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Thank you to contributors to the first edition of 2025, and a Happy and Healthy New Year to all Ickletonians and their families. The deadline for the February 2025 Icene is 24th January.

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

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Ickleton Lion Community Pub - Burns Night - 24th January 7 pm (see December Icene – on website)

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PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse collections during January

Tuesday	7 th	January	Black bin
Tuesday	14 th	January	Blue and Green bins
Tuesday	21 st	January	Black bin
Tuesday	28 th	January	Blue bin only

Green bin collections are on the winter four-weekly cycle. However you can put **food waste** in the BLACK bin (but not garden waste).

Thriplow Household Recycling Centre is open 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 agreed to fully fund the replacement swings and hope to complete the work in the Spring. Further consideration will be given to the possible repair or replacement of the zip wire and skate park at the January meeting.

New Wild Flower Area The Parish Council hope to establish 3 wild flower plots on the Recreation ground, in an area behind the existing goalposts, at the southern end of the ground. Wild flower turf will be planted in the spring to enhance biodiversity and encourage wildlife. We hope that the wildflower seed will naturally multiply and disperse, increasing the area for insects, butterflies, beetles and small mammals to thrive.

Ickleton Parish Council - Extracts from the Parish Council meeting minutes held on 11th December 2024. The Parish Council wishes to draw your attention to the following:

Land and premises

Planning information from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC)

To consider any comments to be returned to SCDC relating to planning applications:

24/04451/HFUL Proposal: Single storey rear extension, conversion and extension of existing garage into habitable living space and internal alterations. Address: 8 Butchers Hill. Response by 20th December. It was resolved to support this application assuming the Conservation Officer's recommendations are followed in full.

24/04452/LBC Application for listed building consent. Proposal: Single storey rear extension, conversion and extension of existing garage into habitable living space and internal alterations. Address: 8 Butchers Hill. Response by 20th December. It was resolved to support this application assuming the Conservation Officer's recommendations are followed in full.

To consider any comments to be returned to SCDC relating to tree works:

24/1363/TTCA Address: 14 Frogge Street. Proposal: Rowan Tree - Remove, grind out the stump and replace it with a new tree. Response by 19th December. No comment.

The Clerk advised Councillors that the following decisions were made by SCDC after publication of the agenda:

Applications for work to trees:

24/1216/TTCA. Site: Adjacent 14 And 16 Duxford Road. Proposal: Walnut - 2m Crown reduction 2 x Silver Birch - Reduce height by 2 metres – no objections

24/1366/TTCA. Site: St Mary Magdalene Church. Proposal: Five Day Notice for a dead Cherry tree to be removed - no objections.

Planning Inspectorate appeal

23/03132/PRIOR. Site: Rectory Farm, Grange Road. Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building to 1 No. dwellinghouse (use class C3) and associated operational development - appeal dismissed

Roads and Highways

Consider and agree proposal to be put forward for the LHI 2025/26 funding round. It was resolved to resubmit the application for a build out at the bottom of Butcher's Hill

Tax and finance

Agree proposed budget for 2025-26. It was resolved that the budget for 2025-26 be approved and adopted. Agree precept requirement for 2025-26. After some discussion it was resolved that the precept requirement for 2025-26 is set at £40,000.

Reports from District and County Councillor Peter McDonald – Extracts

South Cambs District Council

Winter Fuel Payment - The Winter Fuel Payment is now restricted, with only pensioners receiving a means-tested benefit, such as Pension Credit, able to receive it. The Council is appealing to all local pensioners to check their entitlements as it is estimated that around 880,000 UK households eligible for Pension Credit currently miss out on claiming.

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

- Highways events

- Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service Public consultation on three Supplementary Planning Documents: Planning Obligations, Health Impact Assessment and Cambridge Biomedical Campus (closes 24th January 2025).

- Other public notices

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

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Simon and Luciana Ferreira-Day and Trevor Barlow from all of us at the LEGENDS feast. It was much appreciated.

