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**Thank you** to contributors to this month's edition, and best wishes to all Ickletonians and their families for the New Year ahead. The deadline for the February issue is **24th January**.

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

**Ickleton Society – New Year's Day walk** - all welcome. 11 am on the Village Green See p. 6

**Social Club and Ickle-Gigs** Openings and times, and events. The early evening openings now include Tuesday as well as Monday and Wednesday, all at 5 – 7 pm. See page 8 .

**The Lion pub** The pub will be closed from 2nd January and reopen on 21st January, with a new menu. Events at the pub: Bookclub (Th 22nd), Burns Night feast (Sat 24th), Lion Café (Fri 30th) and - new - Art and Wellness Evening Wed 28th. See page 9

**Souper Saturday** 17th January, 12 – 2 pm see p. 4

**Shelter Social Charity Fundraiser** Saturday 31st January, 12 – 2 pm see p.4

**Help to clean the church** See page 4

**Christmas tree pick-up** on 11th and 12th January – see p. 4

## PARISH COUNCIL January 2026

Refuse collections during January

Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	December 2025	Blue bin only
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	January	Black bin
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	January	Blue and green bins
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	January	Black Bin
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	January	Blue and grey bin only

*Black Bin (rubbish) Blue bin (recycling) Green bin (garden) Grey bin (food waste)*

**New food waste collection.** A letter on this has been delivered by South Cambs District Council to all residents. The essence of this is as follows:

All households will receive a **grey** bin for all FOOD waste.

Also provided will be a small indoor caddy to collect your food waste, and a starter roll of caddy liners for this. There will be an instruction leaflet on how to use this service.

The collection starts on 27th January. The collections will be EVERY week.

The existing green bin will continue – for garden waste only, but meanwhile any food waste in the green bin will still be collected (provided it is not in the new caddy liners).

Any questions: [www.geatercambridgewaste.org](http://www.geatercambridgewaste.org) Email: [foodwaste@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:foodwaste@scambs.gov.uk) Tel:

*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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/directory/listings/thriplow-recycling-centre) about this.

## **Ickleton Parish Council - Extracts from the Council meeting minutes held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

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

### **Draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan consultation:**

#### *Overview*

The eight-week consultation on the draft Greater Cambridge Local Plan opened on Monday 1 December 2025 and runs until **5pm on Friday 30 January 2026**.

The Plan sets out where new homes and workplaces could be built to meet the area's growing economic and housing needs - alongside the utilities, services, green spaces, and community facilities to support them.

Once adopted, it will become the statutory development plan guiding planning decisions across the area.

#### *How to Take Part*

Visit: [www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/local-plan](http://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/local-plan)

Paper copies available at council offices and libraries.

Link to consultation on Parish Council website

Ickleton is part of what is identified as the Rural Southern Cluster for the purposes of the Local Plan. The only sites near the village identified for housing are in Duxford (60 dwellings at Maarnford Farm off Hunts Road) and at the expanded Genome Campus (up to 1500 dwellings).

### **Road Safety visit:**

Following a recent visit from the Cambridgeshire Road Safety Manager, it has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that villagers must park courteously, and those with hedges next to the pavement must keep them trimmed back. Although we appreciate that parking can be difficult due to the width of the streets, cars should be parked on the road. Additionally, hedges should be cut back to the boundary so that pedestrians to pass freely along the pavement, including those who may be pushing a pram or pushchair or perhaps using a mobility scooter. These simple actions will contribute to a safer and respectful village benefitting us all.

Residents are strongly encouraged to report road safety issues, for example potholes or missing road signs, to Cambridgeshire County Council as soon as they are aware of them. Reports can be made online via: <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>. There is also a link via the Parish Council website Useful Links section.

### **Planning information from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC)**

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

**25/04439/LBC** Proposal: Removal of existing pantiles and replace with Lincoln Clay interlocking pantiles. Site address: Swallow Barn, Butchers Hill. It was resolved to support the replacement of the pantiled area with a more weatherproof covering in principle, but Councillors agreed with the Conservation Section's observations.

**25/04547/HFUL** Proposal: Construct pitched roof over existing single-storey rear extension (amended). Alterations to exterior materials and fenestration. Site address: 2 Brookhampton Street. It was resolved that Council would support the application as it appeared to address most of the objectionable aspects of the previous application, with reservations about the expanse of glass folding doors at the rear which would have a negative impact on the amenity of the neighbouring property and that to be refurbished owing to loss of privacy for both dwellings. The extension is amply fenestrated and a simple glazed door towards the end would be sufficient to improve the connection with the garden without compromising the amenity of both dwellings.

