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EDITOR'S NOTE

Thankyou to all contributors this month. I would like to encourage anybody who wishes to send news of events, activities and achievements and welcome ideas for future features. Any contributions should include contact details of the sender.

A Happy Christmas and New Year to all readers.

PARISH COUNCIL

January 2013

Refuse Collections during January

Wednesday	02 January	-	Green and Blue Bin)	<u>instead of 31 December</u>
Tuesday	08 January	-	Black Bin)	<u>instead of 7 January</u>
Monday	14 January	-	Green & Blue Bin	
Monday	21 January	-	Black Bin	
Monday	28 January	-	Green and Blue Bin	

Bins must be placed out by 7am on your designated day of collection. Lids on the bins should be closed. **Recycling Centre** – Thriplow off A505. Opening hours 08.00 – 16.00 hours every day. Until 1 pm on 24th December. Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day. ☎ 01223 839001

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Parish Council Meeting on 12 December

Some items discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 12 December 2012:

Request for footpath/pavement between Abbey Barns Business Park and Abbey Street:

Lewis Duke declared an interest. The Clerk had received a request from Dr Neil Blair (Operations Manager) of Vantix Ltd. Unit 4 Abbey Barns, for a footpath/pavement between Abbey Barns and Abbey Street due to safety issues of walking on the road verges and the speed of cars through the village. The buildings had been in existence only since 2000 and this proposition had not previously been put to or discussed by the Parish Council.

Sharon Bridgeman presented some documentation for the Councillors to consider. After discussion, it was agreed to ask CCC Highways what their attitude would be concerning such a footpath, if they would fund it, and what the possibility was of linking it up with the proposed cycle path from Duxford to Ickleton (it would be interesting to learn the current state of progress of this). Such a footpath could be a useful link towards the public footpath which heads east off by the old Windmill in Duxford Road. The

potential cost was likely beyond the ability of the Parish Council to fund. The firms located in Abbey Barns might consider if they were able to make any contribution.

Proposed 20 mph Speed Limit / HGVs and Minor Highways Improvements Scheme – bid to be submitted by 21/1/2013

The Chairman advised that our proposed bid for the Highways Improvements Scheme was linked to the proposed 20 mph speed limit. He gave a résumé of the situation past and present. CCC's contribution will be up to £10,000 per applicant and the Parish Council would be asked to pay a minimum contribution of £1,000. The Chairman and Kern Roberts (who represents the Focus Group) had met with Brian Stinton (CCC) and following the positive tone of the discussion it was suggested that a bid for priority give-way traffic islands near the current 30 mph signs at Frogge Street and Duxford Road be submitted. Lewis Duke felt we should ask Duxford Parish Council and CCC if the traffic islands in Duxford had slowed down the traffic. The Chairman confirmed that the possibility of introducing a weight limit to deter HGVs from using the village as a transit route would also be pursued. Councillors elected unanimously to ask for the 20 mph speed limit. Regarding the bid requesting traffic islands, 5 Councillors were in favour, 1 against, and 2 abstained.

The immediate next step in seeking a 20mph speed limit was to write to the bodies (mainly Police and Emergency Services), which the Parish Council was required by law to consult. While that was going on further publicity would be given to the Councillors' decision via Icene so that residents would have ample opportunity to express their views if they wished. Kern Roberts confirmed that to date indications were that an overwhelming majority supported the lower speed limit.

Proposed Tennis Courts Kern Roberts reported that Ickleton Tennis Club had now been formed. James Macdonald was elected Chairman; Scott Wentzell elected Treasurer and Catherine Cocks elected Secretary. They intend to build the club up from the bottom age group and will be holding mini tennis in April in the Village Hall. Councillors welcomed the formation of the Tennis Club.

CCC Definitive Map Modification Order 2011 (Footpaths 7, 4 and 12) – The Planning Inspectorate

The Chairman had drafted a Statement of Case requesting that the order should not be confirmed. This was approved. The Parish Council has a large file of related documentation, which is available for inspection by application to the Clerk for anyone interested.

