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**All contributions please to 10 Brookhampton Street
Deadline for next Icene Bulletin 20th March**

Thank you to all contributors this month.

Village Litter Pick

Spring cleaning our beautiful village! **Sunday 9th March** - meet 10.30 am at the recreation ground.

Website

Andrew Shepperd and I are trying to sort out a problem of the Icene bulletin missing alternate pages. Apologies to visitors to the site and we will get it sorted.

Editor

PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse Collections during March 2014

Monday	03 March	-	Black Bin
Monday	10 March	-	Green and Blue Bin
Monday	17 March	-	Black Bin
Monday	24 March	-	Green & Blue Bin
Monday	31 March	-	Black Bin

Bins must be placed out by 7am on designated day of collection. Lids on the bins should be closed.

Recycling Centre Thriplow off A505. Opening hours: Every day 08.00 – 16.00 hours during winter. Tel: 01223 839001.

Ickleton Parish Council:

Extracts from the Meeting held on 19 February 2014:

Green Wheelie Bins – Councillor Martin reported that from December 2014 green bins will only be collected monthly for December/January/February. This with other rationalisation of waste collection (not affecting service to residents) will lead to a saving of £450,000 per year.

Planning application(s) received from SCDC:

S0031/14/FL – Garage conversion and extension (Use ancillary to main dwelling) – 15 Birds Close, Ickleton, CB10 1SU – Mr A Paterson. After discussion there were 3 votes For and 3 Against. The Chairman declined to use his casting vote therefore the Councillors made a No Recommendation to SCDC.

Planning application(s) granted by SCDC:

S/1427/13/FL - Proposed new boundary wall – 21 Church Street, Ickleton – Mr P Owen

S/1428.13/FL – Proposed new boundary wall following collapse of existing wall – 21 Church Street, Ickleton – Mr P Owen

S/2476/12/FL – Conversion of redundant Methodist Chapel to a single residential unit and change of use of agricultural land to form rear garden area – Abbey Street, Ickleton – Mr L Duke

SCDC Consultation to carry out tree works subject to a tree preservation order or situated within a conservation area:

C/11/40/054 Remove Plum, Cupressus, Holly – All part of the overall landscaping project – 21 Church Street, Ickleton – Mr P Owen. Approve but would like the Holly to be replaced by one or more.

C/11/40/054 1) Cyprus in front garden – remove to near ground level; 2) Walnut – 2 metre crown reduction; 3) 5 x Leylandii – remove to near ground level; 4) Yew – reduce to 5m + shape all round into ball; 5) Sycamore – 2-3m crown reduction; 6) Bay – reduce height to 1m below laburnum – Gurner House, 20 Church Street – Mrs L Parsons. Approve.

Cemetery - Review Ickleton Burial Board Charges - The Chairman proposed a 1.9% up rating which increased the charges by £1.

CCC - Local Highway Improvements 2013/14 - Since the previous Parish Council meeting, a meeting had been held with the CCC Project Engineer and residents, as a result of which the build out would be located away from the residents driveways as originally understood by the Parish Council. The 30mph signs would be relocated 30 metres outwards from their present position. The repositioning of the speed limit signs is to be advertised shortly.

CCC Local Highway Improvements Initiative 2014/15 The Chairman had attended the panel, which would consider the application for funding the introduction of a 20mph Speed Limit. We expect to know the outcome in March.

CCC Parish Council Grants for Bus Facility Improvements – Real Time Information Displays - We are waiting to hear from CCC regarding the installation date.

Grass Cutting quotations:

The Clerk had written to 8 Contractors inviting them to quote. Two had declined to quote and one had not replied. Three contractors had sent quotations saying that the prices quoted depended on them being awarded the whole contract. Our current contractors had combined their quotation following their successful working together last year, which had raised no complaints. After discussion, the Chairman proposed Lewis Duke seconded that we continue with Charles Frankau and Dominic Pallett.

Litter Bins: Tim Pavelin declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion. It was proposed and agreed to increase the rate from £15 to £20 per week. Thanks were recorded to Albert Pavelin for carrying out this work.

