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Thank you to contributors to this month's edition. The deadline for the December Icene is 21st November.

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

Social Club and Ickle-Gigs Openings and times, and events, including Ickleton's own teen magician on Sunday 16th November (lunchtime). See page 11.

The Lion pub Events at the pub...Games Afternoon Saturday 15th November. Cafe on Saturday morning 22nd - "Going Green" with visit from MP Pippa Heylings and Uttlesford CAB experts, and the Book Club will meet twice on 29th (am and pm). For all this and more see page 10.

Cricket Club Thanks to all who were there at the fun run and raising over **£7,000** for future plans. See p 9.

St Mary Magdalene Parish Church The staggering award from the Lottery Fund of over **£240,000** for the project of conservation of the mediaeval paintings. Thanks to all who have helped to achieve this. The community will be involved in forthcoming actions. See p. 6.

Ickleton Advent Windows in December (as before). Get in touch now if you would like to participate. P4.

Ickleton Society 'My Life Behind Bars' Open meeting with special guest David Short, who ran the Queens Head at Newton for 50 Years. Wednesday 12th November. See p. 8.

HINXTON FEST - with several Ickletonians taking part. A week of events...Remembrance Day tribute on Sunday evening 9th November, through Art Café, Art Exhibition and Auction, Quiz, Son et Lumiere, Kid's Picnic (Saturday afternoon 15th), and Sunday evening 16th concert finale. Don't miss this. See p. 12.

And finally don't forget the **4VO** – back again in Duxford with music from the movies on Saturday 29th. P.7.

PARISH COUNCIL November 2025

Refuse collections during November

Tuesday	4 th	November	Blue and Green bins
Tuesday	11 th	November	Black bin
Tuesday	18 th	November	Blue and green bin
Tuesday	25 th	November	Black Bin

Thriplow Household Recycling Centre is open between 8 am and 4 pm (winter 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

Extracts from the Parish Council meeting minutes held on 15th October 2025.

The Parish Council wishes to draw your attention to the following:

District development

Boro Farm - update on compliance of enforcement notice.

An update from Essex County Council Enforcement was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. In respect of the remediation of the land, officers are content with the profile/land levels within the southern triangle, and as such would deem that this area of the site has been remediated once seeded. There remains quite a lot of plant and equipment to be removed from an area to the north of the two buildings on-site. As full compliance with the Enforcement Notice is now close to being achieved, ECC have decided not to proceed with legal action. This update relates only to enforcement notice ENF/1159

Planning information from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC)

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

25/1124/TTCA Site address: 38 Butchers Hill. Proposal: Pruning of flowering cherry, trim 1.7m all round to shape tree. It was resolved not to comment.

25/1140/TTCA Site address: 21 Church Street. Proposal: Fir – Remove, Horse Chestnut - Remove two lower limbs back to the main stem. It was resolved not to comment.

Land and premises

Consider funds raised to date for removal and replacement of zip wire and quotations received. Applications have been made to local charities for funding towards the cost of replacement. It is hoped that some community fundraising will also contribute to the cost.

Water and sewerage

Update received from Anglian Water received to say that they have now lined 357m of the main sewer through the village. They also intend to install some 'top hat' patches to ensure there is a fully water tight seal between the main sewer and lateral drains.

Traffic calming

Discuss missing bollards on Abbey Street and agree next steps. It was resolved that a map identifying the missing and damaged bollards be sent to Cambridgeshire Highways asking them to arrange for repairs or replacement.

Discuss decision of County Council Highways & Transport Committee Meeting. The application to the Local Highways Initiative for the build out at the bottom of Butcher's Hill was unsuccessful on this occasion in spite of the extensive work undertaken by Cllrs Gidley and Sadler.

Consider Speedwatch Group's request for estimated £650 to facilitate acquisition of a second Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign. The Speedwatch Group were successful in their application for funding towards an additional Vehicle Activated Sign. It was resolved that the Parish Council would also contribute £650.00 towards the cost. The new VAS will be owned by the Parish Council.

