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EDITORIAL

As another Christmas comes round, we would like to thank Rosemary Hayes, our proof-reader, and Tony Court, Hilary Rule and their delivery team for all their hard work, and Sheila Birch for the 'Welcome to' column.

May we remind everyone that, as we hope to get the January issue 'put to bed' and possibly printed before Christmas, 12th December really is the absolute deadline.

A Happy Christmas to all our readers.

David and Monica Lilley

PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse Collections during December

Monday 6th December - **Green and Blue Bin**

Monday 13th December - Black bin

Monday 20th December - **Green and Blue Bin**

Tuesday 28th December - Black bin

Tuesday 4th January - **Green and Blue Bin**

Bins must be placed out by 7.00 a.m. on your designated day of collection. Lids on the bins should be closed.

Recycling Centre at Thriplow off A505. Winter opening hours 08.00 – 16.00.

Some items discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 17th November 2010:

Bench for Robin Driver – Robin's long service to Ickleton and the wider community at all levels of local government has been commemorated by the installation of a bench by the flint wall entrance to the Church. Robin and his family have expressed their delight with the bench and hope that many people will enjoy sitting on it – especially on a sunny day.

Planning application(s) received from SCDC:

Information only – S/1514/10 – Details of Amendment: Reduction in forward projection of extension and amendments to fenestration on front elevation – 26 Frogge Street

Planning application(s) granted by SCDC:

S/1514/10 – Two storey side extension and rear ground floor extension – 26 Frogge Street

S/1196/10 – Replacement Conservatory – 60 Frogge Street

Dog Fouling – it has been brought to our attention that dog fouling is again happening in the footpath between Abbey Street and Back Lane. Will owners please use 'doggy bags'. This footpath is well used by children on their way to and from the bus stop.

Solar Farms - Lewis Duke and Peter Wombwell are considering the installation of solar panels on some of their fields. This will be on December's Agenda for further discussion.

Wellcome Trust Fireworks – The display on 4th November was very much appreciated and attended by many from the village.

Other items of interest:

Cambridgeshire Local Involvement Network (LINK) exists to help people have a say in shaping and improving the health and care services that they use. They are asking “Tell us what you think” by e-mailing: office@cambridgeshirelink.org.uk or telephoning: Lo-call: 0300 365 1245. You can also visit their website: www.cambridgeshirelink.org.uk

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

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CHURCH NOTICES

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Services for December

Thursday 2 nd	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)	HINXTON
Sunday 5 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
Advent 2	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Sunday School	ICKLETON
	6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	HINXTON
Thursday 9 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)	HINXTON
Sunday 12 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
Advent 3	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist	DUXFORD
	4.00 p.m. Christingle	ICKLETON
	6.30 p.m. Carol Service	HINXTON
Thursday 16 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)	HINXTON
Sunday 19 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	ICKLETON
Advent 4	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist	HINXTON
	4.00 p.m. Christingle	ST JOHN'S DUXFORD
	6.30 p.m. Carol Service	ICKLETON
Friday 24 th	4.00 p.m. Christingle	HINXTON
Christmas Eve	11.30 p.m. Midnight Service	DUXFORD
Saturday 25 th	9.00 a.m. Festival Eucharist	HINXTON
Christmas Day	10.30 a.m. Festival Eucharist	ICKLETON
Sunday 26 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
St Stephens Day	10.30 a.m. Morning Service (Duxford URC)	DUXFORD URC

NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

As I write this the first hard frosts have come; the days are bright and sharp, and the leaves we didn't get around to sweeping up are white along their veins all over the grass. We are lighting fires in the evenings. And with the frost come the first stirrings of excitement about Christmas, which I always think I will have grown out of, but never have. It is particularly strong this year, my first celebrating Christmas in the parishes. The Advent season, of waiting and watching and preparing for uniting of God and man in the coming of a baby, is such a powerful mixture of the homely and the unearthly – as the birth of any baby is, but in the birth of Jesus unimaginably stranger and more wonderful. In Ickleton there'll be the Christingle on the 12th at 4.00 p.m.,

where we'll give thanks for the baptisms of Ickleton babies over the last year or so as well as finding exuberant, thoughtful and child-friendly ways to celebrate the light of Christ coming into the world. And on the 19th, at 6.30 p.m., there will be the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols, which trace the promise of Christ's birth through prophecy and the Christmas story, as well as through the great carol tradition. All this will culminate in a joyful Christmas Day Communion service itself at 10.30 p.m. So each week as Christmas approaches there will be a different way to do our waiting and our watching: - until at last we can express the wonder and fulfilment of the gift of the Christ-child to the world.

Rev Dr Jessica Martin

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BAPTISM

William Day was baptised at Ickleton Church on 7th November.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE IN ICKLETON CHURCH SUNDAY 12th DECEMBER

The Christingle service is always one of the most popular and well attended of the year and we hope this year will be no exception. This year's service will be on Sunday December 12th at 4.00 p.m. and you can expect the usual mix of interactive readings, carols and hymns both old and new. The service will be followed once again by mince pies and mulled wine, juice and biscuits over the road at Norman Hall, by kind invitation of Caroline and Julian Owen and family. Everyone is very welcome.

This year we are also taking the opportunity to issue a special invitation to all families who have had a baby or child baptized in the last 18 months or so to join in a special prayer of thanksgiving and to light a candle. Our Christingle candles remind us that Jesus called himself 'The Light of the World' and that He longs to see that light of love shine in each one of us as we travel on our Christian journey.

All ages are most welcome - this is not just a service for children. So put aside your shopping and other preparations for an afternoon, join in a wonderful community event, and reflect on what Christmas is all about.

A collection will be taken during the service for the work of the Children's Society, a charity that works to improve childhood for disadvantaged children and young people in Britain.

In preparation for the service we will be making around 100 Christingles at Jess Bloomfield's, 60 Frogge Street on Saturday morning 11th starting at 10.30 a.m. This is definitely a job where many hands make light work so if you can join this year's team please let Jess know or contact Mandy mandy.jeffery@tiscali.co.uk. Assembly usually takes about 2 hours, but any time you can give is helpful. Plenty of coffee and chat also guaranteed!

And finally if you can't make the 12th there are two more opportunities to attend a Christingle service in our parishes at Duxford on December 19th and Hinxton on Christmas Eve.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

Gift Day and Tear Fund (Pakistan Floods)

The Churchwardens would like to express their great appreciation for the generous support from everyone in our community for the Gift Day and the Tear Fund appeal for the victims of the floods in Pakistan.

In spite of the tough economic conditions the gift day total came to just over £2000 (broadly unchanged from 2009) while the Tear Fund Appeal produced £306.94. A splendid result.

You will also be glad to hear that our new church boiler is up and running, so we should have a cosy building not only at weekends but also for our coffee mornings and other events. Ambient heat is good for the fabric and for us!

Simon Casement and Rosemary McKillen - Churchwardens

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE – TUESDAY 21st DECEMBER

Arrangements as usual. All welcome. Start **6.00 p.m.** at Grange Road/Coploe Road corner. For latecomers joining we proceed via Birds Close, Back Lane and the closes, then back to Abbey Street...etc.

The collection will be in aid of 'Fledglings' - a national charity, founded in this area, which helps disabled children and their carers with products and aids to help overcome practical problems of

everyday life, enabling them to be more independent. More information from www.fledglings.org.uk.

After the singing – refreshments at Penny and John Williams, 10 Brookhampton Street.

Pit stop half-way chez Rosemary and Colin Hayes.

Any questions - contact John Williams or Jackie Casement .

A RECENT COMMENT IN THE CHURCH VISITORS' BOOK

'What a treasure this church is! The wall paintings are an exquisite reminder of our forefathers. Great that they can't be moved to a dusty museum!'

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GARAGE SALE

In aid of the Church – Saturday 4th December 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon.

Simon and Jackie Casement are holding a 'Garage Sale' in the churchyard on Saturday 4th December.

There will be terracotta pots, glass, china, odds and ends, good quality bric-a-brac.

Contributions from other households welcome on the morning (but please take home any unsold items).

Coffee and biscuits. COME AND BUY!

