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## APRIL 2025

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**Thank you** to contributors to this month's bumper edition. The deadline for the May Icene is 20th April.

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

**Speedwatch Needs You!** Would you like to see traffic driving at the posted 20 mph speed limit through Ickleton? Join our Speedwatch Team. See page 3

*A busy scene this month for Ickleton socialites*, lots of Bingo, and including invitations to work your socks off at the pub – which is a great way to get to know other folks!

**The Lion Roars** – announcing news of three grants totalling over **£50,000!** Thanks to those who have worked to make this happen. And The Lion is asking you, Ickletonians, to help with the various jobs at the pub so as to help it be up and running this summer! And come to the PopUp event at the pub on Saturday 19 April. See pages 10 and 11.

**Souper Saturdays** - at the Village Hall on 29th March and 5th April, 11 am – 2 pm. See p 3.  
**and two Bingo Nights** - at the Social Club - on Fridays 4th and 25th April , 7.30 pm in aid of charity Shelter

**Social Club and Ickle-Gigs** Openings and times, and events (Supper Cub and Bingo) - see page 9.

The **Fabulous 4VO** is playing again in Duxford on Saturday 10th May. See p 12.

**Icklewoods Forest School** starts this month – a new venture, by Jamie Gale, for families with children ages 11 and under to connect with nature. See page 11.

**Art and Literature Exhibition** on 15 and 16 March – see photos and report on page 8

### PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse collections during April

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	April	Black bin
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	April	Blue and Green bins
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	April	Black bin
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	April	Blue and Green bins
Tuesday	29 <sup>th</sup>	April	Black bin

Thriplow Household Recycling Centre is open between 8 am and 5 pm (summer times), 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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/thriplow-recycling-centre)

**Annual Parish Meeting** – will be held on **Tuesday 6th May 2025**, starting at 7pm, in the Gordon Woolhouse meeting room at the Village Hall. Refreshments will be available.

**Play Area Equipment** – the new swings have been installed.

Your Council wishes to thank all those who have commented about the skate ramp and zip wire. These will be fed into further discussions on the play area at the next meeting. Please send in comments if you have not already done so.

**New Wild Flower Area** – a working group will be formed and a plan made for a wild flower meadow to be established next year.

**Ickleton Parish Council** Extracts from the Parish Council meeting minutes held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The Parish Council wishes to draw your attention to the following:

## **Land and premises**

### **Planning - Wellcome Genome Campus**

25/00823/REM Proposal: Reserved Matters Approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of Parcel D (as defined in the approved Wellcome Genome Campus Strategic Design Guide) for the development of 20,752 sqm. (GEA) of Research and Translation Uses and food and beverage uses (Use Class E) including ancillary floorspace comprising (but not limited to) plant, cycle parking, supporting facilities, storage and servicing areas.

Included are details of the continuation and eastern landing of the southern bridge and continuation of the car park roof / parapet, lighting, hard and soft landscaping works including courtyard garden, pedestrian and cycle access, servicing and vehicular access including access to the undercroft car park, drainage infrastructure, roof mounted solar array, associated engineering and utilities (including connections to site wide networks) and ground remodelling works, and part discharge of Condition 17.

Site address: Parcel D Wellcome Trust Genome Campus Cambridge Road.

Your Council agreed to make no comments. The proposals appear to conform with the outline planning application that was approved by SCDC's Planning Committee in 2020.

### **Roads and Highways**

The damaged verges will be reported to both the Highways and Urban and Civic to ask for remedial action to be taken.

### **Tree works**

It was agreed to make no comments on the following tree work applications:

25/0223/TTCA

Proposal: T1 - Willow salix babylonica - Reduce the height and spread by approx 2 metres.

Site address: Swallow Barn, Butchers Hill, Ickleton

25/0168/TTCA

Proposal: Cherry tree - Repollard the canopy of the tree by approximately 1.5 m to 2m back to the old pruning points on the trunk of the tree.

Site address: 6 Frogge Street, Ickleton

A number of signs have been replaced following incidents at the low railway bridge on Ickleton Road, Great Chesterford, and the willow trees nearby are being inspected.

## **Reports from District and County Councillor Peter McDonald – Extracts.**

### **South Cambs District Council**

Development of the emerging Local Plan for the 2030s has been on hold for over a year due to uncertainties over water supply and transport provision. Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has just announced that sufficient progress has been made to allow a draft Local Plan to be produced this year, for review by the Council and for public consultation.

