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PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 4th October - Black bin collection

Monday 11th October - **Green and Blue Bin Collection**

Monday 18th October - Black bin collection

Monday 25th October - **Green and Blue Bin Collection**

Bins must be placed out by 7.00 a.m. on your designated day of collection.

Ickleton Parish Council

Some items discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 15th September 2010:

Proposed Tennis Courts – Positive discussions with the Human Trust have been taking place. The Clerk is trying to establish approximate rateable value for two courts. The Parish Council feels that this is a one-off opportunity to add to leisure facilities in the village that should not be passed up. Anyone interested should contact the Tennis Court Committee through Mark Stone-Wigg e-mail: mark.stone-wigg@mottmac.com)

Allotments: Coploe Road verge signs – Following continuing concerns about pedestrian safety a request has been sent to CCC Highways for the installation of warning signs.

Planning application(s) received from SCDC: None

Planning application(s) granted by SCDC: S/0783/10/F – Extension and Conversion of Agricultural buildings to offices (use class B1) – revision to design of application S/0119/09/F – Abbey Farm

Planning application(s) refused by SCDC: S/0784/10/LB – Alter, Extend & Convert 2 Outbuildings to offices with attached Wall & Gates (revised design) – Abbey Farm.

Lewis Duke declared an interest and reported following the two decisions by SCDC, one from the Planning Office giving approval, the other from the Conservation Office refusing the application, the position is still unclear.

Applications to carry out tree works subject to a tree preservation order or situated within a Conservation Area: C/11/40/054 – Fell Ash Tree on front north boundary – 29cm diameter trunk at 1.5m above ground. Tree believed to be unsafe since no roots in a northerly direction due to previously being immediately adjacent to a now demolished building – Bluebell Cottage, Frogge Street – Mr S Wentzell – Approve if the Tree Officer considers the tree to be unsafe. The Parish Council will recommend another tree be planted.

Summer Sizzler Terry Sadler (Chairman) expressed the thanks and gratitude of the Parish Council to the Summer Sizzler Committee for organising a successful event again this year.

Other items of interest:

Cambridgeshire Police – The new opening hours for the enquiry office at Sawston are:

Monday – Closed, Tuesday – 4.00 p.m. until 8.00 p.m., Wednesday to Friday – 1.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. Please be assured that the police service is still available when the office is closed by telephoning ☐0345 4564564 or in the case of an emergency please dial 999.

The Open University in the East of England – The opportunity to meet a representative can be had by visiting the Grand Arcade in Cambridge on 2nd October between 9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Jocelyn Flitton – Parish Clerk josflitton@tiscali.co.uk

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CHURCH NOTICES

Priest-in-Charge Rev Dr Jessica Martin ☐01223 832137 hinkledux@googlemail.com

Churchwardens Simon Casement

Rosemary McKillen

Prayer Ministry Jackie Casement

Lay Ministers Julie Baillie

Judith Wright

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Friday 1 st	7.30 p.m. Harvest Festival & Supper	ICKLETON
Sunday 3 rd	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
18 th after Trinity	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Sunday	
	School and Baptisms	ICKLETON
	5.00 p.m. Harvest Service followed by Harvest Supper	HINXTON
Thursday 7 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)	HINXTON
Sunday 10 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
19 th after Trinity	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist	DUXFORD
	6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	ICKLETON
Thursday 14 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)	HINXTON
5Sunday 17 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	ICKLETON
20 th after Trinity	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist	HINXTON
	6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer with Laying on of Hands	DUXFORD
Thursday 21 st	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)	HINXTON
Sunday 24 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
21 st after Trinity	10.00 a.m. Family Service	DUXFORD

	6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	ICKLETON
Thursday 28 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)	HINXTON
Sunday 31 st	10.00 a.m. United Service for All Saints	HINXTON
All Saints Sunday	6.30 p.m. Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	ICKLETON

ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL & SUPPER

This year's Harvest Festival and Supper is being held on Friday 1st October at 7.30 p.m. Do please come and join us for Evensong followed by our traditional buffet supper.

