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A bumper issue this month as there is a lot going on! Thank you to all contributors

Ickleton's highly successful June events The Village Fete and the Open Gardens on successive weekends were both blessed by excellent weather. Reports on pages 8 and 9. Congratulations for all the superb organisation and hard work and on the amazing sums of money raised - for the church - **£3,500**, and for the Village Hall and Arthur Rank Hospice charity - jointly sharing **£5,200**.

Fete photos next month. Photos of gardens will be available on the Ickleton Society website.

Our Vicar Jessica, sadly, is leaving for pastures new after over six years with us. More next month, but the invitation on **Sunday 31st July** is to all villagers - at the church for the service, and/or lunch in the Village Hall. See page 6.

Car and house keys A set of car (Toyota) and house keys were found outside the church about four weeks ago. Please call if they are yours.

Wellcome to pay for printing of the Icene

The Parish Council has decided to implement a decision made at their meeting in November 2015 to accept an offer from the Wellcome Genome Campus. The idea arose from Hinxtton Parish Council's accepting a similar offer for its newsletter. The revenue in a year from advertising in the Icene (about £1600) is consistently more than the costs of printing (about £1250), but the Parish Council can take advantage of this offer to put the money into the Parish Council's general fund. Discussion of this – see Parish Council meeting (page 2) and Annual Parish meeting notes (page 6).

SmithsonHill "Agritech Hub" development proposals – latest. There is a public exhibition of their proposals on **30th June, 1st and 2nd July** in Hinxtton Village Hall. See Parish Council notes below.

Editor

PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse Collections during July

Monday	4 July	-	Blue and Green Bins
Monday	11 July	-	Black Bin
Monday	18 July	-	Blue and Green Bins
Monday	25 July	-	Black Bin

Please note: Bins must be put out by **6 am** on the designated day of collection. Lids on the bins should be closed, or they may not be emptied.

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Ickleton Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday May 25th

26 residents were initially present in addition to the Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council and Cllr Martin (District). The meeting started with the presentation of the first ever Ickleton Annual Awards, as described in our Stop Press item in last month's Icene. The Chairman's Annual Report (available on the Village website) was followed by reports from Village organisations. Thereafter came updates on the

items which we seem to draw to your attention on an all-too-frequent basis., These are traffic problems and the new 20mph zone limit in Ickleton; the plans for three major developments, all of which could have a major impact on the Village (the Wellcome Genome Campus, the SmithsonHill Agri-tech proposal and UDC's interest in Great Chesterford as a potential site for major residential development), and more local issues including problems at the Recreation Field, (maintenance of the football pitches, and complaints about excessive noise, littering and dog fouling). The Minutes of this meeting are available in the Minutes section on the Parish Council website, and copies of reports can be had from me on request. If you have any queries, please get in touch with me.

The Open Forum, at the end of the meeting, is reported separately in the notes of the Annual Parish Meeting - see page 6.

Extracts from the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 June 2016

The Parish Council wish to draw your attention to the following

(i) Ickleton Traffic and the 20mph zone.

Many drivers are ignoring the 20mh speed limit and we are pursuing the possibility of having 20mph roundels painted on roads within the Village 20mph zone. This will be followed up once we receive a firm estimate of cost from CCC Highways. As mentioned in last month's Icene we are scoping interest in setting up a Village Community Speedwatch Team and are very grateful to those who have been in touch expressing an interest. Once we have a few more names, we will contact the Police to get ourselves onto the waiting list for hire of the equipment, and for the training the Police will provide. Some residents at the Annual Parish Meeting showed that they were interested, but have not yet contacted me. Will they and anyone else interested now that this seems to be gathering momentum, please phone or e-mail me using the details below. Also, we still have a few 20mph Wheelie bin stickers which are available free of charge from me so, again please contact me if you would like some. One positive development has been Hinxton Parish Council's success in gaining permission for signs on all roads leading to Hinxton indicating that the roads are unsuitable for HGV traffic. This should also help Ickleton. Hexcel has agreed to contribute to the costs and also, in response to a suggestion from our Chairman, will put up a sign to inform HGVs leaving the Hexcel site that they are not to turn left down Ickleton Road.