ICKLETON VILLAGE HALL QUIZ EVENING

Come along and enjoy a Quiz Evening in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th December, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Teams to be a maximum of 6 people.

Tickets are £6 per head, which will include sandwiches and nibbles. A bar will be available.

Generous prizes. Tickets will be available from Costcutter Express or to book your team's table.

We look forward to seeing you.

Pam Fearn

ICKLETON SOCIETY

New Year's Day walk – as usual the Society is organising a walk on New Year's Day morning to help blow away the cobwebs and any hangovers, and help you start your 2012 exercise regime. Everyone is welcome, including dogs, though they must be on a lead. Meet at the bottom of Coploe Road at 11.00 a.m.

A bread and soup lunch will be on offer at 'Howeys' afterwards. If anyone would like to volunteer to help provide soup and scones, please contact Sheila Birch.

Wine tasting – by popular demand, Sebastian Payne will be returning to take us on a tour through the wines of a number of vineyards on Friday evening, 25th February in the Village Hall meeting room. As usual the ticket price will include lots of cheese, French bread and nibbles. Make a note in your diary and look out for more details as the number of tickets will be limited.

Russian Winter – by the time you read this our first mixer evening in conjunction with the Social Club will have happened. Apologies to those people who were unable to get tickets – they sold out very quickly. Clare Driver has worked incredibly hard and put together a super evening which, we're sure, will have gone off really well and been enjoyed by everyone. Look out for details of the next mixer evening.

Is there an embarrassing photo of you on the village web site? Did you appear in 'Fashion through the Ages' in 1975, on a float for the Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977, go to one of the Ickleton Society dances in the 1980s and 1990s or the Sunday School lunch in 1986, have a star turn in 'Murder in the Rue Barbe' in 1986, 'Cinderella on Ice' in 1988 or 'Alice Hood – a drama' in 1990? If so, you're almost certainly captured in one of the many photos that have recently gone into the Photo Archive on the village web site thanks to Pam Fearn and Andrew Shepperd. There are also many of other events right up to this year. Do check out the 'Recent Events' album in the Gallery.

Rachel Radford

OUR CAT

We have lived in the village for the last 2 years and love the life and the people here. We have a cat that likes to go walkabout as cats are wont to do, and from what we gather some people have taken him for a stray. Whilst we'd like to sincerely thank people for looking out for his welfare, we'd also like to encourage people NOT to feed him.

This has become more of a point of contention lately as his brother was run over a few weeks back. As we have a young daughter who loved both the cats dearly, it's upsetting for her to know that one cat is dead, let alone that the other doesn't come home, to the point where she asked "Does he not love me anymore?"

We don't want to come across as ungrateful to people who think they are acting in his best interests, we just want to clarify that he has a home, is looked after, well fed and loved greatly. He doesn't wear a collar, as these are often dangerous for adventurous cats.

We should add that he is a white tom cat, with a black tail and 3 black spots down his side. His name is Colin. So if anyone sees him wandering around the village they need not worry.

Shelley & Dave, 3 Church Street

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THE AFRICAN PULSE CHARITY CONCERT

The concert given by Cambridge Winds and hosted by the Theatre Group held on 13th November was a most enjoyable and successful event. The Cambridge Winds musicians are a highly talented group and performed a number of works unknown to most of us, filling the village hall with glorious sounds. In addition to the ticket sales and refreshments the audience gave generously and we raised just over £500 to help the UK based charity to further their work in equipping young people and communities in South Africa to make informed life choices in a world affected by HIV and AIDS.

The Theatre Group

DEATH

We are sorry to record the death of Stephen Pitt-Chambers, who died peacefully at home on 13th November aged 61 years.

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

Mark Ekin from the College of West Anglia was our guest speaker for the November meeting. He is known as a broadcaster from Radio Cambridgeshire and a member of the BBC programme 'Gardeners Question Time'.

Mark spoke about soft fruit growing, pruning, taking cuttings and dealing with aphids etc. The meeting was well attended with several new faces.

Mary Wombwell won the best bloom competition with a lovely spray of calicanpa.

At the next meeting on December 1st we will learn how to make festive garlands using materials from the garden. There will also be Sally's Christmas Raffle and Festive Food.