**Local government reorganization** There was an Extraordinary Meeting of the Full Council on 19 March to consider proposals for local government reorganisation, immediately followed by a Cabinet meeting, to agree the Council's submission to the government. This was to ensure the government's deadline for submissions of 21 March was met.

## Cambridgeshire County Council

The plans for capital works in this financial year were debated on March 4th at the Highways Committee. Nothing is planned for Ickleton.

The renewal of a scheme which helps survivors of domestic abuse to feel safer and more secure in their homes has been unanimously approved by Cambridgeshire County Council's Communities, Social Mobility and Inclusion Committee.

The full report from the District and County Councillor can be found at appendix A on the Parish Council meeting minutes for March 2025.

Please visit <https://www.ickletonparishcouncil.org.uk/> where you will find the full meeting minutes.

Information on Highways events and other public notices - see the Community Noticeboard section.

**Beckie Whitehouse – Interim Parish Clerk**

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## Speedwatch Needs You!

Would you like to see traffic driving at the posted 20 mph speed limit through Ickleton?

Would you like to see less traffic in Ickleton?

The Speedwatch team monitors traffic speeds and volume through the village. The team aims to do 2 to 3 one hour sessions per day, Monday to Friday, on alternate weeks. Data from each session is passed on to the police, who follow up with persistent speeders.

Speedwatch is a proactive approach to improve the safety and quality of life for the local community. But your help is needed. If you have the time to join a few (even one!) sessions each month, you'd be helping to improve the safety of the village.

Speedwatch is also a great way to meet fellow residents and catch up on what is happening around Ickleton!

Do please consider joining.

If you'd like more information, or would like to try out a Speedwatch session, please contact Graham on Email [gefagg@btinternet.com](mailto:gefagg@btinternet.com), or the other Speedwatch contacts shown elsewhere in this issue.

## **SOUPER SATURDAYS** 29th March and 5th April 11 am - 2 pm at the Village Hall

Homemade soup Delicious cakes Tea and coffee plus a raffle (in April)

In aid of Ickleton charities (29th March) and Shelter (5th April).

## **BINGO NIGHTS** at the Social Club on **Fridays 4th April and 25th April from 7.30 pm**

**£10** per adult ticket - includes 2 bingo game books which will be given out on the night. In aid of the charity "Shelter". Tickets available from Ickleton village shop. Thanks to Dilip and Sunita.

**Raffle** Tickets on sale at 29th March Souper Saturday and on 4th April Bingo night. Prize draw on 5th April Souper Saturday at 1.30 pm. Numerous great prizes.

Donate a raffle prize...bottles (alcoholic or soft) or other gifts...If you would like to please contact Sarah Mila on [sarahmila1@onetel.com](mailto:sarahmila1@onetel.com)

**Marathon Run Vili Mila** is running again! This time it's the London Marathon on Sunday April 27th raising money for the Charity, Shelter – as on the Bingo nights.

"Shelter exists to defend the right to a safe home. Home is everything. Yet, every day millions of people are being devastated by the housing emergency."  
**Sarah Mila**

## **PUB LUNCH** Tuesday 8th April 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](mailto: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                                      llm.munday@btinternet.com

For details of joining for prayer, worship, study, and community life, see: [www.hinkledux.com](http://www.hinkledux.com)  
In emergency please telephone Jenny Duke.

### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

The new Church Electoral Roll is in the process of being drawn up. Would those wishing to be on the Roll please complete an application form and return it through my letterbox **by Tuesday 22nd April**. There are application forms on the central table in the Church.

The new Church Electoral Roll will be displayed on the noticeboard in the Church porch on Monday 28th April for people to check.

