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**Thank you** to contributors to this month's edition. The deadline for the April issue is **22nd March**.

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

**Social Club and Ickle-Gigs** Opening times, and events. See page 10

**The Word is Out** – new format Spoken Word – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March – see page 11

**The Lion pub** The new menu is in full swing. Events - quizzes, Lion Café, Book Club, Art and Wellness evenings. **Annual Members meeting** on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 in the Village Hall. See pp. 8 and 11.

**Concert in the Church** by the Granta Chorale – Sunday 8th March, 4 pm See p. 6

**Souper Saturdays** on 7th and 21st March, and Shelter fundraiser on 28th. 12 - 2 pm Village Hall (p.4)

**Be a Parish Councillor** – (elections in May) see page 3

**And Ickleton Cricket Club** seeks a **Communications Officer** (page 8)

**Survey** re proposal for a kerb at the Abbey Street foot of Butchers Hill. See Parish Council report (p 2).

**Church Wall Paintings Conservation** The year's plan of work, workshops and events – see page 12.

### PARISH COUNCIL March 2026

Refuse collections during March

Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	March	Black and Grey bins
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	March	Blue, Green and Grey bins
Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	March	Black and Grey bins
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	March	Blue and Grey bins
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	March	Black and Grey bins

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

**Food waste collection** Just to remind again. The grey bin is for food waste (only), cooked or raw. The green bin for garden waste (only), also kitchen towel.

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

*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)

Parish Councillor elections will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The nomination period will open on the 30<sup>th</sup> March and closes at 4pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026. For more information, including nomination papers, please visit [www.scambs.gov.uk/elections/elections-2026](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/elections/elections-2026) or contact the Clerk - [clerk@ickleton-pcorg.uk](mailto:clerk@ickleton-pcorg.uk). Please also see the full page advert in this edition of Icene (on page 4) or on the Parish Council website.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The 2026 Annual Parish meeting will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7pm in the Gordon Woolhouse meeting room at the Village Hall.

### **Village survey – Kerb on Butchers Hill by Abbey Street/Frogge Street**

The Parish Council is applying to the county for funding to build out the kerb at the junction of Butchers Hill where it meets Abbey St/Frogge St in response to concerns received from parishioners regarding safety at that junction. The proposed kerb build out would be on the north side of the junction and would result in vehicles having to go wider and slow down if making the turn up Butchers Hill.

Previous evaluations for such funding have indicated that one of the factors considered is the degree of local support for any such projects and, to that end, the PC have initiated a short, online survey which you are invited to complete. The survey can be found at:

<https://forms.gle/vWree9V7qoVPmL1g8> Your contribution to this short survey would be greatly appreciated.

### **Road repairs**

Although the current weather conditions are delaying repairs, please do continue to keep reporting any highways issues to:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>.

### **ICENE**

There is now a new tab on the Ickleton Parish Council website - [www.ickletonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.ickletonparishcouncil.org.uk) – where, commencing with the February 2026 edition, a digital copy of the Icene magazine will be published. This will be in addition to the existing village website digital publication.

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**Ickleton Parish Council** - Extracts from the Parish Council meeting minutes held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

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

Planning information from South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC)

#### **To note SCDC planning decisions:**

**25/04547/HFUL** Site: 2 Brookhampton Street. Proposal: Construct pitched roof over existing single-storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration. Status: Application Permitted

**25/1432/TTCA** Site: Caldrees Manor 2 Abbey Street. Proposal: Holm Oak - Prune to clear building, including overhang by approximately 2 metres. Status: No Objection

**26/0017/TTCS** Site: 64 Abbey Street. Proposal: T1 - Pear - Reduce largest leader in height by approx 4m (approx 1m above top of roof, red lines on photo) and reduce lateral spread by approx 1-2m, remove smaller secondary leaders to ground level leaving central secondary leader (attached to the main stem) - This is to make a more compact shape and retain the tree. Status: No Objection

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

**26/0091/TTCA** Site: 32 Brookhampton Street. Proposal: Proposal: 2 x Magnolia trees - Reduce height by 3 metres, Reduce lateral branches by 1.5 metres. 2 x Horse Chestnut trees - Crown lift on garden side to 5 metres. 1 x Cotinus (smoke bush) - Reduce branch growing in front of pedestrian gate by 4 metres. 26 x Conifer trees - Reduce height by 4 metres, leaving the trees at 3 metres high. Cut back branches overhanging the boundary at the back to the boundary line. Comments by 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026. No comment.