Planning application(s) received from SCDC Declarations of Interest to be declared.

S/2309/12/FL – Erection of timber boundary fence & removal of remaining section of existing wall (flint) – Norman Hall, 21 Church Street – Mr J Owen. The Chairman read out a Decision Notice refusing permission when a similar application was made in 2003. It was felt that the comments made then were still very relevant now. **Recommendation: Refuse**

Application considered by the SCDC Planning Committee at its meeting on 5th December 2012:

S/1726/12/FL - Development of new facilities for Welch's Transport Group incorporating storage & distribution building, vehicle sales, service, MOT and repair building, associated offices, customer car, staff car, truck and crane parking - Moorfield Road, Duxford, Cambs, CB22 4PP – Welch's Group Holdings Ltd. Cllr Martin had attended the meeting and gave a report. There will be binding legal agreements preventing lorries going through Duxford, Ickleton and Whittlesford.

SCDC granted this application.

The Planning Inspectorate – Appeal Ref: APP/W0530/A/12/2176129 – Land west of 20 Church Street, Ickleton – Appeal Dismissed. The Planning Inspector focused solely on the amenity of 10 Butcher's Hill. The Conservation Area and impact on Gurner House arguments were dismissed.

Trees blown across roads 22 November: The Parish Council wished to thank Lewis Duke, William Wombwell and another unknown person who helped clear up the tree that had blown across Butcher's Hill. Also those who tried to remove the tree from the road between Cemetery corner and the railway crossing. Duncan Fraser removed the tree the following morning. The Parish Council appreciated the help received.

Local Criminal Activities: It was noted via e-cops that a number of burglaries had taken place not only in Ickleton but also in nearby villages. We remind residents that anyone wishing to know more about the criminal activities that local police are investigating can join e-cops by visiting <http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/myneighbourhood/ecops/> - this is free for anyone to join and keeps you in the picture. The number of local burglaries will be mentioned at the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting with the suggestion that the police prioritise and target vans/large vehicles that are around at strange times.

The Parish Council wishes to emphasise that suspected criminal activities of any nature in or around the village should be reported to the police.

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CHURCH NOTICES

Priest-in-Charge	Rev Dr Jessica Martin	☎01223 832137 hinkledux@googlemail.com
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Prayer Ministry	Monica Lilley	☎530224
Lay Ministers	Julie Baillie	☎530684
	Judith Wright	☎530740

SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday 6 th (Epiphany)	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Sunday School	ICKLETON
	6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	HINXTON
Sunday 13 th (The Baptism of Christ)	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Sunday School	DUXFORD
	5.00 p.m. Service of Reflection	ICKLETON
Sunday 20 th (Epiphany 3)	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion	ICKLETON
	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist	HINXTON
	3.30 p.m. Messy Church, Hinxton Village Hall	HINXTON
	6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer with Laying on of Hands	DUXFORD
Sunday 27 th (Epiphany 4)	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
	10.00 a.m. Epiphany All-Age Service	DUXFORD
	6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	ICKLETON

NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

It's astonishing, but this is our third anniversary in the villages! We arrived on a day so full of snow and ice that the removals people couldn't carry all our possessions up the drive (the piano was a particular challenge) and my mother got chilblains from unpacking boxes in a freezing house. Now we feel as if we had never been anywhere else – and for Theodora, of course, life before the move is downright hazy. But we still haven't unpacked all our boxes.

It's probably an illusion, but since we moved I've seen more spectacular and beautiful winter weather than I've ever remembered seeing before, even in my childhood. As I write the hoar frost is so thick on the trees that they look as if they've been frosted from a Christmas spray gun; all the cobwebs are heavily outlined in white ice, and there's a constant soft tinkling from ice pieces falling from the garden trees. In the last week we've made snowmen, and used the toboggan for racing. Our young white cat, Snow, has lived up to his name and spent time flinging soft snow up with his paws and then pouncing on it as it comes down! The older cats are less enthusiastic, and would rather sleep by the fire (when Snow lets them).