Flooding: The river burst its banks recently. The Parish Council will be expressing its concerns to the Environment Agency about the absence of river maintenance. The Slade in Coploe Road did overflow at one point but the potential flooding was averted by swift action on the part of Lewis Duke and Duncan Fraser, for which much thanks. The Parish Council is increasing its small supply of sandbags. Residents in the immediate vicinity of Coploe Road should be aware that there is a flood risk here, and Abbey Street residents also need to be aware of the possibility of flooding should it not be possible to contain the Slade. If we had experienced the rainfall that Saffron Walden had recently we may have been facing a much more serious situation.

Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to protect their own properties as much as possible. More information is available on the South Cambridgeshire District Council's website www.scambs.gov.uk/content/flooding. The District Council will try to help residents whose properties are in imminent risk of flooding by, for instance, supplying sandbags, but everyone should understand that at a time of crisis the supplies may not be immediately forthcoming. It would therefore be prudent to consider whether your own house is at risk of being flooded if there is an extreme weather event and to take precautions such as obtaining your own sandbags beforehand.

Ickleton Post Office – Tim Pavelin declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion. In view of the Post Offices in Duxford and Gt Chesterford closing our village Post Office is being used by residents from those villages. The Chairman had met with Mr Odedra who is very willing to maintain and improve Post Office services to Ickleton and nearby villages, but the responses received from the Post Office to his suggestions have been inflexible and impractical. The situation raises concerns, which are not confined to Ickleton and its village shop, and it was agreed that the Chairman would write a letter to Mr Andrew Lansley MP with a copy to Sir Alan Hazlehurst MP.

Cambridgeshire Police Neighbourhood Panel Meeting – 13 February 2014 – Jocelyn Flitton and Glynis Hammond had attended this meeting in Sawston. The police had carried out ‘Operation Oaklands’ for 30 days and had visited villages carrying out daytime and night-time checks on insecure

properties/vehicles. Speeding issues and parking were still presenting problems. SCDC reported that fly tipping was the most common thing reported to them. Cambridge Fire & Rescue Services said Bin Fires take up quite a lot of their resources. The next meeting is on Thursday 12 June 2014 at Linton Heights Junior School, followed by a meeting on Thursday 16 October 2014 in Fulbourn.

SCDC Thermal Imaging Camera available for home energy surveying –The Parish Council has arranged to borrow a Thermal Imaging Camera from SCDC for one week 13th – 20th March. SCDC will be holding a training session in the Village Hall on Thursday 13 March between 7.30pm and 8.30pm. We are looking for up to a dozen volunteers to be trained in the use of these cameras, which can be used to see where houses in the village are thermally inefficient. Will people interested in the training please contact the Clerk. Places will be given on a first come and first served basis. Any resident interested in having their house surveyed should also let the Clerk know. If there is excess demand another week will be arranged later in the year.

Jocelyn Flitton (Parish Clerk) ☎ 530407 josflitton@tiscali.co.uk

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Medical Car Scheme	John and Sue Fowler	☎ 531779
Village Hall Bookings	David and Jean Whitaker	☎ 531287
Neighbourhood Watch	Glynis Hammond	☎ 07918 647504
	glynis.hammond@gmail.com	
Police (reporting a crime non-emergency)		☎ 101

CHURCH NOTICES

Priest-in-Charge	Rev Dr Jessica Martin	☎ 01223 832137 hinkledux@googlemail.com
Churchwarden	Rosemary McKillen (plus one vacancy)	☎ 530475
Prayer Ministry	Monica Lilley	☎ 530224
Lay Ministers	Julie Baillie	☎ 530684
	Judith Wright	☎ 530740

Church Electoral Roll

The annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll will take place at the beginning of April. The existing Roll will be displayed in the Church Porch between Friday 21st March and Friday 4th April. Please would anyone wishing to make an amendment to the Roll, or who wishes to add themselves to the Roll, please contact me. Many thanks.
Frances Payne, Electoral Roll Officer ☎ 530366

Coffee Mornings - at the church

Coffee mornings are now once a month – on the **first Tuesday - 4th March** 10.00 - 12.00. The cakes are always delicious.

All welcome. These are friendly social occasions for all ages – from toddlers to the tottering.

Charity Coffee Morning

Our coffee morning on **Tuesday 6th of May** is part of the Cake Break initiative which is organised nationally by the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Do please drop in to the church and help to support this worthy cause – it would be great if we could reach the £200 target this time around.