During the supper there will be a collection for the Tear Fund, with proceeds to the Pakistan Flood Relief.

ST MARY MAGDALENE, ICKLETON GIFT DAY

Once again, as Churchwardens, we are drawing attention to an important date in our calendar. The Gift Day is an opportunity for the Ickleton Community to demonstrate its continued support for our lovely Church.

We appreciate that all families have greater financial commitments than ever before but we believe it is right to outline the challenge that we face each year to maintain the church and provide a range of services (now including a Sunday School) to everyone in the village.

We are in the process of updating our heating system and installing an audio loop - the cost of all of these works is not far short of £20,000.

The Churchwardens and other members will be on hand in the Church from 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. to welcome everyone on Saturday 2nd October. Complimentary tea/coffee and cakes will be available all day with soup provided between 12.00 noon and 2.00 p.m. Do please drop in, if only for a few minutes. **Rosemary McKillen and Simon Casement**

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NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

For about a month now my daughter has been asking 'Is summer over yet?' and I've been saying 'Not quite yet.' But the last time she asked I said 'Yes, it's autumn now.' 'Oh!' she said, disappointed, and so I launched, as you do, into a list of things about autumn which would be nice (and which include her birthday, luckily). But I know what she means. October is beautiful, with a particularly sharp, golden light to it; and we have built up a particularly pleasing lot of jams, chutneys, and the like, as well as the apples and tomatoes which are still hanging on. But all the same it seems to be a month of ending – the dark draws in, and the first frosts, and the leaves fall. For me it seems to be full of particularly intense childhood memories, too.

I suspect I'm not alone in that. Autumn is the time of remembrance in all sorts of ways – in the great Remembrance services around November 11th, but also in the ancient feast of All Souls, where before God we recall those we love who have died, and light candles for them, and speak their names. This year that service – you'll see it in the service list as 'Commemoration of the Faithful Departed' – is in Ickleton, on 31st October at 6.30 pm. We will read the names of all we know of who have died during the year; and we will also read the names of anyone we are asked to remember. If there is someone you would like remembered, I am the person to tell: please send the names to me (you'll see my contact details in this newsletter) or via the parish website www.hinkledux.com.

It's important for us to make remembrance, because we are creatures of time and need to recall where we came from and the people we have valued. They are now a part of who we are. But making remembrance before God is even more than that, because he is the great I AM who holds in life everything good or lovely which has ever been or will be. And Jesus, who knew grief and sorrow in his humanity, connects us to that endless source of life, and to those we have loved who we see no longer - but who are held in the gaze of love and life beyond time. We will forget, eventually; but God will not forget. **Rev Dr Jessica Martin**

BAPTISM

Lucas Greenhill was baptised at Ickleton Church on 19th September.

CHRISTENING INVITATION

Patrick Bloomfield, and his son Hansel and his daughter Heidi will all be christened at Ickleton Church on Sunday the 3rd October at the 10.00 a.m. family service. Villagers and friends are invited to attend the service and join the Bloomfields to celebrate with a bit of cake!

Thanks ever so much. **Jess Bloomfield**

BIBLE STUDY

Six Thursday evenings in October/November

Have you ever thought of finding out more about the Bible? Is it irrelevant and untrue or is it 'God's Amazing Book'? That's the title of the Thursday evening study group starting on October 7th in Hinxtton Village Hall, using material produced by Community Bible Study International.

Previously held courses have had a good attendance and those who have been have appreciated the informal and lively discussions. You don't have to go to church to join the group. CBS is non-denominational and independent.

Evenings start with a glass of wine or cup of coffee at 7.45 p.m., and we always aim to finish by 9.15 p.m.

