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Thank you to all contributors this month..

Congratulations and thanks to the **Sizzlers Committee** and all their helpers for the very successful Comedy Night last month, and to the audience for their generosity: raising **£4,800!** in aid of the charity Restart Africa. See page 6.

Editor

PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse Collections during November

Monday	7	November	-	Blue and Green Bins
Monday	14	November	-	Black Bin
Monday	21	November	-	Blue and Green Bins
Monday	28	November	-	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

Extracts from the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th October 2016

The Parish Council wish to draw your attention to the following

1. Ickleton traffic

The Chairman will be meeting with a Project Engineer from CCC Highways to discuss a number of Ickleton traffic problems. He will be raising the likelihood of success if the Parish Council was to put in a bid under the 2017-18 Local Highways Improvement Initiative for funding to have a 50 mph limit on the road between Duxford and Ickleton. Duxford Parish Council and our District and County Councillors are all fully supportive of this idea. Although this year's bid for a vehicle activated sign to help drivers slow down was unsuccessful, Terry Sadler will also be discussing the possibility of us acquiring such a sign from our own funds.

For those who have signed up for the Ickleton Community Speedwatch group or are perhaps interested in doing so, this is just to let you know that things are progressing. Further induction sessions for new recruits are taking place. Please contact me for information.

2. Children's Play Area

As we remarked last month in connection with the state of the bark-covered area, we realise that the Play Ara is very heavily used. We are therefore concerned that we are receiving so many reports that the gates, and/or their fastening mechanisms are broken. It seems almost a continuous problem at the moment and we are concerned about the entrances not being kept closed We do try to get the problem

fixed as soon as we are told about it but, as only a couple of us have occasion to visit the area regularly, it would be very helpful if you could alert me directly if you notice that something requires attention.

3. Stench from rotting crops.

We are sorry that this problem has not been resolved but we are having difficulty in tracking down contact details for the firm responsible for removal of this maize bio-fuel crop. Once we get this information, the Parish Council will contact Environmental Health.

4. Uttlesford District Council (UDC) Planning Policy Working Group.

There has been a concerted effort by Ickleton and surrounding Parish Councils to make our District and County Councillors aware of our concerns about the unsuitability of land near Great Chesterford identified by UDC as having potential for a new settlement. We understand SCDC has advised UDC of technical reasons that render the location unsuitable for a new settlement. UDC has announced a delay in their Local Plan Process. Public announcement of their site selection, which was expected in late October, will be delayed and public consultation will begin early in the New Year instead of starting this November.

5. Telephone kiosk on Frogge Street

The Parish Council has submitted applications to SCDC and to BT to "adopt" the kiosk. Both have replied to say that they are overwhelmed by the level of response but will get back to us as soon as possible. Following the item in last month's *Icene*, two interesting suggestions have come in as to how we can make best use of the kiosk once we own it. If anyone else has any ideas, please do let me have them so that the Parish Council has a range of options to consider.

6. Daffodil Planting

The Parish Council is very grateful indeed to Jos Flitton for not only again purchasing a lot of daffodil bulbs but then planting them herself. This was no mean task as she covered a large area within the Village with new plantings in the grass verge on Frogge Street, at the entrance to the Stackyard, beneath the Village 30mph signs, near the seat opposite the Allotments on Coploe Road, and behind the bus shelter at the entrance to the Recreation Field. We are proud of our Village, and of Jos who continues to do so much for us.

7. Community Highways Volunteering Scheme

CCC Highways has launched a new initiative to enable Villages to participate in protecting the environment while relieving financial pressure on CCC Highways. Volunteers, either individuals or groups, will work only within the confines of the Village and the scheme only applies to footways, footpaths and bridleways. Work will involve minor tasks such as "siding out" (cutting back grass that has grown over a footpath from the adjacent verge), litter-picking, cleaning road signs or cutting back vegetation. Please contact me if you require further information or would like to register an interest.