Rosemary McKillen, Churchwarden

Food Bank - at the church

Donations of food to help people in need. Leave in the church at any time. The following are particularly welcomed: Tinned sponge puddings; long life fruit juice cartons; UHT or powdered milk; granulated sugar 500g; pasta sauces in jars; jams; snack bars, sweetie and crisp treats. All will go to the Cambridge City Food Bank.

Books - at the church You can *buy* books – in the church entrance. Proceeds to church funds. *No more books needed at present please.*

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's day of prayer is on **Friday 7th March**. It is being held in St Mary's Church, Little Chesterford commencing at 2.30 p.m. The theme is praying for Egypt and the speaker will be Reverend Paula Griffiths.

Rosemary McKillen

News from the Rectory

I'm sitting in bright blowy sunlight after another wild night of storm. We've been listening to the wind whistling all night and wondering if the trees at the back of the house will stand. They have - and sun, primroses, crocuses and a rushing, changing sky are all telling us it is finally spring.

'Once a year all things turn' writes the 17th century divine Lancelot Andrewes. He is thinking of the way that the world turns towards spring, the way that new life emerges out of the death of the old year. And he is also thinking about how lives turn, about how the spring season is also the season of Lent.

'Repent' is a word associated with old-time preaching on hellfire. But 'repent' just means 'turn around'. Andrewes is saying, 'turn around towards life, turn towards refreshment and regeneration, turn towards the new possibilities waiting for you.' He is saying that facing God is like facing towards the spring and away from winter.

Lent begins on March 5th with a solemn service at which we remember that we are mortal, the 'Ash Wednesday' ceremony (Duxford Church, 8.00 pm) where our foreheads are marked with ash and we are reminded that we are dust. But all the rest of Lent is about how we *renew* our lives, and we'll be meeting regularly on Thursday evenings from March 13th to discuss the Beatitudes, ('Blessing sayings') of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount, and what they might mean for us. Why not come and join us? – you might find something new. Venues will move between different people's houses, beginning at 8.00 pm on Thursday 13th March at 28 Moorfield Road, Duxford. Do contact me on 07780 704006 or jessicamartin@virginmedia.com if you are interested either in coming or in hosting. If mornings are better for you we are also meeting on Thursday mornings, beginning 13th, at Duxford URC at 10.30, following it with a lunch supporting Christian Aid. We would love to see you.

Jessica Martin

Church Finances

Our annual payments to the Diocese are increasing yet again this year and despite your generous donations on Gift Day we continue to struggle financially. For those of you who are taxpayers the most helpful support, however great or small, is by covenant. A covenant can be opened for any amount and paid monthly, quarterly or yearly by Direct Debit. It can be changed or stopped at any time and doesn't have to be for any particular length of time.

Anyone who would like to give regularly by covenant is very welcome to contact Colin Hayes (cjfhayes@btopenworld.com or ☎ 530373) who will explain the process and handle the paperwork. Individual arrangements are always treated in the strictest confidence.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Granta Deanery Spring Fair

**Saturday 15th March 10.00 – 12.00 at
Great Shelford Memorial Hall**

This fair raises much needed funds for our Deanery. If you can help please see the list on the pillar table in the church. We need cakes, preserves, bottles, plus tombola prizes and White Elephant items (not electrical) .

Donations please to Hilary Rule at 5 Mill Lane or Rosemary McKillen at 5 Priory Close. Many thanks.

Hilary Rule



Bright and early before the main morning service!

Sunday 16th March, 9.15 – 10 am

In **Hinxton Church** for crafts and creative things and to celebrate God's love and care for us

