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PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse Collections during January

Tuesday 4th January - Green and Blue Bin
Monday 10th January - Black Bin
Monday 17th January - Green and Blue Bin
Monday 24th January - Black bin
Monday 31st 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 Thriplow off A505. Winter opening hours 08.00-16.00 ☎01223 839001.

The Parish Council wishes all residents a Happy New Year.

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

Proposed installation of solar panels in fields: Lewis Duke and Peter Wombwell declared an interest. Lewis Duke introduced Mr Creed (Strutt & Parker) and Mr Grist (Low Carbon Solar) to the meeting and gave an overview of the project following the distribution of a map to all councillors and a site/field visit by some councillors on Sunday. It is proposed to hold a public consultation (drop-in style) in the New Year; this will be followed by two planning applications. The timetable will be tight because the projects have to be completed by April 2012. The electricity will be fed into the existing power lines that run through or near the fields, then into the EDF grid providing the substation can handle it – this is as yet unknown. At each site the solar panels will occupy an area exceeding 20 acres. The shape the panels will take has not yet been finalised. It may be possible to let sheep graze on the sites, or to have wildlife strips. The panels are supported by metal stakes that are not be cemented in and no chemicals are involved. The panels are guaranteed for 25 years. The panels will be fenced in to deter vandalism. There will also be a need for inverter buildings – three per site. The sites will take approximately six weeks to build (depending on EDF); the panels and other materials will be delivered by lorry. The Chairman said at this point he felt we should keep an open mind and invited the Councillors to pose questions to either Mr Creed or Mr Grist. At the close of the discussion, Mr Creed and Mr Grist left the meeting.

Winter Service re. Gritting of roads - A letter had been received from CCC dated 01/12/10 regarding Winter Service and the Localism Agenda – Opportunities for Third-Party Working. Lewis Duke was disappointed following an article in Cambridge News (16/11/10) with the headline 'Farmers poised to help in winter roads crisis'. In fact the offer of help from Ickleton farmers had not been taken up. The Clerk had notified CCC (23/09/10) of the names of the two farmers in our village who were willing to help and had storage facilities for salt. Nothing had been heard from CCC. During the recent bad weather, accidents had happened on the road between Ickleton and Elmdon. Cllr Stone said he would register our complaint.

Oil syndicate – Julia Hutchings, who has recently moved into Ickleton, is interested in co-ordinating the formation of an oil syndicate. There does not appear to be one in the village at

the moment – unless you know different! If you would be keen on joining an oilsyndicate, please contact Julia on: j.hutchings@adams-harrison.co.uk.

Mark Stone-Wigg and his family have left the village to go to Australia. The Parish Council wishes them all well and thanks them for their contributions to our community. SCDC has advised the Parish Council we need not advertise the vacancy, as it will be filled in May when the whole Council comes up for re-election. It was agreed not to co-opt anyone at this time.

Tree Trimmings – Will residents who have carried out tree maintenance please ensure that branches etc. are removed and not left at the side of public highways or footpaths.

South Cambs Art Awards 2011 – The Parish Council has been invited to nominate individuals or groups who have made a significant difference to the cultural life of their communities. We want to decide on our nominations at the next Parish Council meeting on 19th January 2011. We would be very pleased to accept any suggestions or proposals from parishioners – please contact the Clerk naming the person or group you would like to put forward and briefly say why.

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Services for January

Sunday 2 nd	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
(Christmas 2)	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Sunday School	ICKLETON
	6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	HINXTON
Thursday 6 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)	HINXTON
Epiphany		
Sunday 9 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP)	HINXTON
Baptism of Christ	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Baptism	DUXFORD
	6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	ICKLETON
Sunday 16 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	ICKLETON
Epiphany 2	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist	HINXTON
	6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer with Laying on of Hands	DUXFORD
Sunday 23 rd	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	HINXTON
Epiphany 3	10.00 a.m. Epiphany All Age Service	DUXFORD
	5.15 p.m. 'Cranmer with Cake'	ICKLETON
	6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	ICKLETON
Sunday 30 th	10.30 a.m. Joint Eucharist	WHITTLESFORD
Candlemas	5.00 p.m. Reflective Service with refreshments in	HINXTON
	Village Hall from 4.30 p.m.	

CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

On the first Tuesday of each month a coffee morning is held in our church. Please do come along - you will be made very welcome. There are free cakes and coffee to try!

