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Thank you to contributors this month. The deadline for September's Icene is 21st August.

Ickleton Village Local Services and Regular Events – see the back two pages.

Social Club and 'Sunday Socials' during the month – see page 5.

Ickleton Society Members' visit to All Saints Church and Jesus College Chapel, Cambridge, Thursday morning 7th September, early booking recommended. See page 5.

Ickleton Cricket Club Home fixture list and players' achievements this season, incl youth. See ps 6 & 7.

PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse collections during August

Tuesday	1 st August	Blue and Green Bin
Tuesday	8 th August	Black bin
Tuesday	15 th August	Blue and Green bin
Tuesday	22 nd August	Black bin
WEDNESDAY	30 th August	Blue and green bin

Please Note

Thriplow Household Recycling Centre is open between **8 am and 5 pm**, seven days a week. Entrance gates shut 10 minutes before closing time.

It is not necessary to book visits to the site. Visits using vehicles or trailers requiring e-permits will be registered by site staff on arrival at a HRC, as they were prior to the introduction of the booking system, with no requirement to book visits in advance.

For more information visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/thriplow-recycling-centre

Ickleton Parish Council meeting

Extracts from the meeting on 19th July 2023. Your attention is drawn to the following:

Traffic and Highways Issues

Speedwatch

A member of Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Speeds Team has recently hand delivered a third warning letter to two speeding motorists.

Local Highways Initiative 2023/24 application

The bid for funding to enable village gateways to be installed in the Parish was once again unsuccessful.

Planning Information

For consideration

Reference: **23/01620/FUL and 23/01621/LBC**

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building to residential use ancillary to the host dwelling (part-retrospective), internal and external alterations to create guest accommodation on the ground floor, internal and external alterations to create a study/home office on the first floor (retrospective).

Site address: The Old Grange, Grange Road, Ickleton.

The Parish Council continues to support this application.

To note

Reference: **23/02014/FUL**

Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of one and a half storey dwelling on similar footprint.

Site address: 12 Church Street, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1SL

The Councillors unanimously object to the application on the grounds of the harm the proposals, if approved, would cause to the Church (Grade I listed), the Church's setting, Norman Hall opposite (Grade II listed) and the conservation area, with particular regard to the proposed height of the building and rear façade.

Application withdrawn.

Tree Works

Reference: **23/0600/TTCA**

Proposal: Eucalyptus - Remove.

Site address: 37 Frogge Street, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire.

Greater Cambridge Partnership – making connections update

The Executive Board have requested that officers develop a revised package of measures reflecting the public's feedback to the Making Connections consultation and following discussions with the Joint Assembly.

In the autumn a detailed proposal will be brought back to the GCP's Joint Assembly for scrutiny before the Executive Board decides whether and how to proceed with any scheme.

The updated proposal could include changes to the operating hours of a Sustainable Travel Zone and a more extensive package of exemptions.

Mobile Food Hub

A new mobile food hub will visit Duxford Community Centre every Thursday from 11am-12pm. More information can be found by following: Mobile Food Hub delivering food to South Cambridgeshire - South Cambs District Council (scambs.gov.uk)

Hare coursing

Parishioners are reminded to be vigilant and report incidents of hare coursing. Parishioners should ring the police by dialling 999 if they see hare coursing, describing the vehicle and using a what3words location if possible.

Clerk & RFO resignation

Leanne Smith is stepping down from the role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer on 28th July 2023. The vacancy is currently being advertised. In the interim period Beckie Whitehouse is joining the Parish Council as a Locum Clerk provided by Cambridge and Peterborough Association of Local Clerks.

Councillor resignation

The following formal notice has been posted on the Parish Council website and parish noticeboard by the shop:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that **Edmund Harcourt** formerly a Member of Ickleton 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, 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 **8th August 2023** (14 working days from the date of this notice).