A member of the public was invited to speak to the Council and expressed their concern at the speed of vehicles and dangerous driving on Frogge Street especially at nighttime. They spoke in favour of installing additional road safety measures on Frogge Street.

Possible traffic calming measures were also discussed at the meeting and SCDC Cllr McDonald will arrange for a village walk around with a Cambridgeshire County Council Road Safety Officer and Councillors.

Roads and Highways

Following a request made by the Parish Council, Footpath 8 (Abbey Street to Back Lane) has been redesignated as Public Right Way category A. This is the highest priority level for maintenance. All other items covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Extracts from the report by District and County Councillor Peter McDonald.

Please note that the full report can be seen as an appendix to the monthly meeting minutes.

South Cambs Council

Greater Cambridge Local Plan update

The emerging Greater Cambridge Local Plan has been in development since 2020, when the First Conversation consultation took place. A major consultation on the First Proposals took place in 2021, and the results from this were published in 2022. Progress since then has been slowed by uncertainty in the planning of water supply and transport funding. A draft Local Plan has been in preparation during 2025 and a public consultation on the draft is expected to run from 1 December 2025 to 30 January 2026.

Consultation on Climate and Nature Strategy

A consultation is open on the District Council's Climate and Nature Strategy for 2026– 2030. We have set out a transformative vision for a region where nature thrives, the air and rivers are clean, communities are resilient to the changing climate, and future generations can flourish. The consultation closes on 5 November.

Cambridgeshire County Council

HAF Fund

The Holiday Activities and Food programme is set to continue until 2029, providing thousands of children in Cambridgeshire with food and fun during school holidays. The Government has announced it will continue to fund the programme across England for a further three financial years, meaning that families in Cambridgeshire will continue to benefit from the scheme until March 2029. Through the programme, local holiday schemes offer free access to fun, enriching activities and nutritious meals for children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Running during the Easter, summer, and Christmas holidays, HAF helps reduce pressure on families by providing safe, engaging environments where children receive a meal while having fun.

Schools Appeals Panels

We are looking for people to join our independent Schools Appeals Panels, as volunteers are urgently needed to hear appeals when children are not offered a place at their preferred school.

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

Highways events – a link to the Highways events diary showing road closures and diversions can be found on the Useful Links page of the Parish Council website.

Barbara Benn - Parish Clerk clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk

Ickleton United Charities

Ickleton United Charities operate throughout the year to offer financial help and support to those residents of Ickleton who need it most.

Around Christmas-time we are able to offer a contribution towards winter fuel costs and a voucher to spend in the village shop. We are aware that the recent increases in energy and food prices may have pushed some residents into the situation of need. **Please apply (in writing or by e-mail) by 14th November 2025 (latest)** to the Clerk, Jos Flitton, E-mail: jos.flitton1943@gmail.com.

IUC are **also able to pay for Lifeline personal alarms** (maintained by Sanctuary Supported Living) for those who need them. At the touch of a button, loved ones can be alerted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, offering peace of mind and reassurance to all.

Finally, IUC are also able to provide funding to contribute towards any financial need or hardship throughout the year. Each case is considered in confidence by the Trustees, with no barriers to applications. If you think we may be able to assist please contact the Clerk, Jos Flitton..

In Loving Memory Mavis Plumb

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mavis Plumb, aged 89, on Wednesday 8 October.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and a dear friend to many. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

The funeral service will be held on **Thursday 6 November 2025 at 11am** at St Mary Magdalene Church in Ickleton. Black attire is not essential as Mavis loved colour, especially pink. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly request donations to be made to a charity close to Mavis's heart, it can be done either on the day or via the funeral director (details will be available on the day).

Daryll Tarbin - daughter

Ickleton Village Hall AGM Monday 10th November 7:30 pm Village Hall Meeting Room

If you are considering being involved in running the Village Hall, are a user of the Hall and wish to raise any issues, or if you are simply interested to learn a little more about the opportunities the Hall enables in our community: do join us.

Ickleton Legends Christmas Lunch is back **Saturday 13th December**

Paper invites have already gone out. Please bear with us as we are limited to 50 places and we are trying to rotate so others get a chance this year. We hope in future to be able to offer to more people. The lunch is kindly sponsored by Cambridge dining company and all the staff for the day are volunteers. Annabelle will be entertaining us again with songs to get us in the Christmas spirit.

We are really looking forward to hosting the event again and to making it a regular one in the Ickleton festive calendar!

Anne-Marie Hoare



A fabulous new version of **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** at Ickleton Village Hall.

This production is designed for **children and adults** alike, and the show is being performed twice in Ickleton: at **2:30 + 6:30pm on 14th December**.

The performance features amazing puppets - created especially for this production.

To buy tickets click on the link below, where you can also read a fascinating article about the making of the puppets..

<https://corkscrewtheatre.co.uk/productions/a-christmas-carol/>

**Why not enjoy a drink at *The Lion at Ickleton*... alongside your theatre outing?
NB..Lunches are also available at the pub - but **ONLY** by prior booking...**

Hugh Molloy

Ickleton Advent Windows 2025

A good number of people have asked whether *Ickleton Advent Windows* is to run this year. The answer is: **YES...** if sufficient people offer to create a window display!

We need 24 offers - one window to be revealed each day in December from the 1st to the 24th. *Ickleton Advent Windows* adds cheer, seasonal anticipation, and community spirit to our village. Last year's fabulous displays can be viewed at:

<https://www.ickleton.org.uk/ipsgallery2/index.php?a=AdventWindows2024>

If you would be willing to decorate a window in your property - please email molloyhtb@gmail.com confirming your willingness to participate, adding your address - **by 15th November**. If we have sufficient 'window offers' by that date - the project will proceed. Let's see whether we can get **every** road in Ickleton represented... Thank you!

Hugh Molloy

PUB LUNCH **Wednesday** 12th November 12.30 pm. at the Lion in Ickleton.

Hinkledux Pub Lunch Club dates are every second Wednesday of the month: even numbered months at The Red Lion Hinxton, odd numbered at the Ickleton Lion.

Pre orders to cjjonsmith@hotmail.co.uk by the Sunday before please.

Menu at the pub website: www.redlionhinxton.co.uk ☎ 530601

Jon Smith

Fancy joining the choir for Ickleton Carol Service?

This year's service of readings and carols will be on Sunday 21st December at 6pm. Regular choir members would be delighted to be joined by others of all voice types. The ability to read music is certainly helpful but not essential as rehearsal tracks for the choir item can be found on YouTube.

There are likely to be 3 rehearsals on **Friday evenings** in December also at 6pm. Please email mandyjeffery2@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list for further news.

CHURCH NOTICES

Vicar	Rev Lydia Smith	revlydiasmith@gmail.com
Churchwarden	Jenny Duke	jenny@jennyduke.co.uk
Lay Minister	Derek Munday	☎ 531087 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 NOVEMBER

Sunday 2nd	10.00 am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club	ICKLETON
	5.00 pm	All Souls Day Service at St John's church Duxford	DUXFORD
Sunday 9 th	10.50 am	Gather on the Village Green followed by service in the church at 11	ICKLETON
Remembrance Sunday			
Sunday 16 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion St. Peter's, Duxford	DUXFORD
	10.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
Sunday 23rd	10.00 am	Parish Communion St. Peter's, Duxford With gifts to HOME START	DUXFORD
Sunday 30 th	10.00 am	Parish Communion	WHITTLESFORD

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

YOUTHINC Campfire 5 pm Sunday 7th December at the rectory, Duxford

Bible study on Thursdays - both mornings and evenings at Hinxton

Email Derek at bodowen@icloud.com

Dates for your diary:

Christingle 14th December at 4 pm

Carol Service 21st December at 6 pm

24th December at 5.30 pm Family Christmas Eve carols in the churchyard

Christmas Cards for sale:

St Mary Magdalene church, Ickleton in the snow by Christina Taylor.

10 for £5. Order from church or email ickletonpcc@gmail.com

Church Gift Day *Saturday, 1st November* 10.00 - 12.00 in the church.