With Thanks

June, Robert and Family would like to thank villagers who have sent cards or messages of condolence following the tragic death of our daughter and sister (in law) Alice. Thank you for your kind words and thoughts. We appreciate the caring community around us.

June and Robert Woodward, Jessica and David Mathias

SEW CALM

At Ickleton Social Club - 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month 10 am to 12 noon

After an enjoyable four weeks of sewing, we've decided to keep on sewing! It has been lovely to meet up with new people of all ages to continue, rekindle and learn new techniques and to have the opportunity to sit and sew.

There are so many talented sewers – and other craftspeople around that we thought we'd try a regular group where we can bring our ongoing project (or projects!) help each other out with different crafts and techniques and have a cuppa and chat in a calm setting. For those without a current craft, I will bring some cross stitch and sewing materials to dip into.

For the session on 11 January I'm preparing an "introduction to Moyozashi Sashiko" project. Sashiko is a Japanese embroidery using only running stitch to make fabulous patterns which can be used on it's own as decoration, but works really well as a visible repair. This is slightly different from the Hitomizashi we based our Christmas tree cards on.

I have been asked if we could do "get to know your sewing machine", "mending and repairing" and crochet and knitting sessions, so if you're interested in these, or anything else either to learn or teach, please get in touch.

There will be a charge of £2 per person to come along to sew (for the hire of the Social Club and a cuppa) and a small charge for any project kits or material supplied. The sashiko project kit will be £5.

Gill Laird

CHURCH NOTICES

Vicar	Rev Lydia Smith	revlydiasmith@gmail.com
Churchwarden	Jenny Duke	jenny@jennyduke.co.uk
Lay Minister	Derek Munday	llm.munday@btinternet.com

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

In emergency please telephone Jenny Duke.

Church Services for JANUARY

Sunday	5 th	10.00 am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club	ICKLETON
Sunday	12 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	HINXTON
		10.00 am	All age Service	ICKLETON
Sunday	19 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion St Peter's	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
Sunday	26 th	10.00 am	Parish Communion St Peter's	DUXFORD

Further details available on www.hinkledux.com

Complines 7 pm at Duxford St Peters on Tuesdays and Hinxtton on Thursdays

Prayers for peace at Hinxtton on Fridays at noon

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

From Rev Lydia

Sign of the times

On 1 January it is the 65th anniversary of the introduction of the Worboys committee road signs. Although there had been signage for road users since the beginning of the twentieth century, the switch to the familiar blue circles, red triangles and green motorway displays was a postwar phenomenon. After a period of experimentation, a government committee, chaired by Sir Walter Worboys, advised that the UK needed a simple, integrated approach to road signs. As well as clear straight lines and standard colours, the new system had its own font, Transport, since adopted for road signage by several other countries including Ireland, Portugal and Iceland and adapted into other scripts in such places as Malaysia, Nepal and Qatar.

Another important innovation was that, unlike their predecessors, these signs often don't include words (*turn right... keep left*), but let the graphics do the heavy lifting. Those large a blue background are ideal for people like me who still struggle right. Just go that way...

The beginning of a new year is often a time when we think about of our lives. When we look back at the year that's passed, trying story. When we look ahead to the weeks and months to come, what's in store.

I am drawn to the poem by Minnie Louise Haskins – often called the

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year..." - read by George VI in his Christmas broadcast of 1939. Haskins sets out eloquently the desire for certainty in troubling times: *"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown"*. And a promise –

*"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way"*.

– that there can through faith be assurance as we step out into the future, even when we don't exactly know where we're going.

Wishing you all the best for 2025

Lydia

PUB LUNCH Tuesday 14th January 12.30 pm Red Lion, Hinxton

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 07814 116 590 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>

BELLRINGERS Saturday 11th January 3.45 – 4.45 pm Visiting Bellringers.

David Lilley

Ickleton Society

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@gmail.com.