There is also a chance to buy Fairtrade items from Gordon Woolhouse.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Rosemary McKillen

GARAGE SALE

Many thanks to everyone who supported our sale on Saturday 4th December, your generosity raised £170.20 for church funds. A good deal of sloe gin was consumed (to keep out the cold) and our loft and garage are much tidier!

Simon and Jackie Casement

CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

You may apply for a free pass to Ely Cathedral, valid for three years.

The application form is on the pillar table in church; please complete by Sunday January 16th 2011. Many thanks

Hilary Rule - P.C.C. Secretary

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

NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

January is the season for new resolutions and new beginnings – and for me it's also the first anniversary since I came to the parishes, so it's a time for taking stock, making plans, and looking ahead. It's been an exciting year, full of new discoveries and new people, and it's been wonderful. Now I'm looking at the mistakes I've made and don't want to make again, the things which have thrived and need nurturing, and the things which need a bit more TLC. And I'd really like to know what you think – what do you feel Ickleton needs from its church community? Are there things you think we could do better? If you tell us what you feel is needed we can do something about it, as we make plans for the year together.

There are a few new things to tell you about already. There's our 'Cranmer and cake' monthly meetings, beginning on 23rd January in the church at 5.15 p.m. These will be a light-hearted look at Evensong (with cake and wine to help it along) – at its history and its traditions, the things which go right and the things which go wrong. We'll hold these monthly up to Easter. Whether Evensong is a service you love or one you can't stand, this discussion-cum-talk is for you, I promise (and the cake, as ever, will be fabulous). Evensong itself will follow, on an even more-than-usually focussed and lavish scale.

We're also starting a little discussion group for adults who are thinking about deepening their faith and moving towards confirmation. We'll be meeting for the first time at the Bloomfield's house on 14th January at 5.00 p.m. – and if you're interested, and would like to come along, do get in touch with me. We'd love to see you.

A very Happy New Year to all from us at the Rectory.

Rev Dr Jessica Martin

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION

Unlike last year, there was no special event to give a boost to the 2010 collection. Despite this, the total raised this year was £1,184.42, which is within £50 of last year's record, a tremendous result. Once more, our hard working band of collectors has made this excellent result possible. Very many thanks therefore go to Sheila Birch, Jackie Casement, Pat Facer, Yvonne Hall, John and Judy Marshall, Caroline Owen, Sally Pearce, Hilary Rule and June Vincent. Thanks also to Costcutter Express, Ickleton Barns, the Ickleton Lion, the Social Club and R.A.G.T. Seeds, and, for the first time, Strutt & Parker and Team Consulting, from the Abbey Barns Business Centre, for their help by displaying collecting boxes. Thank you all for your continuing generous support.

Malcolm Hall – Honorary Organiser

OVER SIXTIES CLUB

A very big Thank-you!

Thanks to Katherine Denman-Johnson and the Summer Sizzler ladies who provided the members of the Ickleton Over 60s Club with a superb Christmas Dinner on 14th December, including goodie bags to take home.

After a glass of wine or two, many a tale of old Ickleton folk was told, causing much laughter and fun. We ended with a wonderful rendition of 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'.

We are also very grateful to Ickleton United Charities for its generous donation to our funds, which were running rather low, so a big thank-you to them. Thanks also to David Lilley who sets up the tables and chairs for our fortnightly meetings. Our next meeting in the New Year will be on 9th February at 2.30 p.m., health and weather permitting.

Cynthia Rule

QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to all who braved the elements and came to the Village Hall for our quiz night on 4th December. Quiz Maestro Terry Nelson and the 'Norfolk Wherry' were declared the winners by scrutinee Peter Bates and Andrew Shepperd and the 'Half Witts' brought up the rear. Andrew was most gracious in defeat and gave a vote of thanks to Pam Fearn for organising the event, to Iain Livingstone for setting the questions and to all the team who helped with the organisation and the provision of refreshments. This was indeed a most enjoyable evening.

ICKLETON SOCIETY

New Year's Day Walk A reminder that, as usual, we have arranged a walk for New Year's Day morning. Meet at the bottom of Coploe Road at 11.00 a.m. Everyone is welcome, including dogs, though they must be on a lead. Afterwards a light lunch of bread and soup will be provided at Howays, 33 Abbey Street. So if you need help keeping that resolution to take more exercise, are trying to get rid of a hangover or calories from the celebrations, or just want some fresh air, then this is for you!

