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Thank you to contributors to this month's edition. The deadline for the April 2024 Icene is 23rd March.

Ickleton Village Local Services and Regular Events See the back two pages.

The post office now operates from 8am until 11 am, not 12 noon.

Social Club during the month. The usual openings and times, plus special events. See p 8 for all details.

Souper Saturday again on 2nd March in the Village Hall 12 - 3 pm (for a different charity). See page 3.

The Ickleton Talk on Thursday 14th March - The world of gender perception: New Consensus or Continuous Battleground! - by Cambridge University Sociology Professor Jacqueline Scott. See page 3.

Ickle-Gigs - Bands on Saturdays 9th (The Spree) and 23rd March (The Shadows) See p. 7

PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse collections during March

Tuesday	5 th March	Black bin
Tuesday	12 th March	Blue and Green bins
Tuesday	19 th March	Black bin
Tuesday	26 th March	Blue and Green bins

Thriplow Household Recycling Centre is open, from October to March, between 8am and 4pm, 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 - with no requirement to book visits in advance.

For more information, please visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/thriplow-recycling-centre.

Save the date: Annual Parish Meeting on **8th May**, starting at 7pm.
At the Village Hall, Gordon Woolhouse meeting room.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Parish Councils are the first tier of local government, and as such have a large range of discretionary powers to spend public money, as well as a number of duties they have to perform.

As a Parish Councillor, you will be involved in a variety of areas, such as managing the recreation field and considering planning applications.

If you have a few hours a week to spare, and want to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of your local community then you should consider becoming a Parish Councillor.

Interested persons should contact the Parish Clerk, or any Parish Councillor, for further information, as soon as possible. Parish Councillors must live in the Parish of Ickleton. There are various standard requirements of suitability for eligibility – for information please contact the clerk.

Applications should be made to the Parish Clerk no later than the 11th March 2024.

Establishment of Right of Way - The Parish Council would like to thank all those who have been in touch concerning the establishment of a right of way through the car park of the Ickleton Lion Public House. A Large number of responses will be required so the Parish Council would be delighted to hear from other residents to the effect that this has been a public right of way for over 20 years. If you are able/willing to provide a signed statement (a form will be provided), please contact Cllr Terry Sadler, via the Clerk's email address (below), for more information. If you don't use emails, a note through the door will do fine.

Parish Council Meeting Extracts from the Parish Council meeting held on 21st February 2023. The Parish Council wishes to draw your attention to the following:

District development

Application No: ESS/111/23/UTT. Location: Boro Farm, Newmarket Road, Great Chesterford. Boro Farm – change of use of land to aggregate processing. Appeal hearing held on 13th and 14th February 2024. Update received from Cllr Sadler, who attended the hearing, together with residents Barbara and Graham Fagg. Appeal adjourned for site visit by Planning Inspector which will take place on 25th March 2024. Arguments relating to potential conditions will also be heard. One, of two, appeals was verbally withdrawn at the hearing, a procedural move to assist the Inspector.

Land and premises

Planning information from SCDC

For consideration:

Reference: 24/00233/FUL, Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement one and a half storey dwelling on similar footprint. Site address: 12 Church Street. Extension requested and granted to 22nd February. It was resolved to object to this application and request it be referred to SCDC's Planning Committee.

Planning decisions: Reference: 23/1402/TTCA. Site address: 4 Butchers Hill. Decision: Have no objection to. Reference: 23/01028/CONDB. Site address: Valance Farm. Proposal: Submission of details required by condition 4 (biodiversity net gain plan) of planning permission 23/01028/FUL. Decision: Discharge Condition in Full.

Tree Works

Reference: 24/0170/TTCA. Site address: 39 Church Street. Proposal: Fell to ground level 16 x Leylandii trees along west boundary of property, reduce height by 3 meters of 24 Leylandii trees along west boundary of property and face the same trees. Fell to ground level 19 x Leylandii trees along south boundary of property. The application has been withdrawn.