(ii) Proposed major developments

Although there is little new firm information to report, SmithsonHill (the developers behind the proposed **Agri-tech** project at Hinxton) have been putting considerable effort into bringing together those interested/worried by the present traffic problems, which can be expected to get worse if one or more of the proposed major developments goes ahead. The Chairman and other Councillors have attended a number of briefings and workshops as SmithsonHill try to pull together a concerted plan for this area. This focuses largely on the inadequacy of the A505 and Junction 9 of the M11 and what might be done to improve the situation, including ways to make railway transport an alternative option to the car. SmithsonHill has written to tell us that they want to share their emerging proposals for the Agri-tech site more widely and are holding a public exhibition at **Hinxton Village Hall** as follows.

Thursday 30 June 4 pm - 8 pm

Friday 1 July 2 pm - 8 pm

Saturday 2 July 10 am - 2 pm

(after the exhibition details should be posted on www.smithsonhill.co.uk)

As the site in question involves land included in the previous Hanley Grange proposal, it is obviously of significance to Ickleton residents. If you do attend and have any comments you would like to share with the Parish Council, do pass them on to me.

(iii) Icene printing costs

The Wellcome Genome Campus has offered to reimburse the Parish Council for the costs of printing the Icene. This would put us on a similar footing with Hinxton, for whom the Campus prints the village newsletter free of charge. The Parish Council agreed, by a majority vote, to accept this offer.

This decision was the subject of discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting – for details see the Annual Parish Meeting report below (Open Forum on page 6) and minutes of same on the Village website and noticeboard – when a motion urging the Parish Council to reconsider its decision was proposed but not carried.

The Parish Council view is that Icene would remain completely independent and there would be no influence from anyone outside with regard to editorial independence or content. Arrangements for printing would remain between the Editor and Harts, as now. At the June Parish Council meeting, following the Annual Parish Meeting discussion of this issue, Councillors concluded that their decision should stand and be implemented.

Defibrillator

Two further training sessions have now been held, which brings the initial training programme to a close. Over 40 people from all sections of the Ickleton community attended. The Parish Council will run an annual refresher course but, in the meantime, if any Ickleton group is interested in holding a training session, we will consider making a financial contribution towards the cost (around £100).

Planning information received from SCDC (for Parish Council consideration)

- i. **S/1036/16/FL** Single storey rear extension and alterations to existing windows and doors, 28 Church Street, Ickleton. **Recommendation: No objection**
- ii. **S/1195/16/LB** Single storey rear extension, 3 Church Street, Ickleton. Simon Cheney and Tim Pavelin each declared an interest and did not vote. **Recommendation: Approve**

Application refused by SCDC

S/0833/16/FL Construction of a 5 bedroom detached dwelling, The Glebe, Frogge Street, Ickleton. (Mr A Hanspall).

Grass Verges in Abbey Street

A meeting with CCC Highways was held on 22 April but it quickly became clear that their involvement will not extend beyond the provision of top soil and grass seeding. Two households on Abbey Street are likely to apply for verge posts outside their houses. Once installation is complete and when the weather will (we hope) be more suitable, reseeding will be tackled.

Cereals 2016

Serious problems did not seem to arise in Ickleton itself, although as predicted the A505 was reportedly at a standstill.

SCDC Community Chest Fund

Our District Councillor has informed us that this Fund has been restored to its previous level and that villages are each entitled to submit up to 5 bids with the maximum for an award being £1,500. Awards are made on a first-come first-served basis. We have submitted a bid for a small piece of equipment for the Play Area but if anyone else has a suggestion they would like the Parish Council to consider, please do let me know.

City Deal, A1307, Three Campuses to Cambridge.

The Greater Cambridge City Deal has launched a consultation exercise on the initial ideas for bus/cycle/walking improvements around the A1307 to be funded from the Cambridge City Deal Fund. This runs from 16 June until 1 August. Details and access to an on-line survey can be found at: www.gccitydeal.co.uk/a1307

The plans will also be available for inspection at local exhibitions which will be held on:

Wednesday 13 July 5.30-7.30pm at the Babraham Road Park and Ride.

Thursday 14 July 5.30-7.30pm at Spicers' Pavilion, Sawston

Wednesday 20 July 5.30-8.00pm at St. John the Evangelist, Hills Road, Cambridge

Thursday 21 July 5.30- 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall, Great Shelford.