A Russian Winters Evening A huge thank you to Lorrie, Pat Smoothy, Steve, Roy and all at the Ickleton Social Club for welcoming The Ickleton Society and for helping make the first of our cultural social evenings a massive success. Marina Burrell from the Cambridge Russian Society entertained us with Russian folk songs and it was surreal when the audience joined in the Russian Hokey Cokey! The amazing Cossack show (kindly sponsored by Patrick Bloomfield as a birthday surprise for his wife Jess) began with birthday songs performed by Natalyja and Svetland in magnificent native costumes and the sword and puppet dances from Alexy and Dima were outstanding. Music with Russian themes played in the background while people mingled and enjoyed all the Russian props including the Russian Roulette table and the Dr Zhivago movie showing on the wall. The dancing started and didn't stop until 1.00 a.m! A great fun evening for all.

Emails and texts have been pouring in from those who attended and we already have requests for tickets for our **Brazilian Hot Tropicana evening on Friday 28th January 2011**. Call Clare Driver to put your name on the guest list. Tickets: £3 for members and £5 for non-members.

Village Photos Andrew Shepperd has uploaded photos to the web site www.ickletonvillage.co.uk – follow the links to Photo archive, gallery, events through the decades). Do get in touch if you've photos of your own to upload.

Wine Tasting As trailed last month, Sebastian Payne will be returning to take us on a tour through the wines of a number of vineyards on Friday evening, 25th February, 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall meeting room. Call Neil McKillen for tickets - £13 for members and £15 for non-members, including lots of delicious cheese, French bread and nibbles. Numbers are limited so book early.

Not yet joined the Society? Annual membership of the Society is only £5 per person or £12 per family. This is amazing value given the savings you get on tickets for the wine tasting and social evenings. Ask to join when you book tickets or ask any member of the Committee.

Rachel Radford

THANK YOU TO ICKLETON THEATRE GROUP

On behalf of The African Pulse we would like to send our thanks to The Ickleton Theatre Group for organising the Cambridge Winds fundraising evening.

Together with your cheque for £411.50 we raised a further £94 on the gift/donation stall, bringing it to a fantastic total of £505.50. This sum will go a long way in supporting the work of our HIV/Aids education project for young people in Southern Africa.

It was a wonderful evening full of talented musicians and generous people who gave their time in attending and helping the evening to be a success. We are very grateful.

With very best wishes.

Chris Lee - Trustee

CHESTERFORD LOCAL HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

The AGM will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 26th January in the Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford.

WEA. ICKLETON & CHESTERFORDS BRANCH

The **Spring 2011** term course will be: An Introduction to Bloomsbury (Tutor: Claire Nicholson).

This is an overview of the art, literature, politics and philosophy of the Bloomsbury Group in its social and historical context taking place 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

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THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2010

Once again this was a magnificent show, as all of you who went will agree. It never ceases to amaze.

I have been arranging this trip for the last twenty years and I am now looking for someone to take over. Is there anyone who would be prepared to do this? I have the application form to apply for the tickets for 2011, which I can pass on. But it does have to be in by the end of the first week in January.

Please if anyone is prepared to do this could they get in touch with me as soon as possible.

Many thanks to all for your support over the years.

Betty Willmott

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

The meeting held on December 1st was one of the coldest days of the season. However, 35 brave members turned out to learn from David Holmes how to make festive garlands from shrubs and plants grown in their own gardens.

Sally held her usual Xmas raffle with a prize for everyone, and the committee provided festive refreshments. There will be no meeting in January 2011.

At the next meeting on February 2nd Peter Jackson from Scotsdales' Nurseries will talk about spring and summer flowering bulbs. The competition will be an early spring flower.

Visitors welcome - £1 per head.

Cynthia Rule

FITNESS CLASSES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Classes start week commencing 10th January.

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain and increase core strength and mobility. All exercises are done on your mat. Please book for 5/6 weeks.

These take place on Monday at 8.00 p.m. at Ickleton Village Hall, Thursday at 8.00 p.m. at Duxford School and Friday at 10.45 a.m. at Abington Institute.

The **Zumba** program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms (such as Merengue, Salsa, Reggaton). Dance yourself fit! Just Turn Up. This takes place on Monday at 7.00 p.m. at Ickleton Village Hall.

