defines priorities for future development. It closes on **13th December**. See Parish Council report on page 3.

**Fibre Broadband scheme approved for Ickleton** - see page 3.

**Imminent events...**

**Christmas Fair Gala Evening Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – craft stalls, wine, etc, music. See p.7 and re tickets for this.

**Christmas Fair** - on **Saturday 4th December** at the Village Hall - twenty stalls, Santa Claus!, raffle. See full page 11.

**Carol singing...** Carol service in the church - Sunday 19th December at 6.30 pm.

Round the Village - Monday 20th December from 6 pm ...see page 7.

Christmas Eve 5 pm - outside the Church Advent Window...see page 7.

**Advent Windows** – sequentially from 1st to 24th December. Take a walk to see them. See page 6.

**Christmas trees**

Select and collect...your Christmas tree from Chesterford Community Pre-school. You need to pay by Wednesday **1st December**. Collect on Saturday 4th December in Chesterford. See pages 12 and 13 for details and order form.

**Editor**

## **PARISH COUNCIL December 2021**

### **Refuse collections during December**

Tuesday	7	December	Blue and Green Bins
Tuesday	14	December	Black Bin
Tuesday	21	December	Blue and Green Bins
THURSDAY	30	December	Black Bin

**Please Note:**

Thriplow Household Waste Recycling Centre is open for residents who have essential waste that cannot be stored safely at home. Open seven days a week 8 am to 4 **pm** (the winter schedule). Entrance gates close 10 minutes before closing time.

All visitors must book a time slot to enter, Including e-permit holders.

Visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/thriplow-recycling-centre](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/thriplow-recycling-centre) for more information.

The booking page for a time slot is

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/booking-system-for-household-recycling-centres](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/booking-system-for-household-recycling-centres) OR telephone 0345 045 5207.

Note: At Saffron Walden tip, no booking is required.

## Ickleton Parish Council

Extracts from the Parish Council meeting on 17th November 2021. Your attention is drawn to the following:

### Traffic and highways

#### Speedwatch

Cllr Sadler reported on behalf of the Speedwatch Team. Cambridgeshire Constabulary are now providing feedback when a vehicle has been reported for speeding on three occasions. A member of the Police Safer Speeds Team has hand delivered a third warning letter to an offender in the past week. A Councillor asked for feedback relating to the new locations. Cllr Sadler stated that sessions at some new locations are still to be carried out. Vehicles at one new location are able to slow down so rapidly on approach that the monitor has difficulty registering the speed.

#### National Highways road closure

The A11 motorway will be closed between the A505 Babraham junction and the A14 at junction 36 during the period of 17th November to the 20th of December 2021 between 8pm and 6am to complete the surveys.

- Southbound – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of November to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December (excluding Fridays and weekends)
- Northbound – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of December to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of December (excluding Friday 10 December, but including the weekend of 18 and 19 December).

A11 southbound will be diverted via the A14 westbound to junction 31a, onto the M11 southbound to junction 10 and re-join the A11 via the A505. Northbound will follow the same route but in reverse.

### Planning

**For consideration:** None.

#### Planning Decisions:

Reference: **21/03750/HFUL**

Proposal: Single storey front extension and two storey side extension

Site address: Shepherds Cottage, Grange Road, Ickleton, CB10 1TA

Granted permission.

Reference: **21/04016/HFUL and 21/04017/LBC**

Proposal: Replacement conservatory

Site address: 14 Duxford Road, Ickleton, CB10 1SX

Granted permission.

Reference: **21/03685/FUL**

Proposal: Temporary period of 3 years for the construction of a two-storey modular building (temporary sequencing laboratory) comprising of 1,690sqm (GEA) of level 2 laboratories (Use Class E) and ancillary uses including welfare accommodation, toilets, storage, associated plant, cycle shelters, enclosed generator, bin store, loading area, vehicular and cycle parking (including for disabled), utility connections including to adjacent building, hard and soft landscape works including wildlife planting areas, drainage, and associated engineering works and earthworks.