## **SCDC planning decisions:**

**25/1124/TTCA** Site: 38 Butchers Hill. Proposal: Pruning of flowering cherry, trim 1.7m all round to shape tree. No Objection

**25/1140/TTCA** Site: 21 Church Street. Proposal Fir - Remove Horse Chestnut - Remove two lower limbs back to the main stem. Status: No Objection

**25/1147/TTCA** Site: 37 Butchers Hill. Proposal Chestnut (dying) - Fell to ground level and remove all wood and waste from site. Status: No Objection

**24/02788/FUL** Site: Abbey Barns Duxford Road. Proposal: Two storey extension to Unit 4 and the erection of a new building for office/research and development uses (Use Class E) together with associated car parking, infrastructure and landscaping. Status: Application Permitted.

## **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**

### *Local Government Re-Organisation*

Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire District and South Cambridgeshire District councils have now backed the creation of a new unitary Council for Greater Cambridge and another for North Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Known as option B. Option B would replace the seven existing councils with two new unitary councils:

North Cambridgeshire and Peterborough – serving around 612,000 people in East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough.

Greater Cambridge – serving around 322,000 people in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire.

Four proposals are being submitted to Government by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough councils. There will be a consultation run by the Government in 2026, before they ultimately make a final decision next summer. New unitary councils are then due to begin operating in a shadow capacity from May 2027, with full implementation expected in April 2028.

## **Cambridgeshire County Council**

### *Local Government Re-Organisation*

Cambridgeshire County Council has published its final proposal for 'Two Councils. One fairer future.' Known as Option A. Option A sets out the proposed creation of two new unitary councils across the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area, replacing the seven existing councils. This consists of a Northwest unitary council covering the current footprint of Fenland, Huntingdonshire, and Peterborough, and a Southeast unitary council, covering Cambridge, East Cambridgeshire and South Cambridgeshire.

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

M11 overnight closures and diversion routes

Wellcome Genome Campus Winter newsletter

Cambridge County Council Waste Education Service Newsletter

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

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

## **THANK YOU FOR THE LEGENDS LUNCH**

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December those of us who have lived in Ickleton for a long time were given a splendid lunch in the village hall by younger members of the community. We were made to feel so welcome and it was lovely to catch up with neighbours and reminisce about old times. It is very heartening to see how many of the next generation are becoming involved in the community and doing so much for it in so many different ways. We oldies (not sure we deserve the title of legends) feel now that Ickleton's future is in good hands.

So, a big thank you to Luciana and Simon Day for their generosity, and Anne-Marie, Alice, Katie and all the others who looked after us so well. And, of course, to Annabelle, who sang for us so beautifully, choosing songs that were just right for the season - and for the age group! It was a really happy occasion.

**From the Ickleton Legends**

**SOUPER SATURDAYS** These are the dates for Souper Saturdays in the new year.

January 17th

February 7th, 14th

March 7th and 21st

12 - 2 pm

Fresh homemade soup and bread. Delicious cakes, tea and coffee

A couple of hours to catch up with friends in the village. Eat well, and raise money for the hospice.

You may not have had the experience of the extraordinary service of the Arthur Rank and the care they give not just for end of life but also respite, symptom control and care at home with their mobile team.

The loss of our son is eternal but the care he had and to pass in peace, surrounded by the whole family made a difference and that's why my whole family and friends still cook and wash and wipe. It's also a lovely gathering of our village, the only one left, so everyone is welcome and if you want to help in anyway please message me. Many thanks.

Anne-Marie Hoare [annemariehoare04@gmail.com](mailto:annemariehoare04@gmail.com)

Sometimes we split with other village needs but all the funds will be going to the Arthur Rank hospice given the current circumstances

## Help clean our historic church

Would anyone be willing to give up a few hours a year to help us to clean the church? We have many visitors - from around the world in fact - and it is obviously highly desirable that they come into a church that is looking at its best.

The current cleaning team usually works in pairs and each pair is called upon for a maximum of about four times a year. Cleaning implements and materials are provided.

