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Hilary Rule

Thank you to contributors this month. The deadline for the next Icene bulletin is 22nd April.

Open Reach Fibre Broadband (funded by Government)

A big thank you to all residents who returned forms concerning this project – and the interest level is a good start - about 50% of residents have responded so far.

However we are seeking as high a response as possible to contribute to the total of answers to the various questions and **maximise Ickleton's opportunity to benefit**. All information will be confidential and only used simply to add up the totals of answers to each question.

If you have not been able to respond yet and would like to do so please see the back page of this Icene for the outline of the scheme and the form to return to Martin Woodhead. See also the note about confidentiality of information and the adherence to Data Protection regulations.

Rapid Covid-19 home testing kits for adults in households with children

With up to one in three individuals with coronavirus showing no symptoms, it means some can potentially spread Covid-19 without knowing it. Households with school-age children can now test themselves twice a week from home using rapid Covid-19 testing kits. See Parish Council report (page 2) for details of this.

Editor

PARISH COUNCIL APRIL 2021

Refuse Collections during April

THURSDAY	8	April	Black Bin
WEDNESDAY	14	April	Blue and Green Bins
Tuesday	20	April	Black Bin
Tuesday	27	April	Blue and Green Bins

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 **5 pm** (now the summer schedule).

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

Visit 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. OR telephone 0345 045 5207.

Ickleton Parish Council

Extracts from the Parish Council meeting held on 17th March 2021. This meeting was held remotely using the software application Zoom.

The Parish Council would like to remind members of the public that they can join the remote meetings by requesting an invitation from the Clerk.

The Parish Council wishes to draw your attention to the following:

Notice of vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that Katherine Denman-Johnson formerly a member of the above Parish Council has ceased to be a member and that a casual vacancy exists in the office of Councillor for the said Parish.

On receipt of a request in writing from any ten local government electors for the said Parish/Parish Ward, an election to fill the vacancy will be held. If no such request is made the vacancy will be filled by co-option by the Parish Council.

Requests for such an election should be addressed to The Returning Officer, South Cambridgeshire District Council, South Cambs. Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA to arrive not later than 12th April 2021.

Traffic and Highways Issues

Highways issues of particular note reported by the Parish Council are damaged drains on Frogge Street causing extensive flooding after heavy rain and the poor condition of the culvert at the junction of Grange Road and Abbey Street.

Planning

For consideration

Reference: 20/05279/HFUL

Proposal: Installation of solar panels to the south facing roof of the garage and workshop outbuilding.

Site address: 21 Church Street, Ickleton, CB10 1SL

Applicant: Mr Simon Fawcett The Parish Council were in support of this application.

Back Lane repairs

The Parish Council has been considering the repairs needed to the surface of Back Lane and its verges where it is a public footpath. Discussions are ongoing and it is hoped that an early start can be made now that we have better weather. Worn areas of grass at the Back Lane entrance to the Recreation Field will also be repaired.

Dogs walking on the recreation field

After several incidents reported to the parish council over the last couple of years involving out of control dogs on the recreation field, the Parish Councillors took a vote on whether to request that owners keep their dogs on a lead at all times there. The majority voted in favour. Therefore, temporary signs will be displayed at the entrances of the recreation field to that effect.

Rapid Covid-19 home testing kits for households with children

Households with school-age children can now test themselves twice a week from home using rapid Covid-19 testing kits.

With up to one in three individuals with coronavirus showing no symptoms, it means some can potentially spread Covid-19 without knowing it. Regular testing of people who are unable to stay at home and don't have symptoms means that people with Covid-19 can be detected early and can self-isolate.

As children and young people return to the classroom, we need to be sure that potential Covid-19 cases are found as quickly as possible and that measures are put in place to prevent them from spreading throughout the school community. Although cases are declining generally, we all need to continue to play our part to keep the virus under control and ensure children and young people can remain in education.

Rapid Covid-19 home testing kits will be available for asymptomatic:

- adults living in households with primary and secondary-age pupils, including their childcare and support bubbles;
- school staff and adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders, as well as members of their households.

Testing is for adults only. Secondary school and college pupils will also undertake regular testing which will be provided via their school or college. Primary school pupils are not being offered rapid testing at this time but parents and carers should access a PCR Covid-19 lab test for them via the national booking system if they develop symptoms.