To note SCDC applications withdrawn:

**25/04439/LBC** Site address: Swallow Barn, Butchers Hill. Proposal: Removal of existing pantiles and replace with Lincoln Clay interlocking pantiles.

### **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** New powers to keep pavements clear

The Department for Transport announced on 8 January that they will be introducing new local government powers to keep pavements clear and accessible, while allowing exemptions where required. This will streamline the present lengthy process for taking action on parking that blocks pavements. Guidance will be released later in the year. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-local-powers-to-keep-pavements-clear-for-those-who-rely-on-them-most>

### **Feedback on council services**

A reminder that the District Council has a new mechanism to allow general feedback on the council's services from residents, businesses, Parish Councils, or any other clients. Please use the link [www.scambs.gov.uk/leave-fee](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/leave-fee)

### **Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Maintenance Update**

Currently, there are 5,400 potholes requiring repair across Cambridgeshire. In the past week, (last week of January) the council has repaired over 1,000 potholes.

There will be a dramatic increase in the number of work crews dealing with both temporary and permanent fixes – normally there are eight crews and two dragon patchers available across the county, now there are 30 crews and two dragon patchers working hard to repair potholes. This will significantly increase the level of pothole repairs attended to each week.

Since 2023/24, the amount of capital funding spent on highway maintenance has increased by £35m, from £24m to £59m. The Council has allocated more than £73m for highways maintenance in 2025/26. The Highways and Transport Committee have recently supported budget proposals that could see an additional £20m of investment into road maintenance in 2026/27. Read more on our website.

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

In addition, information on the following can be found in the Community Noticeboard section of the website:  
Open consultation on establishing a Development Corporation in Greater Cambridge.  
Government consultation on four different options for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, which have been developed by different councils across the region.  
Consultation on proposal to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy  
A11 and M11 road closures

**Barbara Benn – Parish Clerk** E-mail: [clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk)  
Website: <https://www.ickletonparishcouncil.org.uk>

## **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Be a Parish Councillor!**

### **Make a Difference in Ickleton...**

This is your opportunity to have a real impact in your village and be a voice for your community. Parish Councils are the first tier of local government. They play an important role in local decision making and have powers to spend public money on services and projects that benefit residents. They are also responsible for key duties within the parish. As a Parish Councillor, you will help shape the future of Ickleton while representing the interests of the whole community.

#### **What Do Parish Councils Do?**

Parish Councils are involved in:

- Representing local residents
- Managing community facilities such as the recreation field and cemetery
- Commenting on planning applications
- Improving and maintaining local amenities
- Supporting and influencing local services
- Delivering projects that matter to the community

#### **Who Can Stand?**

You can become a Parish Councillor if you:

- Are 18 years or over
- Are a British, Commonwealth or Irish citizen (or a qualifying EU citizen)
- Live or work in the parish (or within 3 miles of it)

No special qualifications are required — just commitment, integrity, and community spirit.

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#### **What Do You Need to Do?**

There are three simple steps:

1. Check you qualify
2. Complete nomination papers
3. Stand for election

How to Apply...

Nomination papers and full guidance are available from South Cambridgeshire District Council:

Website - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/elections/elections-2026>

Email - [Elections@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Elections@scambs.gov.uk)

Key Dates...

Nomination Period Opens: 30 March 2026

Nomination Deadline: 9 April 2026 at 4pm

Election Day: 7 May 2026

Term of Office: 4 years

Step forward. Get involved. Help shape the future of Ickleton. If you would like any help or further information please contact Ickleton Parish Clerk by email – [clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk)

## WELCOMES

A new family have moved into Brookhampton Street – we welcome the **Morris Family** – recently from Cambridge with family in Hinxton.

They are looking forward to joining in with lots of village activities including Cricket.

Also a big welcome to **Ben, Emma Lila Hudson** and **Arlo** who are settling into Abbey Street. They have already joined in with New Years day walks and look forward to becoming part of the community and the church.