Dated: 20th July 2023 Signed: Leanne Smith (Clerk to Ickleton Parish Council)

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

For your diaries...Coploe Pit work - help - 21st October 2023

You are invited to join the Wardens of the Parish pit on Saturday 21st October between 10am and 12pm to help maintain the biodiversity of the chalk grassland. The pit contains a wide variety of native plants such as Autumn Gentian and it is necessary to control invasive species such as bramble, clematis and blackthorn that would otherwise swamp the more delicate flora. We will therefore be strimming and raking up cuttings and cutting/digging out scrub. This biodiverse chalk grassland has seen an enormous national decline in recent decades due to changes in agricultural practices. The Wildlife Trust recognises the importance of our local pit and provided guidance on its management as a nature reserve.

If you can spare an hour or two meet by the pit gate at the top of Coploe Hill from 10am. As parking is limited we suggest you walk up from the village, although there is a hard stand parking area beyond the pit further down the hill. We shall have a break at 11 so bring a drink and snack if required. Tools and gloves will be provided but you are welcome to use your own, including secateurs, loppers and spades. Also appropriate work clothing and stout footwear.

This initiative is made possible with the support of the Parish Council. We look forward to seeing you.

John and Ray - Coploe Pit Wardens

WELCOMES in July

It's a wonderful thing to move to Ickleton in the summer when so much is going on – we welcome this month **John and Apple Gidley** - with a global life that has taken them to over 50 countries, most recently Houston and The US Virgin Islands – they are unpacking a life's worth of treasures and memories at Sommerford House 69 Abbey Street.

John was in the oil industry and has retired, so is looking forward to getting stuck into the garden and may be a future Open Gardens volunteer; he is a fixer of things and hopes to join in with the cricket.

Apple is a novelist who loves books and reading. With a successful past in organising events and fund raisers, we will be lucky to have her talents in the village as she is looking forward to volunteering. With family in Hitchin they enjoy being grandparents...we congratulate them on the safe arrival of grandbaby number 3!

Moving from Sawston, **Rachel and Jose Fernandes** and **6 year old Florence Olivia Blackaby** have arrived at 4, Church Street. Working at Addenbrookes at Papworth and in Outpatients, they are keen cyclists and make the most of the cycle paths! They love photography, swimming and walking, as well as their travels back to Portugal. They are looking forward to settling into the community.

If you have new neighbours do contact me

Clare Driver clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk 07834 956009 ☎ 531958

CONGRATULATIONS! to Jos Flitton - who celebrated her 80th birthday on 10th July.

CHURCH NOTICES

Vicar	Rev Lydia Smith	01223 690211	revlydiasmith@gmail.com
Churchwarden	Jenny Duke	07702 342422	jenny@jennyduke.co.uk
Lay Minister	Derek Munday	☎ 531087	llm.munday@btinternet.com

For details of joining for prayer, worship, study, and community life, see: www.hinkledux.com

In emergency please telephone Jenny Duke.

Church Services for AUGUST

Sunday	6 th	10.00 am	Parish Communion	ICKLETON
Sunday	13 th	10.00 am	Parish Communion	ICKLETON
Sunday	20 th	10.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
Sunday	27 th	10.00 am	Parish Communion	DUXFORD

Complines 7 pm on Tuesdays at Duxford and Thursdays at Hinxton www.jennyduke.co.uk

Prayers for peace in Ukraine - Fridays at 12 noon at Hinxton

Jenny Duke

From the Vicar - Testing times

August is a strange month for many teenagers (and their parents and grandparents). While most of us are in relax mode - school's been out for some time, people are away on holiday – many others are also counting down the days until exam results come out.

You may remember what that felt like. When you're 16 or 18, the weeks between finishing exams and results day can feel like a lifetime. It's almost long enough to forget that the exams ever happened. And then the day comes...



This year's results will be watched closely. Grade boundaries are gradually being returned to normal, after the more generous approach during COVID times. However, to compensate for the years of disrupted learning, exam timetables have been more spaced out and the scope of some exams was altered. In maths and science, students were given formulae and equation sheets, and in languages subjects students would not have been tested on unfamiliar vocabulary.

While this help is realistic and was doubtless welcome, we should remember that these pupils have experienced several challenging years: school life has not simply returned to normal. Press reports have highlighted increasing levels of absence

from school, especially amongst disadvantaged pupils, thought to be caused more by such issues as poverty, illness and anxiety, rather than just a case of widespread skiving. Meanwhile, schools have been under substantial budget pressure and are finding recruitment and retention of teachers difficult.