If you are eligible for test kits you can collect them from local test centres, order them online or by calling 119. Lines are open 7am to 11pm and calls are free. For further information please follow the link – <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Openreach fibre broadband funded by the Government's Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme

Volunteers in the Parish have distributed a letter to all properties in Ickleton to inform them that they will receive contact from Openreach asking if they would like to participate in the Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme. Parishioners were asked to give an indication to the volunteers as to whether they would like to participate. For further information follow this link:

<https://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/funding-schemes/rural-gigabit-voucher-scheme/>

The Parish Council strongly recommends participation. Don't lose out on this opportunity. A form for return is on the back page

Rat problem – Church Street

Residents in Church Street have identified a problem with rats in the area. Rats are vermin and can spread potentially serious diseases. Removing food and water sources, for instance by avoiding putting out too much food for birds, can discourage rats. It is also worth checking sheds and decking to see if you are unwittingly providing accommodation for rats.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm using the software application Zoom. The Parish Council Clerk will share the Zoom invitation along with the agenda for the meeting on the following page of the Parish Council website nearer the time - <http://www.ickletonparishcouncil.org.uk/documents/>

Leanne Smith - Parish Clerk E-mail: clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk

Defibrillator The defibrillator in Ickleton is situated on the wall to the left of the main door of the Village Hall. To use it FIRST CALL 999 and inform them that you are near the Ickleton defibrillator. You will then be told a 4 figure number code to enter. Then follow the instructions you will find.

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 now:** Mon - Fri 8 - 12 midday, Sat 9 - 12.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Medical Car Scheme	John and Sue
Village Hall Bookings	Viliami Mila v.mila68@outlook.com
Neighbourhood Watch	Glynis Hammond
Police (reporting a crime non-emergency)	101
Speedwatch Team - Parish Council Coordinator	Terry Sadler
- Recruitment & Rota	Penny Fletcher
District and County Councillor	Peter McDonald 07912 669092 cllr.mcdonald@scambs.gov.uk

Library Services - Cambridge Mobile Library for delivering ordered books

On the third Wednesday of the month (**21st April**) 12.45 -1.15 pm
Place - the bottom of Butchers Hill at Brookhampton Street/Church Street.

Books may be PRE-SELECTED IN ADVANCE from the whole of Cambridge Libraries collection. To order contact the reservation service <https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk>, which is free of charge.

A "Select and Collect" service also allows you to request a collection of books based on your tastes at [https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Select and Collect](https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Select_and_Collect), or call 0345 045 5225.

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.

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

Fruit and Veg delivery - Fisher and Woods ☎ 581620 sales@fisherandwoods.co.uk
Walden Organics (Rob) 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

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

CHURCH NOTICES

Associate priest	Revd Phil Sharkey	01763 221284 sharkey_phil@yahoo.co.uk
Churchwardens	Patrick Bloomfield Jenny Duke	patrick.bloomfield@hymans.co.uk
Lay Minister	Julie Baillie	
Reader	Judith Sutcliffe	

The website contains details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study, and community life. See: www.elydiocese.org.

In emergency please contact Associate Vicar - Rev Phil Sharkey by email, or telephone Patrick Bloomfield (see contact details above).

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll has now been carried out. The new Roll will be placed in the Church porch on Tuesday **6th April** and can be accessed there for two weeks, until Tuesday **20th April**. Please would everyone check that their details are correct and contact me if there is any amendment to be made.

Frances Payne (Church Electoral Roll Officer)

Signs of Spring Treasure Hunt

Well done to all the children who took part in the Signs of Spring treasure hunt around the village in Spring half term. We had 26 entries submitted who all received a delicious cupcake and a packet of seeds. There is a lovely display of poetry and art work completed by the children on display in the church porch. Look out for further activities being planned for the Easter break including a village quiz.

New Priest-in Charge

We are delighted to announce that **The Revd Lydia Smith**, currently Team Vicar for a group of villages in Chelmsford Diocese is to be Priest-in-Charge of Hinxton, Ickleton and Duxford. She has been appointed as a House for Duty serving our 3 villages for two days a week, plus Sundays. Lydia will be licensed by Bishop Stephen on 15 July.

