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Thank you to contributors to this month's edition, and a Happy Christmas to all Ickletonians and their families. The deadline for January 2025 Icene is **16th December** to allow printing to be done before the New Year.

Ickleton Village Local Services and Events Calendar (regular and one-off). See the back two pages.

Dilip is pleased to announce that **INPOST** is now available at the Costcutter Shop.

Ickleton Lion Community Pub - *Christmas Celebration* Sunday 22nd December 4 - 8pm. Meet Father Christmas, seasonal refreshments, etc. You can pre-order a 'Feasts and Fun' Recipe book (by 10th December). See p. 9

Social Club and Ickle-Gigs Openings and times, and events - See page 8

Carol singing There are several opportunities for all to join in singing carols:

At the Social Club on Sunday 15th (lunchtime) - see p.8

The Church Carol Service on Friday 20th at 6.30 pm (see p.4)

At the Ickleton Lion Community Pub event on Sunday 22nd between 4 and 8 pm (page 9)

Christmas Eve - outside the church and its Advent window reveal at 5 pm

[Carol Singing round the village, previously flagged, is cancelled.]

PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse collections during December

Tuesday	314	December	Blue and Green bins
Tuesday	10 th	December	Black bin
Tuesday	17 th	December	Blue and Green bins
Tuesday	24 th	December	Black bin
Tuesday	31 st	December	Blue bin only

Green bin collections go on to the winter four-weekly cycle starting as above (so the next after 17th December will be on 14th January). You can put **food waste** in the BLACK bin (but not garden waste).

Thriplow Household Recycling Centre is on the winter schedule - between 8 am and 4 pm, seven days a week. Entrance gates shut 10 minutes before closing time. Booking is unnecessary. Visits of vehicles or trailers requiring e-permits will be registered by staff on arrival - no need to book in advance. For more information, please visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/thriplow-recycling-centre.

Play Area Equipment The Parish Council have received a number of quotations for replacement swings and zip wire and are now in receipt of the full inspection report. A working group has been set up and they will update the full Council at the December meeting with recommendations for actions to be taken.

A505/McDonald's Roundabout The expansion of the Wellcome Genome Campus is focussing attention on the existing problems of traffic congestion etc. County Councillors and Highways Officers have immediate responsibility for liaising with the developers, and the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority is also an interested party. Cllr Peter McDonald is concerned that the various parties are not talking to each other enough, and he is trying to put together a group to remedy this. There is a growing feeling that existing funding sources, such as the Section 106 monies pledged by the Wellcome Trust, may not be sufficient to bring about meaningful improvements to traffic flows.

Ickleton Parish Council Meeting Extracts from the Parish Council meeting minutes held on 20th November 2024. The Parish Council wishes to draw your attention to the following:

Projects and initiatives

Cemetery extension update. The Parish Council was successful in its bid to the Shared Prosperity Fund for funding towards improving green spaces in the village. This funding will be used for the new meadow area in the cemetery extension.

Reports from District and County Councillor Peter McDonald – Extracts.

Grants for Improving the High Street A new £200,000 grant scheme has been launched to boost the heart of communities across the district. Grants of between £5,000 to £20,000 per project are available to rural businesses, community groups and Parish Councils across the district. The scheme aims to improve the look of local high streets, promote rejuvenation, encourage residents to shop locally, and to attract more local businesses to the area.

Anglian Water & EA In the October meeting we were visited by representatives from Anglian Water, the Environment Agency and the County Council to examine the state of drainage, flood control and pollution mitigation. This followed some extraordinary failures in recent months including sewage outflows in Fowlmere and Ickleton in the spring/summer and an alarming rate of discharge into our watercourses across the district.

Unsurprisingly, serious questions were asked about these incidents. Anglian Water have since agreed to regular meetings with local representatives to avoid a repeat of these incidents.

Cambridge Biomedical Campus Development On 23rd October the Cambridge Biomedical Campus Landowners' Collaborative Group offered an update on their long-term aspirations for the sustainable development and expansion of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. The recording and slides are here: https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/about-us/news/cambridge-biomedical-campus-planning-update/

Half Term Vouchers The supermarket voucher scheme operated again during October half-term, for all eligible families in Cambridgeshire. Further information about the Holiday Voucher Scheme, including FAQs for parents, can be found through our website www.ickletonparishcouncil.org.uk. Go to the Cambridgeshire County Council and to the Holiday Voucher Scheme.