Clare Driver [clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk](mailto:clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk)

## FOODBANK WINTER COLLECTIONS

This is the time of year electricity and heating bills increase and the elderly, vulnerable and needy struggle most. Foodbank provides much needed aid and especially things easy to heat up... They would be grateful for soups, oats, hot drinks and anything that can easily be heated or cooked in a microwave or from a kettle. Please leave in the church or call me for collections Clare Driver

**DO YOU NEED HELP?** Call me in complete confidence or John Huntingdon charity

**SOUPER SATURDAYS** The dates in March are **7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**, 12 – 2 pm in the Village Hall

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.

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

All the funds will be going to the Arthur Rank hospice given the current circumstances.

## SHELTER Social

Please come along and support my Charity Fundraiser in our Ickleton Village Hall, on **Saturday 28th March** from **12:00 to 2:00pm**. We will be selling homemade delicious soups, cakes, teas and coffees.

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

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

## SHELTER Social Ceilidh Dance

And in the evening, in aid of the Charity SHELTER, we are presenting a Ceilidh Dance hosted by The Flying Cat with entertaining live music.

Please join us on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 6 to 9pm** Ickleton Village Hall.

The cost is £20.00 per ticket which includes Sausage & Mash & Desert (vegetarian options available)

Tickets on sale from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Ickleton Costcutter, OR email Viliami on [v.mila68@outlook.com](mailto:v.mila68@outlook.com)

**ASPIRE - Mental Wellbeing for Men.**

Our Men's Mental Wellbeing Group is a welcoming space where men can share experiences, learn coping strategies, and support one another without judgement. We believe that talking openly is a strength, not a weakness. Together we can continue to 'Aspire' to be the better version of ourselves each and every day.

Please come along to Ickleton Village Hall **Sundays 1<sup>st</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 8 to 9pm**

For any questions please contact Viliami Mila on v.mila68@outlook.com or Mark Ashman on markashman26@gmail.com

## **The Chesterfords, Ickleton & Hinxton WI**

We are a friendly group who meet every month to hear a range of interesting speakers, go out for lunch, coffee, theatre and much more!

At the moment we don't have any members from Ickleton and we would love to welcome you. For more details ring Jayne on or email thecih.wi@outlook.com

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## **STANLEY WEBSTER OBE**

Stan died on 5th January; he and his wife Sue (who survives him) had lived in Ickleton, first in Mill Lane and then on Butcher's Hill, for over fifty years.

Stan was born in Lancashire. A talented sportsman with a keen mind, he won a scholarship to Bolton School where he captained the hockey team, played rugby and founded an angling society. His final school report mentions his wide range of interests – from poetry to railways – and his exceptional analytical mind.

Stan met Sue when he was seventeen and they married when he was still at Cambridge where he read Economics. Sue was a Bolton Wanderers supporter and loved her horses so Stan had to make a few adjustments, switching his spectator loyalty from rugby to soccer and learning to ride.

He was in his early twenties when he had the opportunity to help in the development of post-independence Swaziland (now Eswatini) where he played a key role in negotiating the Customs Union between Swaziland and other African countries.

Given such huge responsibility so young meant that he acquired exceptional experience which stood him in great stead in his future career.

Stan and Sue returned to England in 1972 and after completing a post-graduate diploma at LSE, Stan worked at the Ministry of Overseas Development. Later (in 1978) he joined the accounting firm, Coopers and Lybrand, where he stayed for the rest of his working life, focussing on many national and international projects and at one point being seconded to the Cabinet Office as a member of John Major's advisory panel developing the UK Citizen's Charter. For his contribution to this, Stan was awarded his OBE.

Post retirement, Stan and Sue were able to spend more time in their beloved Italy where they had an apartment on Lake Como. More time, too, for visits to the opera and on skiing holidays with friends.

Stan also took on non-executive roles, sharing his wisdom across a wide range of entities, including RAF training, the Probation Service, the Red Balloon Educational Trust and Cambridge University Press.

With their life-long interest in sport, he and Sue continued to follow soccer, rugby and, particularly, cricket. Stan was President of Ickleton Cricket Club for many years and is remembered as being a fine figurehead, always generous with his time, encouragement and advice.

He will be much missed.

**Rosemary Hayes**

## **A note from Stan's widow, Sue**

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Thank you so much for all the lovely letters, cards and support you have given me through this awful time. I want to give special thanks to the Cricket Club which gave Stan so much pleasure over the years. We both thanked our lucky stars the day, 50 years ago, we discovered Ickleton and made it our forever home.