By the time you see this maybe the aconites will be showing, with their promise of spring, and because it's the season of new beginnings I hope again to start a little group of adults exploring Christian faith, with perhaps a view to confirmation later in the year. If you feel you would like to come along please do

get in touch with me on jessicamartin@virginmedia.com or ring 01223 832137 – or get in touch via the website, www.hinkledux.com.

A very Happy and blessed New Year to you all.

Jessica and family

ICKLETON SOCIETY

Sheila Birch

The Ickleton Society owes a tremendous debt to Sheila and we would like to pay tribute to her work. Sheila and Gerry came to live in the village in the early eighties and she remained a member from that time, except for a 6 year gap abroad. She was Chair from 1999 to 2007. Her passions were wild life, local history and preservation of the environment and from the beginning she was soon arranging speakers, organising trips to Welney Wild Fowl Reserve and helping with Ickleton's contribution to the BBC's 1986 Domesday Survey of the UK – still on the BBC website.

She helped the village environment in many ways – surveying the age of local hedges, maintaining Coploe Pit (jointly with the Parish Council), and organising walks, particularly that on Boxing Day or New Year with she and Gerry often hosting lunch afterwards at their house.

Sheila was fascinated by the history of the village, and in 1993, in conjunction with the Cambridge Antiquarian Society and the Cambridgeshire Collection, she took some 80 photographs of the village to correspond with those in the Cambridgeshire Collection taken mainly in the 1930s. Over the years she arranged for various experts in those fields to talk to the Society, visit listed buildings and lead workshops on the development of the village.

She did invaluable work on the village archive, one notable piece of research concerning the open fields which surrounded the village prior to the land being enclosed. For one of these, the Heath Field, she transcribed the 16th century document (called a terrier), held in the County Records Office, which recorded the people who farmed the various strips of land which made up the field. This was a huge piece of work and in the last year she noticed that some names in the terrier were similar to the names of some of the present day fields. She started to record these connections and we hope to continue with this work.

Sheila loved Ickleton and threw herself into several campaigns over the years in order to protect the locality from development – such as Hanley Grange. She invariably supported the Society's social events and rarely missed a Committee meeting. She bore her illness with great bravery and fortitude and sought to get the best from the days she had left, so much so that many people did not realise just how ill she was. Sheila was modest, unassuming, always well meaning and genuinely interested in others. It was a privilege to have known her and we miss her greatly.

Rachel Radford

Children's Christmas Party

Grateful thanks to Jack and Margaret Bristow who donated not just funds but time and effort to ensure the Children's Party was a memorable affair. The party in our wonderful Village Hall on the 8th December was attended by 49 children from 23 families who all received a present each from Father Christmas as well as a tin of Christmas sweets. The piñata was literally the hit of the party. In addition each child was able to decorate and take home an advent calendar, a stained glass window, a glass bauble and sugar biscuits. After an hour of many activities, there were parlour games and a delicious tea party before Father Christmas arrived with all the presents. The children presented a bunch of La Belle roses to Mrs Bristow and two huge cards made of their handprints in the shape of two Christmas trees to show their appreciation.

It was a real village affair as the scrumptious cupcakes were made by Katherine Denham Johnson of Priory House; toys were bought from the Riverside Barns; pizza was delivered by the Riverside Cafe and groceries came from the village shop, who also kindly advertised the event for free for us. All the leftover activities and craft materials were donated to the Sunday School by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Bristow. Thank you to Madeleine, Roy, Rachel and Anne Marie, Annabelle and Andy who worked like Trojans all afternoon.

Clare Driver

WELCOME

Ickleton extends a warm welcome to: Debbie, James and Olivia (aged 1) Varley who moved into Glebe House, 7 Brookhampton Street from Stapleford.

Anne Marie Lavender, who moved into 9 Brookhampton Street from Woodbridge Suffolk. Anne Marie is the aunt of Lucy and Great Aunt of Bea as well as the daughter of the late Lucy Quill.