Find out more from Jenny Duke (email: jenny.duke@btinternet.com), Jackie and Simon Casement, Tim and Mary Seymour or Margaret Malcolm.

CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

It's hard to believe that the summer is nearly over and the weekly coffee mornings are coming to an end. From the first Tuesday in October we revert to our monthly winter schedule of the first Tuesday in the month. We have had a very good attendance with some new faces who have become regulars.

Newcomers to the village are very welcome to come along and join us from 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Rosemary McKillen

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Sponsored Ride and Stride held on Saturday, September 11th

A huge 'thank-you' to Peggy Richardson, Neil McKillen, Helen Royce, Tina Gordon, Jackie Casement, John Marshall and Sheila Birch who sat so patiently in the church porch for their allotted hour awaiting non-existent visitors! Sadly only four people visited between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. – we suspect the Duxford Road closure was the problem as we usually get up to fifty cyclists and walkers visiting. However, those on duty enjoyed a cup of coffee and Rosemary McKillen's tasty shortbread. Many thanks. **Hilary Rule**

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

As part of the annual Poppy Appeal the usual house-to-house collection will take place from Sat. 30th October to Sat 14th November. We are never far from reminders about the work of our Armed Forces, whether it is the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain or the continuing atrocities in Afghanistan, so the pressure on RBL funds continues. Please think of this when our collector knocks on your door and give as generously as you can.

Gift Aid is a way in which the Legion can benefit more from your donation by getting some additional money from H.M. Revenue and Customs. It is available to any taxpayer and will turn each £1 donated into £1.28! To take advantage of this scheme please either phone or email me and I will deliver you an envelope on which you will need to complete your name and address and the amount of the donation, before giving it to your collector. Last year's collection in Ickleton raised a record £1232. With your help we can make 2010 another record-breaking year.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who may be interested in helping with the house-to-house collection, either as an occasional stand-in or to take over from one of the current collectors who may wish to 'retire'. Thank you for your continuing support. **Malcolm Hall – Poppy Appeal Organiser**

email:malcolm.c.hall@gmail.com

VILLAGE HALL AGM

The AGM will be held on Monday 25th October at 7.30 p.m.

Parishioners and other regular users are cordially invited to attend. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of members of the management committee and to make recommendations for the continuing success of the Hall. **The Village Hall Management Committee**

ICKLETON SOCIETY

Ickleton on Screen?

The Ickleton Society is looking into the viability of making an oral and visual history of the village – past and current – captured on DVD and which might be ready for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June 2012. The project will be complex and is in the very early planning stages. We have identified a local film maker and an interviewer to assist with it and are looking into funding and training.

At this stage we're looking for your help in 2 areas:

- we're appealing for a short loan of any old home movies which may have been made over the last fifty years of any village event – the fete, a local wedding or other function.
- if you have any relevant media expertise and are willing to help, please get in touch.

Ickleton Speakeasy

The Ickleton Society, in partnership with the Ickleton Social Club, is proud to present the Ickleton Speakeasy – a monthly mixer with drinks, food, music and dance. Starting on Friday 26th November at 8.00 p.m. with 'A Russian Winter'. Look out for more information in next month's Icene.

The Ickleton Chronicle

Following demand for the Chronicle, we have now had further copies printed. It contains extracts from the Cambridge Chronicle and Gazette newspaper from 1777 to 1899 which feature Ickleton events or people. It's a fascinating record of events in our village at that time. Copies cost £12 and can be purchased from any member of our Committee. **Rachel Radford**

CAMBRIDGE WINDS CONCERT IN AID OF THE AFRICAN PULSE

Ickleton Theatre Group will host an evening of music performed by skilful local wind quintet Cambridge Winds in the Village Hall on 13th November at 7.30 p.m.

The quintet – consisting of flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon – will play four celebrated works: Anton Reicha's Quintet Op. 91, No. 3, Malcolm Arnold's witty Three Shanties for Wind Quintet, György Ligeti's folk-song inspired Six Bagatelles for Wind Quintet and Charles Koechlin's engaging Les confidences d'un Joueur de Clarinette [The Confessions of a Clarinet Player].

Cambridge Winds are: Sally Landymore (flute), Graham Dolby (oboe), Sarah Whitworth (clarinet), Paul Ryder (horn) and Laura Macleod (bassoon).

All proceeds from the concert will go to The African Pulse (www.theafricanpulse.net), a charity providing innovative and relevant HIV and AIDS education in Southern Africa. The charity aims to equip individuals so that they can make informed life choices in a world affected by HIV & AIDS.

The bar will be open from 7.00 p.m. Tickets £7 (full price), £6 (concessions), available on the door and in advance from Ickleton Costcutter Express or from Pam Fearn, email pam@cmws.co.uk.

DUXFORD IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

The Autumn Air Show takes place on Sunday 10th October celebrating the 65th birthday of B-17 Flying Fortress 'Sally B' based at Duxford. The show will have an American theme to complement the anniversary.

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THE SIZZLER 2010

We were really touched by the number of families who turned out so early in the morning to help set up. There was a great atmosphere even that early with children everywhere and lots of laughs and strong coffee.

There was a short game of rounders before the races which were hilarious this year. We have so many athletes in Ickleton!

Ickleton has always had a reputation for the best cakes for miles around and this year they were exceptional.

The BBQ was much needed after the excitement of the human pyramid in the honour of Villiami Mila who ends every occasion with one! He was busy looking after our new little nephew and newest Ickletonian, who was born the day before.

The produce show was great despite the lack of a harvest this year (or was that just my allotment!). I think everyone will agree that the highlight was free ice creams from the van that was driven onto the rec. I enjoyed watching young and not so young queue up for a Mister Whippy! The Sizzler started as an extension to the Friday picnics after school. We wanted to keep it simple as we all have other commitments (Ickleton is definitely not a sleepy little village). We have always begged or borrowed, so thank you so much to all those who loaned out bales of straw, marquees, chairs, also to the helpers of course and for the wonderful gifts for the silent auction and of course for the donations which pay for next year.

A great day in my memory and another happy moment in all the Ickleton children's childhoods.

Anne-Marie Hoare

ICKLETON SIZZLER PRODUCE SHOW RESULTS

Potatoes (3) 1st Gordon Woolhouse 2nd Gerry Birch
Carrots (3) 1st Gerry Smith 2nd Amelia Williams
Runner or French Beans (5) 1st Billy Miller 2nd Gerry Rupert
Onions (3) 1st Gerry Birch 2nd Billy Miller
Shallots (5) 1st Gerry Smith 2nd Iain Livingstone
Marrows (2) 1st Gerry Birch 2nd Gerry Smith
Peppers -Sweet (2) 1st Molly East
Squashes (1) 1st Molly East 2nd Steve Jenkins
Jar of jam or jelly 1st Anne-Marie Hoare 2nd Mark Turton
- Highly Commended: Mary Woolhouse
Tomatoes - large/beef (3) 1st Gordon Woolhouse 2nd Billy Miller
Jar of pickle 1st Molly East 2nd Gerry Smith
Jar of chutney 1st Ros Dowrick
Tomatoes - small/cherry (5) 1st Gerry Birch 2nd Gerry Smith
Box of 6 eggs 1st Gordon Woolhouse
Beetroot (3) 1st Gerry Rupert 2nd Linda Durand
Cucumbers (2) 1st Iain Livingstone 2nd Gerry Smith
Cabbage (1) 1st Iain Livingstone 2nd Gerry Smith
Funny/ugly veg (1) - Highly Commended: Gerry Smith
Box of mixed home produce 1st Gordon Woolhouse 2nd Steve Jenkins;
- Highly commended: Iain Livingstone, Lorraine Demmer, Gerry Birch
Best decorated cupcakes (3) 1st Alice Wentzell
Garden on a plate - children up to 6 years 1st Sebastian Wrigley 2nd Noah Hughes
Garden on a plate - children from 7-12 years 1st Alexander Wrigley 2nd Georgina Wrigley;
- Highly Commended: Amelia Hughes
Best Allotment Cup Christine Jenkins

Our thanks go to our judges, Cecil Vincent and Cynthia Rule, and to all who submitted entries.