Peta Stevens (Parish Clerk) petastevens17@gmail.com

ICKLETON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 25 May 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Numbers Present The Chairman, Parish Clerk, Cllr Martin (District) and 26 members of the public (initially) - 22 at the Open Forum at the end, and including 7 Parish Councillors.

1. Welcome The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Presentation of the first ever Ickleton Annual Awards_

These awards are to those individuals or organisations who achieved something notable in 2015 or made a significant contribution to our community in that year or over a longer period– nominated by Ickleton residents.

The Chairman explained that these awards would enable the Parish Council to recognise through its own scheme achievements of Ickleton residents which did not fit easily within the criteria for the SCDC annual awards. He described how the Awards Panel of 3 Parish Councillors and 3 other Ickleton residents had a broad constituency to represent as many Village interests as possible, emphasising that Parish Councillors on the Committee took no part in the discussion and vote on any category where they had a personal interest. The following were announced as winners and were presented with their certificates of award by Jess Bloomfield. Cheques to the value of £200 per category would be sent to the Club/Society or Charity connected with the winner(s).

i. Achievement in Sport under 18 Awarded jointly (£100 each) to **Lois McGuire** and **Georgina Owen** for their prowess on the Hockey field. Both of them had represented their clubs regularly at county level and been selected for national trials.

ii. Achievement in Sport over 18 Awarded (£200) to **Albert Pavelin**, who has just been announced as the Cambridgeshire Javelin Champion for the fourth year running and is a SCDC elite athlete.

iii. Community Contribution Supported by the Parish Council to recognise the Village's "unsung volunteers". Nominated as being "the volunteers with hearts of gold", the award winners were **Roy and Madelaine Smith**. They have asked that their £200 award be donated to Ickleton Parish Church.

iv. Ickleton Club/Society of the Year Awarded to **Ickleton Cricket Club** (£200), for having brought the sport back as a significant feature to Ickleton life and for their charitable fund-raising events. The Chairman hoped that the event would be even more successful next year.

3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council (including Financial Report)

The Chairman gave his annual report, commenting on the number of items of importance to the Village to which the Parish Council had made a financial commitment, the most costly of these being the introduction of a 20mph zone limit throughout most of the Village. The detailed financial statements for 2015-16 would be posted on the website soon.

He commented also on planning issues within the Village as well as the three major prospects facing the Village: the major developments planned at Hinxton by the Wellcome Genome Campus and the SmithsonHill Agri-tech proposal, and also UDC having identified Great Chesterford as a potential favoured site for major residential development. All would carry significant traffic implications for Ickleton while the ideas mooted of improvements to Junction 9 on the M11 and/or a by-pass for Ickleton involved sums that were far beyond anything affordable at a local level. A foretaste of what this might entail had been demonstrated by the recent traffic chaos in Abbey Street, with serious damage being done to grass verges. Although CCC Highways seemed sympathetic to a request from the two households most affected to install verge posts, at their own expense, if a more widespread installation of verge posts was requested, it was inevitable that Highways would insist on some Abbey Street parking restrictions.

4. Reports from:

- Village Hall Management Committee and
- Theatre Group. Pam Fearn commented.
- Froglets. The Clerk commented on a message received from Anne-Marie Hoare.
- Football Clubs – Tim Pavelin commented
- Ickleton Society – delivered by Rachel Radford
- Allotment Association – delivered by Iain Livingstone
- Ickleton Cricket Club – delivered by Michael Robinson
- Neighbourhood Watch – submitted by Glynis Hammond

- Sawston Village College - report summarised by the Clerk.
- District Council – presented by Cllr Martin who commented on changes to Councillors' roles and responsibilities following Cllr. Peter Topping's election as Leader of SCDC.

Copies of all reports received are available upon request from the Parish Clerk.

5. Updates on:

Introduction of 20mph speed limit and traffic management generally

As no other funding was available, the Parish Council had agreed to self-fund the cost (around £4k) of introducing a 20mph zone limit across most of the Village. Discussions were being held with CCC Highways about the need for roundels to be painted on roads at regular intervals to reinforce the message. But they had resisted our other request to reposition the 20mph zone signs on Brookhampton and Frogge Streets as they consider their visibility meets requirements. The Parish Council had purchased 20mph wheelie bin stickers which were available for residents to collect free of charge.