So, spare a thought for those young people, families and schools who will be nervously awaiting the 17th and 24th August (A level and GCSE results days, respectively), and if you pray, remember them in your prayers.

God, you have given us every good and perfect gift, and you are generous without finding fault. Be with young people as they wait for and receive their exam results. May they know the wisdom that comes from heaven, through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Best wishes **Lydia**

ICKLETON SOCIETY



Conservation of Gertrude Bowen's Photo Album

An important part of the Society's work is maintaining and preserving the village Archives for future generations. We have a huge collection of historic, and more recent, documents and memorabilia relating to the village and its surroundings. Sometimes these items come to us in poor condition needing conservation which is an expensive undertaking. Membership subscriptions and donations to the Society go towards the cost of such work.

A recent example is the repair and conservation of an important photograph album from 1894 belonging to Ickleton resident Gertrude Bowen - nee Chamberlain – (1876-1967), niece of Joseph Chamberlain and cousin of British PM Neville Chamberlain. Conservation of this album was made possible through generous donations from two members of the Society along with funds from annual subs.

The album provides a fascinating record of Gertrude's grand tour through Europe as a young woman of 18 as well as her early married life in the village. Gertrude and her husband George were generous benefactors to Ickleton including building and endowing three bungalows in Frogge Street for elderly parishioners, known as the Gertrude Homes. The properties are today a registered charity providing homes to those in need and with a strong connection to the village.

On our Facebook page you can see the 'before' and 'after' repair and conservation photos: <https://www.facebook.com/TheIckletonSociety>. We intend to make the album available to view at a future Society event.

Members' visit to All Saints Church and Jesus College Chapel, Cambridge, Thursday 7 September, 10.30 am - 12.15 pm

We are very fortunate in Cambridge to have some exceptional examples of Gothic Revival architecture and interiors. The Ickleton Society is organising a visit to two of the finest examples of this work. Our private guided tour will take us inside All Saints Church, otherwise known as "the painted church" for its exceptional wall and ceiling painted decoration, and then across the road to Jesus College Chapel with stained glass and the breathtaking nave ceiling by the firm of Morris & Co.

Rarely open to the public, All Saints is the work of architect George Frederick Bodley with interiors by William Morris, Charles Emer Kempe, and the Cambridge firm of Frederick Leach (employer of art decorator David Parr). We will learn about the history and decoration of the church from two experienced guides. At Jesus College Chapel we will focus on the works undertaken by William Morris and his firm.

Places on the tour are limited so early booking is recommended. Places are £10 each for members. To book a place contact Fiona Rose on fionarose@yahoo.co.uk ☎ 531233. Booking preference is firstly for members but if space allows non-members are welcome at £15 each.

Survey

In September we will be sending out a short online survey to members to take your views on what we do, what else you would like us to do and how we might otherwise improve. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and your feedback will be very helpful.

Rachel Radford ☎ 530994 rachelmradford@btinternet.com

SOCIAL CLUB AUGUST DATES

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Club open from 8.30 pm

Earlier when we have cover from our volunteers.. Updates will be sent via ickleinfo and social club news on whatsapp, and also watch for the blackboard by the front door.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME DRINKS 12 – 2 pm

6th and 20th August

SUNDAY SOCIALS

Every Sunday evening 7.30 to 10.30 pm, all welcome

Saturday 5th August. Mark 'Laffers' Lafferty playing his guitar and singing cover songs for our pleasure

MONDAY FIVE O'CLOCK CLUB

Every Monday 5pm to 7 pm

Drinks with friends and neighbours

We are a members club.

Annual Membership fees are:

Under 65's £10

Seniors £5

Guests £1

The Social Club is a wonderful village asset and is completely run by hard working Volunteers.
We thank you for supporting our efforts.

WETLANDS WALKS

Glow-worm walks

Despite the rain, the second glow-worm walk was also a success, with sightings of soprano pipistrelle bats from the bridge, and multiple sightings of glow-worms along the path through the wetlands, between the wooden bridge and the railway crossing. There have also been some sightings recently in Mill Lane towards the railway crossing.