8. Ickleton Second Annual Awards Scheme

As Ickleton's first Annual Awards Scheme seemed to be well received, the Parish Council has decided to run this again for 2016 achievements, with awards in May 2017. Look out for more information in the December *Icene*.

9. Planning information received from SCDC

Amended application

S/1856/16/FL Construction of an attached double garage, 27 Frogge Street Ickleton. It was **agreed unanimously to support the application.**

Peta Stevens (Parish Clerk) petastevens17@gmail.com

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 4.30 pm	12 midday
Saffron Walden Market Square	latest 6.00 pm	12 midday

CHURCH NOTICES

Associate priest

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Lay Ministers

Judy Marshall
Julie Baillie
Judith Sutcliffe

In the absence of a priest-in-charge, please direct enquiries initially to the parish office:
01223 832137 hinkledux@googlemail.com.

Services for November

Wednesday	2 nd	6.30 pm	All Souls Service	ICKLETON
Sunday	6 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	Parish Communion	ICKLETON
		6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	HINXTON
Sunday	13 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	HINXTON
		10.30 am	Remembrance Service Duxford URC, followed by St Peter's	DUXFORD
		10.55 am	Remembrance Service, Hinxton	HINXTON
		10.55 am	Remembrance Service, Ickleton	ICKLETON
Sunday	20 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	ICKLETON
		10.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
		6.30 pm	Evening Prayer with Laying on of Hands	DUXFORD
Sunday	27 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	HINXTON
		10.00 am	Toy Service	DUXFORD
		6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	ICKLETON

News from the Church

Harvest Festival

A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who was involved in making our Ickleton Harvest Festival Celebrations such a big success. Both the service and the supper which followed, together with the All-Age Service on the Sunday afterwards, were well attended and much appreciated. Thanks go particularly to the Revd Phil Sharkey for officiating at both services and to Mandy Jeffery who contributed much to making the All Age service such a happy occasion.

Many thanks must also go to the creators of the beautiful autumnal flower and produce arrangements which decorated the church, and which were a potent reminder of how much we have to be thankful for at Harvest time - Judy Marshall, Jane Hurst (who provided that wonderful central arrangement, noticeable as soon as you entered the church), Sue Fowler, Pam Fearn, Penny Woodhead, Judith Sutcliffe and Rosie MacDonald. Many thanks, too, to Rosemary McKillen, Hilary Rule and all those who organised and brought such delicious food for the Harvest Supper; and to Gerry Birch for providing the wine. It was a delightful evening.

The Churchwardens

CHURCH GIFT DAY Saturday 19th November 10 am – 4 pm at the Church

Gift day is an important day in the church year for us for two reasons – firstly, it gives us an opportunity to review and celebrate what we've done over the last 12 months and secondly, it raises a lot of money to support and maintain these activities for another year. So it's a key part of our cycle of renewal because the church would not survive without individuals giving freely to it.

Free giving can take many forms – all of which we celebrate and give thanks for. We have many people who give their time and talents to help maintain the church; decorate for it wonderfully for festivals; clean it; fill it with coffee, cakes and community spirit; sing or play music in it – thank you all. We have people who give money or goods to the church – regular Gift Aid donations; one-off donations; buying cards or second handbooks; giving to the foodbank; all of this is vital to us – thank you.

We receive no money from external organisation so our existence is completely dependent on gifts. Please read the leaflet being distributed with this scene for more information on our successes and means of giving and please join us on 19th November for some thanks giving!

The Church will be open from 10am until 4pm on Gift Day - do come and visit us. There will be coffee and cakes for all, and soup and bread at lunch time.

Keena McKillen, Frances Payne

Metal theft from churches

Appeal for vigilance

As you may well be aware due to the coverage in the national press, metal theft from church rooves is a problematic and growing crime. We have been warned that this threat may be approaching this area and would ask everyone in the village to be vigilant, especially if they see people hanging around the church in the evenings. If you have concerns please alert the local police.

