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Ickleton Parish Council

Some items discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 20th April 2011:

Uncontested Parish Council Election (5th May 2011) – Only 7 nominations were received by SCDC. Six currently serving Councillors were therefore elected along with Michael Robinson. Jane Hurst and Peter Wombwell decided not to stand this time round. The Parish Council wishes to express its gratitude for the good work they have put in over many years.

This means we have two casual vacancies on the Parish Council. It is highly desirable that we have a full complement of Parish Councillors and we would welcome expressions of interest from parishioners who would like to fill these vacancies. Getting involved in the work that the Parish Council does on behalf of the community can be a very rewarding experience. For further information please contact the Parish Clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting (25th May 2011): Later this month every household will receive an invitation to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. This should not be confused with a Parish Council Meeting – it is an opportunity for residents to come along and hear reports from various village organisations, local schools and for you also to raise issues and express any concerns you may have. Positive feedback about any aspects of life in Ickleton will also be welcome! It is a chance to communicate face-to-face with Parish Councillors and others involved in community organisations. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Retiring District Councillor – John Williams steps down after 7 years of representing Duxford and Ickleton at SCDC. We wish him well for the future and thank him for the efforts he has put in on behalf of Ickleton village.

Solar Panels – Both Lewis Duke and Peter Wombwell have reported that Low Carbon Solar will not be proceeding with planning applications.

Litter Pick - The Clerk had contacted CPRE and had obtained a helpful list about organising a litter pick and equipment available. This had been passed to Clare Driver who had volunteered to organise the event. Lewis Duke and the Clerk had drafted a Risk Assessment, which they will finalise. The Clerk has booked the Village Hall so that refreshments can be served on the day, which is scheduled for the afternoon on Sunday 22nd May 2011.

Planning application(s) received from SCDC:

S/0024/11 - AMENDMENT – Rear Extension and Former Window to Front of Dwelling and Replacement Roof to Outbuilding – 1 Frogge Street - Approve

S/0025/11 - AMENDMENT – Rear Extension and Dormer Window to Front of Dwelling, Internal Alterations and Replacement Roof to Outbuilding – 1 Frogge Street - Approve

S/0455/11 – Vehicular Access – 111 Frogge Street - Refuse. The Parish Council discussed this application and raised the following specific concerns about Highway safety: a) The sight lines should not be reduced from the minimum required for roads subject to the national speed limit; b) Vehicles would be on a slope when exiting onto the road, affecting the ability to accelerate to avoid endangering

oncoming vehicles; c) When planning permission was granted for the Ickleton Riverside Barns business, extra large splays were insisted upon owing to the problems of limited visibility; d) Several accidents had occurred on that stretch of road in recent years.

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S/0704/11 – Dwelling and garage – site r/o Norman Hall, Church Street – An extension had been granted by SCDC, which allows the Parish Council to discuss and report back their decision following their next meeting on 11th May.

Planning Application(s) granted by SCDC:

S/2150/10 – Replacement Garage (Extension to Time Limit for Implementation of Planning Approval S/2211/07/F) – Nook and Cranny Cottage, 7 Church Street

S/0104/11 – Erection of Studio Building following Demolition of Existing Outbuildings – 8 Coploe Road.

S/0246/11 – Dwelling following demolition of existing buildings (application to replace an extent planning permission S/0826/08/F in order to extend the time limit for implementation) – Howeys Yard, Abbey Street

S/0285/11 – Total demolition of former office, garage and workshop buildings (for replacement of a conservation area consent reference S/0722/08/CAC in order to extend the time limit for implementation) – Howeys Yard, Abbey Street

Planning Application(s) refused by SCDC:

S/0255/11 – Dwelling – Land adjacent to 3 Priory Farm Barns, Back Lane, Land & County Development

Appeal for site at Abbey Farm – Application Reference: S/0784/10/LB – has been withdrawn.

