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Thank you to contributors to this month's edition, and a Happy Christmas to all Ickletonians and their families. The deadline for January 2024 Icene is **17th December** to allow printing to be done before the New Year. Meanwhile there's plenty to keep you occupied in Ickleton this month, including lots of carol singing.

Ickleton Village Local Services and Regular Events See the back two pages...See about the food bank and help for Christmas (p 11).

Gala Evening Friday 8th 7 - 9 pm at the Village Hall. Tickets £10. Drinks reception, nibbles, music and craft stalls including hand-crafted by local artisans. Numbers limited. Please book by email. See page 3

Christmas Fair Saturday 9th 10 am - 4 pm at the Village Hall. Craft stalls as for the Gala Evening. **Santa Claus will visit!** – you can book a slot with Glynis. See page 3.

Parish Council Meeting The delayed visit of Wellcome/Urban&Civic representative will be on **Wednesday 13th** December. Also note that the Uttlesford Local Plan consultation ends on 18th December. See page 3.

Social Club and Sunday Socials during the month. The usual openings and times, plus other seasonal openings and events. See page 6 for all details

Carol Singing around the village - Join us on **Wednesday 20th** December, from 6.15 pm. Great fun. We also need collectors (who need not sing). Refreshments after. See page 5.

The **Fabulous 4 Village Orchestra** at Duxford on **Saturday 2nd** December. See page 8.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse collections during December

Tuesday	5 th December	Blue and Green bin
Tuesday	12 th December	Black bin
Tuesday	19 th December	Blue and Green bin
WEDNESDAY	27 th December	Black bin

Please Note

Thriplow Household Recycling Centre is open between 8 am and **4 pm** - the winter schedule, seven days a week. Entrance gates shut 10 minutes before closing time. It is not necessary to book visits to the site. Visits using vehicles or trailers requiring e-permits will be registered by site staff on arrival at a HRC, as they were prior to the introduction of the booking system, with no requirement to book visits in advance. For more information visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/thriplow-recycling-centre

Ickleton Parish Council meeting

Extracts from the meeting on 15th November 2023. Your attention is drawn to the following:

Reports from South Cambs District and Cambridge County Councillors

Council Financial Health

Councils across the UK are facing a collective budget gap of over £3 billion, according to recent research by the Local Government Association and Unison. South Cambridgeshire District Council is one of only 9 councils in the region that has no shortfall, with a balanced budget for the forthcoming financial year.

Homes for Ukraine update

The council has recently launched a Homes for Ukraine Landlord Incentive Scheme. Landlords who are able to provide properties in South Cambridgeshire will qualify for a financial incentive. To express interest, please sign up here, email HFULiaison@Scambs.gov.uk or call the Home for Ukraine team on 01954 71341

Fostering Teenagers

The Cambridgeshire Fostering Service is asking parents whose own children have flown the nest, either to attend university or gain independence in other ways, to consider fostering vulnerable young people.

Planning information from SCDC:

For consideration

Reference: S/4329/18/COND21 Proposal: Submission of details required by condition 21 (Design Guide) of planning permission S/4329/18/OL. Site address: Wellcome Genome Campus.

Public link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/S/4329/18/COND21>
Amendment – updated design guide. Closing date for response 13th November. No comment required.

Reference: 23/04112/S73. Site address: 10 Church Street. Proposal: S73 to vary condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission 22/03827/HFUL (Part single storey, part two storey rear extension and velux roof windows to front elevation) removal of work to first floor level except a small dormer window.

Public Access Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/04112/S73>

It was resolved to support this application.

Information only applications

Reference: 23/01028/CONDA Site: Valance Farm Elmdon Road. Proposal: Submission of details required by condition 3(External Material) of planning permission 23/01028/FUL

Web Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/01028/CONDA>

Reference: 22/05270/CONDA Proposal: Submission of details required by condition 3 (Protection and Support) and 4 (Timber Frame Repairs) of listed building consent 22/05270/LBC. Site: 27 Church Street.