There are several people whom I have called round to but not found at home yet including the new residents of the Flat above the shop, and Sarah with adorable dog in the barns as well as the new residents in Petula's Cottage, 3 Church Street. Please contact me so I can arrange to pop round when convenient and deliver your Welcome Pack. If anyone has a new neighbour do let me know.

Clare Driver ☎ 531958 or e-mail clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION

Our team of house-to-house collectors puts a lot of hard work into making the collection a success, so thanks are due to Gerry Birch, Pat Facer, Yvonne Hall, Philly Hamilton, Judy Marshall, Caroline Owen, Sally Pearce, Hilary Rule and June Vincent for their efforts and to Costcutter Express, the Ickleton Lion, R.A.G.T. Seeds, Riverside Barns, Strutt & Parker and Team Consulting, for their help in displaying collecting boxes. The total raised this year was £1,085.47, including £53.00 which will be received from HMRC for our Gift Aid donations. This is very close to last year's figure and another excellent result, particularly in the current economic climate. Thank you also to all who contributed to the Remembrance Sunday church collection and to my son Nick for ferrying me around the village with the boxes. Finally, I would like to record my appreciation of the work that both Sheila Birch and John Marshall put in to past collections over many years.

Malcolm Hall – Honorary Organiser

THANKS

David and I have been overwhelmed by the love, support and so many cards and enquiries that I have received during my ongoing illness from all our friends and family in Ickleton. I still have a long way to go but it makes it so much easier when I know that so many people care. When I am able to I still like to get out and walk Maggie and hope to see some of you. David and I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Marion and David Skeates

ICKLETON ALLOTMENTS

At the moment we have a number of spare plots, small or large, available for 2013. If you have ever thought of growing your own fruit or vegetables now is the time to start. If you are interested please contact Carolyn Hulland (plot allocation secretary) at carolyn.hulland@tesco.net or to find out more visit <http://www.ickleton.org.uk/village/Allotments.htm>

CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

Rodney Tibbs was guest speaker at the December meeting and gave a very entertaining talk with slides on Cambridge College Gardens which was much enjoyed. Sally Hopkins provided a wonderful Christmas raffle with prizes for everyone. The meeting ended with festival food and wine.

There is no meeting in January. The next will be on 6th February when the speaker, Richard Ayres, will talk about snowdrops and winter intensive plants. Visitors welcome.

Cynthia Rule ☎ 530294

CONGRATULATIONS - Ickleton Sizzlers

Congratulations to the Ickleton Sizzlers group for winning a Community Pride Award – which was announced in the South Cambs magazine. They are a dedicated group of young ladies who enjoy what they do and their prize is thoroughly deserved.

H. Igglesden

Thankyou very much for this note - many congratulations to all the Sizzlers and to their leaders Anne-Marie Hoare and Katherine Denman Johnson for this well deserved award.

Editor

CONGRATULATIONS - Master Chef

The Ickleton Lion's 3 day Master Chef competition culminated on Saturday 3rd December with the grand finale. The contest was won by Tammy Wright – with a sumptuous dish of Beef and Guinness

pie, dumplings and horse radish with honey and chilli glaze, vegetables and potatoes, and a dessert of equal power. The contest was fiercely fought – joint runners up were Lynn Rose and Stella Siwicka. BBC 2 Master Chef competitors eat your heart out!

Editor

THE CHESTERFORDS, ICKLETON AND HINXTON W.I.

“Deck the Halls” was the title of the November meeting when members learned how to make festive arrangements for the front door, hall, dining table etc. from materials gathered from the garden and a little help with ribbons and baubles.

On Wednesday 12th December we all enjoyed a Festive Supper and exchange of Christmas presents and ended with the traditional singing of carols.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th January at 7.45 pm. This will be a crafts meeting including acrylics, crewel work, and cross and spin. Something to suit all the crafts, ladies.

Visitors welcome.

Cynthia Rule ☎ **530294**

SAWSTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL AT SAWSTON MEDICAL CENTRE

New Years' Resolutions! Are you ready!