She sent us this message: "I am so excited and feel immensely honoured to be appointed as priest in charge in the Hinkledux parishes. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and to what God has in store for us as we journey together." We, too, are excited - to welcome her and her husband, John, as we begin to look forward again after our extended time without a priest.

The Church remains open for private prayer and it is wonderful to realise how many visitors find solace, inspiration - or simply quiet - in our beautiful medieval building. They often comment how on entering the space they sense a connection with previous generations

We continue to hold zoom services online at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning, all are welcome... they are a rather different gathering from everything we have ever done before but have a growing following. Hymns and service sheets can be found online at www.hinkledux.com

Services for HOLY WEEK 29TH MARCH - April 4th

We are aiming to hold socially distanced services during the first week of April....

Compline 7.30 pm: Monday at Hinxton. Tuesday at Ickleton. Wednesday at Duxford.

Good Friday 12 -3 pm: Music and meditations in St Mary Magdalene Church

From 2 - 2.45 p.m. Our music director Philip Asher will play Johannes Brahms Eleven Chorale Preludes *for Organ*, Op.122 accompanied by poetry and readings. The *Preludes* were written in the last year of Brahms' life. The readings used between each setting have been selected for their suitability for the liturgical season, and also to reflect the mood and feeling given both by the text and music of each chorale. They are taken from a wide variety of sources.

Easter Sunday 10 am. EASTER COMMUNION led by Rev Phil Sharkey

Parish Administrator Hinkledux

An opportunity has arisen for an administrator to work alongside the priest for the three parishes of Ickleton, Hinxton and Duxford, collectively known as Hinkledux. As well as working alongside the vicar the administrator will work closely with the ministry team for the three parishes. The administrator will provide clerical support and will be involved with the coordination and implementation of office procedures, various duties to support the running of the parishes and communication/engagement with the wider community.

The role is very varied but most of the work involves both written and oral communication, word processing and record keeping, so the ability to multitask and prioritise the workload is key.

The position is part-time and you will be required to work approximately five hours per week in the first instance.

Salary: £12 - 14 per hour depending on experience.

Full details of the job description and application form may be obtained from: jenny@jennyduke.co.uk

Completed applications to: margaretj.malcolm@gmail.com by Friday April 16th

Interviews will be held on Friday April 23rd

It is hoped that the successful candidate can begin in May 2021

NB: An Enhanced DBS Disclosure will be required for the successful applicant. Completion of the basic safeguarding courses will be an early requirement.

Jenny Duke

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to **Eric** and **Penny Burrows** who have recently moved in to Dove Barn, Butchers Hill. They previously lived in Kent, but have made the move to Ickleton to be nearer to their two daughters, and their young grandsons. Eric has commented that the people they have met so far, particularly when walking their dog **Juno**, have all been most welcoming. They look forward to being able to meet people properly, and becoming more involved in village life, once Covid restrictions are eased. Let's hope it won't be too long before this can happen.

Elaine Statham

DANA KOWALSKA 1956 – 2021

Dana was born in Poland, in the north near Poznan. As a child she was a tomboy. She climbed trees and was rather bossy, always ordering her friends around!

She spent her teenage years studying Russian language and other subjects because she wanted to become a teacher.

When I came to England to be married to George Moser she came with me and she stayed because she loved this country so much that she never went back to Poland. She learned to speak English and got herself a job in a shop. Later on she became Post Office mistress. She loved her jobs and life.

She often went on holiday to Scotland because she loved climbing mountains, and she liked Scottish whisky and music. She has a lot of clothes in Scottish tartan.

Her hobby was gardening, buying and selling bric a brac, and car boot sales.

She always wanted to be with us, living in the same house because family was the most important thing in her life, and we miss her a lot.

Ewa Moser, her only sister

ICKLETON SOCIETY

Additions to the Photo Archive

More additions this month thanks to Molly Dagley and Jos Flitton. They include members of the Clements and Flitton families and are all in the 'Ickleton Folk' album or you can find them quickly by going to Recent Additions. There is sometimes more information if you click on the thumbnails and enlarge the photo. We're very grateful for all contributions to the archive so, if you've time to have a bit

of a Spring sort out, do look out for photos relating to the village. We're happy to receive donations, digital copies or to copy them and return originals to you.