Web Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/05270/CONDA>

Reference: 22/05269/CONDA. Site: 27 Church Street. Proposal: Submission of details required by condition 4 (Roof Details), 5 (Roof Details), 6 (Render details) and 8 (Scheme of Ecology Enhancement) of planning permission 22/05269/HFUL

Web Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/22/05269/CONDA>

Reference: 23/01620/CONDA. Site: The Old Grange, Grange Road. Proposal: Submission of details required by condition 4(Biodiversity Enhancements) of planning permission 23/01620/FUL

Web Link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/01620/CONDA>

Reference: 23/01699/CONDA. Site: 31 Frogge Street. Proposal: Submission of details required by conditions 4(Biodiversity Net Gain), 8(Surface Water Drainage) and 10 (Carbon Emission) of planning permission 23/01699/FUL

Web link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/01699/CONDA>

Planning decisions

Reference: 23/03399/FUL. Site: Land At Duxford Road. Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building

Web link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/03399/FUL>

Decision: Granted Permission

Tree Works

Reference: 23/1260/TTCA. Proposal: Dying Catalpa – Fell. Site address: 7 Church Street Ickleton

Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/1260/TTCA>

No comment.

Reference: 23/1261/TTCA. Proposal: Silver Birch - Reduce spread on side overhanging neighbouring garden (7 Church Street) by up to 2.5m and taper into each side to retain spread along fence line. Site address: 1 Mill Lane

Public Access link: <https://applications.greatercambridgeplanning.org/online-applications/PLAN/23/1261/TTCA>

No comment.

Wellcome / Urban&Civic representative visit After two attempts, we hope for third time lucky at the next Paris Council meeting on Wednesday 13th December, when Caroline Foster of Urban&Civic should be on hand to give an update on the Genome Campus Expansion project. A chance to hear at first hand how Ickleton and its residents are likely to be affected over the next year or so. All are invited to attend.

For information on the following...

Visit the Ickleton Parish Council website - <https://www.ickletonparishcouncil.org.uk>

Uttlesford local plan – draft local plan consultation ends 18th December 2023.

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire Survey – Primary Care including GP access. Closes 17th December 2023.

Cambridge Carbon Footprint – thermal imaging camera loans (free).

Cost of living support - a campaign to urge residents to make full use of help available

M11 planned road closures

Christmas Holiday Scheme for children in receipt of income related Free School Meals

The website also includes the full minutes of Parish Council meetings.

Barbara Benn, Parish Clerk, E-mail: clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk

ICKLETON UNITED CHARITIES Getrude Homes - Vacancy

A vacancy for the middle bungalow, 7 Frogge Street, has now arisen. The bungalow has a bright airy lounge, bedroom with ensuite facilities, and a modern kitchen with built-in cooker and microwave. Residents' contributions are set at a very reasonable level, and include heating and hot water.

We are open to receive applications from people who have local connections.

Please apply (in writing) to the Clerk, Jos Flitton, at 1 Abbey Street. E-mail: jos.flitton1943@gmail.com

Christmas Fair – Saturday 9th December 10am to 4pm Ickleton Village Hall.

This not to be missed event will be packed with beautiful handmade gifts. There will be stalls offering an inspired selection of unique, quality, handmade creations including: jewellery, cards, wreaths, soaps, honey, candles, Christmas decorations, cakes to name but a few.

It's the opportunity to buy unique gifts you won't find on the high street.

Father Christmas will also be paying us a visit!...if you would like to book a slot please contact Glynis.

Gala Event – Friday 8th December 7 to 9pm Ickleton Village Hall

Drinks reception with canapes, cocktails, carols from a local choir and the perfect opportunity to shop for gifts and decorations from local makers and artisans. What more could you ask for - bubbles, fancy nibbles, carols, music, shopping and all without moving your car. The planning for this event has taken months and all proceeds will go to support our beautiful church. Please support us.

This is ticket only £10... Contact glynis.hammond@googlemail.com

Glynis Hammond

Art Exhibition and Sale

Very many thanks indeed to all the people, from Hinxton and Duxford as well as Ickleton, who came to my exhibition on Nov 4th and 5th. You bought 18 of my pictures, lots of cards, and many people made generous donations too.

We raised over £2,000 for the fund to restore the historic wallpaintings in the church, a valuable step towards preserving this precious part of Ickleton's heritage.

For those who had hoped to come but couldn't, I still have a number of paintings available, all of East Anglian scenes. They would make lovely Christmas presents!

Contact me via email cjf.hayes@gmail.com

Colin Hayes

ICKLETON TALKS

On 9th November, to an audience of over a hundred, Hinxton resident and member of the British Antarctic Survey executive **Steve Marshall** led us on a journey into the frozen land of Antarctica - 4 kilometres depth of ice on top of a continent the size of the whole of Europe.