Keena McKillen and Frances Payne, Churchwardens

Who to Contact

If you see anything suspicious that makes you suspect your church is being targeted, please contact the Cambridgeshire Rural Crime Action Team at RCAT@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

ICKLETON CHRISTMAS CARD

This year's card features the beautiful stained-glass depiction of 'The Annunciation' in the east window of the church, from a photo skilfully taken by the Rev Phil Sharkey. The image is really lovely, the most striking and colourful card we've made. A copy can be viewed in the church and on the notice board by the shop.

Cards may be ordered from **Helen Royce** at 15 Mill Lane, hroyce@btinternet.com
The price, including envelopes, stays at £5 for ten. Stock is available now. All proceeds to Ickleton church funds. Please make out any cheques to 'Ickleton PCC'.

Colin Hayes

Coffee Mornings

Tuesday 1st November 10 – 12 at the church

The winter schedule of one per month now – the first Tuesday.

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

SUPPER 'ON THE HOOF'

Re the announcement of "Supper on the Hoof" in last month's Icene.

The planned date (26th November) is to be postponed to 2017.

Meanwhile thank you for the numerous offers to take part, and we would be happy to hear from anyone else who would like to participate – including those who would be able to host a first or second course.

Glynis Hammond, glynis.hammond@googlemail.com.

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

New members welcome.

For further general information please contact the Chair - Mrs Pauline Gale

Next meeting: **Wednesday 2nd November 8.00 pm Ickleton Village Hall**

BIOLOGICAL & NON CHEMICAL CONTROL OF PESTS

Speaker: Michael Abel MSc Horticulture, lecturer at Writtle College

October meeting

Matt Oliver, from Hyde Hall was an excellent and humorous speaker at the October meeting. He took us through the various ways of pruning soft fruit using examples and slides from his vegetable garden at Hyde Hall and made the subject really interesting - his explanation of cordon training was fascinating. Matt has just grown a pumpkin from seed purchased at a cost of £1,250 (yes, I have not put an extra 0 in by mistake) by Thompson and Morgan and given to Matt to grow at Hyde Hall. He was very excited on Wednesday evening as it was due to be weighed at the Pumpkin Festival, and it weighed in at 605 kg - the record for the heaviest pumpkin grown outdoors !!!

Chesterfords, Ickleton & Hinxtton WI

Next meeting: **Wednesday 16th November at 7.45 pm Congregational church, Great Chesterford**

"ALL THE QUEEN'S HORSES AND ALL THE QUEEN'S MEN!" - by Mr Keith Baldwin

Jenny Palmer

Arthur John Carder 31 December 1928 - 13 May 2016

John, as he was fondly known to friends and neighbours, lived in Ickleton from early childhood until 18 years ago when he and Poppy downsized to a bungalow in Sawston.

John was very committed to village life and started up the Ickleton Youth Football side, giving the local lads a much needed interest on Sunday mornings.

John loved walking round the village and would often be gone for hours with his beloved dog Jasper. Taking time to talk to everyone he met, the topics of conversation would be what vegetables were doing well in the garden, horse racing and of course football.

When John moved to Sawston his only stipulation was that he had to have a large garden so that he could still grow his own vegetables. He still managed his garden until a couple of years ago when unfortunately his health started to deteriorate

The family would like to thank all those who attended the service at Sawston Free Church, and also for the cards, telephone calls and support given to us during this difficult time.

Poppy, Sue, Tony, Carol, Tina and families

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

As part of the annual Poppy Appeal the usual house-to-house collection will take place from Saturday 29th October until Saturday 12th November. Please give as generously as you can when the collector knocks on your door.

Gift Aid is a way in which the Legion can benefit more from your donation by getting some additional money from the Revenue and Customs Department. It is available to any taxpayer and will turn each £1 donated into £1.25! All collectors will have Gift Aid envelopes when they call or you can phone or email me and I will deliver you an envelope in advance. This will be collected in the normal way. Thank you for your continuing support to the Poppy Appeal.

Malcolm Hall - Organiser malcolm.c.hall@gmail.com

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE Thursday 15th December

Please put this date in your diaries. All ages welcome – young, not so young, and anything in between. It's a lot of fun, and we have food and drink afterwards. The collection each year is in aid of a charity. More details next month.

John Williams icene@newinnhouse.co.uk

COMEDY NIGHT in aid of RESTART AFRICA

Thank you from the Sizzlers Committee

We would like to thank all who contributed so generously and at the same time enjoyed a wonderful fun evening last month, and to all those who helped, and to thank Paul and Sarah Crocker of Hinxton for their help. The amazing sum of **£4,800** was raised!

The Cambridge Footlights provided a hilarious view of the world – especially the sketches of the Murray brothers and the Prime Minister and the Chancellor

The Croft and Pearce female comedy duo brought the house down and received a fully deserved standing ovation. They are surely television stars of the future.

They have asked us to let you know that they will be at the Junction in Cambridge **on Friday 10th February 2017** with their all new 'Best Of' Show. This again will be new material

Restart Africa

Restart Africa was initially set up in 2008 and has concentrated its efforts towards providing a home for 115 children who have been abandoned, neglected and abused, and provides shelter, care, housing and an education through to adulthood.

It was Paul Crocker who brought the orphanage to the attention of the Sizzlers following his return from Kenya in East Africa. Working for the National Crime Agency he has been training the Kenyan Police Service on behalf of the Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre (CEOP) to investigate child abuse. He thanks everybody for their generosity.

Thank you to all the committee and the Ickleton community for their help on the night and since – to Chris at the Pub, Debs and Ollie Thaine, Dip and Sunita at our shop, the Sanger Centre, John and Julie Lambourne, Welch's Garage, Altone Printers, Waitrose Saffron Walden, Bridgette Ellwood Beauty in Duxford, Saffron Laundry, Croft and Pearce, Cambridge Footlights, Emma Lowndes and Jason Merrells and especially to those of you who bought a ticket and attended the night. You have all made a difference to the children at Restart Africa.

Finally - this Christmas, when you are doing your Christmas lists..... PLEASE, PLEASE PLEASE, remember the children who have no family and log on to www.restartafrica.org and follow the links to make a DONATION.

Thank you Sarah Mila

ICKLETON SOCIETY

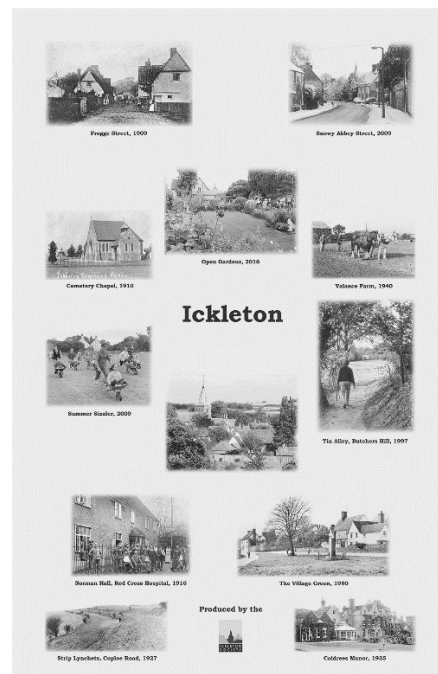
'William Morris: An Overview of His Life & Work', Wednesday 9 November in the Village Hall Meeting Room, 7.30 for 8pm

Fiona Rose will give a talk on William Morris (1834–1896) who was the single most influential designer of the nineteenth century. Morris was a political theorist, scholar, translator and publisher, environmental campaigner, writer and poet as well as an outstanding designer. This illustrated talk includes an overview of his early life, marriage, family, homes and the work of his firm Morris & Co. including work undertaken by the firm in Cambridge. This is free for members, £3 for non-members and there will be a modest charge for wine and soft drinks.

Fiona will bring along for sale gifts and home interiors in designs by William Morris that make great Christmas gifts. We will also have the new Ickleton tea towel (see below), the Ickleton Chronicle and cards for sale. You can make purchases and have drinks before and after the talk. The doors will open at 7.30 and the talk will begin around 8 – 8.15pm.

New Ickleton Tea Towel for sale – our new tea towel is selling well. As mentioned last month, it features photos of Ickleton in the past and in recent times (for example a picture of one of the Sizzler wheelbarrow races so the Dads and children featured will surely want to do the drying up!). They are available in maroon or blue and cost £5 each or £20 for 5 – just right for Christmas. If you'd like to buy or reserve some, please contact Fiona Rose at fionarose@yahoo.co.uk (please note the 2 rs in the address) .

The Ickleton Chronicle – we also have a limited number of copies of this book for sale. It contains extracts from the Cambridge Chronicle and Gazette newspaper from 1777 to 1899 which feature Ickleton events or people. It's a fascinating record of events in our village at that time. The special price for members is £13 (£11 each for 2 or more copies) and for non-members is £15 (£12.50 each for 2 or more copies).



Dates for your Diaries:

- 1 January 2017, 11am – our regular New Year's Day walk followed by a light lunch including soup and mulled wine. More details next month.
- Pop Up Cinema – Saturday 21 January 2017, Village Hall, film, time and ticket price tbc.
- Ickleton Ceilidh – Saturday 4 March 2017, time and ticket price tbc.

Development Pressures – it may seem to have gone quiet for a while but things are happening. At the time of writing, the local press are reporting that Uttlesford seem to be in disarray once more over their Local Plan with another delay to the announcement and consultation on the sites for housing including new settlements. If reports are to be believed, the recommended new settlement sites that were to have been announced did **not** include Great Chesterford. We shall have to continue to wait and hope that this will be the final outcome but, as we know from the local papers, there are those who seem determined that any new settlement should be at Great Chesterford.

Meanwhile the Wellcome Trust has just hired a new Project Director for the Genome Campus expansion who will be starting at the beginning of November. He will be establishing a programme and timetable for the project. We hope to have a meeting with him before the end of the year. While acknowledging the important and valuable work done on the Campus, all of our soundings are that residents are totally opposed to housing development on the land and also to another major research institution coming on to the site. We shall continue to represent those views and stand ready to campaign against any such proposals.

Rachel Radford rachelmradford@btinternet.com

FIREWORKS and BONFIRE NIGHT – 1st Whittlesford and Duxford Scout Group

Saturday 5th November

At grounds on **Hinxton Road, Duxford** behind Hexcel/ Hunstman near the level crossing - follow signs.

Huge bonfire, BBQ, cakes, hot drinks, mulled wine & glow necklaces

Gates open & food served from 5 pm (closed to incoming traffic at 6.15)

Bonfire lit at 5.30 Fireworks start at 6.30

Tickets from Ickleton and Duxford shops or at the gate:

Adults £3.50, Children (under 18) £2, Family £10 [£4, £2.50 and £12 at the gate].

Pre-school children Free! Plenty of free parking. Proceeds in aid of the Scout group – all will go towards equipping the newly built hut.

FREE FIREWORK DISPLAY AT THE GENOME CAMPUS

Thursday 3rd November Food from 5.30 until 7. Fireworks from 7 pm

As always, all residents of the surrounding villages are very welcome to attend.

Please congregate on the grass area on the opposite side of the lake, between the Sulston Building and the Conference Centre.

Food: A Hog Roast van with roast pork baps and an alternative for vegetarians.

Also a van offering sweet and savoury crepes and hot drinks, a chip van, a pizza van, and also hot drinks, cookies and flapjacks available to buy at the Conference Centres.

Parking spaces are available for those who need to drive. If you are going to attend, please make sure that you get there in plenty of time. Access to the cricket pitch area is strictly forbidden for safety reasons. Access over the Wetlands Nature reserve and through the Hinxtton gates to Hinxtton will be available.

Questions or queries please contact **Heather Bevan-Hunt**,

email: hbh@sanger.ac.uk or **GCSSC**: gcssc@wellcomegenomecampus.org.

