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Thank you to contributors to this month's edition, and a Happy Christmas to all Ickletonians and their families. The January 2026 deadline is **15th December** to allow printing to be done before the New Year.

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

Social Club and Ickle-Gigs Openings and times, and events. The early evening openings will now include Tuesday as well as Monday and Wednesday, all at 5 – 7 pm, and an extra Sunday lunchtime this month – with jazz. See p.9.

The Lion pub See page 10 for the opening times for drinks and food over the Christmas period until New Year's Day after which the pub is closed until 21st January. The Community Pub Management committee is looking for new members. Full details available.

Father Christmas visits on Saturday afternoon 6th December plus things for little ones to do.

Shelter Christmas Social (Charity fundraiser) - on Saturday 6th December 12 – 2 pm at the Village Hall, at which **Santa Claus** will also be present! Donations of cakes etc. welcome. See p.4.

A Christmas Carol On Sunday 14th 2.30 and 5.30 pm in the Village Hall – see page 4.

Ickleton Advent Windows – See page 5 for the list of illuminated windows which will be revealed progressively from 1st to 24th December. See them from 5 – 8 pm.

Hinxton Fest Thank you to Ickletonians for helping to make this a great success and to Mike Boagey (of Hinxton) for devising and organising it. And the fest made £3,600.

PARISH COUNCIL November 2025

Refuse collections during December 2025

Tuesday	2 nd December 2025	Blue and green bins
Tuesday	9 th December 2025	Black bin
Tuesday	16 th December 2025	Blue and green bins
Tuesday	23 rd December 2025	Black Bin
Tuesday	30 th December 2025	Blue bin only

Green bin collections go on to the winter four-weekly cycle starting as above (so the next after 16th December will be on 13th January). 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 (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

Wellcome Genome Campus have produced an update on the Campus development with details of what to expect as they prepare for construction to start in early 2026. A copy of this can be found on the noticeboard outside the shop and on the Parish Council website.

Cambridge Carbon Footprint are offering residents and organisations across Cambridgeshire the opportunity to borrow and learn how to use a thermal imaging camera for free. A one-hour online training session is required prior to use. Please contact the clerk: clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk, if you would like more information about this.

Extracts from the Parish Council minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2025.

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

Planning information from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC)

To note SCDC information only applications:

25/00129/CONDA Site: Land at Little Farm Barns 8 Mill Lane, Proposal: Submission of details required by conditions 4 (surface water drainage), 5 (foul water drainage), 6 (ecological enhancement scheme) and 17 (biodiversity net gain plan) of planning permission 25/00129/FUL. Status: Information only.

Tree works: To consider any comments to be returned to SCDC

25/1190/TTCA Site address: 50 Frogge Street. Proposal: T1 - Hawthorn - Reduce crown by 3 metres. T2 - Silver Birch - Reduce height by 3 metres T3 - Elder - Reduce height by 5 metres. It was resolved to make no comment.

25/1147/TTCA Site address: 37 Butchers Hill. Proposal: Chestnut (dying) - Fell to ground level and remove all wood and waste from site. Information only as comments due by 5th November.

The following application was received after publication of the agenda:

25/1276/TTCA Site address: 33 Church Street. Proposal: T1: Conifer - Reduce height by 8 metres. T2: Willow - Reduce crown by 10 metres (back to previous pollard points). T3: Willow - Reduce height by 12 metres (this tree has previously had 3 large boughs fail). It was resolved to consider this item at the meeting. After discussion, it was resolved to make no comment.

To note **SCDC applications withdrawn:**

25/03419/HFUL Site address: 2 Brookhampton Street. Proposal: First-floor rear extension, single-storey rear extension, entrance porch to side elevation, and alterations to exterior materials and fenestration. Application withdrawn.

Land and premises

Notification has been received that the Salvation Army will remove the clothing bank as it is no longer profitable. A clothing bank from a different provider will remain in the Community Centre car park.

Road Maintenance

Notification has been received that Highways plan to undertake repairs on Royston Lane, between Chrishall & Ickleton, as part of the planned maintenance programme. No date has been set, however the work is expected to be completed in this financial year.

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 District Council

Postal Voters

If you have had a postal vote in the past, you will have to reregister if you still want one for future elections starting next May. This can be done on the South Cambs District Council website, or you can ring up for an application form - .

Local Government Reorganisation

The County Council has now agreed to submit Option A (2 unitary councils, with South Cambs combining with Cambridge City and East Cambridgeshire) to Government for its consideration later this month. Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire will vote on what option to submit later this month.

Draft Local Plan – “The most important document you’ve never heard of”

The draft Local Plan and supporting evidence has just been published ahead of a public consultation which will run between 1 Dec 2025 – 30 Jan 2026. Cambridge City Council and South Cambs are working together to create this joint Local Plan for the Greater Cambridge area.

The plan sets out the future land use and planning policies for the area for the period 2024-2045. The Local Plan identifies the need for new homes and jobs, the services and infrastructure to support them, and guides where this development should happen. If you have any questions about the Draft Local Plan, please contact the Planning Policy Team: localplan@greatercambridgeplanning.org

‘How are we doing?’ survey

SCDC has recently launched a new ‘How Are We Doing’ Survey to give residents, businesses and other stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback on the Council’s services – both positive and negative – to ensure that we are delivering the best services possible. The feedback received will be reported to the Leadership Team and the appropriate teams. If you wish to comment, please follow this link: www.scambs.gov.uk/leave-feedback.

Official complaints or service requests should still go through the usual channels.

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.

Information on the following can be found in the Community Noticeboard section of the website:

- M11 overnight closures and diversion routes
- HAF Christmas holiday scheme
- Wellcome Genome Campus Expansion update
- Wellcome Genome Campus Christmas market

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

Website: <https://www.ickletonparishcouncil.org.uk>

Mavis Plumb - Thank you

The family of the late Mavis Plumb wish to express their sincere thanks for attending the funeral and for the kindness, support, and sympathy shown to us during our recent bereavement. We are deeply grateful for the comforting words, cards and donations made in her memory. Special thanks to Claire Skeates and Judith Sutcliffe for their care and compassion at the funeral. Your thoughtfulness has been a great comfort to us all.

Daryll Tarbin

In Loving Memory Tony Burton

Tony was born on 2nd August 1940 in Ickleton and grew up here. He loved being around the farm with his dad Henry who worked for Will Griggs.

Tony worked for Cleales at Saffron Walden, where at age 15 he had a 5 year apprenticeship as a mechanic on tractors and combines, then for Ernest Doe in Fulbourn. From then he worked at Blyth and Pawsey as a representative. Around 1976 Blyth and Pawsey were bought by Ben Burgess in Newmarket, where Tony worked until he was 70. He was well respected in the farming community and really loved his job.

I met Tony on his 21st birthday in The New Inn pub. I was 16. He walked me home at least 200 yards. We went out together and married in 1963.

We are so lucky to have a wonderful son Steve, lovely daughter in-law Shelly, and 2 amazing grandsons AJ and Taylor. We really are blessed.

We are having a private cremation, so please accept our families’ wishes.

To end on this note, Tony tells people “Me and my wife have been married for 62 years and have only had one argument (pause), and it’s still going on!! My reply is - but it’s not the same one!

From his loving wife **Sandra**

Sew Calm Sew Calm (and Eat Cake) has been a joyful meeting place at the Social Club twice a month this year. Because of Christmas events there will be just one meeting in December - Saturday 6 December 10am - 12 noon for a festive meet up - all welcome.

WELCOME

Welcome to the **Morris** family – **Rachel and James** with children **Emily, William and Rosie**. Having lived in Cambridge for 20 years they have moved into Brookhampton Street with two cats. They enjoy tennis and cricket and once settled in will look forward to joining in with village life.