Best wishes,

**Sue Webster**

# GRANTA CHORALE

Musical Director Janet Wheeler

Organ and piano Richard Carr

## ONCE UPON A TIME



**Music inspired by stories and story-telling**  
fairytales, folk ballads, classic literature, legend, news reports

Composers include

**Ravel, Rutter, Purcell, Britten, Mäntyjärvi, Cattle**

Words by Shakespeare, Conan Doyle, Lewis Carroll, Chaucer,  
Tolkien, Dickens, Hardy and more

**4pm Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**St Mary Magdalene Church, Ickleton**

Tickets £15 (under 25s £5) including wine and snacks  
available from [www.grantachorale.org.uk](http://www.grantachorale.org.uk) or on the door

Funds towards the Friends of Ickleton Church

### From Rev Lydia To infinity and beyond?

Sometime in March, it's possible that the first NASA mission to the moon in 50 years – Artemis II – will launch. This 10-day flight will take humans further from earth than ever before – a first step towards a mission to Mars.

I am old enough to remember the moon landing in 1969 and its grainy footage of a space-suited figure stepping out of the lunar module. As I've got older, though, to me the more powerful picture is the photo taken on Christmas Eve 1968 by Bill Anders, one of the Apollo 8 crew. Considered one of the defining images of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it's a view of the world from space. And it's called *Earthrise* because – in a switch around of our view from here - it looks as though the earth is rising above the moon's surface.



Before that, we could look at the moon and stars, we could see other planets but not our own small blue planet. This new perspective enabled us to appreciate the richness of the world's life in the contrast between the arid moon surface and the vibrant place that we call home. With it we could also see the smallness of earth in the vastness of space.

The crew of Artemis II are about experience that vastness for themselves – the first people for half a century to venture so far. As we watch the launch unfold, we may look on with awe at the engineering achievement and the bravery of the astronauts. But we may also want to take a moment to look with tenderness on the little blue-green planet they're leaving, that's still home to all of us.

Best wishes **Lydia**

## CHURCH NOTICES

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

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

### Church Services for MARCH and EASTER

Sunday	1st	10.00 am	Parish Service with Sunday Club	<b>ICKLETON</b>
Sunday	8th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	HINXTON
		10.00 am	All age service	<b>ICKLETON</b>
Sunday	15th	8.00 am	Holy Communion St.Peter's, Duxford	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
Sunday	22nd	8.00 am	Parish Communion St Peter's, Duxford	DUXFORD
Sunday	29th	10.00 am	Joint family communion with Whittlesford	<b>ICKLETON</b>
(Palm Sunday)		2 – 5 pm	"Drop in" Family art workshops in Ickleton church	<b>ICKLETON</b>
Monday	30th	7.00 pm	Candlelit COMPLINE	DUXFORD
Tuesday	31st	7.00 pm	Candlelit COMPLINE	<b>ICKLETON</b>
<b>APRIL - Holy Week</b>				
Wednesday	1st	7.00 pm	Candlelit COMPLINE	HINXTON
Maundy Th'day	2nd	Time tba	Candlelit Tenebrae at St John's Duxford	DUXFORD
Good Friday	3rd	9.30 am	Easter Garden story workshop for families in	<b>ICKLETON</b>
			Ickleton church yard	
		11.00 am	Contemplative service	<b>ICKLETON</b>
Saturday	4th		Easter Craft Café	DUXFORD
Easter Sunday	5th	10.00 am	Family Communion	<b>ICKLETON</b>

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

YOUTHINC fun, food and questions for anyone over 9 years old. 1st March 5 - 6.30 pm at Abbey Farm with Rev Lydia Smith and Jenny Duke. Email: [youthinc@gmail.com](mailto:youthinc@gmail.com) to find out more.

Bible study on Thursdays at 10 am and 7.30 pm at Hinxtton Email: Derek at [bodowen@icloud.com](mailto:bodowen@icloud.com)

### REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Electoral Roll will be revised during the week commencing 6th April. The current Roll will be displayed on the noticeboard in the Church Porch for two weeks from 23rd March. Please would everyone on the Roll check that their entry is correct and contact me if they wish any changes to be made.

Anyone wishing to add themselves to the Roll should complete an application form. You can find these on the central table in the church or online from the Ely Diocese website, via the Parish resources tab. Completed forms should be returned to me, at the latest by Sunday 12th April.