Please visit the website for find the full minutes of the Parish Council meeting, and information on the following in the Community Noticeboard section:

Highways events
M11 planned overnight closures
M11 landscaping works
HAF Christmas Programme link
Way 2 Go Road Safety Education Team Newsletter
Other public notices

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

SEW CALM

A big thanks to June and Pat and the Social Club for hosting the sewing club in November. We plan to carry on sewing in the New Year and will give more details in January's Icene.

Gill Laird

Each day from the 1st through to the 24th of December, a house in Ickleton will reveal an illuminated window displaying a seasonal scene - thereby making an *Ickleton Advent Calendar through Windows*. The schedule is shown below. The windows will be illuminated 5 pm - 8 pm daily, from the reveal date through to Christmas. You are invited to take a walk to view each fresh window as it is revealed.

We hope that this will bring Christmas Cheer to our village.

A big 'Thank you' to all who are contributing windows to this project!

Lizzie & Hugh Molloy

DATE	ADDRESS	DATE	ADDRESS
1	Vine Cottage, Butchers Hill (through hay-barn)	13	Church Barn, Butchers Hill (through hay-barn)
2	31, Abbey Street	14	42, Abbey Street
3	3, Brookhampton Street	15	March Cottage, Butchers Hill
4	4, Butchers Hill	16	48a, Frogge St
5	49, Abbey Street	17	25, Mill Lane
6	2, Butchers Hill	18	Mowbrays, 18 Church Street
7	Glebe House, Brookhampton St	19	April Cottage, Butchers Hill (through hay-barn)
8	69, Abbey Street	20	14, Brookhampton Street
9	9, Birds Close	21	Druid House, Church Street
10	1, Mill lane	22	Swallow Barn, Butchers Hill (through hay-barn)
11	1, Church Street	23	39, Church Street
12	14, Abbey Street	24	PARISH CHURCH *

^{*} Carols outside for the church window reveal at 5 pm

Wetlands

After a dismal start to the month, the cloud finally broke to give us sunshine for November's wetlands wildlife walk. We had a good crowd, with participants from Ickleton, Hinxton and the Genome Campus. An early bonus for the walk was the presence of the falconer on campus. The falcon is brought in periodically to frighten off the pigeons which are a considerable nuisance. It is a spectacular bird, and will happily fly close to people.

lain then had us looking for fungi on the grass meadow and wetlands. Anyone seeing us must have thought we were a bunch of hippies looking for magic mushrooms. We saw all sorts of fungi from the very tiny to the quite large, but no magic ones as far as I am aware. We startled a Smew, or Smee duck on the river. These striking ducks aren't common on our stretch of the Cam.

December's wetlands wildlife walk takes place from 12:00 until 13:00 on Wednesday 18th. Led, as usual, by lain Webb from the Wildlife Trust, we meet at 12:00 on the wooden bridge between the grass meadow and main campus.

David Keating

Christmas Tree pick up

Ickleton resident Edmund Harcourt is offering to pick up your Christmas trees after Christmas for a suggested donation of £10 per tree, with all proceeds going to Ickleton Cricket Club.

We can pick them up from your door. We will be collecting on 11th and 12th January.

Edmund Harcourt ed@hogarthproductions.co.uk

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

Pre orders to: cjjonsmith@hotmail.co.uk or by the Sunday before please. Menu at the pub's website: https://redlionhinxton.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/RLH-Menu-Spring-2024.pdf

CHURCH NOTICES

Vicar Rev Lydia Smith revlydiasmith@gmail.com
Churchwarden Jenny Duke jenny@jennyduke.co.uk

Lay Minister Derek Munday Ilm.munday@btinternet.com

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

In emergency please telephone Jenny Duke.