Services for March

Sunday 2 nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
1 st before Lent	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School	ICKLETON
	6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	HINXTON
Wednesday 5 th	8.00 pm	Solemn Eucharist and Imposition	DUXFORD
Ash Wednesday		of Ashes	
Sunday 9 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
Lent 1	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School	DUXFORD
	5.00 pm	Taize service	ICKLETON
Thursday 13 th	10.30 am	Lent Discussion Group, followed by lunch	DUXFORD URC
	8.00 pm	Lent Discussion Group, venue tbc	
Sunday 16 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	ICKLETON
Lent 2	9.15 am	Messy Church	HINXTON
	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist	HINXTON
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer with Laying on of Hands	DUXFORD
Thursday 20 th	10.30 am	Lent Discussion Group, followed by lunch	DUXFORD URC
	8.00 pm	Lent Discussion Group at 28 Moorfield Road, Duxford	
Sunday 23 rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
Lent 3	10.00 am	Lent All-Age Service	DUXFORD
	6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	ICKLETON
Thursday 27 th	10.30 am	Lent Discussion Group, followed by lunch	DUXFORD URC
	8.00 pm	Lent Discussion Group, venue tbc	
Sunday 30 th	10.00 am	Joint 3 Churches Mothering Sunday	ICKLETON
Mothering Sunday		Service	

THE CHESTERFORDS, ICKLETON AND HINXTON W.I.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 19th March** and is the Annual General meeting, at 7.45 pm in the Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford as usual.

Cynthia Rule ☎ 530294

OVER SIXTIES

The next meetings are on **Wednesdays 5th and 19th March** at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Mavis Plumb

Great Chesterford and District Garden Society

The society enjoyed an excellent talk in February by Geoff Hodge on House Plant Care, and the meeting was well attended.

The next meeting will be the **Spring Party on Wednesday 5th March at 8 pm** at the Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford. There will be a quiz, with cheese and wine. Charge £2 per head including refreshments. Members and non-members most welcome.

Catherine Cocks ☎ 531125

SAVE THE DATE - SHAKESPEARE IS COMING TO ICKLETON

The Ickleton Theatre Group is delighted to announce that The Festival Players Theatre Company will be presenting an out-door performance of Shakespeare's **Comedy of Errors** on **Bank Holiday Monday 25 August** in the grounds of The Old Vicarage, by kind permission of Martin and Penny Woodhead.

Look out for more details in next month's Icene.



Congratulations

To **Ellie and Chris** of Coploe Rise who are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Lily Erin Taylor, sister to Lauren and Grace Bridgeman and to Daisy Taylor.

Clare Driver ☎ 531958 or clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk

To **Poppy and John Carder** on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 19th December. Now resident in Sawston they lived for more than forty years in Ickleton from 1952 to 1996. They celebrated the day with family and a delicious cake. From Tina and Carol – who used to live in Birds Close.

Tina (nee Carder) and Ian Papworth

Big Spring Clean

Sunday 9th March 10.30 am

Ickleton Society in partnership with the Parish Council, the Village Hall Committee, the Wellcome Trust and the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Lets clean up our beautiful village! Please join us for a litter picking up hour.

Meet at the recreation ground. Refreshments provided.
Gloves, grabbers, bags and high visibility jackets provided.

Turn up on the day or contact **Clare Driver ☎ 531958 or clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk**

ICKLETON BADMINTON CLUB Tuesday evenings

A number of local residents play badminton at the village hall on a Tuesday evening from 8:00 pm until

around 10:00pm (some keen players often carry on after!). There are various playing abilities and it is less competitive than most formal clubs but we are always looking for new players to join us.

We charge a nominal fee each week to cover costs for hall hire, nets, etc. with reduced payment for unemployed and juniors/students. If you would like to find out more please turn up at the hall where one of us will welcome you or contact

David Bushell 07733 151613 GDCT@btconnect.com

ICKLETON SOCIETY

Wine Tasting, Friday 28 March – we're very pleased to announce that Sebastian Payne has once again agreed to host a wine tasting in the Village Hall Meeting Room at 7.30pm on 28 March. As those of you who have been to previous wine tastings will know, this will be a great evening with a selection of interesting and unusual wines (none of your run of the mill supermarket plonk!) and lots of cheese and nibbles. The charge is £16 for members and £17.50 for non-members. Numbers are strictly limited so if you'd like to come along, contact Neil McKillen (tel 530475) as soon as possible.

Walk and Picnic, Bank Holiday Monday 5 May – following the success of the walk and lunchtime picnic held last year, we will be organizing a similar event this year. This is free and open to everyone in the village and their visitors. More details nearer the time.