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

### PUB LUNCH Wednesday 11th March 12.30 pm at the Lion at Ickleton

Hinkledux Pub Lunch Club dates are every second Wednesday of the month: even numbered months at The Red Lion Hinxtton, 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.redlionhinxtton.co.uk](http://www.redlionhinxtton.co.uk)

**Jon Smith**

## GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

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

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

**Next meeting** Wednesday 4th March 8 pm at Ickleton Village Hall  
BURGHLEY GARDENS, PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE  
Speaker: Joe Whitehead, Head Gardener  
An exciting redevelopment at these gardens  
*Competition subject:* Spring flower

**In April** Wednesday 1st April 8.00 pm AGM & PLANT SALE  
With Tea & Cake Renew your Membership - £20

**Recent Meeting** February's Speaker was John Little - the Brownfield Gardening Guru. He is a crusading campaigner for biodiverse gardens – read about him in recent months in the RHS magazine and Gardens Illustrated. A lot of his work is on sites disrupted by construction but he says a small area of sand in an urban garden could be an area for nesting bees.

*Competition subject: Flowering Bulb*  
1<sup>st</sup> Sue H 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlotte D 3<sup>rd</sup> Marion G

### Ickleton Community Pub Limited Annual Members' Meeting Monday 16th March - 7:30pm - Ickleton Village Hall

Members will already have received information about how to register to attend. The Village Hall Meeting Room can only seat 50 people, therefore we will close registration once this number has been met. We can arrange for the meeting to be attended on - line.

Non members who would like to receive a link to attend the AMM 'virtually' are invited to contact secretary@icplimited.org.uk (by midnight on 9th March)

THE LION  
AT ICKLETON

Café

Saturday 14th March

Friday 27th March

9:30 - 11:15am

Coffee, Tea, Delicious Cakes  
and a very warm welcome!

**BOOK CLUB** (at the Pub) – See page 11 for details.

### WETLANDS Wildlife News and Walk

The clearance work round the south west pond is continuing, opening up the pond nicely. The recent rain, and subsequent flooding of the river cam, has meant that the ponds are very full. The summer path through the middle of the wetlands is only passable with wellies. There have been a number of ducks on the main pond, mainly mallards, but also a tufted duck. It may be that the river is flowing faster than they are comfortable with.

The theme of March's wildlife walk will be wildflowers. It will take place on Wednesday the 18th of March, and will be led by Iain Webb from the Wildlife Trust. Meet on the wooden bridge at 12:00 for a walk of roughly 40 minutes.

**David Keating**

Ickleton Cricket Club is looking for an energetic and innovative Communications Officer as an addition to their ambitious committee.

The role will oversee their communications strategy, enhance our recruitment and help put the club on the map locally. Ickleton CC is a thriving, friendly and inclusive club with dedicated youth, senior and women's teams, looking to develop a girls team.

This is a part time role and workload will be dependent on your availability and experience, which we will look to discuss at interview. Our aim is for a minimum commitment of three years, with a view to extending this.

If you are interested in being involved, or require more information, please contact ickletoncc@hotmail.com, or speak to the chairman, Edmund on

Closing date for interest is 13th March

### **The role involves**

Developing and delivering the club's communications strategy. Helping co-ordinate the recruitment of players, volunteers and sponsors. Building on the club's reputation and perception, and engaging the local community

### **Skills & Experience**

Content creation for press, website and social media; managing social media platforms; basic graphic design skills (desirable, not essential)

### **Personal**

Able to work independently. An interest in cricket and community sport (desirable)

Creative, strategic and open to new ideas.

Ideally someone local or with strong local links.

The role can be voluntary or paid, depending on experience and availability

**Edmund Harcourt**

## **ICKLETON SOCIETY**

### **Annual Ickleton Litter pick – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 10 - 11am**

One hour makes all the difference to keeping our village free of litter. Meet on the recreation ground, next to the Village Hall at 10am. We have a supply of hi-vis jackets, gloves, bags and pickers but do bring your own if you have them. If you'd like to help cut ivy off trees on the rec, please bring secateurs. As usual refreshments will be provided.

Everyone is welcome and, of course, many hands make light work.