Church Services for DECEMBER

Sunday	1 st	10.00 am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club	ICKLETON
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Sunday	8 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	HINXTON
		4.00 pm	Christingle at St Mary Magdalene followed by	ICKLETON
			mulled wine at the Social Club	
Sunday	15 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion St Peter's	DUXFORD
		4.00 pm	Christmas tree festival	DUXFORD
Friday	20 th	6.30 pm	Carol Service	ICKLETON
			followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the	
		church		
Sunday	22 nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion	ICKLETON
		10.00 am	Parish Communion St Peter's	DUXFORD
Tuesday	24 th	11.30 am	Midnight Mass St Peter's	DUXFORD
Christmas	Eve			
Wednesda	ay 25 th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	HINXTON
Christmas Day		10.00 am	Christmas Family Communion	ICKLETON
		10.00 am	Christmas Family Service	DUXFORD
Sunday	29 th	10.00 am	Reflective Communion	HINXTON

Further details available on www.hinkledux.com

Complines 7 pm at Duxford St Peters on Tuesdays and Hinxton on Thursdays (check Christmas times on website)

Prayers for peace at Hinxton on Fridays at noon (check times on website)

YOUTHINC Sunday 5th January Ickleton Village Hall 5 - 6.30 pm

Christmas Eve Carols outside and window reveal - Tuesday 24th 5 pm

From Rev Lydia
Calm and Bright



'Calm and Bright' was written in 1818, first recorded in 1905 and declared an element of intangible cultural heritage by UNESCO in 2011. What is it? The Christmas carol Silent Night, of course. The lyrics started out as a poem by parish priest Joseph Mohr in 1816, as the Napoleonic Wars had come to an end, words expressing hope for better times. The story goes that the musical setting was originally penned by local schoolteacher and organist

Franz Xaver Gruber as a piece for guitar and singers for a Christmas service in1818, since flooding (or possibly mice!) had put the church organ out of action. There's not much evidence for the bit about flooding - or the mice - but Gruber himself later noted that Joseph Mohr had shown him the poem on Christmas Eve, asking if he could set it to music. And the composer did - in time for the service that night. I wonder whether all was indeed calm and bright as he wrote!

The carol's serene tone belies the context of fear, insecurity and haste that surrounded its beginnings. Yet it looks forward in hope to a time when a divided humanity is brought together, a time made possible through the coming of God's son, born as one of us, dependent, vulnerable, human. Coming to show us through his life, death and resurrection how to live well with each other and with God.

In our churches I invite you to hear again the story of the first Christmas in words and music in carol services and other events. This story is older even than that of Silent Night, but its promise of God with us still lives, its values of love and hope and joy are still fresh, still needed. After another year of wars and uncertainty, we have good reason to listen again to the angels' message of peace on earth and goodwill to all people, to take that message into our hearts and homes.

Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas

Best Wishes Lydia

Duxford Primary School

We ended the first half-term, as always, with a very special day - House Day! The children spent the morning going around in their house groups and completing different activities such as making origami bookmarks, writing their house prayer, playing team games and thinking about what makes a good house captain. The Year 6 candidates for House Captain helped lead the morning and then very bravely gave their speeches which were all written amazingly and delivered confidently

We are House C

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Ickleton Society

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

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

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

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

What better way to start 2025 than with The Ickleton Society's popular New Year's Day Walk...

All welcome to join us on Wednesday 1 January 2025 for this popular annual village tradition to melt away the excesses of the Festive Season. We'll meet at 11am on the Green in front of the Church. Children, visiting family, and dogs on leads are welcome, and the first section of the walk will be suitable for pushchairs. We'll walk for around 1 hour at a moderate pace. Please wear suitable footwear as some of the terrain will be muddy and uneven.

Soup and bread will be served in the village hall afterwards for those who wish to stay on. If you can offer some home made soup it would be much appreciated. Please contact Glynis at glynis.hammond@googlemail.com.

Abbey Farm Archaeological Excavation – Tuesday 28 January 2025, Village Hall Meeting Room, 7.30pm

Since completing the dig in summer 2021, the Cambridge

Archaeology Group has been identifying the many finds, sending some off to experts for their opinions, drawing together conclusions and writing a final report about the activity there was on the site over the centuries. They have concluded that the earliest activity was in the 12th century at the time that the Priory was founded, and there were slight remains of buildings and replacements from then until the 17/18th century. Alongside this they have, of course, been undertaking other digs and field walking.