Summer season walks

The walk on Wednesday the 19th of July was the last of the weekly walks, from now on they return to monthly. Despite the forecast for rain it stayed dry, and there were even sunny intervals. Those that wanted to look, were rewarded by sightings of young grass snakes and common lizards. Everyone got to see large numbers of butterflies, particularly meadow browns, skippers, brown argus and red admirals. A total of twelve different species. We also saw six-spot burnet moths, hawkers and darter dragonflies, and banded-demoiselle damselflies. The pyramidal orchids were starting to go over, but there were still a good crop. Add to that the constant backdrop of birdsong, and it made for a very pleasant hour's walk.

August wildlife walk **Wednesday 23rd August**, between 12:00 and 13:00

Just the one walk this month, on, led as usual by Iain Webb of the Wildlife Trust. Meet on the wooden bridge between the wetlands and main campus at 12:00.

David Keating

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

Chair - Pauline Gale ☎ 525543

The Society, covering local villages including the Chesterfords, Icketon and Hinxton organises meetings, talks, outings and events for those interested in gardens & gardening. New members and visitors always welcome.

Recent Meeting

The Speaker in July was Steven Edney, a former Head Gardener at The Salutation (originally designed by Sir Edward Lutyens) in Kent and Gold Medal Winner at Chelsea. He is currently setting up his own Nursery 'No Name Nursery', stocking from a new 3 acre garden created from a local field, specialising in perennials, dahlias and exotics. His talk centred on the very topical Drought Tolerant Perennials. Steven was a very entertaining speaker who gave members lots of advice on plants and planting for our changing climate.

Best Bloom Competition in July - **Rose** (any type) 1st: Pauline Gale 2nd: Ray Szajewski 3rd: Sally Hopkins

There is no meeting in August

In September – The MINI FLOWERSHOW and PLANT STALL - **Wednesday 6th**

ICKLETON CRICKET CLUB

Youth Awards

All Stars Most Improved Runners Up:

Group 1 William Palferman, Seren Jones Group 2 Elsie Lafferty, Wilfred Harcourt

Group 3 Jake Campbell, James Hart Group 4 Isabelle Jones, Emelia Smith

Cricket equipment has been given to Mark, the Ukrainian boy who is returning to Ukraine with his family this week.

Top All Stars: Ludi Welch Age Group Most Improved Runners-Up Under 11s: James Ward, Mark Isak Under 13s Grace Kenworthy

Ladies Cricket

Ickleton CC believes in equality, we hope to have a women's weekly softball cricket training session in place before too long, so if you are interested in joining, please do get in touch with us at ickletonCC@hotmail.com. All abilities will be welcome.

Many congratulations to ICC junior cricket coordinator, spin king, and club troubadour Mark 'Laffers' Lafferty on winning a Cambridgeshire Cricket Winter Wonder award for his work in the off season. Winning the Coaching and Participation category, Mark was recognised for his work setting up the well-attended junior training sessions in the village hall, allowing our juniors to practice cricket year-round.

New top club scores Paul Andrews 156 vs Coton I (A) First match with two centurions: vs Coton I (H) Paul Andrews 100*, Matt Sherry 110* First ton: Ian Curtis 115 vs Fulbourn Midweek (H) First fifty: Abid Hussain 50 vs Thriplow III (H) Hat Trick: Toby Brown vs Fulbourn Midweek (H) 100 games: Nick Brown, Ian Curtis 50 games (Congratulations to Ian and Kayleigh on the birth of Isabelle on 9th of June.): Edmund Harcourt, Toby Brown, Simon Harrington, Rory Kissock. Well done all!

BBQs, singing, dancing, and fun for all will follow the games against: East Sutton – Sunday 27th August and Billericay St Johns – Saturday 9th September

Ickleton CC have partnered with EasyFundraising which means the Club can receive free donations from 4,000 retailers every time you shop online. Over £1,800 has been raised by members through this initiative which is incredibly easy to use. Visit easyfundraising.org.uk

Thank you to all those who have given tea or dropped off a cake and plates of sandwiches and even some donations of money – if you may be interested in helping with teas – It is much appreciated and gives nice hospitality to the visitors.