Application to carry out Tree Works subject to a tree preservation order or situated within a Conservation area: C/11/40/54 – Consent to carry out a Crown clean and Crown raise to Plane Tree – 8 Abbey Street – Approve

Draft Accounts for the year ending 31/3/11 – These were adopted by the Parish Council and are available for inspection. Please contact the Parish Clerk should you wish to look at them. Copies of the Draft Financial Statement will be available at the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 25 May 2011.

Police – Sawston Neighbourhood Panel Meeting – 4th April 2011 – The Clerk had attended the meeting with Liz Gibson. The main issues raised were: Parking on pavements, Bogus & Rogue Traders, theft of Charity bags from doorsteps and the use of mobile phones whilst driving.

Other items of interest:

Workshops & activities in the holidays for young people age 8-18 years. For further information on Arts activities taking place at the Village Colleges, please contact: Lesley Morgan (Sawston & Linton) ☎01223 712825 or Lesley@start-arts.org.uk

Imperial War Museum – A Formula 1 test day will take place at Duxford on Friday 13th May 2011.

Cambridge Philharmonic Orchestra and chorus will be performing many of Mozart's last works starting at 11am at the Emmanuel Reformed United Church in Trumpington Street, Cambridge. For those attending the performances, donations would be appreciated to help the Society to hold future concerts and develop young talent in Cambridge and beyond. For more information visit the website: www.cam-phil.org.uk

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

NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

We had a very happy afternoon at the beginning of April, when a group of about twenty-five bellringers from far and wide came together to celebrate the fifty years that David Lilley has been bellringing in Ickleton! There was a beautiful cake, and other delicious refreshments; the bells were (of course) rung, speeches were made, and we learnt a little of David's own personal bellringing history and drank his health. Altogether it was a delightful afternoon, celebrating a remarkable achievement.

We are now in the joyful Easter season, and spring is finally arrived, fulfilling the promise of new life all around us. 'Love is come once more, like wheat that springeth green' the hymn verse exults, as from the death of the old springs up transformed life, and from despair is born hope and promise. May our lives be so transformed, by the grace of God.

A few weeks ago something appeared mysteriously in the chancel. It was an exquisite little model of the church, its roof open to the curious gaze, showing all the pews, the font and pulpit, and the windows. In it was a note: 'to the Vicar. I hope you like it. From Jamie.' We moved the model from the chancel to the main display by the pews so that more people could see it and admire it. I think I met Jamie and his mother when they were looking round the church with a view to first making the model, but I don't know where they are or how to thank them for the finished result. It is giving enormous pleasure to us all, and I hope visitors will also admire it when they come in. Thank you!

Rev Dr Jessica Martin

CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Our next coffee morning is on Tuesday 3rd May from 10.00 a.m.-12.00 noon. It has been agreed that we should use this occasion to support the Cake Break initiative which is being organised nationally by the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Do please come along and help to support this worthy cause.

Rosemary McKillen - Churchwarden

CAN YOU IMAGINE THIS HAPPENING TO OUR CHURCH?

A couple of years ago I worked for a family in Babraham, only 8 minutes from here.

I thought I would seek out the church, as there was nowhere else to walk the babies and get some fresh air. Down the road, down an overgrown alley, behind the Institute, over a river I found it, and to my surprise it was locked, the entrance was strewn with litter and the walls had graffiti on them.

The same year our Methodist Chapel on Abbey Street closed because there was very few attending; for the few who had been going all their lives this was really upsetting. I was talking to my old friend Cecil, the warden for many years, expressing my sadness over the closure. "Well if no-one comes that's what happens". Seven words that changed my thinking.

As a child I attended the Catholic Church in Sawston and Ickleton Church in my young eyes was a huge, dark scary building I would run past in fear at dusk from my friend's house back to my dad's, but later I chose to get married in Ickleton. Walking through the door on that day my nerves were banished suddenly by the extraordinary calming atmosphere. I never forgot that peaceful feeling, and later started to sneak in during the day after my first son was born to find peace and quiet! As he grew he enjoyed getting out of the buggy, exploring and having a run about and liked looking at the carvings.