Reference: 24/0187/TTCA. Site address: 57 Church Street. Proposal: Tree maples were part of boundary hedge. Were trimmed last year but now wish to bring right down field maples 6 trunks. It was resolved not to comment on this application.

Applications withdrawn:

Reference: 23/04252/FUL Proposal: Installation of a pre manufactured modular housing unit to be used for demonstration purposes only. Site address: Abbey Barns, Duxford Road, Ickleton.

Reports from District and County Council – extract

Action on Energy - The District Council is urging residents to make use of energy-saving support that they are entitled to, after the recent rise in the energy price cap. The Council is part of the Action on Energy partnership which provides advice, guidance, and support on reducing carbon emissions and increasing home energy efficiency. The scheme offers advice on Home Upgrade, Boiler Upgrade, ECO4 and Great British Insulation grants.

Please visit <https://www.ickletonparishcouncil.org.uk/> for information on the following:

Children's Health new NHS resource for advice and guidance

Age UK Community Warden scheme

Prohibition (temporary) of through traffic Brookhampton Street

A11 and M11 planned closures

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

SOUPER SATURDAY 2nd March 12 - 3 pm in the Village Hall Soup, cakes, tea, coffee

Proceeds will go to the charity 'Something to Look Forward to' which is Cambridge based and helps people and families who are affected by cancer and financial difficulties.

anniehoare@talktalk.net

Anne-Marie Hoare

WELCOMES

Welcome to Billy and Charlotte who have moved to Abbey Street with their little pug Nibby. Charlotte is a nurse and Billy is an accountant.

If you have a new neighbour or have recently moved [send an email to Sue Fowler](#) who kindly is covering for Clare Driver and will pop in with a welcome pack.....jandsfowler@btinternet.com. **Clare Driver/Sue Fowler**



CONCERT
+ Mediterranean platter
Saturday 13th April - 7:30pm
Ickleton Village Hall

LIVE light-music - Flutes and Strings
Delicious interval mezze-platter
Cabaret-style seating - Bring your own drinks!
Tickets only £10 (must be purchased in advance) - from molloqhtb@gmail.com

Don't miss the next ICKLETON TALK! Thursday 14th March 7.30 pm Village Hal

Public Opinion and Gender – New Consensus or Continuous Battleground?

by Professor Jacqueline Scott, University of Cambridge.

Free admission – free drinks – donations welcome – all profits to Macmillan Cancer Support

Jackie Scott is Professor of Empirical Sociology at the University of Cambridge Faculty of Human, Social & Political Sciences. During her career, Jackie's work has focused largely on changing gender inequalities and family structures. She was director of the largest study of its kind in the UK, investigating how women's and men's roles and lifestyles have changed, with the aim of identifying ways that greater equality may be achieved.

Jackie will talk about 40 years of British public opinion research on gender related issues. She will describe how changing gender roles remains an 'incomplete revolution'; why on some issues there is now greater consensus, and opinion has become more 'liberal' and 'egalitarian'; while on other issues, the 'gender war' metaphor is still used. She will also explore how far survey evidence supports the notion of a 'culture war' or whether this is largely media and political rhetoric.

Expect an interesting and thought-provoking talk on subjects that can incite strong views!

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

The Pub Lunch Club is running on every second Tuesday in the month at the Red Lion, Hinxton.

Pre orders to jonsmith@supanet.com or 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 NOTICES

Vicar	Rev Lydia Smith	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 MARCH

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
MOTHERING SUNDAY		10.00 am	All-age service	ICKLETON
Sunday	17 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion St.Peter's, Duxford	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
		5.00 pm	Taize The Rectory, Duxford	DUXFORD
Sunday	24 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	ICKLETON
PALM SUNDAY		10.00 am	Parish Communion St.Peter's, Duxford	DUXFORD
Friday	29 th	9.30 am	EASTER GARDEN for families	ICKLETON
GOOD FRIDAY		from 10.30	Informal prayer stations for personal meditation	"
		11.30 - 12.00	Devotional service	"
Sunday	31 st	10.00 am	Family Communion	ICKLETON
EASTER SUNDAY				