**Frances Payne** (Church Electoral Roll Officer)

### Church Services for APRIL

Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club	<b>ICKLETON</b>
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	All age Service	<b>ICKLETON</b>
Palm Sunday				
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Candlelit Compline St Peter's	DUXFORD
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Candlelit Compline	<b>ICKLETON</b>
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Candlelit Compline	HINXTON
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Tenebrae Service at St John's	DUXFORD
Maundy Th'sday				
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Easter gardens, followed by Stations of the Cross	<b>ICKLETON</b>
Good Friday		11.00 am	An hour at the Cross	HINXTON
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Easter Craft Café, Duxford	DUXFORD
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Easter Communion	HINXTON
		10.00 am	Family Easter Communion	<b>ICKLETON</b>
		10.00 am	Easter Service	DUXFORD
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Morning Praise	DUXFORD

Further details available on [www.hinkledux.com](http://www.hinkledux.com)

Other than in Easter week:

**Complines** 7 pm at Duxford St Peters on Tuesdays and Hinxton on Thursdays

**Prayers for peace** at Hinxton on Fridays at noon

### From Rev Lydia

#### Egged on

Not all Easter eggs are chocolate, but – just like the seasonal delights – you may have to hunt for them. Because this is the name for those hidden clues or jokes you can find in films or games. These, too, are Easter eggs. The fabulous *Wallace and Gromit: vengeance most fowl*, is littered with a series of great visual puns. One of my favourites appears on a police station noticeboard. Prominently displayed is a wanted poster for the notorious criminal Feathers McGraw, but just on the edge of the shot there's a flyer featuring a

small dog with a large grin. The flyer is headed *he ain't nothing but a FOUND DOG*. And the dog in question is an early version of Gromit, as designed by his creator, Nick Park.



The story of Jesus, by contrast, is not one that's hidden by the writers who put together the gospels. Rather, they make it clear from the very beginning that the direction of travel for Jesus is towards the cross and from the cross to resurrection. But the gospel writers also show how people at the time don't take this in. Everyone - from the political and religious leaders through to the ordinary bystanders - is surprised at what happens. Though Jesus warns his disciples, those closest to him, even they do not really understand what he's talking about.

On that first Easter Sunday, the women who come to the tomb looking to anoint his body for burial are met by angels, saying *'Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.'* Only then do they understand the clues, find the Easter eggs. In solidarity with those women, we'll be remembering the events of the first Easter in our churches in the coming weeks: following Jesus' journey to the cross during Holy Week and celebrating his return to life on Easter Sunday. Through all of this, as we call to mind these events long past, we bring them into the present, allowing them to give meaning and shape to our lives today. Allowing them to bring life and hope for now and for the future.

Wishing you a joyful Easter **Lydia**

**Julie Baillie** Thanksgiving Service - on Saturday, 5th April, 2.00 p.m. in Hinxton Church.

followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. All welcome

Ros Smith

## Ickleton Society



### THE LITTER PICK

**Sunday 16 March – the annual litter pick.** Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the annual Litter Pick. We had a record turnout of over 70 folk! Not everyone who took part is in this photo as they were off hard at work collecting rubbish! Special thanks to all our little helpers and to Clare Driver for organising us so capably.



### **Thursday 6 March – ‘The River Cam, Chalk Streams and the Environment – Risks from Development’**

Wendy Blythe from Friends of the Cam, gave a talk about the risks to the Cam and its tributaries which are rare and important chalk streams. Wendy explained how the huge amount of development being planned for Cambridge and its surroundings will damage the chalk aquifer, river valleys and surrounding landscape unless controls and mitigation are put in place. She gave us much food for thought

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday 19 April, 11.45am to 2pm – Easter egg hunt and picnic on Driver’s meadow** (entrance opposite the Church)



The egg hunt will be at 12 noon. Please bring a picnic, a blanket to sit on and a basket or bag to collect the eggs left behind by the Easter Bunny. There’s a prize for the best Easter Basket decorated by a child and Easter Bonnet wearing is encouraged!

Allergies: please note the chocolate Easter eggs contain milk powder and may have come into contact with nuts.

Many thanks to Fiona Rose, Clare Driver, Mandy, Chris and the Donkeys for making this event possible.

### **Thursday 8 May, 7.30pm, Village Hall meeting room – AGM and a talk by Murray Jacobs entitled “King’s College Chapel, Cambridge: Untold Secrets”**

Some of our members will remember Murray gave us a very entertaining talk 4 years ago. He’s returning this time with stories about the most famous of the Cambridge College Chapels and has sent a few snippets to tempt us:

“Regarding the rather famous painting by Rubens in the chapel, how did it end up there? Its actual journey shows that “fake news” was alive and well even in 1961! And it shouldn’t be forgotten that it survived a shocking criminal act in 1974.