Years later, in the winter, I started taking my minded children too, they always enjoyed a trip to the church and I think the church liked having the laughter of little ones in return. So with my daughters' tiny hand tightly in mine, I lifted the heavy, iron handle, pushed the creaking door open and stepped inside, I panicked a bit - what was I doing? I wanted to walk out again, and if it wasn't for Tina and her lovely smile beckoning me to sit with her I would not have gone in.

So I compromised....I still sneak in to breath in the silence, to reflect on life and admire the amazingly beautiful craftsmanship of ancient stonemasons and carpenters, and wonder about their lives, but we also attend the family service once a month and my daughter attends the Sunday school. At first I felt I was dragging us both away from a lazy Sunday morning with papers and coffee, but now I think differently. I know the faces and smiles in the pews now, I love being welcomed by children of Ickleton handing me a service sheet, I smile at the sound of children chatting quietly (or not so quietly sometimes!) at the back waiting to go across the road to the Social Club. I enjoy sitting next to Cecil, he makes me laugh, and it's a great spot, I can gaze at the paintings that were discovered after the fire in 1979, and when the sun shines outside it pours in through the stained glass windows and warms my face. I close my eyes when the choir sings the Agnus Dei, it is so beautiful, I don't think there is anyone that would not be moved by the prayer.

Jessica Martin is a great vicar, and although sometimes she must see me at the back straining my neck looking up and not quite focussing on the readings or being distracted by my sister poking me in the back, she has never said and continues to make me feel warmly welcomed. She certainly has her work cut out! I smile at the loud shushing coming from the children outside the door waiting to come back in at the end, then standing at the front their proud faces showing us all what they have been learning about in the form of a song or painting or model. So I no longer miss the paper, and the coffee that is served after the service rivals Starbucks. I always leave feeling better than when I went in.

The congregation is not as big as you might think despite the cars parked outside.

Last year at the fete whilst trying to rectify a smudged spiderman/ice-cream situation, I saw one of the congregation put his stick to one side so he could struggle to put a heavy table away. Quite a few have reached the age where they should not have to do this hard work anymore.

I'm sure Monica (the Icene editor) won't mind me saying that ages ago whilst talking about new families moving to the village. I wondered how she from one of the oldest families, felt about it. She said she welcomed them wholeheartedly as without new life the village would die, and so many have brought life to the village, have joined in with fundraisers, have baked cakes and flipped burgers at the 'sizzler', have made cardboard signs and stood with me to see off developers at Hinxtton, and have become valued members of our community. Which brings me to the reason for writing this piece - every little bit really helps, whether it is lending a hand at the fete, (the biggest fundraiser), by lifting tables, running a stall; baking a cake to sell, joining the safari supper (another good fundraiser) or actually helping with the running of the church. Rosemary McKillen is the person you need to talk to about that, and you can find her at the church coffee mornings, another relatively new and wonderful addition to life in our village. It is her two lovely daughters that sat with me in the pub the other night organising the fete on July 2nd and they don't actually live in the village!

The keepers of the Church, a church that has been standing for a thousand years, need our help. It is our turn; it is our watch....hopefully our children will take over from us.

If you do decide to sneak in and take a look at our Church I recommend that you buy the little red booklet on the front table for £1. It's great, packed full of the history of Ickleton, the houses and the church. All researched and produced by people in the village. One of my favourite things I have read and actually remembered is "The greatest sermon is not from our mouths but from our lives". So I will shut up now...

for the time being!