HOLY WEEK SERVICES Full programme and further details available on www.hinkledux.com

CANDLELIT COMPLINES at 7.30 pm

Monday 25th at Hinxton St Johns

Tuesday 26th at Ickleton St Mary Magdalene

Wednesday 27th at Duxford St Peter's

MAUNDY Thursday 28th **AGAPE MEAL** at Hinxton

Making Sense of the Bible

This is a video course produced by the Bible Society and is very accessible, interesting, and open to everyone, there'll be time to chat and, if you wish, time to discuss the video content afterwards.

Dates: The course starts on Friday 1st March and will last for 8 weeks (*no meeting on Good Friday, 29th*)

Time: 9:30 - 12:30 Come a little earlier and grab a coffee from Cafe 19 on your way in.

Venue: Duxford Community Centre

For further details please contact the Parish Administrator, hinkleduxpa@gmail.com

Easter message from Rev Lydia Smith

The green blade



One of my favourite Easter hymns is *Now the green blade riseth*. John Macleod Campbell Crum, the lyricist, wrote the words for the Oxford Book of Carols in 1928. It takes the picture of a sprouting grain of wheat to explore ideas about new life and resurrection:

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain;
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green*

Jesus uses this image himself, as he talks with his disciples in chapter 12 of John's gospel about his death and resurrection. The grain of wheat, he says, can only be productive if it falls into the earth and dies. In effect, he is saying that his death will bring growth and life for many. And that is the promise of Easter: the promise of God's love springing to life in each of us, bringing healing and renewal and hope.

For the last few months, especially, it feels as though each day brings more and more bad news: of conflict, of climate breakdown, of economic problems and the long shadow of COVID. And that's without the storms we each face in our own lives. At the end of a long winter, we may be tired of all this darkness: how good to see again the signs of spring in every sense. The poet got it right about Jesus and about us: here's the last verse:

Best wishes **Lydia**



Ickleton Church by Françoise V Clarke Fort, December 1961

Do you remember a French female artist in Ickleton, who lived at Ickleton Grange between 1959 and 1966? Sometime before December 1961 she would have been sat in front of Mill Cottage painting Ickleton Church (just catching the end of Mowbrays as well). Fast forward to 2024 and this painting came up for sale in an online auction in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, and it is now back in the village thanks to Emma Collister of Mowbrays, who has carried out some research on the artist.

(Story continues overleaf)

Françoise Valentine Julie Marie Fort was born in 1914 in Roubaix, France, and was trained in landscape painting in Paris. Then in 1936 she travelled to England to continue her painting where she met Geoffrey Williams Clarke, who along with his brother, were the owners of the national dry cleaning company, Sketchley's. Françoise went on to marry Geoffrey in Brussels where one of the witnesses was the bride's cousin, General Henri Denis, Secretary of State for War for Belgium.

As well as painting Françoise's other passion was driving. This started when she was nine years old and she escaped a party to help a chauffeur decarbonise a car. On the outbreak of the Second World War Françoise supported the war effort by driving a Civil Defence ambulance. Then after the war Françoise became a rally driver for the Rootes Group. The first team was headed by Stirling Moss, who eventually went on to win sixteen Formula One Grands Prix. The second team was headed by Sheila van Damm who at the time was one of the most successful women drivers. Sheila chose Françoise to become her navigator and Anne Hall to be her second driver. Together they won many rallies both in this country and in the rest of Europe but they had their sights set on the Monte Carlo Rally, which was the most famous rally of its time, and covered 2,000 miles around Europe. The team narrowly missed out in 1954 due to a last minute puncture but the following year in 1955 Sheila Françoise and Anne won the women's category and came 11th overall out of 361 cars.