A tragic love story – two men from King’s were in love with the same woman. It involved one of Britain’s greatest poets and the cousin of one of Britain’s greatest actors.

A craftsman in the 1600s/1700s seems to have made a mess of what he was creating and secretly hid it. It was discovered in 1993. What’s funny is that it looks like King’s may never have noticed and there is a gap in the chapel – quite probably where it should have been!

Reminders from all of these stories can still be seen in the chapel today - if you know where to look!”

Everyone is welcome. The talk is free for members and there is a charge of £5 for non-members but free if you join the Society on the night. If anyone would like to stand for Committee, please contact [icksocsec@gmail.com](mailto:icksocsec@gmail.com) for a nomination form.

**Membership of the Society** – Subscriptions are now due for 2025/26. Members who set up a standing order last year do not need to do anything, otherwise we hope you will renew your subscription. If you haven’t already done so, please do join the Society. Subscriptions benefit our members and the village, going towards:

- maintaining the village archive, in particular, purchasing archive quality storage materials so that unique photos and documents can be kept for future generations to enjoy;
- subsidising some of our social events;
- fees to maintain our webpages which host, among other things, the digital versions of all our photos, some archive documents, and a database of Ickleton baptisms, marriages and burials;
- membership of and support for a number of like-minded charitable organisations;
- campaigning against developments that we believe would damage our community.

We hope you agree that this is very worthwhile. Individual membership remains at £7 and family membership is £17. An application form is on page 13 of this Icene.

**Rachel Radford** [rachelmradford@btinternet.com](mailto:rachelmradford@btinternet.com)

# 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.

**Next Meeting** Wednesday 2nd April 7.30 pm Ickleton Village Hall

Annual General Meeting and Plant Sale with tea and cake

*Competition Subject: Spring Shrub (one stem only)*

Wednesday 7th May Salvias for the garden Speaker Steve Edney

**Recent Meeting** A very well attended meeting in March to hear Peter Skeggs-Gooch, third generation owner of independent specialist nursery Thorncroft Clematis. With 35 years experience, including 12 Chelsea Flower Show gold medals, he shared his knowledge in propagating, growing and pruning Clematis. Following his encouraging and enthusiastic talk he answered a wide variety of questions.

*Competition Subject: Flowering Shrub*

1st: Ian D (Daphne) 2nd: Charlotte D (Saracocca) 3rd: Claire K (Japanese Quince)

**NOTE: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (£15 pp) WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL**

**Christine Gee**

## Wetlands Wildlife walks

Despite the gloomy weather there was a good turnout for March's Wetlands wildlife walk. Among numerous other things, Iain showed us evidence of **woodpeckers**, which are frequently seen or heard on the wetlands and Genome Campus. There are four species of woodpeckers found in the UK, the most common of which is the great spotted woodpecker.

About the size of a blackbird, the great spotted woodpecker has very distinctive black, white and red colouring. It feeds on beetles, nuts and seeds, and is attracted to garden bird feeders. If you hear the "Tok, tok, tok, tok", drumming sound it is almost certainly a great spotted pecking at bark or dead wood looking for beetles or their larvae.

Slightly larger and less common is the green woodpecker. Predominantly green, it has a yellow rump and bright red crown. Known for its laughing call, or yaffle, it is very timid and usually seen flying away. It feeds almost exclusively on ants and their larvae, but will eat beetles if it can't find enough ants. Its tongue is a remarkable four inches long and is kept in a special cavity in the head. This length allows it to reach deep into anthills.

The very rare, and endangered lesser spotted woodpecker has similar colouring to the greater, but is only about the size of a sparrow, so they are easy to differentiate.

Also very rare, and now just a visitor to the UK, the Wryneck is between the greater and lesser in size. It has similar colouring to a thrush, and like the green, it feeds almost exclusively on ants.

As we move into April, and wildflower season, the wetlands wildlife walks move to weekly. There will be **walks on Wednesday the 23rd and Wednesday the 30th of April**. Led by Iain Webb from the Wildlife Trust, we meet on the wooden bridge between the wetlands and campus, for an hour's walk and talk.

**David Keating**

## CRICKET

Want to try cricket? Every player regardless of skill and ability is an asset to the club and we look forward to welcoming new faces in the coming season – it's a great way to meet people and get fit but mainly to have fun – and with The Ickleton Lion possibly being open for the summer we are all excited about the future of your Cricket Club.

Youth Thursdays from 5 in the Village Hall

Ladies Softball Thursdays from 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Nets on Sundays 7 to 9pm Hills Road Sports centre

[www.ickleton.play-cricket.com](http://www.ickleton.play-cricket.com)

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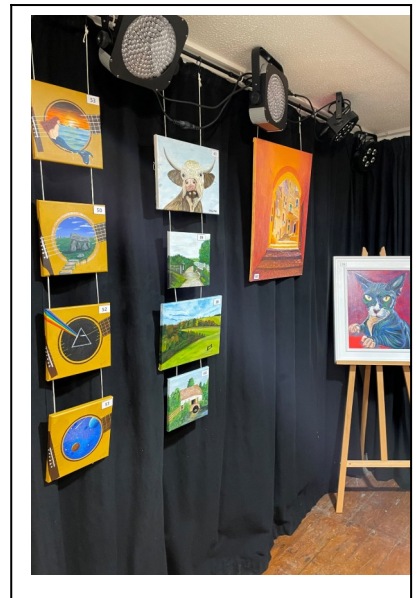


## ART EXHIBITION 15/16th MARCH 2025

Ickleton's first Art Exhibition was held in the Social Club on the 15th and 16th March. Organised by Paul Andrews and Barbara Fagg, it was a great success – not just an exhibition but a great social event, showcasing an amazing variety of local talent. Most contributors were from Ickleton and the local villages, with an approximately 25 mile radius.

117 artworks were exhibited, including paintings, pottery and wood carvings, 4 Ickleton authors and their books, and including a book launch. There were also sales of cards, a raffle, donations and refreshments.

Thanks to Paul for the idea and to willing helpers, and to Trevor for refreshments, and thanks to everyone who made this an outstanding success, and for their generosity. Profits from the event exceeded our expectations and will go towards continued Social Club improvements. We hope to hold another event in the future.





## ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB – WHAT'S ON IN APRIL

**SUNDAY LUNCHTIMES – 12 to 2 pm – 6th and 20th**

**SUNDAY EVENINGS - 7.30 to 10.30pm – 13th and 27th**

**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

**Easter Egg**

**BINGO**

**Sunday 13th April**

£3 for 5 games with all chocolate prizes!

**Eyes down 3 pm**

**SUPPER CLUB**

**Thursday 24th April**

Trevor's terrific two course supper, plus musical entertainment from

Ickleton's own Annabelle Hoare

**Tickets £25 from the Social Club**

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 SOCIAL CLUB

**Saturday 26th April 7.30 pm.**

#### **Bilge Rats**

Hailing from Saffron Walden and area, the Bilge Rats are East Anglia's foremost pirate metal band. Since forming in 2023 they have fast become a 'must see' band. Their infectious sing-a-long rocked up sea shanties is an experience not to be missed. Fans also dress up as pirates to make the gig a spectacular show, and we are lucky to get them to do an Ickle-Gig.

A five piece band fronted by Captain Katie, and supported by Deckhands: Richard (Guitar, Violin) Andy (Guitar) Ursula (Keys) and Phil (Drums).

See them here before they set sail for greater treasure. All aboard, aaargh me hearties.

Doors open 7.30 pm. Cash bar. Please support live music in Ickleton. It only works because of you!



ICKLE - GIGS



## News from the Ickleton Lion

### Grant Funding Secured

We're thrilled to announce that we have been awarded **THREE grants**, which will make a huge difference in moving our project forward:

We will receive a fantastic **£26,464** from the **Thalia WB Community Fund** towards purchasing kitchen equipment for the pub, including ovens, fridges, fryers and microwaves. The fund is managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation and is part of a voluntary environmental tax credit scheme called the Landfill Communities Fund.

**South Cambs District Council** have generously awarded us **£22,458** as part of the **Net Zero Villages Grant scheme** to help us reduce energy consumption and running costs. Funding for the scheme was provided by the **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority**, with supplementary funds contributed by the South Cambs District Council. The grant will fund the installation of secondary glazing, insulation, LED Lights, replacement radiators and programmable thermostats.

**South Cambs District Council** have also awarded us a **£1,844.25** Community Chest Grant under the biodiversity section to bring the pub garden back to life.