Weekly health walks: Gentle and unpressured. Make new friends. From the Medical Centre at 11.00 on Tuesdays for an hour followed by coffee. New routes will include trips into Cambridge to some of the University gardens. In December the group all enjoyed an excellent Christmas Lunch at Scotsdales Garden Centre.

Free swimming lesson or aqua fit session? We can still provide a voucher for you to attend a local pool to try out water-based exercise sessions. Exercising in water is hugely beneficial as there is much less chance of straining muscles and damaging joints. Interested? – please ask reception for a voucher.

Losing weight! Are you feeling motivated? We have two weight management programmes here at the practice. “Weigh 2 Go” is one-to-one by appointment during the day. CHIP is a group session fortnightly over 3-months. There are special exercise sessions and dietician led sessions included in the course. Best of all – it's free! The next CHIP session starts on Monday 28 January at 6.30. If you would like to join in please contact me at the practice.

Need help to **stop smoking?** Our nursing team can provide one-to-one support for anyone who is motivated to try, or CAMQUIT can provide group sessions if this is more helpful.

Carers: In November we hosted our first Carers' drop in session which was very well attended and highlighted the need for a local support group. Crossroads Care can provide advice and some help with this and the practice is also keen to support a group. You may like to form a Carers' Group in the day or evening, take an organising role, etc. All ideas are welcome.

Questionnaire We will soon be asking the patient reference group to complete a questionnaire about the practice. If you would like to help there will be paper copies available at the practice for those who do not have internet access. Also, if you would like to join our reference group please sign up via our website. www.sawstonmedicalpractice.co.uk

Jenny Parker - Assistant Practice Manager 01223 727555 jennifer.parker@nhs.net

OVER SIXTIES

There will be no Over Sixties meetings in January.
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th February at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall.
New members welcome.

A happy New Year to everyone.

Mavis Plumb

THE STRETHALL LECTURES 2013

The Strethall lectures have been organised every year since the millennium with the sole purpose of raising funds to support the fabric of the tiny Grade 1 listed Saxon church in the village of Strethall. Each year we have had the support of some quite remarkable speakers and this year should be no exception. The lectures will be held each Friday in February at:

The Friends Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden Time: 8 pm

Friday 3rd February - Tony Molloy - Stories from a 30 year career from the diversely talented actor - "My Life as an Actor and cast member of the Archers and Dr Who"

Friday 8th February - Michael Hall - "G.F.Bodley and Victorian Church Restoration" Architectural editor of Country Life for many years and leading authority on the most influential architect at work in the Church of England by the end of the 19th century.

Friday 15th February - Anthony Penrose – "Hand grenades like Cartier Clips – Lee Miller's life in the world of fashion", by the son of photographer Lee Miller and Roland Penrose, founder of the ICA and biographer of Picasso, Miro et al.

Friday 22nd February - Professor John Burland - "Rescuing the Leaning Tower of Pisa" ...Emeritus Professor of Civil Engineering at Imperial College London and the man who prevented the leaning tower from falling over.

Price: £6.50 or £22.50 for the series.

Tickets from: Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre, Market Place, Saffron Walden ☎ 510444

OR online at <http://www.saffrontickets.com/>

OR by post direct with SAE please to me: Michael Pearson, Primrose Cottage, Catmere End, Saffron Walden, CB11 4XG. Cheque payable to "Friends of Strethall Church".

Any remaining tickets: At the door

Michael Pearson

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ICKLETON DIARY

Tuesday	1st	Church Coffee morning 10.00 am – 12 noon New Years Day!
Friday	4 th	Mobile Library 12.45 pm bottom of Butchers Hill
Wednesday	16 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
	16 th	W.I. meeting 7.45 pm Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt Chesterford
Thursday	17 th	Visting Bellringers 12.00 – 1.15 pm Ickleton church
Early FEBRUARY:		
Wednesday	5 th	Great Chesterford and District Gardening Society 8.00 pm Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford

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