Shortly after that win Françoise stopped driving competitively and at the same time her marriage came to an end. At some point she must have become friends with Isabella Frankau, who lived at Ickleton Grange. They were flat mates or neighbours at 33 Wimpole Street in London. When Françoise's divorce was finalised in 1959 she came to live with Isabella in Ickleton Grange and remained there until or shortly before Isabella and her husband's death in 1967. During the time she was based in Ickleton and had two paintings accepted by the Paris Salon and one by the Royal Academy. She also held an exhibition with two other female artists at the Alpine Gallery in London. Her paintings included landscapes of Venice, Taormina, Athens, the south of France, and Ickleton!

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. For further information contact the Chair.

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

SPRING PARTY & QUIZ with cheese, biscuits and wine

Tickets £5 – to be purchased in advance

Competition Subject: Early Spring Flower

Future events 3rd April AGM and Plant Sale

Previous meeting

'*Changing the World through Plants*'. Speaker Robert Brett, curator at RHS Hyde Hall, showed the impact of climate change on the landscape of Hyde Hall over the years, and how the planting has to adapt to the change in the seasons. He talked enthusiastically about how the RHS projects work with the community, encouraging educational facilities for children as well as *Britian in Bloom*, and *Horticulture Matters* where responsibility has been taken to train students and apprentices.

Best Bloom Competition (Early Spring Flower)

1st: Sally H (Viburnum) 2nd: Phillipa W (Variegated Daphne) 3rd: Joss F (Blue Iris)

WETLANDS WALK on Wednesday 13th March

The wetlands clearance work was completed, and the main pond is now clear of reeds. A number of small trees have been removed from the south bank of the pond, which is now more open. The "Summer" path through the middle of the wetlands, along that bank, has been cleared and is now passable, well, unless it's flooded of course. The recent flooding has actually made more mess than the clearance work, and the paths remain very muddy.

Let's hope for some dry weather before the next wetlands wildlife walk, on Wednesday the 13th of March, from 12:00 to 13:00. Meet Iain Webb from the Wildlife Trust on the wooden bridge between the wetlands and main Genome Campus at 12:00.

David Keating

Ickleton Society

Litter Pick – Sunday 24 March, 11.15am onwards

Assuming the weather is reasonable, the litter pick will take place as usual, though slightly later as many people will be attending the Palm Sunday service.

In partnership with the Parish Council and the Welcome Trust, we invite you all to come along and help tidy up our village. Just one hour of your time makes all the difference. Meet at the Recreation Ground by the Village Hall. Equipment, hand sanitiser and high visibility jackets will be provided. We'll have some gloves but please bring your own strong gloves if you have them. If you would like to help with cutting ivy from trees on the rec, please bring secateurs or loppers.

Easter Egg Hunt + Picnic at the Easter bunny patch, Rectory Farm, Easter Saturday 30 March, 12 noon

Our popular children's egg hunt and picnic will be at the Easter Bunny Patch (Pumpkin Jim's), Rectory Farm on Grange Road this year with kind permission and help from Peter, Sian and James Wombwell. We're hoping the weather will be kind and that there may be a few surprise activities as well. If the weather is not so kind (Easter is early this year), we'll have the use of the pumpkin barn. Parking will be available. Please bring an Easter basket or bag, in which your child can collect eggs! Allergies – please note that the eggs contain milk powder and may have come into contact with nuts. Easter bonnets welcome!!

Visit to the Old Sun Inn, Saffron Walden – Saturday 20 April, 2.30pm

Booking for this event is only open to members of the Society at the present time but any remaining spaces will be offered to non-members at a later date.

The Old Sun Inn is an enchanting Grade I-listed historic building displaying some of the best pargeting – external decorative plasterwork – in England. Originally medieval houses, then later an inn, it has subsequently been in mixed commercial and domestic use. Members may remember the wonderful tour we had in 2012 when we visited the 2 cottages that were the first part of the building acquired by Douglas Kent and which were in the process of being conserved. Since Lankester Antiques and Books ceased trading in the other part of the building, Douglas has become the owner of that too and it is now undergoing conservation work.