These grants are a game-changer, allowing us to fully realise the potential of the pub and garden and will enable us to create a sustainable business that can serve the community for years to come. They are crucial steps towards ensuring we can open fully equipped and fit for purpose...

**.....but we still need your help!**

The reality is simple: without more hands, we will not be able to open for the summer as planned. The improvements needed after years of neglect are significant, and, we still need more people to give us a few hours of time at weekends (or during the week). The following are what we really need your help with:

**Painting & decorating**

**DIY & repairs**

**Garden work**

**Furniture refurbishment**

**Sewing soft furnishings**

**General cleaning**

**Listing items on Ebay**

We desperately want to be fully operational for the summer, but **this will only happen if more people come forward and commit some time now**. There are lots of jobs that don't need any special skills or experience - just lots of enthusiasm!

#### Join the Lion Crew!

- Sign up to some of the slots on our volunteer rota at <https://rotarota.net/ickletonlionpub> (passkey AbbeyStreet) - further information about how the rota website works [here](#).
- Message us directly - suggest days and times that work for you
- Join the 'Volunteers group' within our [Ickleton Lion WhatsApp community](#) - so you can respond to our 'shout-outs' for help.

**The Garden** We are looking for **donations of plants**. The following are on our wish list:

Pulmonaria, spring bulbs, Allium, Aquilegia, Candytuft, Foxgloves, Geranium Rozanne, Lavender, Hollyhocks, Verbena bonariensis, Sedums, Japanese Anemone, Grasses, dogwood, Jasmine Nudiflorum.

**Sponsor a hanging basket** - If you don't have any plants to donate, why not sponsor a hanging basket (for £20) to tempt them into the pub! E-mail [ickletonlionhearted@gmail.com](mailto:ickletonlionhearted@gmail.com) if you wish to sponsor.

**POP UP  
PUB  
& Food Truck**

**LICENSED  
BAR**

**FREE  
ENTRY**

Let us know  
if you're coming!

**BRING  
A CHAIR  
OR RUG!**

**3pm to 7pm  
Saturday 19th April  
Ickleton Lion Community Pub**

For one special afternoon, on Easter Saturday **19th April**, we're bringing the pub to life with a licensed bar and food truck in the garden.

Please use the QR code on the poster to let us know if you plan to join us, (we wouldn't want to run out of beer!)

*If you can spare an hour to help on the bar, pick or choose a slot on the volunteer rota or email us.*

**We will be holding a raffle and silent auction of promises** to raise additional funds for the renovation and to buy new furniture for the pub. We already have some fantastic prizes, including a bottle of House of Commons Whisky - kindly donated by Pippa Heylings MP, an original painting by Colin Hayes and a banner signed by *Tottenham Hotspur* players! If you have items, skills or experiences you are willing to donate, **we would love to hear from you!**

### Looking Ahead

We've started the recruitment process for a pub manager! We're looking for someone who shares our vision for the Lion – a welcoming, community-driven pub with great food, drink, and atmosphere. We've been delighted at the positive response so far and are currently shortlisting applicants. If you or someone you know would be a great fit, **please share these details.**

### Icklewoods Forest School

Icklewoods Forest School opens later this month, offering a chance to immerse you and your children into natural play and connect with nature, and all on your doorstep!

The dates and times are:

Wednesdays and Fridays 9.45 – 11.45 starting on 23rd April - parents, carers and toddlers

And every other Saturday starting 26th April - families with children up to 11 years

Book now at: [www.icklewoods.com](http://www.icklewoods.com)

Any questions please contact Jamie .

**Jamie Gale**



## **Making a Song and Dance with the Fabulous 4 Villages Orchestra**

**Saturday 10 May at Duxford Primary School**

Only the Fabulous 4VO would try it! A Song and Dance concert with no singers and no dancing.

But rest assured your toes will tap and you'll want to sing along at the Orchestra's next incredible concert.

There's music from both the classical and popular worlds. The only common factor? They all have something to do with song, dance, or even both. You may not know the name Dance of the Knights...but if you watch The Apprentice, you'll know the tune.

We travel to La La Land, and It Don't Mean A Thing (if it ain't got that swing), when we're Puttin' On the Ritz.

So quickstep your way to Duxford Primary School on Saturday 10 May at 7.30pm to enjoy the Fabulous 4 Villages orchestra.

Tickets: £12 and £8 (concessions) ... Book your tickets in advance from John Statham on – and book early, last concert was a sell-out.