There will be wine or a soft drink on arrival. Mike Coles will be bringing a selection of the finds and photographs and will talk about the excavation, showing how the team reached their conclusions. This event is free for members with a small charge of £3 for non-members.

Save the Dates:

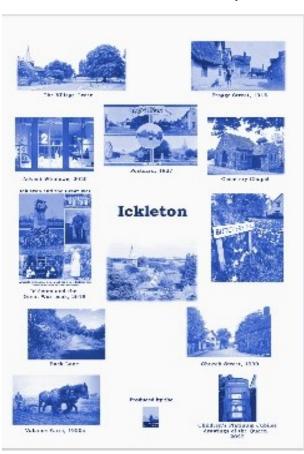
Thursday 6 March 2025, 7.30pm – an evening of stories from Geoff Garrod, game keeper at Audley End Estate.

Sunday 16 March 2025 – provisional date for the annual litter pick.

Saturday 29 March 2025 – by popular request, Emma Easterbrook has kindly agreed to give another guided walk and talk 'More Tales from Brookhampton Cemetery' featuring stories about some more of Ickleton's past residents.

We're looking for a volunteer to join our friendly committee **as Treasurer**. The role is not onerous as we have a very small budget to manage and the committee only meets 4 times a year. We're looking for someone to help us move to online banking.

Huge thanks to John Fowler, our dedicated Treasurer for the last 18 years, who wishes to step down at our AGM in May. Please contact me if you are interested.



GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

Chair - Pauline Gale

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

New members and visitors always welcome. For further information contact the Chair

Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th December at 6.30 pm

50th Garden Society Anniversary Celebration Supper £12 pp

This will take place before our speaker so it has the earlier start.

Speaker: Joe Sharman, Monksilver Nurseries. Subject: SNOWDROPS

Joe is a specialist grower of these and there will be some for sale. You are welcome to join us for this meeting (at 8 pm) if you don't want to attend the supper.

Competition Subject: Something Festive free choice – no restrictions!

Recent Meeting 'Death in the Beds'. Dr Twigs Way scared us to death with the list of common garden plants that are toxic or poisonous. The RHS lists over 300. A timely reminder perhaps for gardeners to always wear gloves and for small children to be warned not to touch any flowers, plants or seeds or put anything in their mouths. Pet owners too should watch for seeds in their pets fur which can then be ingested (Bergenia is particularly dangerous for dogs), and never eat honey where the bees have been visiting rhododendrons flowers. Dr Twiggs herself would not allow yew or Aconitum in her own garden.

Competition Subject - Best squash or pumpkin

1st: Margaret Turner 2nd:Sally Hopkins 3rd: Charlotte Dunham

Granta Medical Re - Minor Eye Conditions

If you contact us with an eye problem, our reception teams may signpost you to the **Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)**. MECS is made up of a team of eye specialists who treat non-emergency eye conditions that do not need hospital attention. Conditions covered include acute red eyes, acute irritated or inflamed eyes, sticky discharge or acute watery eyes, in-growing eyelashes, foreign bodies in the eye and recently occurring flashes or floaters.

If you require any further information about any of the above services please do not hesitate to speak to your local pharmacy, our reception teams or email us on cpicb.grantapatientservices@nhs.net We wish you all a healthy and safe festive season.

Sandra East Head of Patient Services

SOCIAL CLUB DECEMBER DATES

SUNDAY LUNCHTIMES - 12 to 2 pm - 1st and 15th SUNDAY EVENINGS - 7.30 to 10.30pm - 8th and 22nd

MONDAY FIVE O'CLOCK CLUB - 5 to 7pm

Drinks with friends and neighbours

WEDNESDAY FIVE THIRTY CLUB - 5.30 to 7.30pm

Mid week drinks with friends and neighbours

FRIDAY & SATURDAY from 6 pm

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

For upates, please check WhatsApp, Ickleinfo, Ickleton Social Club News, & board outside the Club

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAZZ SUPPER Sorry SOLD OUT Thursday 5th December

Top class jazz, from the young prestigious talent Nick Antoniou and his band, provides the perfect backdrop to Trevor's fine food..