Steve trained and practised as a plumber before joining the Antarctic Survey - also as a plumber, and subsequently became a base commander - running the practical stuff - supplies, operations, transport, building work, and training people not to fall into crevasses and how to get out if they did.

It was thoroughly instructive and entertaining, illustrated with video and photos of the prolific wild life. He briefly, but critically, showed us the graphs of 50,000 years of the world's average temperatures, cycling up and down some ten times, but now, soaring up and away beyond anything ever recorded before. And now the detachment of icebergs the size of a city into the ocean.

The next talk, on Thursday 11th January, by our District and County Councillor **Peter McDonald**, will focus on what our local councils can and do do, and can't, in the running of the country.

Put this date in your diaries!

Editor

CHURCH NOTICES

Vicar Rev Lydia Smith 01223 690211 revlydiasmith@gmail.com
Churchwarden Jenny Duke jenny@jennyduke.co.uk
Lay Minister Derek Munday llm.munday@btinternet.com

For details of joining for prayer, worship, study, and community life, see: www.hinkledux.com

In emergency please telephone Jenny Duke.

Church Services for DECEMBER

Sunday	3 rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WHITTLESFORD
		10.00 am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club	ICKLETON
Sunday	10 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	HINXTON
		6.30 pm	Carol Service	ICKLETON
Sunday	17 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
		4.00 pm	Christingle	ICKLETON
Sunday	24 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	ICKLETON
Christmas Eve		4.00 pm	Christingle	HINXTON
		11.00 pm	Midnight Mass	DUXFORD
Monday	25 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	HINXTON
Christmas Day		10.00 am	Family Celebration	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	Christmas Family Communion	ICKLETON
Sunday	31 st	10.00 am	Joint Service	WHITTLESFORD

Check www.hinkledux.com for all services and extra Christmas events in all three parishes

A special thank you to all those who supported the running of our beautiful church on gift day.

Complines, Prayers for peace in Ukraine and Bible Study – please check the website for the dates of these this month.

YOUTHINC: Christmas gathering after Christingle on 17th December

Advent Studies - *Making sense of Christmas*

This December there will be two special Advent sessions entitled *Making sense of Christmas*, which will be held in Hinxton on **5th and 12th December** 10.15 am - midday. Anyone is welcome to attend and please do be in touch if you would like a lift.

Newly composed carol setting The Church of England commissioned Bob Chilcott to write a new setting of The First Nowell which the choir is planning to sing at **Ickleton's carol service on 10 December**.

If you would like to join in, come to a rehearsal after the service on **Sunday 3** December. Please contact Rob Jeffrey or email Lydia (revlydiasmith@gmail.com) if you would like to see the sheet music in advance. You can listen to it at <https://soundcloud.com/oupacademic/carols-for-choirs-6-bob-chilcott-the-first-nowell>.



At the heart of the very first Christmas, there's that astounding moment when shepherds find the night sky filled with angels singing. Through this other-worldly music, shepherds and angels, humans and heaven, draw closer together.

It feels an age since we were frantically working out how to hold carol services when singing was barely acceptable. COVID 19 cast a shadow over at least two Christmases. While I loved the creativity that generated drive-in carols and churchyard crib services, there was still something sad about sitting at home on one's own, joining in (muted, of course) on Zoom. But this year we can sing together and perhaps we'll

find that singing can help draw us closer to God and each other in the journey towards Christmas. That we will find in favourite carols and songs a new and deeper meaning.

There are plenty of opportunities to join in the singing in the Hinkledux churches this year, with **carol services** at Hinxton and Ickleton. Then there's our first ever Christmas Tree Festival in Duxford, incorporating a host of beautifully decorated trees, along with a festive **singalong and carol concert** from Duxford Community Choir.

Details of services and events in each of the churches are in our Christmas card and on our website and Facebook page. And if you're interested in exploring what the Christmas story could mean for you, a great place to start is with a series of 12 seasonal reflections from the Church of England: *Follow the Star: Join the Song*. You can sign up for emails at <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/sign-our-emails> or look for the app for your phone.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas **Lydia**

PUB LUNCH Tuesday 12th December 12 noon Red Lion, Hinxton

The Pub Lunch Club has restarted every second Tuesday in the month at the Red Lion, Hinxton.