Another option pursued was a bid for a mobile interactive speed camera. Although approved on policy grounds, the bid had been unsuccessful, mainly because Ickleton had no Community Speedwatch project which had established current data on vehicle speeds subsequent to the introduction of the traffic calming and 20mph initiatives. It had been clarified that, after receiving Police training, Speedwatch volunteers could operate in their own village and an article would be included in Icene to assess local interest in pursuing this option. The Parish Council had also taken up the possibility of converting the underpass at the low railway bridge at Great Chesterford into pedestrian/cycle access only but the lack of success was not surprising given the need to involve two separate County Highways as well as Network Rail.

Wellcome Trust Genome Campus developments

In November Parish Councillors had attended an on-site briefing meeting, together with Councillors from Great Chesterford and Hinxtton. As this had been prior to the 20 year Vision receiving approval from the main Wellcome Trust Board, in March the Parish Council had invited those responsible locally for progressing this to a special meeting in the Village Hall, which had been very well attended. There is little further to report as Wellcome were still recruiting to their project team but it does appear that they wish to maintain a good working relationship with neighbouring villages; for example, they have agreed to share their traffic survey data with us. The provision of a sports centre, to be available to local residents, is still a distinct possibility. It will be important to participate in Wellcome briefing sessions, which could well include others besides Parish Councillors.

Agri-tech Hub_

Mrs Emma Fletcher, MD of SmithsonHill, the entity backing this bid, had attended at the beginning of the April Parish Council meeting but had little new to report beyond the possibility that the proposed development might well include residential accommodation. Their strategy appeared to be based on producing a coherent solution to the local transport problems generally and the Parish Council had recently been invited to attend a general workshop/presentation on this. Although the Parish Council supported the need for improvement, it would be important to stay at arm's length from the developer.

Interaction with neighbouring Parish Councils

In view of the above items, it had been agreed that the Chairman and one other Parish Councillor would attend regular informal meetings with representatives from neighbouring Parish Councils to exchange views on such issues as the possibility of widespread urbanisation of the region.

SCDC Local Plan

The Chairman provided a brief report on the background to the decision taken by the Planning Inspector to call for a review of the proposed plan, mainly because developers were seeking much higher numbers of houses. S.Cambs was proposing an increase of 500 houses over its original submission in the new Local Plan, for which hearings would be held in June. The present position was precarious as SCDC Planners were having to deal with planning applications on a case by case basis while monitoring the outcome of appeals. This left the locality vulnerable to bids for speculative developments.

6. Open Forum

A resident reported on occasions when footballers using the Recreation Field pitches caused serious irritation through littering and noise. The main littering problem arose from players discarding tape on pitches; this would be monitored with a view to a formal complaint if there was no improvement. Tape was also being used to secure the goal nets. It was suggested that this could be overcome by replacing them with a newer model; this would be investigated, as would comments about the need for more frequent attention to the pitches to keep them in a safe and playable condition.

Printing of the Icene - funding by Wellcome

John Williams, Editor of Icene, spoke about his concern at the Parish Council's majority decision to accept the offer of funds from the Wellcome Genome Campus to cover the printing costs of Icene. While he recognised that Hinxton has had its newsletter printed free by the Campus, it was his view that the Parish Council should refuse this offer, thereby retaining its completely independent standing. The costs are consistently more than covered by advertising revenue. This view was shared by a number of residents present.

The Chairman respected John Williams' view, but made the point that Wellcome would have no involvement in the production process, nor influence editorial comment or content. After a wide-ranging discussion, John Williams put it to the meeting that the Parish Council should nonetheless not accept funds from Wellcome to support the publication of Icene. Six residents (including the proposer) were in agreement with his suggestion, eleven opposed it and there was one abstention. Before the vote took place, the Chairman had pointed out that the Parish Council was not bound by a vote taken at the Annual Parish Meeting, but it would inform any future discussion Councillors might have.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Post box collection times

	Monday - Friday	Saturday
Bottom of Butchers Hill; Coploe Road at Grange road corner	9.00 am	7.00 am
Costcutter shop	11.30 am and 4.00 pm	11.30 am
Great Chesterford	latest 5.00 pm	12 midday
Saffron Walden Market Square	latest 6.00 pm	12 midday

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Medical Car Scheme	John and Sue Fowler	☎ 531779
Village Hall Bookings	Viliami Mila	☎ 530497
		v.mila68@outlook.com
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	hinkledux@googlemail.com
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	Frances Payne	
Prayer Ministry	Judy Marshall	
Lay Ministers	Julie Baillie	
	Judith Sutcliffe	