4VO is a local orchestra with members mainly from four villages: Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford and Hinxton.

**Nigel Bennett**

## **Support for Young People**

Young people face unique challenges as they navigate education, employment, housing, and financial independence. While digital resources are invaluable, the importance of individual, face-to-face advice cannot be overstated.

Whether it's advising a young tenant on their rights, supporting someone through a mental health or financial crisis, helping a victim of a scam, or standing up for those facing workplace discrimination, we can ensure young people feel seen, heard, and supported.

We can offer support with a range of issues:

- Checking entitlements to benefits
- Budgeting and money management advice
- Help to navigate student finance
- Housing issues such as tenancy rights or poor quality housing
- Discrimination issues
- Employment issues - making sure you are paid a fair wage
- Family issues
- Access to mental health support

Other local services that support young people can be found at <https://essexfrontline.org.uk/>

We also offer summer internships which provide valuable hands-on experience for those interested in pursuing careers in law, social policy, or advice work. Contact us for more information and an application form.

### **Uttlesford Citizens Advice**

**Barnards Yard, Saffron Walden CB11 4EB**

**01799 618840**

[help@uttlesfordca.org.uk](mailto:help@uttlesfordca.org.uk)



[www.uttlesfordca.org.uk](http://www.uttlesfordca.org.uk)

## BLOOD DONATION - ICKLETON VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming dates for blood donation: Monday 5th May + Monday 26th May.

## 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
Sawston High Street by the Post Office	Noon, 3 pm and 4.45 pm	12.30 - 1 pm

#### 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](mailto:bookingsecivh@gmail.com)

**Police** [reporting a crime, non emergency] Call 101

**Neighbourhood Watch** – Glynis Hammond [glynis.hammond@gmail.com](mailto:glynis.hammond@gmail.com)

**District & County Councillor** – Peter McDonald – [Cllr.mcdonald@scamb.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.mcdonald@scamb.gov.uk)

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

**Speedwatch Team** – Terry Sadler – [terrywsadler@btinternet.com](mailto:terrywsadler@btinternet.com)  
and Penny Fletcher – [penny@penelopeannefletcher.co.uk](mailto:penny@penelopeannefletcher.co.uk)

#### Cambridge Mobile Library

The **third Wednesday** in each month (16th April 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

Thank you for all your generous donations. The baby food and baby toiletries have been fantastic – the baby milk now costs the best part of £30.

The weather is still cold so the focus is on:

Light to carry (generally there is no car)-

Easy to eat – (for the elderly think teeth)

Cheap to heat (microwave or kettle)

No heat items - sadly some have no fridge or oven and cannot afford power.

I can collect if you contact me or fetch from the Church most Tuesdays.

Thank you **Clare Driver** [clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk](mailto:clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk) ☎ 531958

**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 07773 275134

**Fruit and Veg** delivery:

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

Walden Organics (Rob) waldenorganics@btinternet.com

**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

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## Regular Meetings and Events

**Coffee Mornings** Tuesdays 1st and 15th April 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**

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**Bowls** Every Thursday 11 am - 1 pm and 2 - 4 pm Village Hall **Martin Waters** ☎ 531215

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

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**Sew Calm** At Ickleton Social Club - 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month 10 am to 12 noon  
**Gill Laird** or ☎ 531522

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**Social Club** (bar open) Fridays and Saturdays from 6 pm  
(See p. 9) Sundays 6th and 20th 12 - 2 pm  
Sunday evenings 13th and 27th 7.30 - 10.30 pm  
Mondays 5 - 7 pm and Wednesdays 5.30 - 7.30  
Bingo with chocolate prizes! on Sunday 13th April  
Supper Club on Thursday 24th April

**ICKLE-GIG** (see p. 9) Saturday 26th April  
Popular local band Bilge Rats

**BINGO NIGHTS** (see p.3) Fridays 4th and 25th April

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**Parish Council Meeting** Wednesday 16th April 7.30 pm Village Hall

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**Pub Lunch Club** Tuesday 8th April 12 noon at the Hinxton Red Lion (p.3) **Jon Smith**  
*Pre Orders by the Sunday before the lunch*

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

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**Great Chesterford & District Gardening Soc** Wednesday 2nd April 7.30 pm Village Hall see p.7