Home Fixtures in August

Saturday	29th July	1pm	1st XI	v	Cambridge NCI 2nd XI
Saturday	12th August	1pm	1st XI	v	Elmdon 1st XI
Saturday	19th August	1pm	1st XI	v	Sawston & Babraham 3rd XI
Sunday	27th August	12 pm	Lions	v	East Sutton Touring XI

MEDICAL

Granta Medical Practices Flu Clinics 2023

Flu vaccination is important because, whilst flu is unpleasant for most people, it can be dangerous and even life-threatening to others, particularly those with certain health conditions. The best times to have your flu vaccine is early autumn before flu starts spreading. However, you can get your vaccine later if necessary.

Most flu vaccines are given with a needle in the arm but there is also a nasal spray flu vaccine.

The dates at Sawston Health Centre are as follows:

Saturday 23rd September and Saturday 7th October. 8.30 am - 4.15 pm

Other dates (Saturdays) are available at Granta practices at Shelford, Linton, Royston and Barley.

Primary school children will be vaccinated in school and only eligible to have through us if they have an underlying health condition mentioned above.

Please note that the over 50's with no underlying conditions are no longer eligible for a free NHS flu vaccine. However, private flu vaccinations will be widely available through high street pharmacies, etc.

Eligible patients will shortly receive a text with a link to book a flu jab, or you can call us on 0300 234 5555. Clinics will be available to book into from August.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sandra East - Head of Patient Services cpicb.grantapatientsservices@nhs.net

BLOOD DONATION

Dates for blood donation in the Village Hall: **Thursday 5 October**

Martin Waters

ICKLETON Village

Local Services

COSTCUTTER Village shop - Opening times: Mon to Sat 8 am - 7 pm. Sunday 9 am - 1 pm.

Post office at the shop - Opening times: Mon to Fri 8 am - 12 midday Sat - now closed

Post boxes - collection times	Monday to Friday	Saturday
Bottom Butchers Hill; Coploe Rd/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

HELP for dealing with Covid 19

The service is continuing for the time being. The names of helpers for any streets is available from me if you need.

Anne-Marie Hoare 07948 433310

Village Hall Bookings – Viliami Mila – ☎ 530497 – v.mila68@outlook.com

Police [reporting a crime, non emergency] Call 101

Neighbourhood Watch – Glynis Hammond 07918 647504 glynis.hammond@gmail.com

District & County Councillor – Peter McDonald – 07912 669032 Cllr.mcdonald@scamb.gov.uk

Community Warden Scheme – 07812 496001 - Anita Gilchrist@ageukcap.co.uk

Speedwatch Team – Terry Sadler ☎ 530994 – terrywsadler@btinternet.com
and Penny Fletcher 07799 553304 – penny@penelopeannefletcher.co.uk

Cambridge Mobile Library

The **third Wednesday** in each month (16th August) 12.45 - 1.15 pm. Now in Frogge Street by the bus stop. 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).

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 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.

The number of local clients being helped is now 500. Thank you to the village for their generosity.

Clare Driver clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk 07834 956009 ☎ 531958

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 **Clare Driver**

FOOD DELIVERIES

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

Milk Fresh milk (bottles) – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Martin of Plumb's Dairy (Linton)
Tel: 01223 893033 info@plumbs-dairy.co.uk

Meat delivery – Thursdays – Clark & Son [Sudbury] 01787 319330 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

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

Regular Events and Meetings

Coffee Mornings Tuesdays 1st and 15th August 10.30 - 12 at the church

All welcome

We are currently sharing coffee morning proceeds between the church and various charities.

The Coffee Morning Team

Sunday Socials at Ickleton **Social Club** **Sunday nights** 7.30 - 10.30 pm See page 5 **Tim Pavelin**

Social Club (bar open) Fridays and Saturdays from 8.30 pm
Sundays 6th and 20th 12 – 2 pm.
Mondays 5 – 7 pm

See page 5

Parish Council Meeting **Wednesday 16th August** 7.30 pm Village Hall

Bowls No bowls in the summer months.

Restarts in October on Thursdays 11 am - 1 pm and 2 - 4 pm in the Village Hall

Martin Waters ☎ 531215

Froglets **Mondays** 9.30 - 11.30 am Village Hall

Anne-Marie Hoare 07948 433310

Great Chesterford & District Gardening Society No meeting in August. See page 6.

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