A Goodbye to Jessica, Francis and Theodora - Sunday 31st July

Service at 11 am Ickleton Church

Lunch at 12.30 pm Ickleton Village hall

As many of you know, Jessica's final service as vicar of Duxford, Hinxton and Ickleton is on **31st July at 11am at St Mary Magdalene, Ickleton.**

Please join us for the service, and/or after, for a buffet lunch to say goodbye to Jessica, Francis and Theodora. If you intend to come please add your name to the sign-up sheets in each of the churches or

contact one of the churchwardens listed below. Please also get in touch if you would like to help provide food for the buffet, set-up or serve.

Keena McKillen 07905 409668 keena.mckillen1@virginmedia.com
 Margaret Malcolm 01799 531045 margaretj.malcolm@gmail.com
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Services for July

Sunday 3 rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
St Thomas	10.00 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School	ICKLETON
the Apostle, R	6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	HINXTON
Sunday 10 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
7 th after Trinity, G	10.00 am	Messy Church, Lacey's Way Comm. Cen.	DUXFORD
	10.00 am	Parish Communion	DUXFORD
	5.00 pm	Taize Service	ICKLETON
Sunday 17 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	ICKLETON
8 th after Trinity, G	10.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer with Laying on of Hands	DUXFORD
Sunday 24 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
9 th after Trinity, G	10.00 am	Informal Communion	DUXFORD
	12 noon	Baptism of Lucy O'Brien	ICKLETON
	6.30 pm	Patronal Evensong	ICKLETON
Sunday 31 st	11.00 am	Joint Communion	ICKLETON
10 th after Trinity G		<i>(Jessica's final service)</i>	

News from the Rectory

Our time here is becoming a series of 'lasts' – last half-term at Duxford for Theodora, last parish meetings for each of the churches, and now, this month, last services of different kinds that I will lead.

My last service of all is at Ickleton on July 31st, at 11 am, with a lunch afterwards in the village hall. All are welcome – if you'd like to come, though, please let one of the Ickleton churchwardens know (Keena McKillen or Frances Payne) so that the catering can be right for who's coming! We have had a wonderful six and a half years and made so many friends. Thank you to you all.

We move from Duxford in late August, and I will be installed in Ely Cathedral on Saturday 10th September, during Evensong at 5.30 pm. Everyone is very, very welcome to come, no further invitation is needed. We would love it, as a family, if we saw some familiar faces there as we start our new life just down the road.

Our lives have been enriched and blessed by our time here. As we leave, we will be asking God's blessing upon everyone in all the villages, known and unknown to us, and praying for a flourishing future for each one of the churches.

Jessica and family.

Jessica Martin

Coffee Mornings

Every Tuesday morning 10 – 12 at the church (summer months)

These are very sociable affairs to meet and make friends and exchange gossip and all are welcome, whether you are connected with the church or not.

If transport is needed please get in touch with Rosemary McKillen to arrange a lift.

Food Bank – at the church

Please continue with the generous food bank donations – it's great to have lots of items to deliver regularly to the Cambridge collection point. Many thanks to all our donors.

Rosemary McKillen

BELL RINGING

Saturday 9th July Visiting Bellringers 9.30 am – 10.15

David Lilley

THANK YOU

David, Claire and James wish to thank everyone for attending the church service and for messages of sympathy, cards and letters, on our very sad loss of Marion. Also for all the phone calls, cakes and hotpots received

My sincere thanks to everyone.

David Skeates

THANK YOU

Thank you to all my family, friends and neighbours for all their kind wishes, cards, presents and visits to hospital to see me during my recent illness. I couldn't have got through it without you all. I would like you to know that I am now in remission and the future is looking bright. With love.

Kathy Found

1916 WAR DEATHS

Herbert Freeman of the Suffolk Regiment – killed in action 20th July 1916 aged 31.

No known grave. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

I believe he lived at Deadman's Hill. He was the son of Jane Freeman, who later became Jane Page. She lost a second son, Arthur Page, a year later. Their youngest brother was Percy Page who many will remember.

Reuben Turner of the Suffolk Regiment – killed in action 23rd August 1916 aged 21.

Buried in Auchonvillers Military Cemetery, Somme.

He was the son of William & Elizabeth Turner (nee Lilley) of Vallance Cottage.

Many will remember Reuben's sisters Mrs Ruth Coston, Mrs Margaret Baynes and Miss Violet Turner.

Ickleton was perhaps fortunate to contribute only two of the many thousands killed on the Somme in 1916. However it all changed in 1917 when Ickleton deaths came thick and fast.

David Lilley

Chesterfords, Ickleton & Hinxton WI 7.45 pm Wednesday 20th July

at the Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford.

The meeting will be a Craft Evening by members.

Jenny Palmer

ICKLETON SOCIETY

Photo Competition

When you are out and about this summer taking photographs please keep the following in mind.... We will be holding a light-hearted photography competition as part of Ickleton Past & Present (see below) – 2 classes with entries limited to folk living in the village:

Adult Category – photographic subject *A Domestic Architectural Feature in Ickleton*: should be an external feature on a house in the village such as a roof, door, chimney, door hardware, window, pargetting, sign etc.

Children 16 and Under – *An Ickletonian Animal(s)*: could be a family pet or a friend's pet or a wild or farm animal. Could be a silent 'cuddly' animal friend or an animal garden ornament. Animal must live in the village!

Entries can be submitted either digitally via a jpeg or as a hard copy photo. Please **email jpeg to fionarrose@yahoo.co.uk (please note the 2 rs in the address)** or drop off a hard copy to Craftsman Barn, Butchers Hill. Entries to be received by Sunday 11th September. Please include your name, contact telephone number and your age for the children's category. You can also include a title for your photograph if you wish.

There will be a prize for the winners and all entries will be displayed at Past & Present.

Ickleton Past & Present, Saturday 17 September, 11am to 3pm in the Village Hall

Start searching out photos of Ickleton views and people and other Ickleton related items that you have at the back of cupboards, bottom of drawers and somewhere in the loft. Please bring them along. We'd love to see them and copy them for the archive. All of the archives will all be available to search on the day and we will be displaying some of our latest projects and acquisitions, showing some DVDs of past village events and Mick Bristow will give another talk about his childhood in the village. More details next month.

Date for your Diary – Wednesday 9 November

Our very own Fiona Rose will give a talk about the Arts and Crafts Movement, William Morris and his connections with Cambridge.

Agri-Tech Hub Public Exhibition, 30 June to 2 July

We're looking forward to hearing a lot more about these worrying proposals (particularly as we learnt so little at their presentation in April). We hope as many villagers as possible will be able to attend.

What's New on the Website

Andrew Shepperd, with some help from Rita Sullivan, has continued the work on Ickleton's open fields in the 16th century and, in particular, the Heath Field, which was started some years ago by Sheila Birch. An introduction, a Terrier (survey) from 1545 and Sheila's transcript of the Terrier are now on the website (from the village website go to the Gallery and then Recent Additions). The introduction is a very interesting and informative read. It includes a brief explanation of the open field system, plans of Ickleton's fields and tracks, some photos of the locations of old trackways and an analysis of Ickleton's landowners in 1545.

Rachel Radford, rachelmradford@btinternet.com

Ickleton Village Fete

Between the days of rain and cool weather the day of the fete Saturday 11th July proved to be a warm and dry day!

Thanks to all the wonderful folk of Ickleton who again turned out in droves to support the fete. It is wonderful how every year, regardless of timing or weather, that we get a band of volunteers descending to erect marquees, run stalls and create wonderful food and drink.

We are really lucky that so many local businesses contribute to the fete and supply items free of charge – another big thank you this year to the Cambridge Dining Company for sponsoring the BBQ. It was also wonderful to hear some home-grown talent supply the music. We think we've raised a wonderful **£3,500** for the church.

The Fete Organisers

Many thanks to the organising committee – Annie Marie Hoare, Keena and Tori McKillen, Glynis Hammond, Helen Royce and Jeff Merrells, and the many who helped as usual with stalls and teas, and everything else.

Photos taken at the fete will be available next month.

Editor

Ickleton Open Gardens a Blooming Success

The sun shone in Ickleton once again, flowers bloomed and folk from as far afield as Kings Lynn, Enfield and Maldon came to enjoy the pleasures of our beautiful village at Ickleton Open Gardens on Sunday 19th June. Many thanks to everyone involved in making the event so successful with over 525 visitors (up from 280 in 2013).