BELL RINGING Visiting Bellringers Tuesday 11th November 1.00 - 4.15 pm

Saturday 22nd November 2.00 - 3.00 pm

David Lilley



Looking Up and Out – Funding Success

We are delighted to share some wonderful news: St Mary Magdalene Church has been awarded **£244,684** from **The National Lottery Heritage Fund** to conserve our medieval wall paintings and involve the whole community in celebrating them.

It's taken a long time to reach this point. Many of you will remember the 2019 exhibition with the Ickleton Society marking 40 years since the fire that revealed the paintings, or the lecture series in 2021 that drew visitors from near and far. Others have supported Granta Chorale concerts, Colin Hayes' painting sales, Friends of the Church Pimms parties in the summer, and even Jos' birthday and Hilary and Derek's golden wedding. All of these moments raised both money and enthusiasm. More recently, the whole of Duxford School spent a day in church in summer 2025, learning about the paintings and imagining new ways to share them.

Thanks to these efforts, and generous donations including support from a London Livery Company, we've been able to show just how much this heritage means to us. Experts agree: the paintings have been described by Historic England as "outstanding" and they are among the most complete Passion Cycle frescoes in England

Now, with funding secured, the *Looking Up and Out* project will go ahead. Building work and conservation will take place in 2026, but the community activities will start much sooner. There will be opportunities to involve families, volunteers, and local groups - from workshops to tours to a brand new children's mural.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed time, money, or energy along the way. This has been a true village effort, and there's lots more to come. Look out for news of upcoming events - and do join in!

What happens next?

Autumn 2025 – community activities begin: volunteer recruitment, school and family workshops, and a community artist joining the team.

Spring 2026 (after Easter) – building repairs to clerestory windows and masonry begin. The church will be partly closed for a few months.

Autumn 2026 – conservation specialists move in to clean and repair the wall paintings.

Winter 2026 – celebratory reopening of the church and unveiling of the conserved paintings.

2027 – project evaluation and sharing our story with other churches and heritage groups.

From Rev Lydia

Thanks for the memory

Late autumn – the end of October and the start of November – is the season of remembering. We remember riotously with Halloween and Bonfire Night: flickering from candles in carved pumpkins, blazing from bonfires and fireworks, the light is a kind of protection against the encroaching darkness of winter.

And more solemnly, we remember those who've gone before us. All Souls' Day – two days after Halloween – is the time in the church calendar when we remember and give thanks for those we've loved whom we see no longer, who are separated from us by death. In churches across the country people gather to light candles and think back over the months and years.*

Many centuries ago, at the very edge of the Roman empire, the great philosopher and theologian, Augustine - searching for God – looks in all the usual places. He focuses at first on the world around him, from fish at the bottom of the sea to the stars and planets in the sky above. It's only as his search turns inwards, towards

his own mind, that he begins to see the light. Not in the outside world, he says, but in “the fields and spacious palaces of my memory” is God perceived and experienced. Memory for Augustine is a storehouse of treasures, a gift from God that binds us in loving relationship to God and to each other, even those we’ve lost.

Memory has another role, however, that’s more often ignored, as poet Steve Turner observed succinctly in his poem *History Lesson*:

History repeats itself.
Has to.
No-one listens.

On Remembrance Sunday, as we recall the horrors of war and honour those who’ve died in conflict, we also pledge ourselves to work for peace. Those lessons from the past that memory gives us are perhaps needed now more than ever. As we meet for services on Sunday 9th November, we look back to the past, but also look forward in hope. And at the end of the Remembrance Sunday service, we make this our prayer: Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer. Amen. Best wishes **Lydia**

* An All Souls Service of Remembering and Thanksgiving, to which you are warmly invited, takes place at St John’s Church, Duxford at **5pm on Sunday 2 November**. If there’s someone you’d like remembered at this service, please get in touch with Lydia on or by email at revlydiasmith@gmail.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 Club Secretary: pennyburrows2@aol.com

Next Meeting Wednesday 5th November 8.00 pm at Ickleton Village Hall
BURLEY GARDENS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Speaker: Joe Whitehead, Head Gardener
Joe will take us through the exciting period of redevelopment of gardens that had fallen a little quiet and need reawakening

Recent Meeting (*Rose Growing made Easy*) Simon White, formerly Garden Centre sales manager of Peter Beales Roses was the speaker in October. Imparting his knowledge of 40 years’ experience, plus excellent illustrations, he left us all feeling that roses were not difficult to grow! Regular watering and feeding came high on his list of essentials as well correct planting to avoid suckers. And never forget to prune the 3 -D’s - dead, damaged and diseased stems.

Competition subject: Seasonal Fruit

1st Phillipa W (Grapes) 2nd Sue W (Crab Apples) 3rd Ginny E (Large Quince)

Music From The Movies with the Fabulous 4 Villages Orchestra

Duxford Primary School – 7.30pm Saturday 29th November

Music from the Movies is our fourth visit to Hollywood...and this time we’ll be travelling even further afield: A galaxy far, far away indeed, returning via the Starship Enterprise (but only after Independence Day!). Back to earth with a bang from the Pirates of the Caribbean, but never fear we’ll be protected by Superman, Rocky and the Bodyguard...and if that doesn’t bust a few dams...well you can guess the rest !

There are new ONLINE ticketing arrangements. All tickets are all £11 inclusive of booking fee, and children under 12 go free. They are available from 1 November at www.ticketsource.co.uk/4VO

There is also a new Box Office phone number: . 4VO is a local orchestra with members mainly from Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford and Hinxton.

Nigel Bennett

ICKLETON SOCIETY

Stories from Brookhampton Cemetery: A Guided Walk and Talk – unfortunately this had to be postponed due to family illness but we hope it will be rearranged soon.

'My Life Behind Bars!': a talk by David Short, Wednesday 12 November, Village Hall Meeting Room, 7.30pm



'David Short' by Ophelia Redpath

No, David has not spent years in prison but in a pub! Many of you will be familiar with the Queen's Head in Newton, famous for its brown soup. In 1962 David's parents rescued the pub from its planned demolition after it had lain empty for a number of years. David went on to run the pub for over 50 years before he, in turn, handed it over to his son Robert. David loved conversation and has always had a fascination with people so he has many a story to tell!

This is another event that comes highly recommended and, with Ickleton having rescued its own pub, some of David's recollections may also sound quite familiar! The talk is open to everyone, with a small charge of £5 for non-members, though you can of course join the Society in which case, it is free. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles are included and we also now have the opportunity to retire to our own pub afterwards!

New Year's Day

Walk – this has been a popular village event for many years, enjoyed by all – young and old, residents as well as visitors, well behaved dogs on leads and we aim to have a route where the first half is suitable for pushchairs. We meet at 11am, walk for about an hour and then return to the Village Hall for soup and bread. More details will be in the December Icene but, in the meantime, if you can help by making soup or lending a hand in the kitchen, drop me or Clare Driver (clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk) a line to help our planning. Your help will be much appreciated.

Dates for your 2026 diaries!

Litter pick: Expected to be Sunday 22nd March Ickleton Society AGM followed by a talk – Wednesday, 13th May, 7.30pm

Ickleton Tea Towels – we still have a number of our excellent quality premium cotton tea towels in green. They feature scenes from around the village and make ideal Christmas presents as well as being an essential item in any Ickleton kitchen. The tea towels are £6 or special offer of 4 towels for £20. Please get in touch with me if you'd like to buy some.

Committee

We have 2 vacancies on our Committee. Being on the Committee is a great way to learn more about our village and its history, as well as contributing to our community. It's not onerous – we only meet once a quarter (with wine!). If you're interested, please do get in touch with me.

Rachel Radford 📞 530994 rachelmradford@btinternet.com

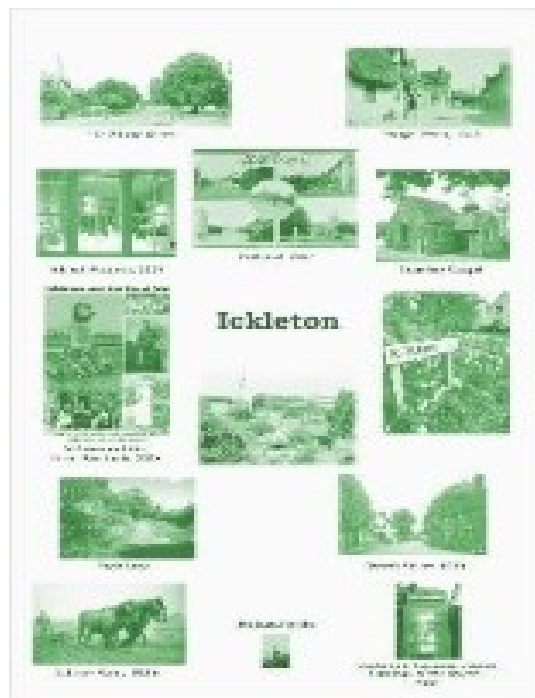
Welcomes

A new family have moved into The Old Bakery in Abbey Street – we welcome **Sarah and Mike Green** from Whittlesford. They have three boys – Joe is at Warwick University – Will and Isaac are twins age 16 who attended William Westley.

They have two cocker Spaniels Boo and Albie so will soon get to know everyone.

They all enjoy home comforts and dog walks with a nice pub meal. All happiness in your new home

Clare Driver





The pond clearance work took place despite the almost complete absence of water in the ponds. A digger was used in place of the dredger. Most of the main pond was cleared including a stretch of the south bank. Hopefully this will encourage wading birds like the grey heron and egret. The east end of the pond was impossible to clear because the mud was over two feet deep.

For the first time in years, the two south ponds were cleared. The south west pond hasn't been visible for at least seven years. Unfortunately there wasn't any water in it following the hot, dry summer. A few puddles have started to appear following the recent rain, so hopefully come spring it will be a pond once again. It is hoped some of trees surrounding the pond will be cleared in due course.

The fungi walk was a great success with mushrooms great and small being seen. The smallest were the first fruitings of the yellow fieldcaps, tiny little yellow beads. Yellow fieldcaps fruit for just twenty four hours, going from the tiny bead, through the conical shape, to the flat form and dying in just one day. Even the wonderfully named shaggy ink caps, which can grow to over a foot tall, rarely last more than three days, dissolving from the base up on the final day, while producing black ink on the bottom edge. In contrast the large flat bracket fungi, that grow on fallen and living trees, can live for years, and even decades.

November's walk will be on Wednesday the 19th between 12:00 and 13:00. Led as usual by Iain Webb from the Wildlife Trust. Meet on the wooden bridge between the wetlands and main campus just before 12:00.

David Keating



Ickleton Cricket Club News... and Thank you

3Kfor3K fun run around the rec...

Thanks to all those who took part in the run on the 12th October. We've been overwhelmed by the support we received. The target of 3000 laps was smashed by over 500 and we obliterated the fundraising target by raising **over £7,000!** Thanks to everyone who contributed.

The Race Night planned for 22nd November has been postponed until the new year. We'll be in touch then to gather all the runners and riders!

Edmund Harcourt

News from The Lion

It's been an exciting first few months at The Lion, with lots of events to bring the community together. With the launch of our new autumn menu just a few weeks ago, now feels like the perfect time to hear your honest views - what we're doing well, what could be better, and what might encourage you (and others) to visit more often. Look out for a short survey coming through your door, or complete it online via the link on our website; it will take just a few minutes and every suggestion is valuable.

Our inaugural Oktoberfest was great fun! It was fantastic to see so many people embracing the occasion and filling the pub with such great energy and good humour. A special shout-out for Nick and Suzie, who totally captured the Bavarian spirit with their fantastic costumes! The feedback has been really positive, so we're pleased to say that Oktoberfest will return next year - bigger and even better. We're already hard at work planning events for the coming months, including a traditional Burns Night celebration in January. As always, we'd love to hear your ideas for future occasions - whether it's themed nights or something completely different.

On 15th November we'll be hosting our first Games Afternoon, from 2.30pm to 5.00pm, which we hope will become a regular feature! The event is open to all ages and offers something for everyone, whether you'd like to learn mahjong, enjoy a selection of classic games, or bring along your own favourite. It promises to be a relaxed and sociable afternoon, complemented by our excellent food and drink.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning at the end of September, helping us raise £238.65! The Cafe reopens on Friday 21st November - if you can spare some time to help out, your support would be very much appreciated.

The Cafe will have another special opening on Saturday 22nd November, from 10.00am to 12.00pm for our 'Going Green at The Lion' community event. Discover practical ways to save energy, reduce bills, and help the planet, all while enjoying our delicious coffee, cakes, and pastries. We'll be welcoming Pippa Heylings MP, along with experts from Uttlesford Citizens Advice and Cambridge Carbon Footprint, who will be on hand to offer friendly, practical advice. You can also see the energy-saving improvements we've made at The Lion, learn from local residents who've retrofitted their homes, and pick up simple, money-saving ideas to try yourself.

Our Book Club (see below) has proved so popular that there will be two meetings this month - one at lunchtime and another in the evening, giving everyone a chance to join in. Our thanks go to Apple for facilitating these gatherings and helping to make them such a success.

As the festive season approaches, bookings are already coming in for Christmas parties and family celebrations, so if you'd like to enjoy our Festive Menu from 26th November, we encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment.

Chris & Vikki www.thelionatickleton.co.uk

In Book Club - Winner of the 2025 Women's Prize for Fiction

In 'The Safekeep' by Yael van der Wouden, it is fifteen years after the Second World War, and Isabel has built herself a solitary life of discipline and strict routine in her late mother's country home, with not a fork or a word out of place. But all is upended when her brother Louis delivers his graceless new girlfriend, Eva, at Isabel's doorstep - as a guest, there to stay for the season...

WHAT'S ON 

IN *November*

- 6** **QUIZ NIGHT** starts at 8 pm
Special menu served from 6 pm
- 13** **BONNEFIREBOX** from 5 pm
Food Truck serving Wood Fired Pizza
- 15** **BACK TO THE BOARD**
Games for all ages from 2.30pm 
- 21** **LION CAFE** 9.30 to 11.15 am
Drop in for tea, coffee, cakes & pastries
- 22** **GOING GREEN** 10 am to 12 pm
Saving money, energy & the planet
- 29** **BOOK CLUB** in the snug
1 - 2 pm & 6.30 - 7.30 pm 

Festive Menu from 26th November!
www.thelionatickleton.co.uk
[@thelionatickleton](https://twitter.com/thelionatickleton)

Join us on Thursday, 27th November 1 - 2 pm and 6:30 - 7:30 pm In the Snug
The LBC will take place BOTH times every SECOND month starting from November

ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB – WHAT’S ON in November

OPENING TIMES

SUNDAY LUNCHTIMES - 12 to 2 pm 2nd and 16th November

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 7.30 to 10.30pm 3rd and 17th November

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

General Knowledge QUIZ - Saturday 1st November

Tables of 4: £3 per person

SORRY, SOLD OUT

ICKLETON JAZZ COLLECTIVE – Sunday 2nd November, 12 pm

Nick Antoniou & his band. Guest vocalist Annabelle Pamela

HALLOWEEN BINGO – Sunday 2nd November, 3 pm

Fun for all the family!

MAGIC SHOW – Sunday 16th November, 1pm

Local teen magician, Alex Mardle, treats us to a 30 minute show

THE SPOKEN WORD – Saturday 29th November, 7.30 pm

An evening of poetry, storytelling and self expression by talented locals, all ages.

To book your slot contact Brian on

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.



Saturday 15th November 7.30 pm

LIVE at the ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB

The **Kobayashi Bookstore** - formed at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2023. A melodic six piece band making original tunes that cannot easily be boxed into a single genre. With a nod towards Squeeze the Kobayashi Bookstore make listening easy, with sing-a-long choruses and poignant lyrics with their well crafted songs. (thekobayashibookstore.bandcamp.com)

Wild Hope - A happy poppy style of music, with an edge not unlike the better side of Suede. This four piece band has had Radio 6 airplay with their single '43 Degrees' being played a couple of times on Tom Robinson's show. Perfect complement to Kobayashi Bookstore. This will be a good gig! (www.wildhope.com).

More info on Ickle-Gigs facebook page or call Liz:

HINXFEST25

You are invited to join us in Hinxton for a varied week of entertainment
7th-16th November

Friday 7th On the Campus *	FIREWORKS
Sunday 9th 7pm in the church**	REMEMBRANCE TRIBUTE A poignant performance honouring local men who died in WW2
Monday 10th - 14th	ART CAFÉ —In the village hall—View and buy local art— 12-2 Light Lunch with a COLE'S PUDDING 2-5 Posh Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 11th 7pm in the village hall ***	FEST QUIZ Come and support the Ickleton team
Friday 14th 6-8pm in the church	SON et LUMIÈRE The kids will love this
Friday 14th 8pm in the village hall	ART AUCTION Fun bidding....pay bar
Saturday 15th 2-4.30pm in the village hall***	KID'S INDOOR PICNIC Ticket required. Professional entertainer and snacks
Sunday 16th 7pm in the church**	GRAND FINALE A wealth of local talent to enjoy

*look out for EVENTBRITE or WELLCOME notifications

** Free Entry but booking advisable ***Ticket only

For all enquiries email hinxfest25@gmail.com or telephone 01799 530216

Check the asterisks!

Note: The Wellcome Fireworks are sold out

BLOOD DONORS

Would-be Blood Donors are advised that the **NHS Blood Donation** team will be at Ickleton Village Hall on the following days:

Tuesday 16th December 2025 Wednesday 18th February 2026 Friday 3rd April 2026

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

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:Anita.Gilchrist@ageukcap.co.uk)

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

Cambridge Mobile Library

The **third Wednesday** in each month (19th 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

Thank you to all those who donated food to help families over the school holidays.

A huge thank you to Ickleton for the generous donations of Harvest Festival giving. Coming up: the Hampers for Christmas. Last year over 200 were delivered at the beginning of December– a lot go to the elderly and infirm who may not have any one to celebrate with. They contain:

One toiletry gift (shower gel soap etc)

Chocolate, biscuits, advent calendar. Christmas sweets if it's a household with children.

Soft drink bottle, crisps or snack. Christmas pudding, mince pies, fruit cake.

Stuffing, cranberry sauce, cheese crackers, gravy granules, chutney. Tea coffee sugar.

ANYTHING you can donate like this is truly appreciated.

Clare Driver ☎ 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

FOOD DELIVERIES

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

Milk Fresh milk (bottles) – Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Dave of Plumb's Dairy (Linton)
Tel: 01223 893033 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 01787 279021 or 07470 057638

Fish and Chips Mobile van 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 4th and 18th November 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

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

The Lion at Ickleton (see p.10)

Open daily except Mondays and Tuesdays. See advertisement on adverts pages for times of events...
including Games Afternoon, Café Openings, Book Club (two times), Quiz, and "Going Green at the
Lion" with visit by our MP.

Social Club (bar open) Fridays and Saturdays from 6 pm
(See p.11) Sundays 2nd and 16th November 12 to 2 pm
with Alex Murdle young magician at 1 pm
Sunday evenings 9th and 23rd November 7.30 to 10.30
Mondays 5 - 7 pm and Wednesdays 5.30 - 7.30

ICKLE-GIG (see p.11)

Saturday 15th November 7.30 pm
Bands - The Kobayashi Bookstore and Wild Hope

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 19th November 7.30 pm Village Hall

Pub Lunch Club Wednesday 12th November 12.30 pm at the Lion Ickleton (p.5) **Jon Smith**
Pre Orders by the Sunday before the lunch

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

Great Chesterford & District Gardening Soc Meeting Wednesday 5th November (p.7)