If you think you would like to help, please email me at: [sffsp1@gmail.com](mailto:sffsp1@gmail.com)

Many thanks

**Frances Payne**

## Christmas Tree pick up

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 Social Fundraiser

Thank you for all the support in December where we raised over £500.00 for SHELTER.

Please come along and support my Charity Fundraiser in our Ickleton Village Hall, on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January** from 12:00 to 2:00pm.

We will be selling home made delicious soups, cakes, teas and coffees.

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

Thank you. **Viliani Mila**. Email [v.mila68@outlook.com](mailto:v.mila68@outlook.com).

## 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**

## PUB LUNCH Wednesday 14th January 12.30 pm in the Lion at 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](mailto:cjjonsmith@hotmail.co.uk) by the Sunday before please.

Menu at the pub website: [www.redlionhinxton.co.uk](http://www.redlionhinxton.co.uk)

**Jon Smith**

## *Ickleton Church's Medieval Wall Paintings*

## **Volunteer Afternoon – Saturday 7 February, 2 - 4pm, Ickleton Social Club**

We're getting ready to launch **Looking Up and Out** - the project to conserve Ickleton's remarkable medieval wall paintings, and we are looking for volunteers of all ages to help bring it to life.

Thanks to support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, essential building repairs and conservation work will take place in 2026. Alongside this, there will be a lively programme of community events and activities - and lots of ways to get involved. No specialist skills needed: whether you're a teenager, a parent with an hour to spare, or someone who enjoys helping behind the scenes, there will be something for you. You might be baking a cake, helping marshal a bat walk, welcoming visitors, or supporting a children's art workshop.

Come along to our **Volunteer Afternoon on Saturday 7 February (2 - 4pm) at Ickleton Social Club** to:

- Find out more about the Project
- Hear what events and activities are planned for 2026
- Meet the Project Team
- Explore how you could get involved

It's a relaxed drop-in session – no commitment, just a chance to find out more. We'd love to see you there.

For more information email [jenny@jennyduke.co.uk](mailto:jenny@jennyduke.co.uk) or keep an eye on the Ickleinfo village WattsApp group for updates.



**Susie Lober and Jenny Duke**

## **CHURCH NOTICES**

Vicar	Rev Lydia Smith	<a href="mailto:revlydiasmith@gmail.com">revlydiasmith@gmail.com</a>
Churchwarden	Jenny Duke	<a href="mailto:jenny@jennyduke.co.uk">jenny@jennyduke.co.uk</a>
Lay Minister	Derek Munday	<a href="mailto:llm.munday@btinternet.com">llm.munday@btinternet.com</a>

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 Services for JANUARY**

Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Parish Service with Sunday Club	<b>ICKLETON</b>	
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion	HINXTON	
Plough Sunday		10.00 am	All age service	<b>ICKLETON</b>	
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion	St. Peter's, Duxford	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	Parish Communion		HINXTON
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion		<b>ICKLETON</b>
		10.00 am	Parish Communion	St. Peter's	DUXFORD

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

YOUTHINC 4th January and 1st February 5 - 6.30 pm at Abbey Farm

Bible study on Thursdays at 10 am and 7.30 pm at Hinxtton

Email: Derek at [bodowen@icloud.com](mailto:bodowen@icloud.com)

**From Rev Lydia**

## **Know your ABCs**

The role began in 597, with Augustine of Canterbury, sent by Pope Gregory the Great to bring Christianity to the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms of England. In between then and now there have been 105 Archbishops of Canterbury.

Randall Davidson, in post from 1903 to 1928 was the longest serving archbishop since the Reformation and the first to retire (rather than die in post). The shortest office holder was Thomas Bradwardine, who, in 1349 served just over a month before succumbing to the plague. There are quite a few others who, though chosen, didn't quite make it. Ralph Neville was elected but turned down by Pope Gregory IX, while the election of Walter d'Eynsham was set aside by King Henry II *and* the same Pope. Not to mention those, like John de Ufford who died of plague before he could take up office. Or William Edington, who simply refused the role.