Clare Driver

A Christmas Carol

If you haven't booked your tickets yet, now's a good time...and have a drink/meal at the pub



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...**

Christmas Tree pick up

Ickleton resident Edmund Harcourt is offering (as in previous years) to pick up your Christmas trees after Christmas for a 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 the **11th and 12th January**. Please text or call with your address, and preferred date. We will be able to take cash or a card.

Ed Harcourt

Shelter Christmas Social

Saturday 6th December 12 – 2 pm

Please come along and support my Charity Fundraiser in our **Ickleton Village Hall** We will be selling home made delicious soups, cakes, teas and coffees.

Santa Claus will also be available for photographs with children, friends and families in his winter wonderland, whilst you are seated and enjoying some good food.

This fund raiser is for the Charity 'SHELTER' supporting homelessness especially during the winter months.

If you would like to help out or donate a cake, please contact me.

Thank you. **Viliani Mila**. email v.mila68@outlook.com or call me on .

Could Engineering Cool the Planet? For you diaries...

FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY - 7:30pm - Ickleton Village Hall - Free Admission

A fascinating and timely presentation by Prof. Hugh Hunt & Dr. Dante McGrath of the **University of Cambridge 'Centre for Climate Repair'** - about their world class - and potentially world-saving research into Engineering our way out of the Climate Emergency. Hugh Molloy

ICKLETON ADVENT WINDOWS 2025

Each day from the 1st through to the 24th of December, a house in Ickleton will reveal an illuminated window displaying a seasonal scene - thereby making an **Ickleton Advent Calendar through Windows**. The schedule is shown below.

The windows will be illuminated 5 pm - 8 pm daily, from the reveal date through to Christmas. You are invited to take a walk to view each fresh window as it is revealed.

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

A big
'Thank
you' to all
who are

DATE	ADDRESS
1	April Cottage, Butchers Hill
2	48a, Frogge St
3	13, Southfield
4	7, Church Street
5	2, Butchers Hill
6	Riverside Barns
7	Swallow Barn, Butchers Hill
8	4, Butchers Hill
9	69, Abbey St
10	Glebe Ho, Brookhampton St.
11	Lion at Ickleton Pub
12	14, Abbey Street

DATE	ADDRESS
13	Church Barn, Butchers Hill
14	Stockton Lodge, Grange Road
15	2, Frogge Street.
16	28, Abbey Street
17	14 Brookhampton Street!
18	73, Abbey Street
19	6, Brookhampton St.
20	9, Brookhampton St.
21	27 Church Street
22	39, Church Street
23	Mowbray's, 18
24	Parish Church

contributing windows to this project!

PUB LUNCH Wednesday 10th December 12.30 pm at the Red Lion Hinxton.

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

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 6 pm.** 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. **Mandy Jeffery**

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 DECEMBER

Sunday	7 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	WHITTLESFORD
		10.00 am	Parish Communion with Sunday Club	ICKLETON
Sunday	14 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	HINXTON
		4.00 pm	CHRISTINGLE	ICKLETON
Sunday	21 st	8.00 am	Holy Communion St. Peter's, Duxford	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
		6.00 pm	CAROL SERVICE with mulled wine & mince pies	ICKLETON
Wednesday	24 th	5.30 pm	Advent Window reveal & carols in the churchyard	ICKLETON
Christmas Eve				
Thursday	25 th	10.00 am	Family Communion	ICKLETON
Christmas Day				
Sunday	28 th	10.00 am	Parish Communion	DUXFORD

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

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

BELL RINGING Visiting Bellringers Thursday 18th December 10.00 – 11.15 am

David Lilley

From Rev Lydia

Joy!