‘ANIMAL MAGIC’ with the Fabulous 4 Village Orchestra

Duxford Primary School - Saturday 26th November at 7.30 pm

The Fabulous 4VO is a local orchestra with members drawn mainly from the four villages of Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford and Hinxtton..

This year an animal themed programme will feature The Lion King, Barbar the Elephant, Black Beauty, the Pink Panther...even Johnny Morris, and many more.

Tickets: £7.00 and £5.00 for concessions. Call the 4VO Box Office (**John Statham**)

4VO's last few concerts have been **completely sold out** so reserve your tickets early!

MEDICAL MATTERS

Don't forget Flu Vaccination if you have intended to have one.



Hello from The Chesterfords Preschool!

We are excited to let you know that our Preschool now has a lunch club on Fridays, as well as the rest of the week, and afternoon sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays until 2.45pm

To help or get involved...let us know if you are interested...
as additional cover staff
in joining our Management Committee
or taking up one of our exciting sponsorship opportunities

Email **Tiffany** on draketiffany@gmail.com.

If you have skills to share such as music, dance, languages or sport we would love to hear from you.

Come to our **Open Morning on Tuesday 8th November, 9.30 - 12 noon, at the Chesterfords Community Centre**. The school has spaces for more children to join.

Tesco Bags of Help Grant We were picked from nearly 3,000 applicants as one of three projects to be awarded a grant! You can vote for us, using a token given at check out, in Saffron Walden and Haverhill **Tesco stores between 31 October and 13 November**. Nominated projects will win £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 respectively, funded by the 5p charge for plastic bags. Our grant will be used to enhance and develop our outdoor spaces. Thank you for showing your support by voting for us.

Finally, our ever-popular **Christmas Craft Afternoon is being held on Sunday 4th December from 2 to 4pm** at The Chesterfords Community Centre. Children make a variety of beautiful Christmas-themed crafts to take home.

To find out more or register your child:
Call 07840 341551 or email chesterfordpreschooladmissions@hotmail.co.uk
www.chesterfordspreschool.org.

Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living

Do you want to have a say in improving services from Health or Social Care?

Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living is a local independent charity that works to improve services by raising the voice of people living with all disabilities.

One of the ways we do this is by bringing people with disabilities, carers (called Independent Members), Health and Social Care teams, and voluntary sector organisations (such as Age UK, Voice Ability, Cam Sight and the Carer's Trust) together at 'Partnership Board' meetings.

The Partnership Boards are opportunities for you to have your say about what is good about Health and Social Care services, such as home care and day centres, and what you would like to improve or where you would like to see changes.

We are looking for new Independent Members to join our boards. We offer full training and support, out of pocket expenses and reimbursement of travel.

If you think this could be you...
Please contact Leisha O'Brien, Development Officer at Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living
Tel: 0300 111 2301 or email leisha@cambridgeshirealliance.org.uk
www.cambridgeshirealliance.org.uk

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Lucy Davidson lgowlett@hotmail.com

ICKLETON DIARY

NOVEMBER		
Tuesday	1 st	Coffee morning 10 am - 12 noon at the church
Wednesday	2 nd	Great Chesterford and District Garden Society 8.00 pm Ickleton Village Hall
Friday	4 th	Mobile Library 12.45 pm bottom of Butchers Hill
Wednesday	9 th	Ickleton Society – William Morris and his work 7.30 for 8 V. Hall
Wednesday	16 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
“	“	W.I. 7.45 pm (talk) The Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford
Saturday	19 th	Church Gift Day 10 am - 4 pm at the church
“	“	Social Club Quiz night 8.15 pm
DECEMBER		
Wednesday	14 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
Thursday	15 th	Carol Singing Round the Village - from 6 pm

Regular events in this month

Froglets	Mondays	9.30 - 11.30 am	Village Hall
Bingo	Mondays	8 - 10 pm	Ickleton Social Club
Badminton	Tuesdays	8 pm	Village Hall
Indoor Bowls	Thursdays	2 - 4 pm	Village Hall

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