Site address: Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Cambridge Road, Hinxton, Cambridgeshire

Granted Permission.

Reference: **21/04048/HFUL**

Proposal: Single storey rear/side extension

Site address: 1 Priory Farm Barns, Swinton House, Back Lane, Ickleton

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hay.

Granted permission.

Reference: **21/1200/TTCA**

Proposal: Broad Leaf Cockspur Thorn - crown reduction of 4 feet (1.2 metres) because branches are now rubbing against a garage, the bus stop on Abbey Street, impeding the visibility of the bus stop sign and shading overhead street lighting.

Site address: 73 Abbey Street, Ickleton, CB10 1SS.

Have no objection.

### **Tree works:**

Reference: **21/1396/TTPO**

Proposal: Walnut tree- crown has grown considerably since last reduced, approx. 2 metres, causing considerable loss of light to house and garden, leaf fall in gutters. Proposed to crown reduce to points

where it was previously reduced, after which it would be approx. 13 metres high. Work to be done by Anglia Tree Care as on previous occasion.

Site address: 7 Brookhampton Street, Ickleton, CB10 1SP

### **Greater Cambridge Local Plan – public consultation**

A public consultation opened on the 1st of November and closes on the 13th of December 2021. All comments submitted will be read by the Inspector and the Parish Council would encourage parishioners to take part in the consultation. See the Parish Council website for information on how to take part: [www.ickletonparishcouncil.org.uk/news-and-announcements](http://www.ickletonparishcouncil.org.uk/news-and-announcements), and information can be found at <https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan-first-proposals>.

### **Plant a tree for the Jubilee**

Next year marks 70 years since Queen Elizabeth II took the throne and to celebrate the anniversary a UK-wide tree planting initiative named The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) has been established. The scheme involves inviting people to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" in the current and in the next planting season (October 2021 – March 2022 and October 2022 – March 2023). Any trees planted in this period can be badged under the project.

Cambridgeshire County Council is raising awareness of the project with residents, community groups, schools, businesses and other partners to encourage and support their participation. This includes individuals planting trees on private land, community planting projects, schools planting trees on their premises and businesses setting up tree planting projects with employees.

The Parish Council will at some point before March 2023 plant and badge a tree under the project. The Parish Council has a shortage of land under its control that would provide opportunity for extensive tree planting.

**Leanne Smith - Parish Clerk E-mail: [clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk)**

### **Community Warden Scheme**

The Community Warden Scheme for Ickleton and surrounding villages is in operation funded by South Cambs District Council. The warden for Ickleton is **Anita Gilchrist**.

Parishioners aged 60 or over who would like help to continue to live independently in their own home can get assistance in various practical ways from the Community Warden.

For more information phone 07812496001 or email [anita.gilchrist@ageukcap.org.uk](mailto:anita.gilchrist@ageukcap.org.uk).

### **Community mental health first aid initiative**

**Jacky** lives in the Parish and is a trained mental health first aider. She can be contacted by parishioners by telephone as a first point of contact and will signpost them to organisations and groups for help and support. She can be contacted during the evenings and weekends on 07779097665.

### **Fibre broadband – Village scheme approved**

Good news! After a year of negotiations and village surveys, OpenReach confirmed on 18 November that the Ickleton Fibre Broadband scheme has been approved and will be completed within 12 months.

Things will be quiet for the first few months during the survey and planning stages but be reassured that work is taking place in the background before the actual installation commences. The work taking place in Southfield, Priory Close and Icknield Close is part of a Connecting Cambridgeshire fibre scheme and not directly related to the scheme for the remainder of the village, and may result in residents in those streets being connected sooner.

Thanks are due to all those in the village, nearly 200 in all, who took part in surveys, supplied information and pledged their support, without which the scheme would not be going ahead.