Number 394 in the Roud Folk Song Index is one of the oldest Christmas carols we still sing. Thought to date from the 1500s, the earliest printed text we have is from around 1760. It features in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*: near the beginning, Ebenezer Scrooge, that hater of all things Christmas, hears the song outside his office and terrorises the hapless carol singer. Have you guessed it yet? The name of the carol is of course *God rest you merry, gentlemen...* also often known as *Comfort and joy...* for the repeated line in the chorus: *O tidings of comfort and joy,*



The word comfort has rather changed its meaning since the carol was first sung. When you say comfort now, you may well be thinking of a sofa or a cosy jumper or a brand of fabric softener. But joy: well that still resonates as it always did and is at the heart of the story of Christmas.

Like many other carols, *God rest you merry, gentlemen* tells the whole Christmas story. A story fraught with uncertainty and fear, whether that's Joseph's concern about what seemed to him as an unplanned baby, or the lack of a place for Mary and Joseph to stay in a crowded city or – later on - King Herod's murderous rage.

But it's also a story that really is full of great joy: the exuberant praise of the angels, the excitement of the shepherds and Mary's quiet appreciation of it all. Mary, who, after the noisy shepherds have left, treasures up the memories of that night in her heart.

There are lots of opportunities to celebrate the joyful story of Christmas in the Hinkledux churches this year – details are in our Christmas card and on our website and Facebook page. And if you're interested in exploring what the Christmas story could mean for you, a great place to start is with *The twelve joys of Christmas: meditations for Christmas and the new year* from the Church of England. You can sign up for emails or read these via the Everyday Faith phone app (see <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/sign-joy-christmas> for details).

Wishing you a joyful Christmas **Lydia**

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

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

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

New members and visitors always welcome.

For further information contact the Club Secretary: pennyburrows2@aol.com

And Look for Great Chesterford Garden Society on Facebook

Next Meeting Wednesday 3rd December 8.00 pm at Ickleton Village Hall

PLANTS FOR PAGANS

Speaker: Dr Twigs Way

Competition subject: Something Festive

DON'T FORGET!! Our Sale of annual bulbs in pots.
Great Christmas gift for friends, family or you!

Recent Meeting "*William Morris and his impact on English Garden Design*"

As the planned speaker for the month had to cancel, member **Fiona Rose** gave an interesting, richly illustrated talk, well befitting her subject.

Better known for his fabrics and wallpapers he was inspired by Nature and his own beloved garden, Wallcott Manor. His favourite design motives were trellis work, fruit trees, roses, tulips, willow leaves and acanthus. Strangely perhaps, he hated red geraniums ! (Who doesn't like red geraniums?) One of the founding members of the Arts and Crafts movement, his thinking had a profound impact on modern garden design towards a more naturalistic planting style. Still much admired, his legacy lives on. Inspiring indeed.

Competition subject: A seasonal vegetable

1st: Sarah B (a magnificent Hot Pink Banana Squash!)
2nd: Charlotte D (Muscade de Provence Pumpkin) 3rd: Pauline G (Beetroot)

No meeting in January See you again at the February Meeting

Wetlands wildlife news

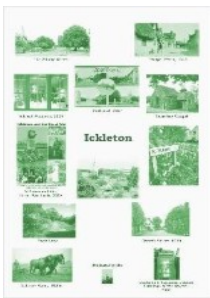
As we move from autumn into winter it becomes a quieter time for wildlife. This autumn has seen the best show of colours in years. The hot and sunny summer allowed trees to produce more sugars in their leaves, in the same way that grapes and berries are sweeter after a sunny summer. The shorter days of autumn mean the trees reduce the amount of chlorophyll in their leaves. The chlorophyll gives the leaves their green colour, and its reduction means the reds and golds from the sugars can show through. The lack of rain, however, meant some trees lost their leaves very early, and those leaves went straight from green to brown. Particularly noticeable were the horse chestnuts, which are very sensitive to water stress.

Winter brings its own beauty, and Iain Webb from the Wildlife Trust will be talking about that on the **last wetlands wildlife walk of the year, on Wednesday the 17th of December**. We meet on the wooden bridge between the wetlands and main campus at **12:00** for a guided walk of around an hour.

David Keating

ICKLETON SOCIETY

The Must Have Item in Every Ickleton (or any) Kitchen!



Our excellent quality premium cotton tea towel, featuring scenes from around the village, makes a wonderful gift and is an essential item in any Ickleton kitchen. Attractive and useful, and a fundraiser for The Ickleton Society.

The tea towels are £6 each or special offer of 4 towels for £20.

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

To purchase please contact Rachel Radford...rachelmradford@btinternet.com or phone .



What better way to start 2026 than with The Ickleton Society's popular New Year's Day Walk...

Join us on Thursday 1 January 2026 to melt away the excesses of the Festive Season. We'll meet at 11am on the green in front of the church. Children, visitors, family, and dogs on leads are welcome. 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 afterwards in the Village Hall. **If you can offer some homemade soup and/or help in the kitchen it would be much appreciated.** Please contact Clare at clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk.

Talk on 12 November – sadly David Short was unwell but we were very grateful to Douglas Kent who stepped into the breach and updated us on the conservation work and further researches at the Old Sun Inn, Saffron Walden. Interestingly, it has been shown that parts of the building are older than had previously been estimated, including the carriageway at the western end which now seems to have been part of the original 14th century building layout rather than created in the 17th century.

Dates for your 2026 diaries! Litter pick - Sunday 22nd March; AGM plus talk - Wednesday, 13th May.

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 rachelmradford@btinternet.com

ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB – WHAT'S ON in DECEMBER?

...NEW OPENING TIMES...

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings - 5 to 7 pm

Pop in on your way home, meet up with friends, or join us for a pre-dinner drink!

Friday and Saturday: from 6 pm

Sunday lunchtimes - 12 noon to 2 pm - 7th, 14th and 21st December

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

Supper Club – Thursday 11th December

SORRY, SOLD OUT

ICKLETON JAZZ COLLECTIVE – Sunday 14th December, 12 pm

Nick Antoniou & his band make a welcome return to the club,
with guest vocalist Annabelle Pamela

Grand Christmas Draw

Friday 19th December, 9 pm

Buy your tickets in advance from the club for your chance to win
from a plethora of Christmas goodies. Free Buffet!

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 13th December 7.30 pm
LIVE at the ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB

John ‘Magic Boy’ Wright

Johnny is the driving force behind one of the leading blues bands in the country - Split Whiskers. John also hosts the famous Wednesday Sessions at the Grapes pub in Cambridge, where he assembles the best musicians around to jam away to a packed crowd. It is a coup to get John to play at an Ickle-Gig with his house band. It's not the Whiskers, but it will be something similar!

As described in one of many reviews: Johnny embraces excellence. The show is a complete experience. You will leave refreshed and invigorated by the blues he plays. Come on Sat 13th Dec and see for yourself!

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

Keep Music Live. Support Grassroots Venues. Support Ickle-Gigs!

News from The Lion



It's hard to believe December is here already! We're excited to be spending our first Christmas in our new home and even more to share it with you. Our festive menu is running all month, lots of parties and family gatherings are already booked, so if you fancy joining us for a meal, don't leave it too late.

We'll have a very special visitor at The Lion on **Saturday 6th December - Father Christmas!** Bring your little ones along between **2.30 and 5.00pm** to visit his grotto and if they like to make paper angels – which will form part of the village Advent Window display.

We're delighted that BonfireBox will also be joining the festivities with their seasonal pizza menu on 11th December – something a little different to enjoy this Christmas!

Christmas Opening Hours

Christmas Eve	12:00 to 8:00 pm	Food served until 6:00pm
Christmas Day	12:00 to 2:00 pm	Drinks only
Boxing Day	12:00 to 2:00 pm	Drinks only
Sat 27th Dec	12:00 to 11:00pm	Food served 12 - 2.30 & 5 - 9:30
Sun 28th Dec	12:00 to 6:00pm	Food served 12 - 3 pm
Mon 29th Dec	12:00 to 6:00pm	Food served 12 - 5 pm
Tue 30th Dec	12:00 to 6:00pm	Food served 12 - 5 pm
New Year's Eve	12:00 to 6:00pm	Food served 12 - 5 pm
New Year's Day	12:00 to 4:00pm	Drinks only



The team will be taking a well-earned break in the New Year, and the pub will be **closed from 2nd to 20th January** – we're off on our holidays! We'll miss you all, but we're very much looking forward to a bit of sun and a lot of R&R.

We'll be back with a bang on 21st January, refreshed and ready for a busy year ahead - make sure to save the date for our **Burns Night** celebration on **Saturday 24th January!**

Just a quick note: there's no Book Club or Café this month, but both will be back next month. We'd love to see you over the festive season – whether for a meal, a drink, or just a chat by the fire. Here's to a great Christmas together!

Chris & Vikki

www.thelionatickleton.co.uk

Have Your Say

Along with this month's *Icene*, you'll receive a questionnaire through your door about your views so we can make The Lion the best it can be. Please take a few minutes to



complete the paper form or (even better!) fill in the online version. You can access the online version via the link on our website or by scanning this QR code.

Committee Update

We are sorry to share that Eric Burrows, our Chair, has decided to step down from the committee. Eric was in the project from the very beginning - whether in committee meetings, up a ladder with a paintbrush, or raising a glass with volunteers at the end of a long day, his contribution has been immense. We are profoundly grateful to him for his leadership, drive, and determination, and he will be sorely missed. Jo Hancock will take over as Chair until our next Annual Members' Meeting (probably in March). Some other members of the committee may also be stepping down, so that we can hand over to others with fresh ideas, energy and enthusiasm to continue developing both the business and our community activities.

To ensure continuity and plenty of time for a smooth handover, **we welcome expressions of interest now from any members/shareholders of the community pub who may wish to join the committee at the AMM.** The time commitment is expected to be lower going forward now that the pub is more established. We would be pleased to talk through what's involved and to arrange for interested members to observe a committee meeting before the formal process begins. Full details of that process will follow in due course.

Although only members are eligible to be elected to the Management Committee, we encourage anyone, member or not, with skills, experience, or simply time and enthusiasm to offer, to get in touch. There are many ways to support the pub's ongoing development. As ever, many hands make light work, and every contribution helps strengthen our community pub.

For more information, please email info@icplimited.org.uk

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

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 – Cllr.mcdonald@scamb.gov.uk

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

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

Cambridge Mobile Library

The **third Wednesday** in each month (17th December) 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

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 2nd and 16th December 10.30 - 12 at the church All welcome

We are currently sharing coffee morning proceeds between the church and various charities.

The Coffee Morning Team

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

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

Sew Calm At Ickleton Social Club - Only one meeting in December – on Saturday 6th 10 am to 12 noon

Gill Laird

The Lion at Ickleton (see p.10)

Open daily except Mondays and Tuesdays. Then open every day from Christmas Eve until New Year's Day for drinks and food at various times. No book club or café openings this month.

Social Club (bar open) Monday, Tuesday (new) and Wednesday 5 – 7 pm

(see p. 9)

Fridays and Saturdays from 6 pm
Sundays 7th, 14th and 21st December 12 to 2 pm
with Jazz on 14th – Nick Antoniou and his band with Annabelle Pamela singing

ICKLE-GIG (p.9) Saturday 13th December 7.30 pm
Band – John 'Magic Boy' Wright

Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 10th December 7.30 pm Village Hall

Pub Lunch Club Wednesday 10th December 12.30 pm at the Red Lion Hinxton (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 3rd December (p.7)

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