Pre orders to jonsmith@supanet.com by the Sunday before please. Menu at the pub's website: <https://redlionhinxton.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/RLH-Menu-Autumn-2023-2.pdf> **Jon Smith**

CHURCH BELLRINGING

Monday night practice will revert to the first Monday in the month - 4th December, 7.30 – 9 pm

Visiting bellringers Saturday 16th December 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

David Lilley

Carols for all to join in – at the Social Club on **Sunday 17th December** from 12 noon - see page 6.

And if all this carolling is not enough!... we welcome singers (and collectors) to join for...

CAROL SINGING round the village Wednesday 20th December from 6.15 pm

All welcome – young, old and in-between. We simply sing together from carol sheets with the words and just follow the leader et al! Bring a torch. Also – we need people to knock on doors and collect – if you prefer not to sing!

Start **6.15 pm at Grange Road/Coploe Road corner**. For latecomers joining we proceed via Birds Close, Back Lane and the Closes, then back to Abbey Street...etc.

The collection this year will be for charities engaged directly in medical and humanitarian aid in Gaza.

After the singing – refreshments, solid and liquid, chez Penny and John Williams, 10 Brookhampton St.
Join us!

Any questions - contact **John Williams** johnwilliams@havmail.co.uk

SOCIAL CLUB DECEMBER DATES

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Club open from 8.30 pm...

...Earlier when we have cover from our volunteers.. Updates will be sent via ickleinfo and social club news on watsapp, and also watch for the blackboard by the front door.

SUNDAY LUNCHTIME DRINKS 12 - 2 pm

3rd and 17th December

SUNDAY SOCIALS

Every Sunday evening with music. 7.30 to 10.30 pm, all welcome

MONDAY FIVE O'CLOCK CLUB

Every Monday 5pm to 7 pm
Drinks with friends and neighbours

Saturday December 2nd - Harvest Horkey – from 7.30 pm

Live music from "Allotment" [a Cambridge based folky band], and "Revenge of the Popsies" [a homage to the "Popsies" who decades ago were renowned for anarchic fun].

Acts will start around 8 pm. Small donations to cover expenses greatly appreciated.

Saturday December 16th – Christmas Draw – 7.30 pm onwards

50p per ticket on sale from the bar

Sunday December 17th – Christmas Merriment – 12 to 2 pm

Carols and songs around the piano including the Social Club 'choir'

Sausage rolls, mince pies, mulled wine

Sunday December 24th – Christmas Eve Drinks – 6 to 9 pm

Monday December 25th – Christmas Day Drinks – 12 to 2 pm

Sunday December 31st – New Years Eve – 7.30 to 1 am

Come and dance your way into 2024

Monday January 1st 2024 – New Years Day – Hair of the Dog - 12.30 to 3 pm

We are a members club - Annual Membership fees are:

Under 65's £10

Seniors £5

Guests £1

The Social Club is a wonderful village asset and is completely run by hard working volunteers.
We warmly welcome all, and we thank you for supporting our efforts.

The Social Café – also at the Social Club: on Fridays 12 – 3 pm.

Soup, bread, tea, coffee and cakes .

Anne-Marie Hoare

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society) Chair - Pauline Gale

The Society, covering villages including the Chesterfords, Ickleton and Hinxton, organises meetings, talks, outings and events for those interested in gardens & gardening. New members and visitors always welcome.

Next event **The Society's BULB Stall - Saturday 2nd December 10.30 - 11.30 am**

At The Sycamores, opposite Great Chesterford School playground (School Street)

A good opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts or treat yourself!

Next meeting **Wednesday 6th December 8 pm at Ickleton Village Hall**

THE WINTER GARDEN

Speaker: Brian Wickenden - Garden lecturer for 20 years, photographer and plant lover

Recent Meeting

Dr. Twigs Way is a regular speaker at the society. Her talk this month was an unusual subject - *The Unexpected History of Garden Gnomes*.

European countries have their 'little people' – rarely seen, but believed to be a force for evil or good...trolls, leprechauns, but always gnomes in Britain. In the 19th century, it was fashionable for the upper classes to bring back small wooden gnomes from the Alps and Bavaria, as mementos. Sir Charles Edmund Isham (an eccentric wealthy landowner) is credited with their introduction when he introduced a number of terracotta figures from Germany and had them placed in his vast garden rockery at Lamport Hall in Northants, where the last of his gnomes, nicknamed 'Lampy' survives today – insured for £1 million.