Low Impact Aerobics, toning, strengthening and stretching. Exercises to raise your heart rate and tone your body. Please book for 5 weeks. This takes place on Friday at 9.30 a.m. at Abington Institute.

Please contact me for more information.

Disa Bennett ☎01223 729604 or disa_bennett@hotmail.com

IWM DUXFORD'S 2011 AIR SHOW TICKETS ON SALE

Imperial War Museum, Duxford is pleased to announce that tickets for the 2011 air shows are now on sale.

Following exceptionally successful air shows in 2010, which created some truly unforgettable aerial spectacles, the museum now prepares for the 2011 season, presenting a range of inspiring themes that will whet the appetite of aviation enthusiasts everywhere.

Spring Air Show *Celebrating Women in Aviation* Sunday 22nd May

The Duxford Air Show *75th anniversary of the Spitfire* Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September

Autumn Air Show *Remembering the Korean War* Sunday 16th October

The museum is offering an Early Bird discount of 15% on air show tickets, available until 31st January 2011, providing the perfect opportunity to purchase tickets for presents, after which the normal advanced ticket discount of 10% applies.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.iwm.org.uk/duxford or by calling the Box Office on ☎01223 499353.

The Box Office is open Monday to Friday from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

There is no booking fee, but a postage and packing fee applies per transaction.

Advance tickets will be available until:

Spring Air Show:

For overseas postal delivery – 5.00 p.m. on Friday 6th May

For UK postal delivery – 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 11th May

The Duxford Air Show:

For overseas postal delivery – 5.00 p.m. on Friday 19th August

For UK postal delivery – 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 24th August

Autumn Air Show

For overseas postal delivery – 5.00 p.m. on Monday 3rd October

For UK postal delivery – 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 6th October

Please call the Box Office on ☎01223 499353 should you require further assistance.

Please note that tickets for Flying Legends 2011 will be on sale in due course.

Imperial War Museum, Duxford's visitor centre and shop is open from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. throughout the week.

Public enquiries ☎1223 835000

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BULLETIN DISTRIBUTION – HELP NEEDED

Tony Court wishes to retire from Bulletin distribution after this issue. Many thanks to Tony for all his hard work, he took over from Bert & Rose Pickett in 1999.

Hilary Rule has been 'first reserve' to Tony and has agreed to step up to 'head of distribution'.

However, Hilary now needs a 'first reserve' to cover holidays etc. so we are now looking for a volunteer. Please contact Hilary for more information.

Editors

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS TO.....Mary Wombwell, 80 on 4th January.

LACK OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

We would like to say sorry to people who came to see our lights over Christmas, only to find no lights.

We have had a rest this Christmas, but God willing, the lights will be back again next Christmas.

Carol and Barry Turton, 17 Birds Close.

THE STRETHALL LECTURES 2011

On Friday 4th February at 8.00 p.m. in the Friends' Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden Dr Jonathan Foyle will talk on "Climbing Great Buildings: The Medieval Era".

The talk presents the inside view of the series offering some context to the era that includes the origins of the church at Strethall. Johnathan Foyle is probably best known for presenting broadcasts on architectural topics including the 15 part BBC2 series 'Climbing Great Buildings' and also the BBC4 series 'Henry VIII: Patron and Plunderer', both shown in the autumn 2010. He is chief executive of World Monuments Fund Britain. There is further information at www.built.org.uk.

Tickets are available from the Church Office, Crawley End, Chrishall, Royston, SG8 8QL. Please mark envelope 'LECTURES', include an SAE, and make your cheque payable to Strethall Church Fabric Fund. Enquiries ☎521290 or strethall.church@btinternet.com.

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

January 1 st	New Year's Day Walk start 11.00 a.m. bottom of Coploe Road
4 th	Church Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon Church
7 th	Mobile Library 12.45-1.15 p.m.
12 th	WEA Spring Course, First Session 10.00-11.30 a.m. Village Hall
19 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
19 th	WI Meeting 7.30 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford
26 th	Chesterford Local History and Archaeology Society 8.00 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford
28 th	Brazilian Hot Tropicana Evening 8.00 p.m. Social Club
February 2 nd	Gt. Chesterford and District Gardening Society Meeting 8.00 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford
4 th	Strethall Lecture 8.00 p.m. Friend's Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden
25 th	Wine Tasting 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. Village Hall

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