Our tour will include an introductory talk by Douglas about the building, its history and the present work. It will last about 1½ hours and, best of all, include tea, coffee, homemade cakes and biscuits! Numbers are limited and the price will be between £14 and £17 depending on how many are on the tour and whether you're a member of the Society or not (the cost will be finalised next month). Members can reserve places by sending expressions of interest and details of any dietary requirements to our Secretary, Sarah, at icksocsec@gmail.com.

Bluebell walk, Howe Wood – Thursday evening 25 April (or when the bluebells are out and the weather is good!)

We're very privileged to have the opportunity of a guided walk through the wood led by Tom White of the Audley End Estate. More information next month but numbers will be limited so booking will only be open to members initially.

Guided Tour of Mill Road Cemetery – Tuesday 6th February

Our tour, led by the Friends of Mill Road Cemetery, was fascinating. We had no idea how the cemetery had been created by parishes of central Cambridge when their churchyards became full and that each had its own plot within the cemetery grounds. We saw a number of the listed monuments and Commonwealth War graves and heard the stories of some of those buried there. Our group had some differing views on how the cemetery is currently maintained for wildlife with sections only being cleared of scrub on a rolling programme.

Rachel Radford rachelmradford@btinternet.com

ICKLE-GIGS PRESENT - LIVE MUSIC AT THE ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 9th March, 7.30 pm – The Spree

A Rock'n'Roll band well known on the local circuit, starting off their Spring/Summer Dates

Saturday 23rd March, 7.30 pm – The Shedows

Soft Rock, played by a new incarnation of this band featuring Brian Cook and Tom Rose from the village; their debut show

SOCIAL CLUB MARCH DATES

SUNDAY LUNCHES – 12 to 2 pm

3rd and 17th March

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 7.30 to 10.30pm - when volunteers allow

For updates, see Whatsapp: Ickleton Social Club News and Ickleinfo
and also the board outside the club

MONDAY FIVE O'CLOCK CLUB - 5 to 7pm

Drinks with friends and neighbours

WEDNESDAY FIVE THIRTY CLUB - 5.30 to 7.30pm

Drinks with friends and neighbours

FRIDAY & SATURDAY from 6 pm

2024 Membership Renewals and New Members

Members £10 - £5 for those in their golden years [65 +] – Guests £1

EVENTS

Saturday 2nd March – Quiz – 7.30 pm – SOLD OUT

Sunday 24th March – EASTER EGG BINGO

Eyes Down 3 pm

Fun for all the family

£3 for 5 games – Chocolate Raffle – Refreshments

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.



BLOOD DONATION

Dates for Blood Donation at Ickleton Village Hall in 2024

Thursday 4th April Tuesday 16th July Friday 8th November

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 - 11 am. Sat - 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
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 – bookingsecivh@gmail.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 March) 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

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.

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** - ☎ 531181 and ask for a delivery.

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

Meat delivery – Thursdays – Clark & Son [Sudbury] 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 – temporarily closed

(etc) - mobile van on Tuesdays 4.30 - 8 pm Village Hall car park

Pre-orders only. Tel: info@oceantree.co.uk

Regular Meetings and Events

Coffee Mornings Tuesdays 5th and 19th March 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
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Social Club (bar open) Fridays and Saturdays from 6 pm
Sunday evenings 7.30 to 10.30 – when volunteers allow
Mondays 5 – 7 pm and Wednesdays 5.30 - 7.30
Sundays 3rd and 17th March 12 - 2 pm

As well as these regular openings – see page 8 for other openings and events.

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	Saturday 23rd March 7.30	The Shadows	“ “	“

Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday 20th March	7.30 pm	Village Hall
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Pub Lunch Club - Tuesday 12th March 12 noon at the Hinxton Red Lion See p.3 **Jon Smith**
Pre Orders by the Sunday before the lunch

Froglets	Mondays	9.30 - 11.30 am	Village Hall	Anne-Marie Hoare
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