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



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Gate of the Year,

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 Date:

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.

Rachel Radford rachelmradford@btinternet.com

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.

Please text or call 07968 439 810 with your address, and preferred date. We can take cash or a card.

Edmund Harcourt ed@hogarthproductions.co.uk

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society) Chair - Pauline Gale 📞 525543

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

There is no meeting in January

The **December meeting** was the 50th Garden Society Anniversary Celebration. Members enjoyed an excellent Buffet Supper followed by speaker Joe Sharman from Monksilver Nurseries on 'Snowdrops'.

Joe is a specialist grower of these first harbinger of Spring flowers and brought some unusual species for sale. Joe began by discussing the botany of Snowdrops and the differences between the various species. Easy to grow in East Anglia, he highlighted the communities of snowdrops available to view in the early Spring.

Pauline thanked all those who had contributed to the evening; preparing and decorating the room, organising the excellent raffle and providing the wine. Pauline made the delicious cakes which were enjoyed with celebratory fizz. Huge thank you to Trevor for the preparation of the food.

Competition Subject: Something Festive

1st Anne T 2nd Ian D 3rd Margaret T

Christine Gee

Ickleton Open Gardens - Our Chosen Charity

Our popular Ickleton Open Gardens is back on **Sunday 15th June 2025**.

75% of funds raised will go towards improvements to our much loved and well used village hall. Thank you to villagers for suggesting very worthy causes for the remaining 25%, but there was one clear winner that met our criteria of a *registered charity* - **Tom's Trust**, which is the UK's (only) charity dedicated to providing mental health support to children with brain tumours, and their families.

The charity was nominated by founder and Trustee Andrew Whiteley, who lives in Abbey Street. Andrew explained to us, *"The charity was set up in honour of my son Tom who tragically died from a brain tumour aged 9. We vowed no child, or family would go through the journey we went through without psychological support to help them make sense of events beyond their control. We have now established units in 4 major paediatric brain tumour centres and have made a substantial impact on many children and their families lives but we still have a long way to go to achieve our goal. It would be an honour for Tom's Trust to be considered as a beneficiary of the Open Gardens initiative."*

We greatly look forward to working with Tom's Trust and hopefully raising a goodly amount for both charities. Over the course of four 1-day Open Gardens, beginning in 2013, we have raised the considerable sum of almost £23,000 for charity, a fantastic effort by the village. We'll keep you updated about the Open Gardens in ICENE and you can follow our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/IckletonOpenGardens>. More information about Tom's Trust at <https://www.tomstrust.org.uk/>

Thank you from the Ickleton Open Gardens Committee:

Pam Fearn, Fiona Rose, Catherine Cocke, Caroline Owen and Lizzie Malloy

SOCIAL CLUB JANUARY DATES

SUNDAY LUNCHTIMES – 12 to 2 pm – 5th and 19th

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 7.30 to 10.30pm – 12th and 26th

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW YEARS EVE

Join friends and neighbours to see in 2025

7 pm till late

NEW YEAR'S DAY

"Hair of the Dog" 12 – 2 pm

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

Saturday 25th January

SORRY – SOLD OUT!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 31st January 8.15 pm

All members are invited to attend!

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.

2025 membership renewals are now available

Annual club membership - £10 Guests £1 per visit

LIVE at THE ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB

Saturday 18th January 7.30 pm.

Alex Wilkinson and the Time-Wasters

Original songs from local singer/songwriter Alex Wilkinson plus some personally picked covers.

We have been waiting months for a date to become available for Alex to play an Ickle-Gig, the band are in popular demand!

Always an upbeat event. The band who are; Alex, Vocals/Guitar. Simon Thorp, guitar. Paul Williams, Drums, and Ickleton's own Tom Rose on Bass.

Doors open 7.30pm. Cash bar.

Please support live music in Ickleton. It only works because of you!



Citizens Advice Bureau – Information and suggestions

The start of a new year is the perfect time to carry out a financial health check.