Thanks too must go to the Sizzler Committee for including the produce show and for making allotment holders from outside the village feel so welcome. **The Allotment Committee**

THANKS

Once again, many thanks to the organisers of the Sizzler. It was a really lovely day and the arrival of Mister Whippy was an inspired touch.. It was good to start the summer with the Church Fete in June and finish with another, now traditional, village event demonstrating that Ickleton is a great place to live.

Well done to all. **Rosemary and Neil McKillen**

GEOFF DUKE 1915-2010

Geoff's life spanned what was probably the greatest and fastest period of technological change in the history of Man. He was a truly successful 20th century farmer and businessman who enthusiastically

adapted to the changing world that moved from horses and hand labour, with men carrying 18 stone sacks of wheat, to the highly mechanised world of farming we have today.

Geoff was born at Great Chishill in 1915 in the midst of that dreadful war that had such an influence on that generation. Geoff was the second of four boys, born over six years, born into a long-established and prominent farming family. Judy, born some time later, must have added a welcome new dimension to the Duke family life, and she was to play such an important role in the family until she died in 2004.

With Richard, Geoff, George and Ken being born so closely together, they developed a strong brotherly bond that shaped their varied and busy lives - a bond that continues with the current generation of Dukes. Geoff and his brothers from an early age would be helping with the sheep which were to become a great love of Geoff's life.

Geoff told stories of riding on horse back with his father, aged nine, in the bad winter of 1924/25 to dig sheep out of the snow at Chrishall Grange.

Geoff was 10 when he acted with his brothers George and Ken in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream. He claimed that he was a fairy, which is a bit difficult to believe, but maybe that's where some of the grandchildren get their acting ability from!

Geoff loved the countryside and he talked about the trees and woods planted by the family. His memories of the bluebells at Howe Wood and the balance of nature is understood by those true countrymen like Geoff to whom the countryside is their life and their work.

Geoff could have progressed at school and probably have become the vet that he dreamed of being; but his father took him out of school at 16 and he started work with horses and a single furrow plough at six in the morning on the farm.

In his early 20s, Geoff worked for 18 months in Smithfield Market selling lambs for the British Argentine Meat Company before moving to Coome Grove, Arrington where he milked cows and established his farming credentials; and it was here that Alex was born. In 1944 Geoff and Alex moved to Elmdon Lee.

1947 was the year of the bad winter which imprints on the minds of sheep farmers. That year Eric Nicholls asked Geoff to help out at Abbey Farm here in Ickleton - a 742 acre mixed farm with cattle, pigs and, crucially, a pedigree flock of Hampshire Downs which were the basis of Geoff's highly successful breeding flock that won awards across the UK and even in Brazil at the Puerto Alegre Show. It was also the beginning of the relationship with the Vincent family of which 4 generations worked with Geoff, Sid doing an outstanding job as shepherd, contributing so much to the success with the flock of Hampshire Downs and more latterly Suffolks.

Geoff and Ann met at the Chesterford Country Club which was to become a focal point for their social life. They were married in 1951 and sheep even interrupted their honeymoon in Scotland when Geoff just had to attend a ram sale in Kelso.

The farming life was very different for Ann but she adapted quickly and provided an immensely important supporting role of farmer's wife and as hostess for many parties, family meals and get-togethers and shooting lunches for which I and so many of the sporting fraternity are so grateful.

The farming enterprise grew and developed and the family also invested in a butcher's business, with shops at Great Chesterford, Sawston and Newport, as well as a hay and straw business.