Going Forward

The Committee is considering what activities and events we might be able to undertake if the easing of lockdown goes to plan. Of course, nothing is certain, some precautions may still be required and there will be some people who remain vulnerable to COVID-19 so we will be very cautious. Please get in touch if you have any ideas.

Rachel Radford

rachelmradford@btinternet.com

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

Owing to the current situation, no meetings will be taking place at our usual venue in Ickleton.

Wednesday 14th April - Outdoor Plant Sale

In the Garden of the **Crown House, Great Chesterford**

We decided, subject to restrictions at the time, to hold our Spring Plant Sale on Wednesday 14th April at the Crown House, with many thanks to Ray & Tina Szajewski.

(A change from 7th April, as originally planned, to comply with new regulations from April 12th).

Please pot up any spare seedlings, cuttings, perennials etc that you have and, if possible, deliver them to the Crown House between 5:45 & 6:15 on Wednesday 14th.

More details will be available nearer the time but we will be taking all necessary Covid precautions

Wednesday 5th May - 'Zoom' Speaker Further details tba or from **Pauline Gale**.

RECENT MEETING

The Chair's Spring Quiz took place at the beginning of March (on 'Zoom'), with 26 Members – questions and answers were emailed for those without 'Zoom'. Following the quiz Eddie displayed a series of photographs of Spring Flowers from Member's gardens.

The flower with the most popular votes was Rosemary Day's *Helleborus*.

Thank you to Eddie for hosting the Zoom meetings.

FACEBOOK Join the Great Chesterford & District Garden Society Group on Facebook.

OUTDOOR FITNESS CLASSES

Local Fitness Professional Disa Bennett will be launching small group OUTDOOR Fitness classes from April 2021 when restrictions are lifted.

Disa has been teaching many fitness classes online each week since the lockdown and serving the local community and people from all over the UK with a wide variety of classes.

"Many people have embraced online fitness for their physical and mental fitness during COVID, it's been phenomenal to provide this service and support during such difficult times"

"Group Fitness and exercising together to music has a huge positive impact on mental wellbeing, mood and happiness, as well as the usual physical benefits, and I am looking forward to welcoming people to a LIVE outdoor session"

The outdoor class will be held in South Cambridge Villages throughout the Spring & Summer. Boot Camps, Zumba, HIIT, Dance Fitness, Legs, Tums & Bums and when the weather gets better Pilates too.

You will need to book in advance, fill in a Par Q and comply to Safe Social Distancing policies.

Contact Disa on 07798 754029 or disa_bennett@hotmail.com for booking and Par Q details.

(Note: see also her advertisement on the advert pages).

ICKLETON CRICKET CLUB

Entering its 10th season, Ickleton Cricket Club now has four successful teams, offering cricket for all standards, in both Saturday and Wednesday leagues, with an envious trophy cabinet growing each year. The youth cricket sessions have developed over the years enabling children as young as 5 to enjoy cricket.

The committee have worked hard over the winter to ensure we can once again offer cricket in a safe environment for all, with the aim of returning after Easter. Hopefully we may even be able to celebrate the 10 year milestone later in the summer?! We look forward to seeing you soon – players and spectators.

David Mathias - Chairman

Dates for the Diary

Club Maintenance Days - Saturday 27th March and Saturday 10th April

Training Starts - Monday 12th April

First Fixture - Saturday 17th April

Youth Cricket

Youth cricket sessions are on Thursday evenings starting in spring-time and concluding in July with awards and festivities. If you have yet to register your children or you would like to support the sessions contact us on the details below.

Fantasy Cricket

The ever-popular Fantasy Cricket will return again this year to add some additional fun and competition even when rain stops play! Watch this space for details on how to sign up.

Sponsorship Opportunities

There are a range of sponsorship opportunities available for the coming season including shirt sponsors, youth kit sponsors, ball sponsors and trophy/awards sponsors. If you or your organisation or company would be interested in supporting Ickleton CC in this manner please contact us for further information.

Raise money for Ickleton CC without spending an extra penny!