Thanks go especially to the garden owners and to the many volunteers who served morning coffee, lunches and teas, managed the parking, sold raffle tickets, helped on the plant and produce stalls and in all the other behind the scenes jobs that made the event work. Thank you also to those who made the delightful Posy Contest possible and to the staff and volunteers from Arthur Rank Hospice and our generous sponsor Arkwright & Co. for their support. Through everyone's combined effort we managed to raise the excellent sum of **£5,200** to be divided between our village hall maintenance fund and Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

As well as raising funds for charity, the event was a wonderful way to "show off" our lovely village: visitors commented on how friendly villagers were and what a wonderful opportunity it was to peep behind the high flint walls at our secret gardens. Photos from the day will be posted on the Ickleton Society website – <http://www.ickleton.org.uk/ipsgallery> and the Open Gardens Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/IckletonOpenGardens2016>.

We hope to "do it all again" in 2019!

With thanks – Pam Fearn, Catherine Cocks, Fiona Rose, Jos Flitton, June Woodward & Caroline Owen.

Aisha Hunt, Community Fundraiser at Arthur Rank Hospice Charity said:

"We are absolutely thrilled to have been part of this special event. Pam, Catherine, Fiona, Jos, June, Caroline and the many helpers really went the extra mile in organising this fabulous fundraiser and it is wonderful to see all their hard work and commitment come to fruition.

On behalf of everyone at ARHC, I would like to echo the thanks given to everyone involved.

Having moved to Ickleton myself last July, I feel very privileged to live in a village with such a warm community. Everyone's hard work and generosity really illustrates how passionate they are to give something back to people in our community and play a part in our future.

You have not only helped raise a terrific amount for the charity, you have helped raise awareness of the work we do, which is equally important – thank you.

Each year we are required to raise over £2 million, which subsequently enables us to continue to provide the vital services needed by our patients and their families. It is only with the support of the community that we can achieve our goals and continue to deliver our services here at the hospice and in the county free of charge to those who require them. Thank you once again for your support".

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

New members (including novice gardeners) and visitors always welcome. Discounts arranged for members with national and local suppliers. Further information: **Chair Mrs Pauline Gale**

Next Meeting – Wednesday 6th July 8.00 pm Ickleton Village Hall

"MONET AT GIVERNY"

Speaker: Caroline Holmes – Author, TV and Radio presenter

Outing – Thursday 28th July 6.30 pm

GUIDED TOUR of CLARE COLLEGE GARDEN

"The gardens reflect a beauty and repose which belie their position ..."

During May, about fourteen members met at Roger & Roz Sagers' delightful nursery in Newport for a guided tour of both the nursery & garden and, as an added bonus, a look round the neighbouring garden which Roger maintains. Both gardens have the lovely feature of the River Cam running along their bottom boundaries and whilst standing down there, it was lovely to enjoy the peaceful location.

At the well attended *June* meeting, members were given a glimpse of the past when Lizzie Sanders, author and historian, gave an illustrated view of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown at Audley End, in celebration of his 300th year. However, when the estate and parkland was remodelled the manor of Brook Walden all but disappeared. Houses were cleared and replaced with a planned village, and all that today remains are the 'uniform' houses of Audley End Village. The meeting concluded with Sally's Raffle.

There is no meeting in August.

GROW YOUR OWN with the ICKLETON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Now – piped water!

Do come and join our enthusiastic allotment community in Ickleton. Enjoy growing and harvesting your own fruit, vegetables and flowers.

We are pleased to announce the recent arrival of piped water (with grateful thanks to the Ickleton Parish Council, South Cambs District Council and the Wellcome Trust) and are fortunate to have supplies of free manure and wood chippings for all to share. We can offer 'starter plots' (quarter plot) as well as half and whole plots.

Whether you are new to growing your own or considering returning, **GIVE IT A TRY!** Help and advice will always be available. For further information, please visit the Ickleton village website ...

or email Ros – rosdowrick@aol.com or June Woodward

The Acclaimed Festival Players return to Ickleton with HAMLET

SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST at 5 pm

In celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare, The Festival Players Theatre Company is proud to present the Bard's most famous play, Hamlet.