Lewis joined the business in the early 80s. Geoff delegated well and supported Lewis by getting involved when necessary, but he did store up things until Lewis was on holiday and then ran the men ragged getting all those jobs done that he wanted doing. The men must have been pleased to see Lewis return home.

Geoff was an Ickletonian for 63 years. He did everything he could to support the village he loved so much, whether it was through the Parish Council, the United Charities, the Ickleton Festival in 1972, the Church Spire Appeal, or facilitating the social housing at Coploe.

Through the 60's and 70's, Geoff also found time and energy for the NFU, becoming County Chairman in 1966; East of England Show Council Member; a sheep judge at shows and a Director of Central Wool Growers. He was also a pioneer and initiator of central grain storage.

With all these committees and businesses, his life in the village, his fishing and shooting and previously his cricket, Geoff built up the most immense network of friends, business colleagues, neighbours and acquaintances. Anyone who travelled the country with him remarked that all along the way, Geoff knew, or knew of, every farm, every farmer and the previous farmer, or he had shot there.

Geoff was, above all, a people person. He was a real gentleman and a kind man, who also had a twinkle in his eye. To quote extracts from two different letters of condolence to the Duke family:-

"He was such a wonderful gentleman and very respected in the community and his cheery wave of acknowledgement, and a smile for all, will be missed."

"He had that rarest of gifts - when he spoke to someone he made them feel that they were truly the complete centre of his attention and interest."

G K Chesterton once said "There is a great man who makes every man feel small, but the really great man is the man who makes every man feel great."

To me and to the people who wrote those letters, Geoff was that great man. He had a special charisma.

With that inquiring and interested mind, Geoff was always wanting to explore, and was very much a member of the 'No Entry Club.'

A highlight of Geoff's life since he stopped driving at 92 has been to be driven out by several different people on a regular basis. Always precise with that razor sharp mind, right to the end, Geoff was clear about which lane or track to go down, which field to cross; he knew every short cut; it did not matter who owned it! Most of these journeys would end up at Chishill, his childhood home, or Dungate, scene of his first left and right at English partridge when he was 16 years old.

Well, on one such drive with Tom Lightning, a couple of years ago on a particularly wet day, Geoff wanted him to drive the Rover car down a track which looked like a river to Tom. "No Tom, it's a ford, no problem." Tom set off but stopped 5 times to protest about the depth of water. "Keep going, keep going. Don't worry, it'll be fine. Keep going." As Tom said, it was usually easier just to agree with Mr Duke. You could disagree - but it did not get you anywhere. Well of course the car conked out and they were stuck. When the doors were opened the water came up to the seat squabs. Geoff got out and survived that with no problem. Although Geoff could have the reputation for rarely being wrong, he did on this occasion admit to Tom that he had been wrong – in the end.

Geoff also had a passion for fishing and particularly loved his trips to the Tay with many of his good friends over the years. He travelled to Newfoundland and Alaska to fish, but you can be sure wherever he went he made friends with the local people and took an interest in everything around him.

Geoff meant a lot of things to a lot of people, but I think that he was above all a great family man. Not the modern sort that does everything but the family man who believed in the tradition and unity of families whether in business, sport or socialising together.

His grandchildren and his great grandchildren were very important to him. As Rachel said to me, "Grandpa did not lose his memory with age." He retained that razor sharp intellect in spite of his physical strength. Although frustrated, Geoff valued and appreciated the immense job done by his carers, by Ann and by his family as he became more and more frail. He could not have had better care.

I will start to draw to a conclusion by quoting an extract from another letter:-

"Geoff was such a huge presence. His passing will be the end of an era"

An end of an era yes, but I know he would also have died content knowing that the family farm was in the capable hands of his best and closest family business partner.

Geoff was an inspiration to many people, interested in them right to the end. He took joy and pleasure from the world around him, embraced change and was never cynical. He would give his opinion but never complain. His view on life was that "there is never too much" - that's an appropriate motto for a very special man. **John Shropshire**

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....Samantha Smith and Christopher Brooke who were married at Ickleton Church on 25th September.

WELCOME TO

Kim and Kate Griffin and Max, age 1, who now live at 26 Brookhampton Street.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

SOS for more players

Owing to age related illnesses and injuries we are looking for up to six new players. It is a relaxing Thursday afternoon at £2 per session with a break for a cup of tea and a biscuit.

We are not a club, so just turn up and have a go, from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Hedley Igglesden

MOBILE LIBRARY

From October the mobile library will come to Brookhampton Street/Church Street/Butcher's Hill corner from 12.45 – 1.15 p.m. on the first Friday of each month.

This is the least library service Ickleton has had since the mobile library started in 1964.

GT. CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

After our summer break there was a good attendance at the September meeting to hear Ken Akers talk about the different methods used to make ponds and water gardens, and the various plants used to create the best effect.

At the next meeting on October 6th Margaret Nimmo-Smith will give a talk on Hardy Ferns of East Anglia.

Competition is a Home Grown Vegetable. **Cynthia Rule**

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BIRTH

Congratulations to Sarah and Viliami Mila on the birth of a son Emmanuel (Mani), born on 3rd September.

SAWSTON MEDICAL PRACTICE INFORMATION

If you are eligible for a flu vaccination now is the time to make your appointment. We are planning to administer many of our allocated vaccinations on the mornings of Saturday 9th and Saturday 16th October. We hope that everyone who is eligible for the vaccine and able to travel to the surgery will avail themselves of an appointment on these dates. The clinics start at 8.30 a.m. and finish at 12.30 p.m.

For most people, seasonal flu is unpleasant but not serious and they recover within a week. However, certain people are at greater risk of developing serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. These may require hospital treatment. A large number of elderly people die from flu every winter.

The seasonal flu vaccine is offered free of charge to these at-risk groups to protect them from catching flu and developing these complications.

At-risk groups – It is recommended you have a flu jab if you:

- are 65 or over
- have a serious medical condition (see below)
- live in a residential or nursing home
- are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill
- are a healthcare or social care professional directly involved in patient care
- work with poultry (see below)

Conditions that put you at higher risk of flu

The seasonal flu jab is offered free of charge to anyone over the age of six months with the following medical conditions, as they are at higher risk of catching flu:

- chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, such as severe asthma, COPD or bronchitis
- chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- chronic kidney or liver disease
- chronic neurological disease, such as Parkinson's disease or motor neurone disease
- diabetes
- a weakened immune system due to disease (such as HIV/AIDS) or treatment (such as cancer treatment)

The seasonal flu vaccine will also be offered to pregnant women *not* in the high-risk groups who have not previously been vaccinated against H1N1 (swine) flu. And, it is recommended that pregnant women *not* in the high-risk groups who have not previously been vaccinated against H1N1 (swine) flu have the seasonal flu jab.

If you are the parent of a child (over six months) with a long-term condition, speak to your GP about the flu jab. Your child's condition may get worse if they catch flu. If you are the carer of an elderly or disabled person, make sure they have had their flu jab. **Jennifer Parker**

ICKLETON DAIRY

October 1 st	Mobile Library 12.45 – 1.15 p.m.
2 nd	Church Gift Day 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
2 nd	Gt. Chesterford Steam-Up

5 th	Church Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon
6 th	Gt. Chesterford & District Gardening Society Meeting 8.00 p.m.
	Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford
7 th	Bible Study 7.45 p.m. Hinxton Village Hall
20 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
20 th	W.I. Meeting 7.45 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford
25 th	Village Hall AGM 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
November 6 th	Firework Bonfire Night, Hinxton Road, Duxford
13 th	Cambridge Winds Concert 7.30 p.m. Village Hall

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