Over the years there have been quite a few other Williams, Thomases, Henrys and Johns as well as the occasional Wulhelm and Stigand, but the latest name on the list is distinctive. Sarah Mullally has been elected 106<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Canterbury and, in a ceremony called Confirmation of Election on 28 January, she will become the first woman in the office's long history. This legal affirmation is followed some months later by her installation in Canterbury Cathedral, a service to mark the beginning of her ministry. While installation sounds like what you do with central heating, it's really about being placed in a seat: stall in this sense means your proper seat in the Cathedral. In fact, Archbishop Sarah will be installed in two seats: the Cathedral Chair, for her role as Diocesan Bishop of Canterbury and the Chair of St Augustine, to show that she is Primate of All England, which also symbolises her role in the Anglican Communion. In this, she is not so much leader as *first amongst equals* with the leaders of the different Anglican churches across the world.

That's a serious amount of responsibility. Archbishop Sarah may not have to face such challenging times as some of her predecessors, but it's not an easy job, as it involves respecting and balancing the concerns of Christian communities in hugely diverse circumstances, with a similarly wide spectrum of views. As she gets ready for this new role we pray for her:

*Gracious God, we give thanks for the election of Sarah Mullally as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Recognising the weight of the ministry she will undertake, we ask that you strengthen and guide her in all things. May she be upheld by your grace and surrounded by the prayers of your people, as she leads with wisdom, courage and compassion.*

Best wishes **Lydia**

## **ICKLETON SOCIETY**

**Remember, there's no better way to start 2026 than with The Ickleton Society's popular New Year's Day Walk...**

All welcome to join us on **Thursday 1 January 2026** for this popular annual village tradition to melt away the excesses of the Festive Season. We'll **meet at 11am** on the Green in front of the Church. Children, visiting family and dogs on leads are welcome and the first section of the walk will be suitable for pushchairs. We'll walk for around 1 hour at a moderate pace. Please wear suitable footwear as some of the terrain will be muddy and uneven.

Soup and bread will be served in the village hall afterwards for those who wish to stay on. **If you can offer some homemade soup and/or help in the kitchen, it would be much appreciated.** Please contact Clare Driver at [clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk](mailto:clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk).

### **More dates for your 2026 diaries!**

Litter pick – this is expected to be on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Ickleton Society AGM followed by a talk – Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm

### **New Year resolutions? Looking for new things to do?**

Why not join our Committee? We have 2 vacancies. Being on the Committee is a great way to learn more about our village and its history, as well as contributing to our community, helping organise our social events. It's not onerous – we only meet once a quarter (with wine!). Please do get in touch with me.

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

## **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

### **December meeting** "PLANTS FOR PAGANS"

Dr Twigs Way, garden historian, writer and lecturer returned for another entertaining and educational talk, which explored the myths and meanings of midwinter plants through folklore and images.

The popular Bulb Sale – which helps to raise funds for the Society - took place this year at the December meeting. Pauline thanked all those who had planted and cared for the bulbs prior to sale. Sincere thanks in addition to Rosemary for the excellent Festive Raffle.

*Competition subject: Something Festive*  
1<sup>st</sup>: Marion G 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sarah B 3<sup>rd</sup>: Anne T

### **No meeting in January**

#### **Next meeting**

Wednesday 4th February 8 pm at Ickleton Village Hall  
"ARE STRUCTURE, SOIL, TOPOGRAPHY & GARDENERS  
MORE IMPORTANT THAN PLANT DIVERSITY?"  
Speaker: John Little of the Grass Roof Company

*Competition subject: Flowering Bulb*

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN 2026

## **CITIZENS ADVICE**

### **Start the Year Organised**

Kick off January with a few quick checks that can save money and stress:

- ✓ Check your tax code is correct.
- ✓ Ensure you're being paid at least the National Minimum /Living Wage.
- ✓ Note renewal dates for energy, broadband and mobile contracts.
- ✓ Review any benefits or support you may now qualify for.
- ✓ Set a simple budget for the year.

If you're looking for local help or community support services, you can easily find what's available through [essexfrontline.org.uk](http://essexfrontline.org.uk), the county's online platform for quickly finding and accessing local health and wellbeing services.

Uttlesford Citizens Advice is here if you need free, confidential guidance on money, benefits, housing or work issues

To speak to one of our friendly advisers ☎ **618840** Email: [help@uttlesfordca.org.uk](mailto:help@uttlesfordca.org.uk).  
[www.uttlesfordca.org.uk](http://www.uttlesfordca.org.uk)

## ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB – WHAT'S ON in JANUARY?

...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 - 4th and 18th January**

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

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Join friends and neighbours to see in 2026

#### General knowledge QUIZ

Saturday 17th January

**SORRY, SOLD OUT!**

#### SUNDAY VINYL NIGHT

25th January

Join Tim and Lizzie for some vintage vinyl and timeless tunes

...from 7.30 pm

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 30th January, 8.15 pm

All members are invited to attend!