Cynthia Rule

GT. CHESTERFORD, ICKLETON & HINXTON W.I.

'Growing Old Disgracefully' was the theme of the talk by Reg Freeman (a retired school teacher) Reg described retirement as entering into the third age of our lives, and an opportunity to take on new challenges and to keep active in both mind and body, interacting with all age groups for company and conversation.

Dinah Millson gave the vote of thanks with one of W.I. husband Bob's famous little poems causing much laughter!

President Evelyn Lilley welcomed back to our group Audrey Harris who, due to other commitments, had been absent for some time.

The W.I. Dinner on January 21st 2011 will be held at the Saffron Walden Golf Club. Names will be taken at the December meeting.

The Christmas meeting will be one week earlier on December 8th starting earlier at 7.30 p.m. with entertainment and a pot luck supper.

Cynthia Rule

DUXFORD IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Revised winter opening arrangements

Imperial War Museum, Duxford is revising its opening arrangements for the coming winter period. The museum has, as in previous years, moved to an earlier closing time of 4.00 p.m. daily until Saturday 19th March 2011. Until then, the Land Warfare and Hangar 3: Air and Sea buildings will be closed to the public.

During this time, the Visitor Centre, AirSpace, Hangar 2: Flying Aircraft, Hangar 4: The Battle of Britain, the 1940 Operations Room, Hangar 5: Conservation in Action and the American Air Museum will all be open as usual.

As part of these arrangements, the admission price for adults will be reduced to £14.50, with corresponding reductions for other categories of visitor.

Nonetheless, during the following holiday periods, all of the buildings and exhibitions, including Land Warfare and Hangar 3: Air and Sea will be fully open to visitors:

- Christmas 'week' (Monday 27th December to Monday 3rd January inclusive.)
- Spring half term (Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th February 2011)

The reduced admission price will still apply during these holiday periods. From Saturday 19th March 2011 the museum returns to summer opening hours (until 6.00 p.m. daily); all exhibitions and buildings will be open daily and the standard admission price of £16.50 will apply, with corresponding reductions for other categories of visitor.

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SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Ickleton, Hinxton and Duxford Branch are holding a buffet supper on Friday 3rd December at 7.30 p.m. at Rectory Farm, Grange Road, Ickleton by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. P. Wombwell.

Our conservative M.E.P. Mrs. Vicky Ford will be coming to tell us about her work as an M.E.P., so please come and talk to her.

Tickets price £10, to include a glass of wine are available from Joan Frankau or Judy Holt

WEA. ICKLETON & CHESTERFORDS BRANCH

For the **Spring 2011** term, the course will be:

An Introduction to Bloomsbury (Tutor: Claire Nicholson)

An overview of the art, literature, politics and philosophy of the Bloomsbury Group in its social and historical context.

Every Wednesday morning from 12th January, 10.00 to 11.30 a.m. for 10 weeks in Ickleton Village Hall

The first two sessions of the courses may be sampled for £4.40 each, to be offset against the full fee of £44 if continuing. The courses are free to those on certain benefits. We are able to offer lifts between the villages.

Margaret Beston

PLEA FROM ICENE EDITORS

For computer generated articles sent by email for inclusion in the 'Icene' PLEASE ensure that you do a word attachment with no formatting, just straight typing and ordinary line spacing.

We do not want line spacing under headings and between paragraphs.

It would be helpful if you could ring us a day or so later to confirm we have received your email.

Obviously, if you do not have a computer, hand-written articles are still welcomed.

Thank you.

Editors

ICKLETON DIARY

December 1 st	Gt. Chesterford and District Gardening Society Meeting 8.00 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford
3 rd	Conservative Association Buffet Supper 7.30 p.m. Rectory Farm
3 rd	Mobile Library 12.45 - 1.15 p.m.
4 th	Garage Sale 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon Churchyard
4 th	Quiz Evening 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. Village Hall
15 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
21 st	Carol Singing start 6.00 p.m. Grange Road/ Coploe Road Corner
January 1 st	New Year's Day Walk start 11.00 a.m. bottom of Coploe Road
February 25 th	Wine Tasting Village Hall