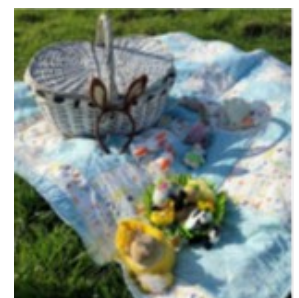
### **Easter Egg hunt – Saturday 4 April, 11am - noon**

This year, we are joining with the pub for our popular children's Easter Egg hunt

Meet at the back of the pub for 11am. The hunt will then be in the children's play area on the rec. Please bring a basket or bag to collect the eggs left behind by the Easter Bunny. There are prizes for the best Easter Basket and the best Easter Bonnet decorated by a child.

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

Afterwards, why not hop back to the pub?



**“The Story of Cambridge in One Hole”; a talk by Alison Dickens, following the Ickleton Society AGM  
Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, Village Hall Meeting Room.**

This is definitely a date for your diaries! Alison Dickens is a professional archaeologist and will tell us about an excavation of a sewer shaft in central Cambridge which revealed evidence from almost the entirety of Cambridge history - and not a few surprises along the way!

**Photos that help tell the story of the wall paintings in the Church, 7 February**

Thank you to everyone who dropped in to our small exhibition as part of the afternoon about the project to conserve the wall paintings. It was interesting to hear your memories of the arson attack on the Church and the discovery of the paintings as well as tell the story to those of you who have come to live in the village since then.

**Ickleton's Photo Archive**

We're continuing to work through our backlog of photos and add them to the online Gallery which now contains some 7000 photos. You can access the Gallery from the home page of the village website or use this link. It is well worth a browse!

<https://www.ickleton.org.uk/ipsgallery2/index.php>

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

**ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB – WHAT'S ON in MARCH?**

**...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 - 1st and 15th March**

For updates, please check WhatsApp, Ickleinfo, Ickleton Social Club News  
and look for the board outside the Club

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY VINYL NIGHT**

**22nd March**

Join Tim and Lizzie for some vintage vinyl and timeless tunes

...from 7.30 pm

**THE WORD IS OUT**

**Saturday 21st March**

New format Spoken Word - poetry, prose music and comedy

Youngsters and oldster. Book your slot – see page 11

**EASTER EGG BINGO**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

£3 for 50 games with all chocolate prizes

Refreshments & bar open!

**Eyes down 5 pm**

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



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 pm**  
**LIVE at the ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB**

### **Soul Intention**

Soul intention are a nine - yes nine - piece 60's soul band, based in Somersham, and have gigged extensively all over the Anglia region. Usual backline of Drum, Bass, Guitar, Keys, with a 3 piece horn section and two female vocalists completing the line up.

7th March sees them appearing at the Ickleton Social Club. Ickle-Gigs keeping it live and varied, with soul from Memphis to Motown.

Expect to hear classics from Otis Redding, James Brown, Martha & the Vandellas, Wilson Pickett, Temptations, Ike & Tina Turner, along with Northern Soul floor fillers.

What more could you want?

More info on Ickle-Gigs facebook page or call Liz: Keep Music Live. Support Grassroots Venues. Support Ickle-Gigs - now in our third year, thanks to our supporters!

### **THE WORD IS OUT**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March** at the Social Club

New format Spoken Word...an unsubtle blend of poetry, prose, music and comedy for all ages

To book your slot:

Youngsters (up to 15 yrs) – from 5 pm      Contact Anne-Marie on  
Oldsters – from 7 pm                              Contact Brian on

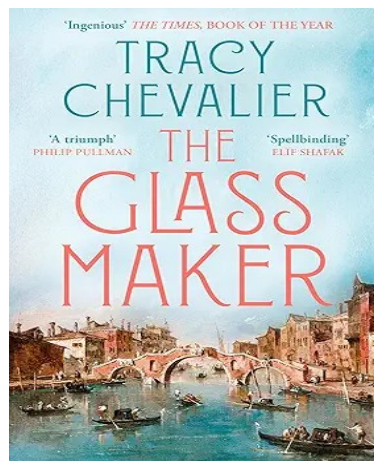
**Brian Cook**

### **BOOK CLUB** at the Lion Pub

“Ingenious” says The Times, describing its Book of the Year.

Skipping like a stone across the centuries, The Glass maker is a virtuoso portrait of a woman, a family and a city that are as everlasting as glass.

Thursday, 19th March  
1 - 2 pm and 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
In the Snug



### **National Open Gardens: Saturday, 14 March**

Take a stroll through our beautiful landscaped Campus on one of four guided walks with our expert Gardening & