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**All contributions please to 10 Brookhampton Street
Deadline for next Icene Bulletin 21st December**

Thank you to all contributors this month. Please note the above deadline date for the January edition as 21st December and not later because of printing deadline.

Waste Collections

Residents please note there is no green bin collection on 19 December – the next will be on 3 January. Food waste can be put in the black bin as well as the green, which effectively allows the gap to not exceed two weeks for food waste disposal.

Carol Singing round the village

Please note date change from 15th to **Tuesday 20th**. Also need collectors who need not sing! See p. 7.

We wish Tom Turner - newly resident in Grange Road, a speedy recovery after his accident at Duxford Airfield.

Merry Christmas to all.

Editor

PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse Collections during December

Monday	5	December	-	Blue and Green Bins
Monday	12	December	-	Black Bin
Monday	19	December	-	Blue Bin Only
Thursday	22	December	-	Black Bin
Tuesday	3	January	-	Blue and Green Bins

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. Green bins emptied once a month until March.

Recycling Centre Thriplow off A505. Opening hours: Every day 8.00 - **16.00** hours (winter opening times). Gates shut 10 minutes before closing time. Tel: 01223 839001.

Ickleton Parish Council

Extracts from the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th November 2016

The Parish Council wish to draw your attention to the following

1. Telephone kiosk on Frogge Street

SCDC has given its approval to our wish to "adopt" the kiosk, which is the first step in a surprisingly long-winded process. Meanwhile, BT has confirmed receipt of our application but appears to be overwhelmed by the number of applications it has received. We now have three suggestions as to how we can make best use of this resource. There is still time for further proposals so do get in touch.

2. BMX Track on Private Land in Ickleton

For a considerable amount of time a piece of land in the village has been used by young people for BMX activities, involving the construction of bike runs and ramps. The land is privately owned, and we

understand is being entered upon and changes made to it without the owner's permission. The Parish Council has previously advised the owner about the activities because of concerns expressed about the risk to the young people engaged in unsupervised BMX activities given the scale of the track etc.

Recently a larger system of ramps has been built. This in itself has increased the potential risk of injury at the site, but more serious risks arise owing to the fact that the ramps now run beneath electricity supply cables carrying 11,000 volts. Those who are using the ramps are putting themselves inside the safe distances recommended by such bodies as the Health and Safety Executive and the power distribution companies. You do not have to touch the cables to receive a severe electric shock – electricity can arc across large distances from such cables.

The bike run now includes a trench which has cut through the roots of a mature tree. The tree has been left looking unstable. If the tree were to fall, it seems likely to fall across the power lines. Quite apart from the inconvenience that could be caused to households suffering a loss in power supply, there is the prospect of an horrific accident if the tree fell whilst the ramps were in use.

Warning signs were put up recently by the power company responsible for the overhead cables. We are seeking further information from the company.

The Parish Council does not know who has been building the ramps or who is using them. Anyone reading this who does know anybody involved is urged to let them know about the risks posed by the cables, and they should be told not to use the ramps. Parents should find out if their children or young adults have been taking part and advise them to stop.

The Parish Council is contacting the owner of the land again to put him in the picture, in the hope that he will do something about this situation.

3. Ickleton traffic

Unfortunately the County Council will not support our proposal to introduce a 50mph limit on the rural roads between Great Chesterford, Ickleton and Duxford. As the police are also unsupportive, we have decided to shelve our bid for funding. However, we intend to try to open discussions with senior CCC Highways officials to see what can be done to counter the expected increase in traffic if and when proposals for significant local developments in our area go ahead. We are also thinking about asking the Wellcome Genome Campus whether there are any measures they can take to limit staff using Ickleton as a rat run to work.

There is however support from CCC Highways for the Village obtaining a vehicle-activated speed indication device. There appear to be suitable sites in Abbey and Frogge Streets where such a sign could be placed. The idea is that the sign would be relocated periodically. If there are any other sites you would like to suggest, please do let me know. The sign is fairly prominent, and regard has to be had to the possibility of residents being disturbed by the flashing light.

4. Uttlesford Planning Policy Working Group.

As reported by the free local papers (and November's Icene) Uttlesford DC's Local Plan process is on hold temporarily. One reason for this is the selection of sites for new settlements. At one point it seemed as if land near Great Chesterford would be rejected as a new settlement site – much to our relief – but this unfortunately remains a possibility. Several Uttlesford Councillors called an Extraordinary Meeting of UDC which was held on 16 November. They are pressing for more transparency in UDC's plan process, but the impression is that some are determined to see the Great Chesterford site chosen.

The Chairman of Hinxton Parish Council attended the UDC Extraordinary Meeting on behalf of South Cambs villages in our locality to express our view that this would not be a sustainable development. Ickleton Parish Council along with its neighbouring Councils will continue to oppose the siting of a new settlement near Great Chesterford at every opportunity.

5. Ickleton 2nd Annual Awards Scheme

Nominations for Ickleton Annual Awards 2016

The Parish Council has launched the 2nd annual awards scheme to acknowledge and celebrate notable achievements by Ickleton residents. It also hopes to encourage current and future community activities by providing cash prizes to winning groups. Nominations to recognise the vibrant community of Ickleton are now invited for any or all of the following 6 awards:

Ickleton Club or Society of the Year

For any Club or Society based in Ickleton having achieved notable success

Service to the Community of Ickleton

To recognise any individual or group that has made a significant contribution to village life

Personal Sporting Achievement (under-18 and over-18)

Recognising outstanding individual sporting achievements during the year

Personal Achievement (non-sporting) (under-18 and over-18)

For significant personal achievements such as in music, art, dance or fund-raising

Awards for 2016 will be presented at the Annual Parish meeting in May 2017. Clubs, groups and organisations will receive a donation. Individuals will receive a donation to the club/group/organisation they are affiliated to. Individuals not affiliated to a club/group/organisation may be given vouchers to celebrate their award, or they may request a donation to a local good cause of their choice, at the discretion of the Parish Council.

Making a nomination is simple, just tell us who you would like to nominate and for what category. Please include a brief explanation of why you think the person/group deserves an award. Don't forget to include contact details for yourself and the nominee and tell us if the nominee is under 18. Further information including detailed terms and conditions will be available on the village website.

Please send nominations to Peta Stevens (Parish Clerk) - petastevens17@gmail.com or post to 17 Mill Lane, Ickleton **by 1st March 2017**.

The success of this initiative rests on all of us. Please nominate friends, neighbours, relatives, clubs, societies, organisations who have done something special!

6. Bus Sign

There is apparently a power supply problem to the Saffron Walden-facing bus sign which has not worked for over a month. It appears that this is a Balfour Beatty responsibility and I will take it up with them.

7. Planning information received from SCDC

Planning applications received from SCDC:

i.S/2471/16/LB and S/2469/16/FL. Erection of link extensions to existing office buildings. Abbey Barns, Duxford Road, Ickleton (Mr I Small, Abbey 2000 Property Management). Lewis Duke declared an interest and left the room during discussion and the voting process.

Agreed unanimously to support the applications

Application Approved by SCDC: Construction of an attached double garage, 27 Frogge Street

Tree works - subject to a tree preservation order or situated within a conservation area.

66 Abbey Street Ickleton Raise crown all round to approx. 8 feet and retrim to restore original shape thereby removing present traffic obstruction in driveway.

Agreed unanimously to inform SCDC that we have no comments to make

Lewis Duke advised Councillors that, in response to a request from Abbey Barns tenants and in view of the risks for pedestrians on the Duxford Road verges, he had approached SCDC about making a permissive path, solely for the use of Abbey Barns people. This would run from Abbey Barns to Abbey Street by No. 72. Councillors had no objection in principle but requested a site visit for clarification.

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

Could you help with the Village Website?

Ickleton's website has now been operational in one form or another for some 15 years. In 2012 it was upgraded to Wordpress which allowed individual village groups to manage their own content. The site includes every copy of Icene, and Parish Council minutes back to 2001. All these and many other village organization records are searchable online. In addition, the site incorporates both the Ickleton Society's image and document gallery and the historical database of Ickleton people.

It was always the aspiration of the Parish Council that the site be operated by a small group who would handle both technical issues and the provision of content. At one or two points this has indeed happened, but with departures from the village and the march of time, we are now sadly down to just me!

If you could spare the time to get involved - and particularly if you fancy your journalistic / web skills or know someone else who might, we would be overjoyed to hear from you.

Andrew Shepperd hector@shepperd.eu

Securing your home

Burglaries are happening regularly across villages in South Cambs, usually in the day when properties appear to be empty, with cash and jewellery being the common things stolen.

Have you considered how secure your property is? There is an online quiz designed to confirm how safe your property is. It was created by Chief Inspector James Sutherland from South Cambs. Once completed it tells you how safe your home is.

The "bad-wolf test" takes just 2 minutes to complete and tells you how safe your home is from burglars. You get a score of bricks, twigs or straw. Anyone who gets the STRAW rating is given an email contact address and encouraged to get in contact with Cambs Police so that they are given the opportunity to have an officer from South Cambs Police, come out and do a free full home security survey.

To enter the quiz go to the website: <http://tinyurl.com/bad-wolf-test>

Another option is The Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme. This is a charity which provides a service to older or vulnerable people by improving home security. The Bobby Scheme works with a number of partner agencies, including the Police, Fire Service, Local Authorities, Age UK and other charities.

Trained staff come out and fit a range of security devices to help people feel safe in their own homes – such as window locks, door chains, personal attack alarms, window and door alarms etc. They also provide advice and reassurance. On average it costs the Bobby Scheme £130 to work at each home, so they do ask people to consider making a donation so that they can continue to provide such a great service. This is how the scheme works:-

- If you have been a victim of crime and you are over 60, you can receive a free visit.
- If you are 65 and over or disabled and would like a visit from the Bobby Scheme to reduce your chance of becoming a victim, they ask for a contribution of £30 towards their costs.
- Key safes supplied and fitted cost from £50 and £80.
- Other specialist products are available to buy.

For a visit from the Bobby Scheme call 01480 413311 or 07866 602100.
They also have a website www.thebobbyscheme.org

Any queries, regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me... **PCSO 7239 Leanne Fisher**,
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leanne.fisher@cambs.pnn.police.uk 01223 497610.

CHURCH NOTICES

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Lay Ministers

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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 December

Sunday 4 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
2 nd of Advent P	10.00 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School	ICKLETON
	6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	HINXTON
Sunday 11 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
3 rd of Advent P	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	DUXFORD
	4.00 pm	Christingle Service	ICKLETON
	6.30 pm	Service of lessons and carols	HINXTON
Sunday 18 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	ICKLETON
4 th of Advent P	10.00 am	Morning Prayer	HINXTON
	4.00 pm	Christingle Service, Duxford St Peter	DUXFORD
	6.30 pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	ICKLETON
Saturday 24 th	4.00 pm	Christingle	HINXTON
Christmas Eve	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	DUXFORD
Sunday 25 th	10.00 am	Festival Communion	HINXTON
Christmas Day W	10.00 am	Festival Communion	ICKLETON
	11.00 am	Family Christmas Service	DUXFORD
		<i>No evening service</i>	

News from the Church

CHURCH GIFT DAY – THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all those who contributed so generously to our funds on the Church Gift day last month. We are deeply grateful. We have raised approximately £2000 – a fantastic total which will be increased by some Gift Aid. The reality is, however, that this amount will only keep our wonderful church running for about 20 days as it costs just over £100 a day to keep our church open. The love and care devoted to the church is clear to see with many comments in the Visitors book underling that fact. This is thanks to financial donations as well as the many other gifts that contribute to the upkeep of our church: gifts of time, for example, in cleaning the church; and talents such as the beautiful flower arrangements which frequently adorn the windows, the Choir and the nave. Thanks also to those who provided sustenance for our Gift Day gathering - the gift of friendship which marks our gatherings in the Church (and I would particularly note the coffee mornings here) is also greatly valued.

In thanking you for your generous donations on Gift Day, we would say to others that it is not too late to give and we hope that you will all think of us during the forthcoming year when we look forward to welcoming a new vicar and launching some exciting youth initiatives.

We have set up a number of ways of donating to the church: online via MyDonate at www.btplc.com/mydonate, and then searching for St Mary Magdalene, Ickleton or you can set up a

regular donation by covenant. Don't forget that your gifts can be enhanced through Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer.

The Churchwardens

Christingle Service Ickleton Church Sunday December 11th 4pm

What are you waiting for? That's one of the questions we've been exploring with the young people as we prepare for Christmas services in our parishes. In an age of instant gratification, patience can seem like a very outdated virtue, but learning to wait hopefully and with expectation is something we can all benefit from. There's not long to wait now for our annual Christingle service which will be on Sunday December 11th at 4pm. This year we're asking the children to nominate their favourite carols and Christmas hymns and we'll be singing a selection of these, including of course Away in a Manger.

Following the service Sarah and Simon Fawcett are kindly hosting refreshments at Norman Hall just across from the church. Everyone is very welcome, even if you can't make the service. So whether you're new to the village or an old hand do come and join us. We'd love to see you.

A collection will be taken during the service for the work of the Children's Society, a charity that works to improve childhood for disadvantaged children and young people in Britain.

Could you help us make the Christingles?

The assembly team will meet at **Jess Bloomfield's, 60 Frogge Street on Saturday morning 10th starting at 10.00 am**. This is definitely a job where many hands make light work so if you can join us please let Jess know or contact Luciana Ferreira Day on lucianafday@gmail.com. The process usually takes about 2 hours but you don't have to stay for the whole time. Plenty of chat and an early glass of mulled wine are guaranteed!

And finally if you can't make the 11th there are two more opportunities to attend a Christingle service in our parishes at Duxford on December 18th and Hinxtton on Christmas Eve. You'll be most welcome.

Mandy Jeffery

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 6th December 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

ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club will be **open on Boxing Day** from 12 noon.

Quiz night Saturday 14^h January 8.30 pm

All. Welcome. Includes buffet.

Shirley Gregory

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

The Society, which covers seven local villages including Great & Little Chesterford, organises meetings, talks and events for people interested in gardens and gardening. New members (including novice gardeners) and visitors always welcome. Discounts arranged for members through national and local suppliers.

For further general information please contact the Chair - Mrs Pauline Gale ☎ 525543

Next meeting: Wednesday 7th December 8.00 pm Ickleton Village Hall

GERTRUDE JEKYLL – Artist, Gardener and Craftswoman

The Speaker - Dr. Twigs Way, Professional Garden Historian, author and researcher, who Lectures for the University of Cambridge and Burbeck.

November meeting

Mike Abel lectured in horticulture at Writtle College for twenty years, and has 10 years commercial fruit and vegetable growing experience, and this made for a very good, clear, well organised talk at the *November* meeting. His knowledge on biological and chemical free control of pests and diseases was vast and gave a clear idea of what is available. He also brought along a mock wasp nest, and packaged examples of nematodes, encarsia wasps etc and explained how to use them. Mike now works for Agralan who have brought out an entire catalogue of environmentally safe controls, a very interesting read. His talk de-mystified the concept of biological controls – members were inspired by the concept, and will seek to cut the use of chemicals in the future.

NOTE: NO MEETING DURING JANUARY 2017

Chesterfords, Ickleton & Hinxton WI

The next meeting will be the **Christmas Party - Wednesday 14th December at 7.15**

In the Congregational Church, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford

At the **October meeting**, members and visitors were treated to a very interesting talk by Dr Twigs Way on "Literature and the Garden".

Dr Way who is a professional garden historian, author, freelance lecturer and researcher gave an insight into how important the garden can be in an author's book where the mention of flower beds, lawns, pergolas, follies and other garden layouts can be used as settings for dark deeds, mystery, murder or romance! As examples, she quoted text from the works of a number of authors eg Jane Austen, and we were reminded of how the plot develops from an innocent garden layout and scene to something far more important. Dr Way held us spellbound with her observations and entertaining style; everyone really enjoyed her talk. A selection of tasty refreshments were enjoyed at the end of the evening.

Jenny Palmer

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

Please note **change of date to Tuesday 20th** (from Thursday 15th which was indicated in November Icene).

All welcome – young, not so young and anything in-between. We simply sing together from carol sheets with the words and just follow the leader et al! Bring a torch. Also to knock on doors and collect if you prefer not to sing! Start **6.15 pm at Grange Road/Coploe Road corner**. For latecomers joining we proceed via Birds Close, Back Lane and the Closes, then back to Abbey Street...etc.

The collection this year will be towards the charity at Addenbrookes for pulmonary fibrosis and support for patients with this debilitating disease.

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

Any questions - contact me icene@newinnhouse.co.uk

John Williams

ICKLETON SOCIETY

New Year's Day Walk – as usual this is open to everyone in the village, any visitors and dogs on leads. There will be shorter and longer options and the first part of the walk should be suitable for pushchairs.

Meet at the corner of **Grange Road and Coploe Road at 11am**. Afterwards there will be a soup and mulled wine lunch at the Village Hall. Apart from the occasional washout, this is always a great event! If you can offer some soup or scones for the lunch, that would be much appreciated. Please let **Madelaine Smith** know m.smith2600@btinternet.com.

Pop Up Cinema, Saturday 21 January 2017, Village Hall

Cinema is coming back to Ickleton with **Florence Foster Jenkins (PG)**!

This is the true and touching story of a New York heiress, played by Meryl Streep, who dreams of becoming an opera singer while being blissfully unaware that she is tone deaf. Laughs come thick and fast as she fulfils her dream of singing at Carnegie Hall thus becoming the worst opera singer of all time. The film also stars Hugh Grant, Rebecca Ferguson and Simon Helberg. Tickets will cost £6 for adults and £4 for under 18s and will be available online at www.saffronscreen.com, from the cinema box office, at Saffron Walden Tourist Information Office and from the village shop nearer the time. Doors will open at 7.30 for 8pm and refreshments will be on sale before the film.



Former Methodist Chapel Open Day

Many thanks to Jenny and Lewis Duke for welcoming 60 or so visitors to the former chapel on Saturday 29 October. Everyone was impressed with the way in which the building is being converted to a home while retaining some of the features of the chapel. We heard some lovely stories about its history and congregation from visitors and have been promised some photos and reminiscences for the archives for which we are very grateful.

William Morris: An Overview of His Life and Work – on Wednesday 9 November Fiona Rose gave us a fascinating talk about William Morris (1834–1896), his life, career and achievements. Many of us knew of some of his work, particularly his beautiful designs, but we learnt that he was also an important political theorist, scholar, translator, publisher, environmental campaigner, writer and poet. We also discovered that there are important examples of his work in Cambridge.

Christmas Gifts for sale

We still have a few copies of the **Ickleton Chronicle** which contains extracts from the Cambridge Chronicle and Gazette newspaper from 1777 to 1899 featuring 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).

Our new **tea towel** which features photos of Ickleton in the past and in recent times, is also selling well. They are available in maroon or blue and cost £5 each or £20 for 5. We also have notelets featuring old photos of Ickleton (£1 each or £3.50 for 4). If you'd like to buy any of these, please contact Fiona Rose at fionarrose@yahoo.co.uk (please note the 2 rs in the address).

Date for your Diary - Ickleton Ceilidh, Saturday 4 March 2017, time and ticket price tbc.

Development Pressures

As you will have seen from the papers, the arguments in Uttlesford about whether or not a new settlement should be built at Great Chesterford, continue. We are very grateful to the group of local Parish Councils and to South Cambridgeshire District Council for their efforts to explain to Uttlesford's councillors and residents why this would not be sustainable. Should that site unfortunately go forward for inclusion in Uttlesford's Local Plan, there will be another round of public consultation and an opportunity for the public to comment on it.

Meanwhile we understand that Duxford Parish Council has been told that a planning application will be made for a MOTO service station at Junction 10 of the M11. Similar applications have been made in the past and have not succeeded but we can't just assume they will be rejected again. The Committee will consider the application and make appropriate comments on it when it is made.

Rachel Radford rachelmradford@btinternet.com

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL - THANK YOU

This year's village collection produced a total of £1,253.49, including the HMRC contribution of £83.50 for Gift Aid donations and over £150 from the church collection on Remembrance Sunday. This is another excellent result, so thank you all for giving so generously.

This would not be possible without the efforts of our conscientious band of collectors. Very many thanks therefore go to Gerry Birch, Pat Facer, Yvonne Hall, Philly Hamilton, Glynis Hammond, Judy Marshall, Jeff Merrells, Hilary Rule and June Vincent.

Credit is also due to Costcutter, the Ickleton Lion, Riverside Barns, the Social Club, Hill Residential, R.A.G.T. Seeds and Team Consulting for their help, by displaying collecting boxes.

Malcolm Hall - Honorary Organiser

Christmas Lights 17 Birds Close

Once again this Christmas we are decorating our front garden and the front of our house for charity – this year it is for the Cancer Unit at Addenbrookes.

Please come around and help us raise money. We hope to switch the lights on from 1st December until Twelfth Night. We hope to see you some time. Thank you.

Happy Christmas

Carol and Barry Turton

WELCOMES

This month a warm welcome to Ickleton is extended to **Amy and Darren Hall**, and their two boys Alex aged 8 and Jacob aged 3. They moved to 11 Coploe Road on the 20th September having lived in Sawston for 15 months, and previously Cherry Hinton.

In August **Loredana Ciucian and Thomas Turner**, having lived in the village previously and married in Ickleton Church, moved back to the village. They now live at 1 Grange Road. Tom works at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford, and loves to fly for a hobby. Loredana is a Senior Scientist with a pharmaceutical company in Cambridge, and is a keen photographer and cook and enjoys travel. We wish you all lots of happiness in your new homes.

Last but not least, I recently had the pleasure of meeting **Alfie Alaister Graves** who lives with his mummy and daddy at 54 Abbey Street. Many congratulations go to Aisha and Matt on the birth of Alfie on the 9th August; and of course welcome to Alfie.

One of the things I do when visiting newcomers is to give them an Ickleton information guide which is always well received. To ensure that I can do this it helps me greatly if you can let me know when you get new neighbours. Equally if you are the one to have just moved into the village please contact me by email at estatham100@gmail.com.

Elaine Statham

WEA Ickleton and Chesterford Branch

With WEA we enjoy exploring new topics, over a nine week period, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, led by tutors who are very knowledgeable in their subjects and good at stimulating and supporting discussion. No experience or previous qualifications are necessary to join our courses, only an interest in the subject and a curiosity to learn more in good company.

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

Tutor – Muhammad Manwar Ali

9 Wednesday mornings at **10am from 11^h January 2017 in Ickleton Village Hall**

This course will offer an introduction and a further look at principles, practices, diversity and world view of Muslims, discussing and seeking opinions on issues with special relevance to the United Kingdom.

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. WEA courses are free to those on certain benefits.

We can offer lifts to Ickleton.

Further queries to **Margaret Beston**



Hello from The Chesterfords Preschool!

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. For further details: 07840 341551 chesterfordpreschooladmissions@hotmail.co.uk

Duxford Advent Market 2016 Saturday 3rd December 4pm - 8 pm

at St John's church, St John's Street, Duxford

German-style village advent craft fair

Duxford is all set to hold its annual German-style Advent Market, now in its sixth year. The market will be held in the wonderfully atmospheric St John's church, now rarely used for services and virtually untouched since Victorian times.

As well as over 20 quality craft stalls there'll be carol singers and a sax band to entertain whilst shoppers warm up with a mug of authentic glühwein or hot chocolate. New this year is a stall selling delicious Swiss raclette, alongside our bratwurst barbecue.

Whilst the children wait to visit Santa with their wish lists, we have a magical story-teller and a face painter to keep them entertained. Meanwhile Mum and Dad can take a break to browse the stalls and stock up on Christmassy food and stocking fillers of every kind. From classy necklaces to glitzy decorations and sweets to hand-made toys it's all there, along with gift wraps, ribbons and cards.

Kindly sponsored by local businesses, the Advent Market began in 2011 as a way of raising funds for village good causes, whilst giving local people an opportunity to brave the December chill and get into the Christmas spirit with family, friends and neighbours.

Organised by the Duxford Advent Trust, the market is open to everyone, free of charge.

ADVERTISING

The ICENE goes to every house in the village and is widely read. Rates per monthly issue:
£5 per eighth of a page £10 per quarter of a page £20 per half page.

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ICKLETON DIARY

DECEMBER		
Friday	2 nd	Mobile Library 12.45 pm bottom of Butchers Hill
Tuesday	6 th	Coffee morning 10 am - 12 noon at the church
Wednesday	7 th	Great Chesterford and District Garden Society 8.00 pm Ickleton Village Hall
Wednesday	14 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
"	"	W.I. Christmas Party 7.15 pm Carmel Street, Great Chesterford
Tuesday	20 th	Carol Singing round the Village – start 6.15 pm Grange Rd corner
JANUARY 2017		
Sunday	1 st	New Year's Day Walk 11.00 am corner Grange Rd/Coploe Rd
Saturday	14 th	Ickleton Social Club Quiz Night 8.15 pm
Wednesday	18 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
Saturday	21 st	Cinema - Florence Foster Jenkins 7.30 for 8 Village Hall

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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