If you want to help with the fete please ring me Anne-Marie

CHURCH NOTICES

Priest-in-Charge	Rev Dr Jessica Martin	☎01223 832137
	Email address	hinkledux@googlemail.com
Churchwarden	Rosemary McKillen	
Prayer Ministry	Monica Lilley	
Lay Ministers	Julie Baillie	
	Judith Wright	

Services for May

Sunday 1 st	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP	DUXFORD
2 nd of Easter	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism and Sunday School	ICKLETON
	6.30 p.m. Evensong	HINXTON
Thursday 5 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion	HINXTON
Sunday 8 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP	HINXTON
3 rd of Easter	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist	DUXFORD
	5.00 p.m. Taize service	ICKLETON
Sunday 15 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP	ICKLETON
4 th of Easter	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist	HINXTON
	6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer with Laying on of Hands	DUXFORD
Sunday 22 nd	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
5 th of Easter	10.00 a.m. All-Age Service	DUXFORD
	6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	ICKLETON
Sunday 29 th	10.30 a.m. Joint Eucharist	ICKLETON
6 th of Easter	No Evening Service	

50 YEARS RINGING

Bell ringers from around the district came to Ickleton on 2nd April to mark David Lilley's 50 years of bell-ringing, something also achieved by his father, grandfather and probably his great-grandfather.

Taught by the Revd John Hall, then our vicar, David has rung regularly for services ever since. He served as District Ringing Master for 12 years and still rings at other towers. This is how he met Monica many years ago. After ringing together, David cut a specially-made cake and Jessica proposed David and Monica's health. More ringing completed the festivities.

David Newland

ICKLETON SAFARI SUPPER – 11th JUNE 2011

A reminder to buy your tickets for the Safari Supper if you have not done so already. Full details were in last months ICENE but do call Mandy or Caroline if you have any queries. As with previous years we very much hope that this event will appeal to a wide cross section of villagers and be a real community event. So do join us for this fund raising event as a cook, host or just a diner. Tickets are £15 a head to include three courses at different homes around the village, including one glass of wine, and coffee at the Village Hall at the end of the evening. Tickets need to be ordered using the booking form available from mandy.jeffery@tiscali.co.uk caro01@me.com or there are a few in the church. **Tickets must be ordered by the end of May.** We do hope you'll join us! **Mandy Jeffery, Caroline Owen**

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Community bible study starts again on Thursday May 5th at 7.45 p.m. at Abbey Farm. After then we will meet in Hinxtton village hall.

For four weeks we will have a look at one of the shortest books in the Old Testament - Ruth. Her story is very topical – themes of encouragement in difficult times, emigration and integration, faithfulness and integrity, protection and blessings. If you are interested in reading, discussion and ideas do join us, we start with refreshments and end promptly at 9.15 p.m.

For more information contact Jenny Duke jenny.duke@btinternet.com or Margaret Malcom.

UPDATE REGARDING BROADBAND SPEED

A few comments which may be of interest or help to people;

- BT announced on the 4th April that it was extending the roll-out of next generation copper broadband to around 80% of the UK by the end of 2011. This will offer speeds up to 20Mbps. I would hope this will include Great Chesterford exchange but can't say for sure. I'll provide a further update if I hear more.

- It is possible to get the maximum speed (8Mbps) currently available within the village - I do. If your speed is significantly less, check with neighbours to see what speed they achieve. If you don't get the same it may be that internal (extension) wiring is the cause of the problem. If you believe you have an issue then call your service provider.

- The Race to Infinity campaign has now finished. However, you can still register an interest in Superfast broadband on the www.bt.com website. It is not currently due to be rolled out in this area, but the BT pledge is to deliver fibre broadband to two-thirds of UK premises by the end of 2015. The more interest raised the higher up the priority list we should move.

Scott Wentzell

OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The AGM was held on April 6th. Having started by helping Ruby Lilley, I've been an active member for approximately 20 years, so I am now handing over the running of the Over 60s to Mavis Plumb, who I know will ensure the future and success of the Club. There are now eleven members and we were pleased to welcome a new member Monica Lilley to the meetings.

We recently celebrated Vera Reed's 85th birthday with homemade cakes and wine provided by Vera.

Gill Holdgate provided a lovely sponge cake for the AGM tea. The members enjoy their games of whist and dominoes and chat. It is always a happy two hours.