Presented in full costume, an all-male company will bring you the excitement of this great thriller; intrigue, ghostly visitations, passion, a play-within-a play, a gripping duel, and humour, in a crystal-clear and fast-paced production.

A talented cast bursting with exuberance, this is not to be missed!

Pam Fearn

Tickets: Adults £15, Students/Children £10

Available from **Costcutter Village Shop**

or Pam Fearn

email: pam@cmws.co.uk



WEA Ickleton and Chesterford Branch

Last January we welcomed back Laurence Staig for our Spring course as many of us had attended his previous course on "Ten Great Films of All Time", The new course "Film and Film Music" was also excellent. All would be made very welcome to our future courses:

Autumn Course, 2016 "Rogues, Vagabonds & Paupers"

Tutor – Liz Carter

9 Wednesday mornings at 10am from 14th September in Ickleton Village Hall

Spring Course, 2017 "Islam and Muslims in the UK & the Modern World"

Tutor – Muhammad Manwar Ali

9 Wednesday mornings at 10am from 15th January 2017 in Ickleton Village Hall

The first two sessions of the courses can be paid for individually as trials, £5.25 each, to be deducted from the full fee of £47.25 if continuing.

We can offer lifts to Ickleton.

Further queries to **Margaret Beston**

Jumble Sale on Saturday 9th July – Village Hall 2 pm

...and with tea and cakes

For this Jumble Sale we still would still appreciate further donations – of clothes, books, toys, china, furniture, ANYTHING.

I can collect or you can leave items at 54 Frogge Street or 17 Birds Close.

The proceeds will be in aid of the British Red Cross and Help for Heroes.

Many thanks and hope to see you there.

Mark and Hazel Turton

THE FRIENDS OF HINXTON CHURCH – GARDEN EVENING Friday 15th July

By kind invitation of David and Jane Chater, the annual Friends of Hinxton Church Garden Evening will be held at **The Oak House, 105 High Street, Hinxton, at 6.30 p.m.**

The Oak House garden is exceptionally beautiful and I am sure we shall enjoy the opportunity to see it in its July glory! Everyone will be welcome from neighbouring villages; this is very much a family affair! Tickets include a glass of wine and finger food are priced at £8 each, £4 for children. As usual, there will be a generous raffle and garden games too!

Please order tickets in advance from:

Virginia Walker on email: virginiamwalker@btinternet.com
or Jane Chater on email: janechater@gmail.com

Anglian Water – Private Pumping Stations

If you have a private pumping station on your property, please note the following information from Anglia Water which may be to your advantage.

From October 2016, many of these private pumping stations will transfer over to Anglia Water and become our responsibility. We will take over all of the maintenance and the running costs too, saving customer hassle, worry and money. To help customers identify and report the pumping stations easily, we have launched a specialist website: www.spotapumpingstation.co.uk

Any questions – email: privatepumpingstations@anglianwater.co.uk

ICKLETON DIARY

JULY		
Friday	1 st	Mobile Library 12.45 pm bottom of Butchers Hill
Wednesday	6 th	Great Chesterford and District Garden Society 8.00 pm Talk Ickleton Village Hall
Saturday	9 th	Bell ringing Ickleton church 9.30 am - 10.15
“	“	Jumble Sale Village Hall 2.00 pm
Wednesday	20 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
“	“	W.I. 7.45 pm (talk) The Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford
Thursday	28 th	Gardening Society outing to Clare College Gardens 6.30 pm
Sunday	31 st	Rev Jessica Martin says Goodbye - the Church - 11 am service and Village Hall - lunch 12.30
AUGUST		
Saturday	6 th	Ickleton Social Club Quiz Night 8.15 pm
Wednesday	17 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
Saturday	20 th	Festival Players - Hamlet 5 pm Village Hall

Regular events in this month

Froglets	Mondays	9.30 - 11.30 am	Village Hall
Bingo	Mondays	8 - 10 pm	Ickleton Social Club

Coffee Mornings	Tuesdays	10 am - 12 noon	The Church
Badminton	Tuesdays	8 pm	Village Hall
Indoor Bowls	Thursdays	2 - 4 pm	Village Hall
Cricket home games (all at the rec)			
[see website for details, and of away matches]			
	Wednesdays 13, 20 and 27	6 pm	Midweek 1st or 2 nd XI
	Saturdays 2, 9 and 30	1 pm	1 st XI

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