The whole village will benefit as a result. For further information please contact Martin Woodhead: [martin.woodhead1@btinternet.com](mailto:martin.woodhead1@btinternet.com) and either he or a member of the Ickleton Fibre Broadband team will respond.

**Martin Woodhead**

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Medical Car Scheme	John and Sue Fowler
Village Hall Bookings	Viliami Mila v.mila68@outlook.com
Neighbourhood Watch	Glynis Hammond glynis.hammond@gmail.com
Police (reporting a crime non-emergency)	101
Speedwatch Team - Parish Council Coordinator - Recruitment & Rota	Terry Sadler Penny Fletcher
District and County Councillor	Peter McDonald cllr.mcdonald@scambs.gov.uk

### Post box collection times

	Monday - Friday	Saturday
Bottom of Butchers Hill; Coploe Road at Grange road corner	9.00 am	7.00 am
Costcutter shop	11.30 am and 4.00 pm	11.30 am
Great Chesterford	latest 4.30 pm	12 midday
Saffron Walden Market Square	latest 6.00 pm	12 midday

The village shop **Post Office opening times are:** Mon - Fri 8 - 12 midday, Sat 9 - 12.

### Library Services - Cambridge Mobile Library

The third Wednesday (**15th December**) 12.45 - 1.15 pm. Bottom of Butchers Hill / Church Street or Brookhampton Street.

Books may still be PRE-SELECTED IN ADVANCE from the whole of Cambridge Libraries collection, and available to collect. To reserve, contact <https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk> (free of charge).

### Green Ickleton

#### Medicine blister-packs

Surprisingly, medicine blister-packs CAN be recycled... but *not* via the Blue Bin..!

If you would like your blister-packs to be recycled, please collect them until you have a reasonable number, and then drop them off at one of the **Village Coffee Mornings (1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month: 10:30 to 12:00 - Parish Church)**... I will then take them to the *Terracycle* recycling point at *Superdrug* in Cambridge. Thank you.

Lizzie Molloy

### Froglets Mondays 9.30 - 11.30 am Village Hall

Froglets runs throughout the year every Monday.

We have messy play and many activities age appropriate. We have tidy up time about 10.30, then it's drinks, story and singing then we get all the ride-ons out. Everyone helps out and it's a great resource in the village. £2 per child and £1 per sibling.

Any questions - please feel free to contact me.

Anne-Marie Hoare

### Welcome

Recently moved from Winchmore Hill, North London, **Jon** and **Emily Gittins** and their two year old daughter **Nina**, along with **Percy** the cat, are now settling into 2 Butchers Hill. Jon is an IT consultant and Emily is a legal counsel, and their hobbies include music, open water swimming, gardening and going to the pub! When I met Jon he commented on the friendly welcome they had received from the people in the village that they had met. They have asked me to express their thanks "to everyone for being so friendly and welcoming". A very warm welcome is extended to **Jon, Emily** and **Nina** as well as best wishes for a wonderful Christmas in your new home.

Elaine Statham

estatham100@gmail.com

## Food Bank

The foodbank is a way we can share our food with those who don't have quite enough. Ickleton foodbank is given to John Huntingdon Centre <https://johnhuntingdon.org.uk/> in Sawston who arrange deliveries and collections for those who need it.

The emphasis is on things to keep people warm quickly and easy to carry for those who have no transport - hot drinks, soups, tuna, precooked rice, macaroni cheese, spaghetti hoops. Also cereals, (soft easy to eat) baby products, dog or cat food, toiletries. Please leave at the church in or next to the Food Bank box or call me for collection – thank you for your generosity. Clare Driver.

**clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk**

**Food Aid** For anyone in Ickleton who wants to ask for food or other groceries (*in complete privacy*) please call Clare who will endeavour to fulfil your shopping list needs

## Food deliveries

Generally - *Costcutter village shop* - ☎ 531181 and ask for a delivery.

Meat delivery - Thursdays Clark and Son (Sudbury) 01787 319330 [sales@clarkandsonmeats.com](mailto:sales@clarkandsonmeats.com).

Fresh fish van delivery - Monday afternoon - call or text Andy 07773 275134

Fruit and Veg delivery - Fisher and Woods ☎ 581620 [sales@fisherandwoods.co.uk](mailto:sales@fisherandwoods.co.uk)  
Walden Organics (Rob) [waldenorganics@btinternet.com](mailto:waldenorganics@btinternet.com)

Fish and Chips (etc) - mobile van on Tuesdays 4.30 - 8 pm Village Hall car park  
Pre-orders only. Tel: 07787 603616 [info@oceantree.co.uk](mailto:info@oceantree.co.uk)

## HELP for dealing with Covid19

### Neighbourhood Help

The list is unchanged from February. Thanks to everyone who is continuing to help.

Road name	Contact 1	Phone number	Contact 2	Phone number
Grange Road	Fiona Spinks	07905904254	Olga	07906701720
Coploe Road	Dominic	07875748928		
Birds Close	Cathy Heaney	07879827737	Kelly	07550220838
Back Lane	Jane Hore	07712895509	Anne-Marie Hoare	07948433310
Icknield Close	Anne-Marie Hoare	07948433310	Sarah Burser	07890164375
Southfield	Helen Maguire	07903883613	Sharon Gilbert	07970166953
Abbey Street	Holly Gent	07967580457	Flick Laura Carys	07855742381 07500803936 07545051760
Frogge Street	Luciana	07930525079	Susan Hughes Sophie	07951530927 07966368048
Church Street	Catherine Cocks	07989671501	Simon Cheney	07918083057
The Mill	Katie	07980615543		
Mill Lane	Sarah Fawsett	07746639568	Caroline Owen or Matt Owen	07702156481 07860829894
Brookhampton Street	Susie Lober	07855358783	Flo Debbie	07951057793 07776115817
Duxford Road	Lewis Duke	07850920510		
The Stackyard	Holly Coombes	07710978733	Ellie	07932092592
Coploe Rise	Louise	07870423249		
Butchers Hill	Alice	07803925162	Jamie	07748785317
Priory Close	Sharon Gilbert	07970166953	Guila	07981210765

**Anne-Marie Hoare**

## ICKLETON ADVENT WINDOWS 2021

From 1st to 24th December, each of 24 houses in Ickleton will reveal an illuminated window displaying a seasonal scene, thereby making an **Ickleton Advent Calendar through Windows**.

Each window will be illuminated daily (5:00pm - 8:00pm) from that house's 'reveal date' through to 24th December.

You are invited to take a walk to view each fresh window as it is revealed. The full Calendar of Windows is shown below...

A big 'Thank you' to all who are contributing 'windows' to this project!

**Lizzie & Hugh Molloy**

REVEAL DATE	ADDRESS		
1	The Ickleton Lion, Abbey Street	13	Durham's, Butchers Hill
2	Wellington House, 37 Church St	14	43, Abbey Street
3	3, Abbey Street	15	30-32, Abbey St
4	26, Frogge Street	16	6, Butchers Hill
5	1, Mill Lane	17	6, Southfield
6	Well Cottage, 1 Church Street,	18	34 Butchers Hill
7	11, Brookhampton Street	19	1-3 Frogge Street
8	4, Back Lane	20	26, Brookhampton Street
9	7, Church Street	21	April Cottage, Butchers Hill ( <i>through cart-lodge entrance</i> )
10	Vine Cottage, Butchers Hill ( <i>through cart-lodge entrance</i> )	22	Mill House Cottage ( <i>The Green</i> )
11	25, Mill Lane	23	63, Abbey Street
12	14, Abbey Street	24	St Mary's Parish Church

### **Pub Quizzes - at the Ickleton Lion    Tuesdays at 7 pm**

Every Tuesday evening the Ickleton Lion will host a pub quiz. Starting 7 pm for a couple of hours including breaks.

£2.50 per player (£5 for a couple, £10 for a team of 4). Profits will be for the benefit of Ickleton Phoenix Football Club – Ickleton FC renamed! (see page 8).

Prizes are offered by the pub. And an individual/team leader board will also be maintained.

Thanks to Mike and Claire of the Ickleton Lion for hosting.

**Ickleton Phoenix F C**

### **Ickleton Pub Lunch Club    Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon**

Organised by Jon Smith, husband of our vicar Rev Lydia, the lunches are planned for the second Tuesday of the month, and very popular.

We meet at The Ickleton Lion at 12 noon. It's simple, totally informal, no strings and we each pay for our own order, plus a tip if you want to.

**By the Friday before our lunch**, please email: [jonsmith@supanet.com](mailto:jonsmith@supanet.com) to advise if you are coming and what your pre-order is.

The pub's website (for menus) is <https://theickletonlionpub.co.uk>

Plus, please do sign up for emails from Jon using this link <http://eepurl.com/hGIEpn> as it makes his life easier and reduces the chances of club emails going straight into your spam folder".

**Jon Smith**

## **Christmas Fair Gala Event      Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December    7 pm to 9 pm**

We have had so few events over the last 18 months to get together with neighbours and friends, but this promises to be the event of the year.

Drinks reception with canapes, carols from a local choir, music from Lizzie and Hugh Molloy and the perfect opportunity to shop for gifts and decorations from over twenty local makers and artisans. What more could you ask for bubbles, fancy nibbles, carols, music, shopping, and all without moving your car. The planning for this event has taken months and all proceeds will go to support our beautiful church. Please support us.

**This is tickets only - £10**

## **Carol Singing around the Village    Monday 20th December - 6 pm**

We plan to continue the tradition of Carol Singing around Ickleton.

We assemble at the Village Hall car park. Carol-sheets provided (a few with SATB parts in case any choose to sing in harmony).

Monies raised will be donated to Jimmy's Cambridge (homeless shelter) and Church Funds.

Please email to confirm, if you wish to come and sing, so we have an idea of numbers.

**Lizzie & Hugh Molloy** [molloyhtb@gmail.com](mailto:molloyhtb@gmail.com)

## **Carol Singing in the Churchyard      Christmas Eve at 5 pm.**

The Parish Church will be revealing its Illuminated Advent Window on Friday 24 December.

You are invited to come and sing a few carols in front of the Parish Church at 5:00pm as the window is revealed..... To celebrate Christmas, the culmination of *Ickleton Advent Windows 2021*, and our good fortune to live in a friendly village. Just come along.

**Jenny Duke**

## **SOCIAL CLUB      on Boxing Day**

The Ickleton Social Cub will be open on Boxing Day at lunchtime **12 – 2 pm**

All welcome

**Pat Facer**

## **Coffee Mornings      Tuesdays 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December    10.30 - 12 at the church**

**All welcome**

Coffee mornings are on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Coffee and cakes will be served by the coffee morning team.

**The Coffee Morning team**

## **ICKLETON CHRISTMAS CARD**

Do you remember the beautiful Advent Window of the nativity in our church last December, made by parents and children? This year's card features a lovely photo of the window, the colours glowing in the darkness.

We have kept the price the same as in previous years: £5 for a pack of 10 cards.

All proceeds will go to Ickleton church funds. Cards are available from **Colin Hayes** at Durhams Farmhouse, Butchers Hill. Please email: [cjf.hayes@gmail.com](mailto:cjf.hayes@gmail.com)

## **Christmas Tree pick up and recycling**

Frogge Street resident Edmund Harcourt is offering to pick up your Christmas tree(s) after Christmas for a suggested donation of £10 per tree, with all proceeds going to Ickleton Cricket Club.

The trees will be re-cycled as wind breaks on local farms. We will be collecting on the 8th, 9th, 15th and 16th January. Please text or call 07968 439 810 with your address, and date. We will be able to take cash or a card.

**Edmund Harcourt**

## CHURCH NOTICES

Vicar	Rev Lydia Smith	revlydiasmith@gmail.com
Churchwardens	Patrick Bloomfield	patrick.bloomfield@hymans.co.uk
	Jenny Duke	jenny@jennyduke.co.uk
Lay Minister	Julie Baillie	julie_baillie@btinternet.com
Reader	Judith Sutcliffe	

The website contains details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study, and community life.  
See: [www.elydiocese.org](http://www.elydiocese.org).  
In emergency please telephone Patrick Bloomfield.

## Services for December

Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 – 5 pm	Advent afternoon - see further below	WHITTLESF'D
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WHITTLESF'D
		10.00 am	Parish Communion & Sunday Club	ICKLETON
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion	HINXTON
		4.00 pm	Christingle - see further below	ICKLETON
Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
		4.00 pm	Christingle	DUXFORD
		6.30 pm	Carol Service	ICKLETON
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Christingle	HINXTON
		11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	DUXFORD
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
Christmas Day		10.00 am	All age service	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	Family Christmas Communion	ICKLETON
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Parish Communion	DUXFORD

**And weekly:** Compline - 7 pm on Tuesdays at Duxford 7 pm on Thursdays at Hinxton

**Advent afternoon** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at Whittlesford - organised by Revs Lydia Smith, Olivia Coles and Petra Shakeshaft. Find out more from <http://www.hinkledux.com/dates-for-your-diary>

### Ickleton Christingle Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm

Following last years 'lockdown' Christingle held in the churchyard with DIY kits we hope to be back in the church this year, however we are nevertheless planning for both eventualities.

Whether in or outside you are most welcome to join us to hear the Nativity story, sing pre-Christmas carols and to celebrate light and hope in a world that often seems dark and troubled. The short service will be suitable for all ages and we would ask adults to wear masks if they're able. In case the situation changes and the service is held outside, please stay tuned to village social media and listen to the jungle drums for updates!

Christingle services will also be held at Duxford St Peter on December 19<sup>th</sup> and Hinxton church on Christmas Eve. There will be a *collection for the Children's Society* who support disadvantaged children and young people in Britain at each event.

P.S. Do note that should COVID restrictions require us to change our plans and gather outside, for example, this will be advised on our website and Facebook.

**BELL RINGING** Visiting bellringers at Ickleton Church on **Tuesday 14th December 1.00 - 4.15 pm**

**David Lilley**

## At the heart of Christmas - message from Rev Lydia Smith

What's at the heart of your Christmas? Since last year it was somewhat cancelled, perhaps this year it's an even more important question. The ad campaign for the online shopping site *Very* gives us one approach. As well as launching their TV advert rather early (at the beginning of October!), *Very's* ad sees Christmas as an excuse for a bit of self-indulgence. Yes - give your sister a lovely Christmas jumper, but feel free to give yourself a nice jumper, too – and make sure it's cashmere while you're at it.

I guess they have a point. Last year was so tough for many of us and Christmas so rubbish: looking after ourselves isn't self-indulgent, but proper self-care. Though you might also say that after an un-festive season of separation in 2020, perhaps what's at the heart of Christmas for many of us – what we're really hoping for - is being reunited with those we love, rather than something more commercial. However, I think the Christian perspective would add that there's more. Behind the love we find amongst our family and close friends stands the love of God for the world.

At the heart of Christmas isn't just our love, but God's love. Love so generous and powerful, that God sends his only son to join us in the mess we have made of the world. Jesus is born as a human person to help us be reunited with the God who made the world happen in the first place.

As we tell the story of that birth once again this year, there is a challenge to each of us to ponder in our hearts – as Mary did – what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean for us now and in the years ahead.

There are lots of opportunities to celebrate what's at the heart of Christmas in the Hinkledux churches this year – details are in our Christmas card and on our website and Facebook page. And if you're interested in exploring what the Christmas story could mean for you, a great place to start is with *At the Heart of Christmas: 12 Days of stories and meditations for Christmas* from the Church of England. You can sign up for emails at <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/sign-our-emails> or look for the app for your phone.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas

Lydia

## At the heart of Christmas



## GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

Chair - Pauline Gale

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 8.00 pm at Ickleton Village Hall**

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS & DOOR WREATH DEMONSTRATION

Speaker: Deb Hart - for 20 years demonstrator of willow and basket weaving

**DON'T FORGET! CHRISTMAS BULB SALE Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 11 am**

Venue: In the driveway of 'The Sycamores', Great Chesterford (opposite school playground)

Cash or Cheque Sales Only

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

### November meeting

An excellent speaker, Gary Matthews gave an illustrated account of the History of Easton Lodge through four centuries including the colourful life of Daisy, Countess of Warwick, who inherited the estate in 1865 at the age of 3! She commissioned Peto to redesign the Gardens in the early years of the 20th century but after her death and during the years of WW2 the Gardens fell into disrepair. Amazing restoration work has been done by volunteers in recent years to restore the Gardens which are renowned for the Spring display of snowdrops.

**Autumn Colour Competition:** 1st Sally H 2nd Fiona R 3rd Gill G

**Christine Greet**

## ICKLETON SOCIETY

**Greater Cambridge Plan Consultation** – deadline 13 December. This is the first draft of the plan and covers development policies and sites for new houses and businesses up to 2041. We encourage everyone who is concerned about maintaining the rural nature of this area to comment on the plan, or at least some aspects of it. We have produced some guidance but it is too long to include here. We're happy to share it with any resident whether or not you're a member of the Society. Please get in touch if you'd like a copy.

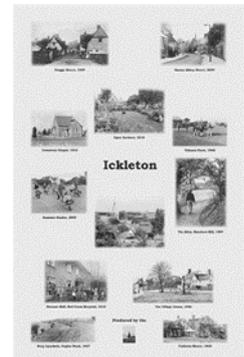
**New Year's Day Walk** – what better way to start 2022 than with our popular New Year's Day Walk. All are welcome to join us on Saturday 1 January 2022 for this annual village tradition to melt away the excesses of the Festive Season. We'll meet at 11am on the Green in front of the Church. Children, visiting family and dogs on leads are welcome and the first half of the walk will be suitable for pushchairs.

The walk will mostly be on flat terrain and should take around 1 hour – 1 hour 15 minutes at a moderate pace. The plan is to walk through the Wetlands, onwards through Hinxton, turn before we reach Duxford and then back to the village via public footpath through fields. We may need to change the route of the walk depending on the weather conditions. Please wear suitable footwear as some of the terrain may be muddy and uneven.

This year we are just walking – no soup and bread lunch in the hall. We hope to offer hospitality again in the future when it is easier to do so.

**Christmas gifts** – our famous Ickleton tea towels grace kitchens around the world... they make a unique Christmas gift with the added bonus of supporting a local not for profit group. These quality tea towels feature photos from around our beautiful village. Available at £5 each or 5 for £20 in red or blue.

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**Visit to Chrishall Grange Camp** – on 13 November, a group of members enjoyed a visit to the camp at Chrishall Grange. What a fabulous place – tranquil woodland and far reaching views. Many of us, including long time residents of Ickleton, knew little about the camp and we're grateful to Robert Law for allowing us to visit it and sharing with us his knowledge of the site when it was war time accommodation for the USAAF. Together with the extensive research the Society has done about its immediate post war history as a German POW camp, we got a picture of how busy the camp must have been and what it was like to live there, both as a US airman and a POW – very different from the peaceful place it is today.

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## The Fabulous 4 Villages Orchestra – Christmas Concert

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm Duxford Primary School**

It's the first Christmas concert in the Fabulous 4VO's 15 year history and it's bound to get the season off to a wonderful toe-tapping start. Why, it's like a Fairytale of New York – and funnily enough that's just what you'll be hearing from our guest singing stars Jane Mayo and Tony Lee.

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