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**2026 membership renewals are now available.**  
**Annual club membership £10. Guests £1 per visit**

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 10th January 7.30 pm**

**LIVE at the ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB**

#### Colonel Haithi Band

Ickle-Gigs this time brings one of the top Ska bands in the land to the club. Colonel Haithi, will bring a full sound of Ska, including a horn section that is instrumental to the ska beat, along with the unique upbeat offbeat signature bounce ska guitar, driving drum and walking bass sound. Fronted by Gary Brown, a singer who will engage with small talk with the band and audience to bring a happy joyous atmosphere to the Ickle-Gig; with some sing-a-long hooklines to remember.

Colonel Haithi band have headlined at the Shelford Feast and Cambridge Junction, as well as playing many major festivals in their time. To get them at the Ickleton Social Club for an Ickle-Gig is a major coup. We're gaining attention thanks to you! Please support us.

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

## News from The Lion Happy New Year!

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful festive season. A huge thank you to Vikki, Chris and the team for their hard work throughout our first busy Christmas, and to all of you who have supported The Lion since we began our campaign to buy and reopen it.

Thanks to hundreds of volunteer hours and the generosity of local tradespeople, we were able to restore The Lion and reopen in just six months - a truly remarkable community achievement.

The pub will be closed between 2nd and 21st January. We're starting now some of the remaining jobs, such as upgrading the internal fire doors, while the team enjoys a well-earned break. Thank you for your patience during this next stage of improvements

We'll be back with a **brand-new menu** on **Wednesday 21st January**. If you're doing Dry January (or just cutting back), we have a great range of low- and no-alcohol options, including Ghost Ship 0.5%, Guinness Zero and Bitburger Drive (0%), plus alcohol-free rum, and gin from CleanCo. Or treat yourself to one of Vikki's delicious mocktails - perfect for a cosy evening at The Lion without breaking your resolutions.

There's plenty to look forward to in January. **Book Club returns on Thursday 22nd**, and **The Lion Café** is back on **Friday 30th**. We're also delighted to introduce fortnightly **Art and Wellness evenings**, starting on **Wednesday 28th** from 7 - 9 pm. These relaxed, welcoming sessions will offer a chance to slow down, be creative and connect with others. The first evening will focus on 'vision boarding' - a simple but powerful tool for reflection, visualisation and goal setting for the year ahead.

And - back by popular demand, January's big highlight is **Burns Night** on Saturday 24th January! Expect traditional food, pipes, poetry and a traditional 2-course menu, including a glass of fizz on arrival or a wee dram later in the evening. Places are sure to fill up quickly, so book early to avoid disappointment - tickets are priced at £35 a head. Keep an eye on Ickleinfo, our website and socials for more details.

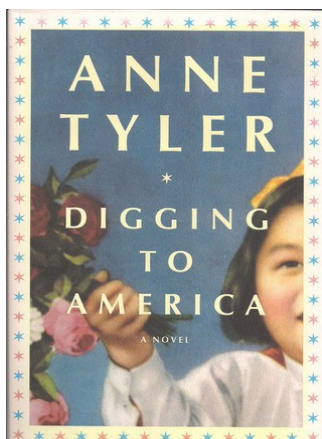
Finally, a big thank you to everyone who completed our recent questionnaire. We've received over 100 responses, with lots of positive feedback, words of encouragement, constructive comments and thoughtful suggestions. One of the real strengths of being a community-owned pub is that we can genuinely listen and respond, and your feedback has been incredibly helpful in showing us what matters most to you.

Wishing you a very happy and healthy New Year

The Lion Management Committee [www.thelionaticlepton.co.uk](http://www.thelionaticlepton.co.uk)



### Lion Book Club, January 22nd, 1 - 2pm, and 6:30 - 7:30pm



A luminous novel brimming with subtle, funny, and tender observations that cast a penetrating light on the American way of life as seen from two perspectives, those who are born there, and those who are still struggling to fit in.

The dates of the Book Club are changing to the **third** Thursday of the month, except for January due to the 1st being New Year's Day.

## Community Sheds!

Do you want to be part of an exciting initiative forming a Community 'SHED' for our local villages?

**What is it?** Community 'SHEDS' have sprung up all over the country in the last decade or so and now total some 500, most affiliated to the 'UK Men's Sheds Association'. Please do not press the off button these are open to men and women. The mission is to promote physical and mental wellbeing by providing a social club within local communities whilst also being creative, learning or passing on skills. Additional benefits include access to tools, workspaces, skills and opportunities to make and mend in the company of others.

**What is the need?** Community SHEDs have become so popular that demand far exceeds capacity. There is currently no other SHED within the South Cambs. area.

**What are we doing about it?** Having recognized both a need and benefit that SHEDs bring to both individuals and the local community a group of us, drawn from the villages of Ickleton, Hinxton and Duxford, have united to form a steering team aimed at forming a community SHED within our area. As a team we have access to support from the local and national SHED organization. Funds are also available upon application as are physical assets such as donations of equipment.

**What do we need for the next step?** Our initial task is to **find a location to base the SHED**. This can be very flexible; it could be an existing building, in various states of repair, or currently a vacant plot of land. Possibly putting a site into good order could be part of our first project drawing on our funding potential and membership skills base. Size doesn't really matter in the first instance as we will 'form to fit' availability and grow to meet demand.

**What would we like from you?** Do you have, or know someone who has a *potentially suitable building /plot?* Would you be interested in supporting the proposed SHED in our area be it with ideas, future membership. If the answer is yes to either of these questions (or indeed if you have other questions / comments) please contact any of our team:

Robert Woodward , [rammie.woodward@btinternet.com](mailto:rammie.woodward@btinternet.com); Mike Boagey , [mikeboagey666@gmail.com](mailto:mikeboagey666@gmail.com); Paul Andrews, Paul Coulson, John Gidley and Hugh Molloy.

## Wood Carving - There's never a wrong age to start....from Robert Woodward

### Introducing Essex Wood Carvers

Want to be supported in a new and highly rewarding pastime? Or maybe develop skills you already have? Wood carving can transport you to an absorbing new world unleashing creativity (that you may not think is within you) and satisfaction producing works of beauty and wonder.

Essex Wood carvers is a friendly, active and established group dedicated to maintaining and expanding both traditional and modern wood carving skills. Whether you are an absolute beginner or more advanced wood carver we have skilled artisans who can support you as you embark on this wonderful pastime starting with basic projects up to masterpieces. There are a huge range of projects to try from traditional to the more contemporary each supported by expert inspiring mentorship. This is a great way to immerse yourself in an absorbing world for a few hours a month.

We meet in Margaretting village hall on the first Sunday of the month and / or Bridgewater Drive Church, Westcliffe on Sea (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month). Rest assured tools, materials and tea are all readily available. Please see our website for more information: [www.essexwoodcarvers.org](http://www.essexwoodcarvers.org) and if you have additional questions please email: [essexwoodcarvers@gmail.com](mailto:essexwoodcarvers@gmail.com), or use the contact form on our website

## BLOOD DONORS

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

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](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 – 07912 669032 [Cllr.mcdonald@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.mcdonald@scambs.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 (21st January) 12.45 – 1.15 pm. In Frogge Street by the bus stop. Books may still be PRE-SELECTED IN ADVANCE from the whole of Cambridge Libraries collection, and available to collect. To reserve, contact...<https://cambridgeshire.spydus.co.uk> (free of charge).

#### Food Bank

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

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## 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**

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

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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**

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**The Lion at Ickleton** (see p.9)

Closed 2nd - 20th January. Then open every day except Monday and Tuesday for drinks and food at various times. Burns Night Saturday 24th, Book Club, Café morning, Wellness evening...

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**Social Club** (bar open) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5 – 7 pm  
(see p.8) Fridays and Saturdays from 6 pm  
Sundays 4th and 18th January 12 to 2 pm  
New Year's Eve; Vinyl Night - Sunday 25th; AGM - Friday 30th

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**ICKLE-GIG** (p.8) Saturday 10th January Band - Colonel Haithi

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**Parish Council Meeting** Wednesday 21st January 7.30 pm Village Hall

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**Pub Lunch Club** Wednesday 10th December 12.30 pm at the Lion at Ickleton (p.4) **Jon Smith**  
*Pre Orders by the Sunday before the lunch*

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

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**Great Chesterford & District Gardening Soc** No meeting in January (p.7)

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