AGM and Talk "The Great War in the Countryside", Wednesday 14 May – in this year of the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, we're really pleased that local historian Helen Harwood from Great Shelford has agreed to give this talk which she will bring to life using specific people's stories, for example that of a village baker who had a "good war"; another about a conscientious objector. She will talk about the fight between the military and the farmers to try and keep workers on the land, about soldiers billeted locally, bombing raids and being able to hear the guns on the front even here, and lastly the aftermath of the war. The short AGM will be at 7.30pm, free wine and nibbles at 8pm and the talk will start at about 8.30pm. Free to members (you can join on the night). Non-members are welcome to come along for a small charge of £3.

How the Luftwaffe Spied on Ickleton! - the Ickleton Society has been fortunate enough to acquire two German aerial photos of Ickleton and Duxford from 1940. Two weeks after they were taken, a Luftwaffe reconnaissance aircraft and its crew were forced down and captured intact at Oakington. Read the whole story and see the pictures on the village website!

What Else is New on the Web Site – (accessible from the village website or at <http://www.ickleton.org.uk/gallery/main.php>). Alongside the Luftwaffe photos we have included smaller copies of the 1949 and 1962 aerial photos of the village which we have had in the archive for some time. Bill and Gill Holgate have kindly let us copy a few of their photos including a couple of lovely ones of Bill's mother Dorothy, Nibby Human and Mr Seekings in fancy dress. Perhaps this was at Victory Day celebrations in 1946 – see the information with the photo and if you can add to this, please do get in touch. There are also some more photos from the collection of the late Elisabeth Wamsley including a few of Jack Wamsley's 90th birthday celebrations, the Scales family and Valance Farm.

Rachel Radford ☎ 530994

FLOODS - Note of Thanks

With the dreadful rain and flooding across the country we have so far been extremely fortunate. However a special note of thanks to Derek and Ray Plumb for the fortuitous timing of the ditch dredging on Frogge Street this year. The newly raised up banks have provided extra height to raised water levels and have been allowed to settle down naturally for the wildlife and fauna and flora to redevelop as undisturbed as possible. This ditch has been full for weeks now and without it I wonder what might have occurred in Frogge Street and other areas by the river that rely on the flood plains.

Also a special note of thanks to the farmers of the village who quietly go about creating avenues of escape for potential floods and packing sandbags when needed to prevent water flooding the village.

Clare Driver

CARE ADVICE

Drop-in sessions

Cambridgeshire County Council - Free and confidential advice about support for adults with long-term needs and for their carers.

At the Horizon Centre, 285 Coldhams Lane, Cambridge CB1 3HY (near the roundabout opposite Sainsburys). Between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

Sessions remaining: Wednesday 26th February - Activity session: Chair-based exercise

Wednesday 26th March – Info from the Village Benefits Advice Team

For further information phone 01480 377616 / 01480 373220

RAGT Seeds

B and B accommodation required in summer months

RAGT Seeds Limited is a leading European plant breeding company based in Grange Road, Ickleton.

During the summer we employ seasonals, mainly vacation students, to assist with the harvesting of our cereal crops and we have vacancies during June, July, August and September (placements are for approximately 6 weeks).

We are looking for good, reasonably priced bed and breakfast accommodation for our European students, as well as some around the UK, in Ickleton and surrounding villages.

If you are able to assist us please contact:

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ICKLETON DIARY

MARCH		
Tuesday	4 th	Church Coffee morning 10.00 am – 12 noon
Wednesday	5 th	Over Sixties 2.30 pm Village Hall
		Great Chesterford and District Gardening Society – Spring Party 8.00 pm The Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford
Friday	7 th	Mobile Library 12.45 pm bottom of Butchers Hill
Sunday	9 th	Litter Pick 10.30 am Recreation Ground
Wednesday	19 th	Over Sixties 2.30 pm Village Hall
		W.I. AGM 7.45 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford
		Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
Friday	28 th	Ickleton Society Wine Tasting 7.30 pm Village Hall
APRIL		
Wednesday	16 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall

Badminton	Tuesdays	7.30 pm	Village Hall
WEA course	Wednesdays from 8th January	10.00 am	Village Hall
Short mat bowls	Thursdays	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Village Hall
Ickleton Cricket Club	Winter Nets Thursdays from 30 th January	8 pm	Sawston Village College