Ickleton CC have partnered with EasyFundraising which means the Club can receive free donations from 4,000 retailers everytime you shop online. Nearly £750 has been raised by your fellow members through this initiative which is incredibly easy to use.

All you need to do is visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>, or download the EasyFundraising app, search for Ickleton CC, sign up and remember to login or go through the app when you shop online.

Ickleton Cricket Club general website: ickleton.play-cricket.com

Email: ickletoncc@hotmail.com.

For the latest updates and club news follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ickletoncc



Whittlesford & Duxford Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Why not join the adventure?

We would not be able to run the groups without our amazing volunteers who so generously donate their time. If you would like to get involved in Scouting as an assistant, committee member, young leader or even share a skill, do get in touch.

Our website: www.wanddscouts.org.uk General enquiries: wanddscouts@gmail.com
Membership enquiries: scoutsmembership@gmail.com.

Our activities this month

In February, face to face scouting remained suspended to comply with the national lockdown; all our meetings were held via zoom. Everyone enjoyed making their own pancakes at home for Shrove Tuesday. Nutella was a popular choice for the topping. Yum!

Both **Wild Wood Beavers** (Wed, 6-8 yrs) and **Forest Beavers** (Fri, 6-8 yrs) camped at home after building their own den or tent. Camp activities included: cooking on the campfires, sparklers, stories and singing.

Sirius and **Javelins Cubs** (Mon and Thurs 8-10½ yrs) did some kahoot quizzes, showed off their hobbies to each other and learned about the origins of the Scouting movement for Founder's Day.

Arrow Scouts (Tues, 10½-14 yrs) made their own solar systems at home using different objects from around the house to show the differences in sizes between the planets. **Hitchhiker Explorers** (14-18 yrs Fri) did some table top pioneering using bamboo skewers and elastic bands.



Celebrating World Book Day at Duxford Primary School

On Wednesday 3rd March we celebrated World Book Day. There were no live lessons as we asked the children to enjoy a day centred around books. We put together a menu of book activities that the children could choose from or they could be creative and think of their own ideas. The 'menu' included activities designed for EY/KS1, KS2 or for children of any age to work on together.

We also had Mystery Story Time at the end of the day where a surprise teacher read to each class bubble.

What did the children get up to..?

Sheldrakes have been looking at *The Gruffalo*

Puffins made a *Paddington Bear* collage and glove puppets.

Finches went on a *Paddington Bear* Hunt!

Blackbirds made villain wanted posters.

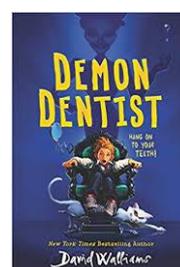
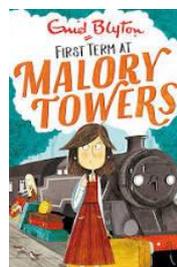
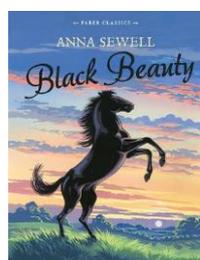
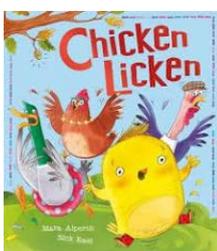
Wrens designed their own book covers for the book *'Storm'*

Hawks designed and made their own *Mr Potato Heads*.

Skylarks played 'What book character am I'

We also set the children a Get Caught Reading Challenge. For this challenge children needed to be photographed reading in an interesting, funny or peculiar way.

Maybe they're reading?



Did you know



Hearing loss is the third most common physical condition after arthritis & heart disease.

Hypertension

Can be an accelerating factor of hearing loss in adults



Worldwide, over **half a billion people** younger than 65 have some degree of hearing loss

Current smokers have a **70% higher risk** of having hearing loss than non-smokers

70% of diabetics, 50-69 years old, have high-frequency hearing loss

When was your **blood pressure checked?**

Would you take a **pill for pain?**

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Offering competitive rates of pay, our contracts will be based on a 37 hour week, plus overtime during evenings and weekends when required, and there is an opportunity to earn a performance-related bonus payment.

Vacancies range from a minimum period of 6 weeks up to 12 weeks to cover the months from June until October 2021.