Thank you members for the chocolates and flowers you presented me with. I was very touched, and thanks to Hedley for auditing the books for me. On behalf of the members I wish to thank Mavis for taking over the running of the Club and wish you all lots of happy meetings.

Anyone wishing to join should please contact Mavis Plumb, who will be pleased to tell you all about it.

Cynthia Rule

THE ICKLETON SOCIETY

The History of RAF Duxford will be the subject of the annual talk following our AGM. This will be given by Les Millgate who is an enthusiastic guide at IWM Duxford and who, in his RAF days, was based at Duxford from where he flew Meteors. The story starts in 1917 with the establishment of a flying training station for the Royal Flying Corps, through the Battle of Britain and Douglas Bader's "Big Wing" to handover to the USAAF as a home for the 78th Fighter Group. This looks set to be a fascinating evening, so do come along – Wednesday 18 May, 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall meeting room, free to members, £3 for non-members, wine and refreshments included. Les is giving his services free in return for a donation by the Society to Help for Heroes. There will also be a bucket collection.

AGM – the AGM will be at 7.30 p.m. on 18th May in the Village Hall meeting room. Everyone in the village is welcome, whether or not you are a member of the Society.

Committee – if anyone is interested in joining the Committee or standing as one of the officers (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer), please get in touch with me before the AGM. Being on the Committee is not onerous and involves about 5 meetings a year. **Membership** – for the third year running we are holding our membership fees to £5 per person and £12 for family membership. The Society uses these funds to maintain and add to the village archives, subsidise social events for members and to help protect our village environment from inappropriate developments. This year we have spent money on storage kit for the archive, printing photographs donated to the collection and buying others, and the web site which hosts the digital photo gallery. Our Treasurer, John Fowler, will be collecting subscriptions over the next few weeks and at the AGM. If you haven't yet joined, it really is good value – in the last year, the members' discounts on events would have more than paid for your membership fee. The form below can be dropped off to John Fowler at 83 Abbey Street.

Subscription payable for 2011/12 is £5.00 per person or £12 per family.

Name.....

Address.....

Email.....

Rachel Radford

ATLANTIC CROSSING FOR THE 4 VILLAGES ORCHESTRA

'May in Duxford' may not have quite the same ring as 'April in Paris', but musical magic will still be in the air as the 4 Villages Orchestra takes to the stage for its fifth concert on Saturday May 21st.

And there's a Transatlantic feel as they take on the Great American Songbook, so as well as that Parisian standard, you'll be saying "I've Got You Under My Skin", because your 'Funny Valentine' will be singing under 'Blue Skies'. 'Who could ask for anything more', as 4VO perform their own inimitable versions of songs by George Gershwin, Irving Berlin and Cole Porter?

4VO is made up of musicians mainly from Duxford, Whittlesford, Ickleton and Hinxton. It's the band's fifth concert and so far they've all been sell-outs. It's taking place at Duxford Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

So if you want to be 'Over the Rainbow' or 'Singin' in the Rain', book your tickets early from John Statham on.

THEATRE GROUP

Earlier this year the Parish Council nominated the Ickleton Theatre Group for the South Cambridgeshire Arts Award 2011, stating that "the group has organised a wide variety of performances in the village hall", "quality entertainment has been delivered at a modest cost", "the events attract people of all ages and are very inclusive" and "community spirit benefits and the events are important for the social life of the community."

As a result of their kind words, I was invited to the reception and award ceremony with Jocelyn Flitton, representing the Parish Council, and Peter Bates, a member of the group. I was thrilled to receive, on behalf of the Theatre Group, a Highly Commended award. It was an excellent evening and we were treated to a variety of performances from extremely talented choirs, dance groups and musicians from around South Cambs.

We are exceptionally fortunate to have the support of 'Arts in Cambs on Tour', which allows us to offer such a wide variety of professional theatre and to have so many willing hands to help organise the events. We have met some charming performers over the years and although not all performances were to everyone's taste they have all been of a very high standard. Our latest show featuring the comedian Mervyn Stutter was very funny, making us laugh at, among other things, our politicians and old age. I would like to say a huge thank you to Dilip and Sunita, for acting once again as the box office and to all the people in the village who regularly come along to the performances and make them such fun.

Pam Fearn - Ickleton Theatre Group

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

Chairman Pauline Gale welcomed members to the *AGM and Plant Sale* in April. Throughout the year each meeting attracted a good attendance due to the high quality speakers, found to be both interesting and motivating. Visits to Peter Beale's Roses and Madingley Hall took place during the summer, and members enjoyed the Mini Flower Show held in July. The Society also sold pots of bulbs at the Christmas Fair. Pauline thanked committee members for their help and support throughout the year -sincere thanks were given to retiring members, and Chairman and committee were re-elected for a further year. Duncan Gates won overall prize for Best Bloom (runners up Mary Wombwell and Gill Gates) and the evening concluded with Sally's Raffle and Sale of Plants.

Members are reminded that subscriptions are now due – membership brings excellent discounts. Annual membership is £8 (concessions £7).

Christine Greet

FITNESS CLASSES

Pilates

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength and mobility. All exercises are based on your mat. Please book for 4/5 weeks.

Monday 8.00 p.m. at Ickleton Village Hall.

Thursday 8.00 p.m. at Duxford School.

Friday 10.45 a.m. at Abington Institute.

Zumba

The Zumba program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms (such as Merengue, Salsa, Reggaton). Dance yourself fit! Just Turn Up.

Monday 7.00 p.m. at Ickleton Village Hall.

NEW! Thursday 7.00 p.m. at Duxford School.

Please contact me for more information.

Disa Bennett disa_bennett@hotmail.com

ICKLETON CHURCHYARD – OUR WILDLIFE HAVEN

We have had lots of interest in our new project exploring the churchyard. If you have time to pop in you will see a path going through the meadow grass, some new wildflowers and snowdrops. After the initial Easter meeting we have set up recording sheets on clipboards and are developing plans to record and nurture the local flora and fauna. We have already have monthly sessions planned on butterflies, bugs, birds, flowers and lichens.

We'd love to hear from you if you have some expertise to share, or would like to join in. Our next meeting for all ages will be on 22nd May, looking especially for birds and their habitats.

Please contact Jenny Duke or Catherine Cocks if you want to know more, or just turn up.

THE SAFFRON DANCE BAND

The Saffron Dance Band meets on Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m. in Great Chesterford Village Hall. It plays a variety of music, including strict tempo for ballroom and Latin dancing. The band has five gigs during the next three months, including a private dance, a 40s afternoon, and a Celebration Twinning Fete with the Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas. The band normally organises its own dance every Spring and Autumn for the Saffron Dance Band Fan Club.

We are currently seeking additional members, for our rhythm and trumpet sections, and especially a pianist. Subscriptions are only £10.00 per month/ £5 seniors.

Please contact Vic Gunn for further details.

SAWSTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Patient Reference Group

We are establishing a patient Reference to start in the next two months. The group will be a mixture of patients, community representatives, and health professionals. We are therefore looking for patients who feel they could contribute to this group. 'The purpose of the Patient Reference Group will be to provide a non biased mechanism to represent the views of the patients and local community'.

If you are interested in joining the group please apply in writing giving a brief outline of what you will bring to the group and what you would like to see achieved. The constitution of the group is available on our website (www.sawstonmedicalpractice.co.uk) and will be available in the practice.

SMS Messaging

We are now able to sent messages to your mobile phone to confirm appointments and send out test results. When you make an appointment you will be sent a text message giving the time and date of the appointment and a reminder will be sent 2 days prior to the appointment.

To avoid you having to phone in to get results we will be sending you the outcomes of any test results, but not the specific details. If action needs to be taken the clinician will contact you directly. We will only use text messages if the results are normal and no action is required, or if we want you to make a further appointment. If you do not want messages sent to your mobile please write to us to remove this function on your record. Please ensure that you have informed us of any changes in your details specifically your mobile number.