During WW1 German troops had 'dwarves' as mascots which caused the gnomes to fall out of fashion in Britain. Post WW2 the Disney corporation made the film of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' in which the colourful dwarves had more rounded and friendly features and in the 1970's began the manufacture of the plastic and resin garden gnomes that we see today.

Best Bloom Competition - Autumn Colours 1st: Charlotte D 2nd: Pauline G 3rd: Steve G

Caldrees Manor visit

The delayed visit to Caldrees Manor in Ickleton took place on Thursday 9th November. The autumnal colours were stunning, and enjoyed by more than 20 members and guests.

Photographs can be seen at the Great Chesterford & District Gardening Society Facebook page.

WETLANDS WALKS

The **final wildlife walk** of the year will take place on **Wednesday 13th December**, 12 noon to 1 pm, mainly led by Iain Webb from the Wildlife Trust. Meet at 12 on the wooden bridge between the wetlands and the main Genome Campus.

Bat Survey

The Wildlife Trust have conducted a bat survey, covering part of campus, the wetlands, and grassy lane. There were good numbers of bats recorded, the majority of which were soprano pipistrelles, which were thought to reside there. In addition there were six other species of bat, more likely passing through. Whilst setting up some of the equipment for the survey, Iain spotted evidence of water voles on the river bank. Water voles had pretty much disappeared from the upper Cam due to predation by American mink. The upper Cam is now thought to be an important area for the survival of these lovely creatures.

Clearance Work

The wetlands wouldn't exist without proper maintenance. Regular walkers of the wetlands will have noticed that the wildflower meadow was cut a couple of months ago. Over the next couple of months there will be

major clearance of the ponds and the surrounding trees. It will look quite drastic, but without this work the ponds would silt up and the area would become alder scrub. The main clearance is planned for January and I will try to get the dates for inclusion in next month's Icene. For safety reasons the wetlands will have to be closed for around a week.

David Keating

Thirty years of Froggies!

On Monday 23rd October, families from Ickleton and neighbouring villages gathered for a big party to celebrate three decades of the village playgroup Froglets. Built from the existing 'Ickleton under 5s group' run by village mums including Ann Godfrey, Lizzie Driver and Kathy Warren Wilson, Froglets has been run continuously since 1993 by Anne-Marie Hoare and a committee of volunteer helpers.

The party saw Froggies families past and present celebrate with home-made cakes, a special storytime featuring a beautiful Froglets story written by current Froggies parents, and a special 'Froglets 30' banner decorated with the children's handprints.

We're lucky to have such a warm and welcoming group in the village, where so many friendships have been made for life between children and parents. Speaking of Froglets, Anne-Marie said: *"Froglets is a wonderful start to the week – one that I always cherished when my own kids were little and I still cherish it now. It's testament to our tribe, our community and to many people that I watched as a child organising events in the village. Froglets is special because everyone mucks in and supports each other. Already some of our Froggies babies are now my helpers. Our kids watch and learn, and the circle continues. How blessed we all are to live here."*

Voices from the party

Mandy Jeffery: *"It's so important to know you're not alone and Froglets provides that mutual support and friendship. It's fantastic to see the group still going strong today."*

Sharon Gilbert: *"When we moved here, Anne-Marie and her sisters were some of the first people we met. I made such good friends with mums who had kids the same age, Froglets just brought us all together."*

Livvy Varley (age 12): *"Froglets was so fun. There was always a theme, which meant something new to do every week. Anne-Marie is Froglets, it wouldn't be the same without her!"*

Susie Lober: *"Froglets meant the world to me. It got me up and going on a Monday morning and the friendships I made were friendships for life. We bonded over this playgroup, it was incredible. We always wanted the reputation as the friendliest playgroup around, and we were very proud to be a warm and welcoming place for everyone."*

Claire Wheeldon: *"For me, Froglets is about friendship, community and a really safe place for everyone to be themselves. There's always someone there to check you're OK. Anne-Marie is one of the most generous and thoughtful people I know and the children absolutely love her."*

Iona Wheeldon (age 5): *I like the crafts, and the play horse, and dressing up like princesses and spiderman."*

There was universal agreement that Froglets wouldn't be the same without Anne-Marie. Described as 'Mary Poppins' and the 'Childcare oracle of Ickleton', her ability to know who needs an extra hug on a Monday morning, to know exactly what to say at the right time, and to be a clear and calm voice to those who need it most, continues to be valued by so many parents and carers in the village.

The event is also raising money for Froglets and Arthur Rank Hospice, a cause close to Anne-Marie's heart. You can donate online at https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Froglets-is-30?utm_term=ZqZ752EPV

Froglets takes place in Ickleton Village Hall every Monday morning 9.30 - 11.30am and costs £3 per child (£2 for siblings).

Christmas with The Fabulous 4 Villages Orchestra

Saturday 2nd December 7.30pm at Duxford Primary School

They're back...and guess what: IT'S CHRIIISSSTMAAAS !

And they're back at Duxford Primary School.

4VO is a local orchestra with members drawn mainly from the four villages of Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford and Hinxton. By popular demand, the Fabulous 4VO will present its Christmas Concert to get the season off to

a wonderful toe-tapping start. Why, it's like a Fairytale of New York – and funnily enough that's just what you'll be hearing from our guest singing stars Jane Mayo and Tony Lee.

And whatever the weather it'll be a White Christmas in a medley specially created by Musical Director, Nigel Bennett. So come on, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas with the Fabulous 4VO.

Tickets: £12 and £8 (concessions) and you can book them from John Statham.

Ickleton Society

New Years Day Walk, Monday 1 January 2024, 11am – What better way to start 2024 than with our popular village New Year's Day Walk...All welcome to join us for this annual village tradition to melt away the excesses of the Festive Season. We'll meet at 11am on the Green in front of the Church. Children, visiting family and well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

The walk will mostly be on flat terrain and should take around 1 hour - 1hr 15 minutes at a moderate pace. The plan is to walk up the footpath by Mowbrays, across to Tin Alley on Butchers Hill and onwards across the fields towards Hinxtun. We'll turn before we reach Duxford and then back to the village via public footpath through fields. We may need to change the route of the walk depending on the weather conditions. Soup and bread in the village hall afterwards for those who'd like to stay on.

The Must Have Item in Every Ickleton (Or Any) Kitchen! Our excellent quality premium cotton tea towel featuring scenes from around the village makes a wonderful gift and is an essential item in any kitchen. Available in bottle green and navy-blue options, attractive and useful, and a fundraiser for the society.

The tea towels are £6 each or special offer of 4 towels for £20 – in blue, or green..

They make a lovely Christmas gift or a thank you gift at any time!

To purchase please contact Fiona Rose: fionarose@yahoo.co.uk Fiona is happy to deliver the towels to customers in the village or can post at cost.

Crew of the B-17 Flying Fortress remembered We hope that, after the commemorations on Remembrance Sunday, you managed to visit the display in the Church about the crash and the crew who died on 24 January 1944. Their courage and sacrifice saved a large part of the village from destruction and many lives that would otherwise have been lost. We're grateful to Pam Fearn for her original research, to Marian Sweet for reminding us of the crash and her further research, and to Glynis Hammond for arranging much of the display.

Uttlesford Local Plan – a leaflet has been put through doors summarising the first draft of the Plan which is now out for consultation. Unlike the previous plan, which was withdrawn following heavy criticism by the Inspectors, this draft does not contain any proposals for 'Garden Communities' or other new towns or villages. Neither are there any plans for developments at Great Chesterford other than those that already have permission.

However, we shouldn't rest on our laurels. Apparently, noises are already being made in parts of Uttlesford to the effect that there should be more development at Great Chesterford. So, we think it would be helpful if as many people as possible support this version of the Plan. As noted last month, it is not all good news as the proposals for 1280 new dwellings in Saffron Walden and 412 in Newport could add to traffic through Ickleton heading to and from the M11, but that is probably only a fraction of what would come through if there was a new 'village' at Great Chesterford.

The leaflet explains how responses can be made online, by email or post (contact me for details if you haven't got them). They have to be received by 4.30pm on 15 December.



Littlebury Christmas Tree Festival Holy Trinity Church, Littlebury, CB11 4TD

On Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December 11 am - 4 pm Free admission

All day refreshments including soup lunches. Choose your favourite tree

Organised by the church and friends (FoHTL). Proceeds to maintaining the church.

ICKLETON VILLAGE

Local Services

COSTCUTTER Village shop - Opening times: Mon to Sat 8 am - 7 pm. Sunday 9 am - 1 pm.

Post office at the shop - Opening times: Mon to Fri 8 am - 12 midday Sat - *now closed*

Post boxes - collection times	Monday to Friday	Saturday
Bottom Butchers Hill; Coploe Rd/Grange road corner	9.00 am	7.00 am
Costcutter shop	11.30 am and 4.00 pm	11.30 am
Great Chesterford	latest 4.30 pm	12 midday
Saffron Walden Market Square	latest 6.00 pm	12 midday

HELP for dealing with Covid 19

The service is continuing for the time being. The names of helpers for any streets is available from me if you need.

Anne-Marie Hoare

Village Hall Bookings – Viliami Mila – v.mila68@outlook.com

Police [reporting a crime, non emergency] Call 101

Neighbourhood Watch – Glynis Hammond glynis.hammond@gmail.com

District & County Councillor – Peter McDonald – Cllr.mcdonald@scambs.gov.uk

Community Warden Scheme – Anita Gilchrist@ageukcap.co.uk

Speedwatch Team – Terry Sadler – terrywsadler@btinternet.com
and Penny Fletcher – penny@penelopeannefletcher.co.uk

Cambridge Mobile Library

The **third Wednesday** in each month (20th December) 12.45 - 1.15 pm. In Frogge Street by the bus stop. Books may still be PRE-SELECTED IN ADVANCE from the whole of Cambridge Libraries collection, and available to collect. To reserve, contact <https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk> (free of charge).

Food Bank

Appeal for food bank items for Christmas

Ickleton foodbank is given to John Huntingdon Centre <https://johnhuntingdon.org.uk> in Sawston who arrange deliveries and collections for those who need it.

The usual emphasis is on hot drinks, soups, tuna, precooked rice, macaroni cheese, spaghetti hoops. Also cereals, (soft easy to eat) baby products, dog or cat food, toiletries.

Christmas items also especially welcome this month.

Please leave at the church in or next to the Food Bank box or call me for collection – thank you for your generosity.

The number of local clients being helped is now 500. Thank you to the village for their generosity.

Clare Driver clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk

Food Aid For anyone in Ickleton who wants to ask for food or other groceries (*in complete privacy*) please call Clare who will endeavour to fulfil your shopping list needs **Clare Driver**

FOOD DELIVERIES

Generally - **Costcutter village shop** - and ask for a delivery.

Milk Fresh milk (bottles) – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Martin of Plumb's Dairy (Linton)
Tel: 01223 893033 info@plumbs-dairy.co.uk

Meat delivery – Thursdays – Clark & Son [Sudbury] 01787 319330 sales@clarkandsonmeats.com.

Fresh fish van delivery - Monday afternoon - call or text Andy

Fruit and Veg delivery

Fisher and Woods ☎ 581620 sales@fisherandwoods.co.uk

Walden Organics (Rob) waldenorganics@btinternet.com

Fish and Chips (etc) - mobile van on Tuesdays 4.30 - 8 pm Village Hall car park
Pre-orders only. Tel: 07787 603616 info@oceantree.co.uk

Regular Events and Meetings

Coffee Mornings Tuesdays 5th and 19th December 10.30 - 12 at the church All welcome

We are currently sharing coffee morning proceeds between the church and various charities.

The Coffee Morning Team

Bowls Thursdays 11 am - 1 pm and 2 - 4 pm in the Village Hall

Martin Waters

Sunday Socials at Ickleton Social Club **Sunday nights** 7.30 - 10.30 pm

Tim Pavelin

Social Club (bar open) Fridays and Saturdays from 8.30 pm

Mondays 5 - 7 pm

Sundays 3rd and 17th December 12 - 2 pm (17th incl carols round the piano).

As well as these regular openings – see page 6 for the other openings and events – on 2nd, 16th, 24th, 25th, 31st and 1st January.

The Social Café Fridays 12 – 3 pm

Anne-Marie Hoare

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Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 13th December 7.30 pm Village Hall

Pub Lunch Club - Tuesday 12th December 12 noon at the Hinxtton Red Lion See p. 9 **Jon Smith**

Pre Orders by the Sunday before the lunch

Great Chesterford & District Gardening Society Bulb Sale – Saturday 2nd in Great Chesterford;
Talk on the first Wednesday in the month (6th) at the Village Hall. See page 7.

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