CAROLS around the PIANO

with John Williams

Sunday 15th December lunchtime

NEW YEARS EVE

Join friends and neighbours to see in 2025 **7 pm till late**

Ickleton Social Club is a wonderful village asset and is completely run by hard working volunteers.

We warmly welcome everyone and thank you all for supporting our efforts.



LIVE at THE ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 21st December 7.30 pm.

Solstice party with 'The Lonely'

Long established popular Cambridge band playing a mixture of originals and covers with the legend

Ted Koehorst on guitar

After The Lonely, local vinyl DJ James Stephenson will entice us to dance the rest of the night away with a selection of groovy grooves.

Ticlets £8 in advance - at the club, or reserve on (Liz). £10 on the door.

Facebook: @ickle.gigs

ICKLETON VILLAGE

Local Services

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

The Post Office now offers INPOST

Post boxes - Note the new reduced collection times outside the shop

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	Monday to Friday	Saturday			
Costcutter shop)					
Bottom Butchers Hill)	9.00 am	7.00 am			
Coploe Rd/Grange Rd corner)					
Whittlesford Shop/Post office	4.00 pm				
Saffron Walden Market Square	latest 6.00 pm	12 midday			
HELP for dealing with Covid 19 The service is continuing for the time being. The names of helpers for any streets is available from me if you need. Anne-Marie Hoare					
Village Hall Bookings Email: bookingsecivh@gmail.com					
Police [reporting a crime, non emergency] Call 101					

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

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

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

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

Cambridge Mobile Library

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

Food Bank

CHRISTMAS AND WINTER APPEAL – The John Huntingdon Charity Foodbank has provided over 285 food bags to local people in need.. Any Christmas themed food items for hamper bag are gratefully received. The colder months are a challenge to those in poverty so warm drinks and food that can be heated really make a difference.

THE 12 TINS OF CHRISTMAS (An idea with thanks from Penny Burrows) - 12 tins of food that can be heated macaroni cheese, rice pudding, baked beans (and baby food especially) can help make a cold day more bearable for a single mum a pensioner or a disabled person.

I collect from the church once a week and can pick up any larger donations- this year I have managed to deliver to the foodbank every single week so thank you all for your amazing generosity

Clare Driver clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk

FOOD DELIVERIES

Generally - Costcutter village shop - 531181 and ask for a delivery.

Milk Fresh milk (bottles) – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Martin of Plumb's Dairy (Linton)

Tel: info@plumbs-dairy.co.uk

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

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

Fruit and Veg delivery:

Fisher and Woods \$\alpha\$ 581620 sales@fisherandwoods.co.uk

Walden Organics (Rob) waldenorganics@btinternet.com 01787 279021 or

Fish and Chips Mobile van now on MONDAYS 4.30 - 8 pm Village Hall car park

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

Regular Meetings and Events

Coffee Mornings Tuesdays 3rd and 17th December 10.30 - 12 at the church All welcome We are currently sharing coffee morning proceeds between the church and various charities.

The Coffee Morning Team

Bowls	Every Thursday	11 am - 1 pm and 2 - 4 pm	Village Hall	Martin Waters

Keep Fit (flexible to needs) on Tuesdays 7 - 8 pm Village Hall

Social Club (bar open) Fridays and Saturdays from 6 pm (See page 8) Sundays 1st and 15th 12 - 2 pm

Sunday evenings 7.30 to 10.30pm – 8th and 22nd Mondays 5 - 7 pm and Wednesdays 5.30 - 7.30

5th December Sold Out

15th December Carols around the Piano

ICKLE-GIGS Saturday 21st December 7.30 pm.

Solstice party with 'The Lonely'

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 11th December 7.30 pm Village Hall

Pub Lunch Club Tuesday 10th December 12 noon at the Hinxton Red Lion (p.4) **Jon Smith** *Pre Orders by the Sunday before the lunch*

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

Great Chesterford & District Gardening Soc Wednesday 4th December See p. 8

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