REQUIREMENTS:

- For the Agricultural Services vacancies, agricultural and general farming knowledge/experience is preferable along with a full driving license.
- For the Wheat & Seed Supply vacancies, no previous experience/ knowledge is required. Full training will be provided.

Please send your CV to: Harma Marriott, Business Administrator Email: hmarriott@ragt.fr Phone: 01799 533700

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MEDICAL MATTERS

The following is information from the Granta Practice (i.e. Sawston) update for April. It will apply similarly to other practices, but residents may wish to check.

Ed.

Granta Medical Practices Update, April 2021

As I write this (08/03/2021), we have now vaccinated 17,805 patients. All patients in **cohorts 1 to 4** should have been contacted and vaccinated by us. If you haven't, *or if you have previously declined the vaccine but have now changed your mind*, please call us on 0300 234 5555 (option 2) and you will be prioritised for our next clinic. If you know of anyone that falls into one of these cohorts but have not yet been vaccinated please let us know as soon as possible.

We are currently vaccinating patients in **cohorts 5 and 6**. Some of you may receive a letter inviting you to a vaccination centre, and others may receive a text or telephone call inviting you to an appointment at Granta Sawston.

NHS England are starting to contact patients that fall into **cohort 7** (over 60 years old) and **cohort 8** (over 55 years old). You will receive a letter direct from NHS England giving you further instructions about how to book your vaccination.

If you have booked a vaccine appointment but are not going to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can offer your vaccine to someone else.

We appreciate that everyone wants to know when their appointment will be, and we are working as fast as possible to get through our patient lists. Contacting us before being invited however, will not make this process move any faster.

Please remember – you will NEVER be asked for payment for the COVID-19 vaccination. Any text message, letter or telephone call requesting your bank details and/or payment should be ignored. Please pass this on to anyone who may be more susceptible to this type of scam.

Information about the virus and the vaccine changes rapidly. To keep completely up to date with the latest guidance please go to the Government website www.gov.uk and the NHS UK website www.nhs.uk If you know of someone who does not have access to a computer and you do, please help them access the latest information.

As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me direct on 01223 627743 or sandra.east@nhs.net

Sandra East - Granta Patient Liaison

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Government Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme for supply of full fibre broadband to Ickleton

This Government scheme is an initiative to help homes and businesses in rural areas install a gigabit-capable, full fibre connection to their premises when part of a group scheme.

Premises with broadband speeds less than 100 Megabits per second (Mbps) can apply for vouchers worth up to £3,500 for each SME (small/medium enterprise) and up to £1,500 per residential premise to support the installing of new gigabit-capable connections. More information can be found on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website:

<https://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/funding-schemes/rural-gigabit-voucher-scheme/>

All 354 (approx) households and business addresses in Ickleton should in the near future receive a letter from Open Reach (the operating arm of the project) asking if you would like to participate in the

scheme. We have been advised that there would be no cost for users provided a sufficient number of households/SMEs express interest.

After installation, each premise would negotiate with their chosen broadband supplier. The cost should be less than that charged at present, for speeds many times faster. This will be of particular value to those working from home but also for all households who use the internet regularly.

The purpose of THIS SURVEY is to gauge the general level of interest, and the overall level of importance of working from home and SMEs to further promote the scheme being rolled out in Ickleton.

Note: All answers to the questions below will be treated in complete confidence and used only for adding up totals of answers to each question. Email/phone information is optional and simply to allow us to communicate with you on the progress of the project. No information or answers will be retained after the need has passed, in accordance with Data Protection regulations.

Please return this form to:

Martin Woodhead, The Old Vicarage, Butchers Hill, Ickleton, CB10 1SR
Email: martin.woodhead1@btinternet.com

From: Name(s):

Address:

Tel:

Email:

Questions - please delete as appropriate:

YES / NO I/we would be interested in supporting the proposed Voucher Scheme to supply full fibre broadband to my / our house in Ickleton

YES / NO I/we have a private residence

YES / NO I/we have a business

YES / NO I/we run a small business from home

YES / NO I/we work from home

My/our current broadband download speed is:MBPS

Note. This can be tested online using a number of different services such as <https://broadbandtest.which.co.uk/>

YES / NO Please contact me so that I can find out more

Signed.....

Date.....