Blitz your budget - Get a clear idea of how much you spend. Some bills vary from month to month, so take an average of these outgoings and use it to build a realistic budget. There's a free budget planner to get you started at www.moneyhelper.org.uk

Sort out your debts - Make a list of your creditors, how much you owe and when you need to pay it back. Refer back to your monthly budget and see what you can afford to pay. If you can't afford them all, go to www.citizensadvice.org.uk for information on which debts should take priority or call us for advice.

Maximise your income - check you are claiming all the benefits you are entitled to. Claiming certain benefits may in turn entitle you to reductions in Council Tax and water rates as well as help with NHS costs, healthy start vouchers, free school meals and pupil premium funding

Use the online benefits calculator at <https://uttlesford.entitledto.co.uk/home/start> or if you need a bit of help, ask our friendly advisers to carry out a benefit check on your behalf.

Cut your energy bills - Use an energy comparison website such as www.uswitch.com to check you are getting the best energy deal for you. Consider ways you could use less energy or make your home more energy efficient. Contact our energy specialists for advice!

Switch and save - If you're coming to the end of your contract for phone or broadband, take a few minutes to see if you should stay or switch. Check you're not paying for services you're not using, or regularly going over your allowance and getting expensive bills.

Get a better deal - If you claim benefits, you might be able to get a cheaper internet, mobile or phone deal called a 'social tariff'. You can move at any time - you don't have to wait until the end of your contract. If your provider doesn't offer a social tariff, you can switch to another provider that does. To [check which providers offer social tariffs](#) go to <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-and-broadband/saving-money/social-tariffs>

Claim childcare costs - Funded childcare is now available to families with children from 9 months old. To find out more and see whether you qualify go to <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Uttlesford Citizens Advice
Barnards Yard, Saffron Walden CB11 4EB
01799 618840
help@uttlesfordca.org.uk



www.uttlesfordca.org.uk

ICKLETON VILLAGE

Local Services

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

The shop now offers **INPOST**

Post collections

	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 – 07912 669032 Cllr.mcdonald@scambs.gov.uk

Community Warden Scheme – 07812 496001 - Anita Gilchrist [@ageukcap.co.uk](mailto:ageukcap.co.uk)

Speedwatch Team – Terry Sadler ☎ 530994 – terrywsadler@btinternet.com
and Penny Fletcher 07799 553304 – penny@penelopeannefletcher.co.uk

Cambridge Mobile Library

The **third Wednesday** in each month (15th January) 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 Aid For anyone in Ickleton who wants to ask for food or other groceries (*in complete privacy*) please call Clare who will endeavour to fulfil your shopping list needs

Clare Driver

FOOD DELIVERIES

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

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

Meat delivery – Thursdays – Clark & Son [Sudbury] 01787 319330 sales@clarkandsonmeats.com.

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

Fruit and Veg delivery:

Fisher and Woods ☎ 581620 sales@fisherandwoods.co.uk

Walden Organics (Rob) waldenorganics@btinternet.com 01787 279021 or 07470 057638

Fish and Chips Mobile van now on MONDAYS 4.30 - 8 pm Village Hall car park
Pre-orders only. Tel: 07787 603616 info@oceantree.co.uk

Regular Meetings and Events

Coffee Mornings Tuesdays 7th and 21st January 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** ☎ 531215

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

Social Club (bar open) Fridays and Saturdays from 6 pm
(See page 6) Sundays 5th and 19th 12 - 2 pm
Sunday evenings 12th and 26th 7.30 to 10.30pm
Mondays 5 - 7 pm and Wednesdays 5.30 - 7.30

Quiz on 25th January – Sold Out

ICKLE-GIGS Saturday 18th January 7.30 pm.
Alex Wilkinson and the Time-Wasters

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 15th January 7.30 pm Village Hall

Pub Lunch Club Tuesday 14th January 12 noon at the Hinxtion 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 No meeting in January

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