Quality Outcome Framework

All GP surgeries are measured on their clinical performance and whilst we have always scored well compared to local and national averages, this year we have scored 100% for our clinical indicators the highest score for Sawston since the measures were introduced. We are very proud of this achievement as high clinical standards are what we always strive to provide for our patients.

Appointments

We are aware that available appointments are and always will be an issue that concerns patients. In March there were 8171 appointments that would enable 51% of our patients to be seen once. (The average number of appointments in the UK for a surgery of our size is 6306 per month according to the NHS QResearch). We are always looking for ways to improve our service and communicating and managing appointments are high on our list this year.

If you need to see a specific clinician, please try to book in advance whenever possible.

Gerard Newnham -- Practice Business Manager

MEETING CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY SERVICE

This will now take place on Monday 23rd May at Orchard Park Community Centre, Cambridge from 7.30-9.30 p.m. This meeting will provide information to the public about the future of the Library Service and the changes that will affect all libraries. Details of all public consultation meetings can be found on our website: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/libservicereview.htm>

THE CHESTERFORDS, ICKLETON AND HINXTON W.I.

Our speaker for the April meeting was Peter Cresswell who started life in Great Yarmouth working as an entertainment manager in charge of the Wellington Pier in the 1960s, where he met various celebrities. He related many amusing tales to us.

Peter had many career changes, including organising some of the Cambridge Folk Festivals and concerts in Ely Cathedral. Latterly he moved to Cheveley where he became chairman of the Cheveley Parish Council for several years. However he has now resigned and is looking forward to retirement.

Several members went to the C.F.W.I. Annual meeting in Comberton where the guest speaker was one of the famous calendar girls. She was proud to inform us that the sale of calendars has now reached £5 million in aid of cancer (well worth bearing for!).

There were two resolutions for the AGM in June – these were discussed and voted against. The first being mega factory farming of animals and the second the closure of libraries.

At the next meeting on May 18th we celebrate our 50th Anniversary with a sit down meal and entertainment in Great Chesterford Community Centre 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. **Cynthia Rule**

THANK YOU

I would like to say a big thank you to Fiona Rose's son for finding my keys on the recreation ground.

I had several attempts trying to locate the keys, but on the day I lost them a football match was going on, so it was a tad difficult, to say the least. Thank you. **Pat Munson**

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM, DUXFORD - SPRING CAR SHOW

Imperial War Museum, Duxford is the place to be for all car enthusiasts on Sunday 1st May, when the Museum plays host to over 500 stunning classic and contemporary vehicles. Many car clubs will be in attendance.

The Museum is open to visitors as normal, giving a fun-packed day out for all the family.

Even better, there is no extra cost for this event. Standard admission to Imperial War Museum Duxford applies. Children aged 15 and under go free when accompanied by an adult.

Other Dates: Spring Air Show 22nd May The Duxford Trophy 28th & 29th May

Military Vehicle Show 19th June

Esther Blaine ☎01223 499320

ICKLETON DIARY

May 3 rd	Church Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon
4 th	Gt. Chesterford and District Gardening Society Meeting 8.00 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford
5 th	SCDC Election and Voting System Referendum 7.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m. Village Hall
6 th	Mobile Library
9 th	Visiting Bellringers 2.30 – 3.30 p.m.
11 th	AGM and Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
13 th	Formula 1 Test Day. Duxford Airfield
13 th	Art Exhibition 6.00 – 10.00 p.m. Little Chesterford Church
14 th	Art Exhibition 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Little Chesterford Church
18 th	Ickleton Society AGM and Annual Talk 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
21 st	4VO Concert 7.30 p.m. Duxford Primary school
22 nd	Litter Pick Afternoon
22 nd	Ickleton Churchyard Wildlife Haven Meeting
25 th	Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
June 11 th	Safari Supper
July 2 nd	Church Fete – Village Hall and Recreation Ground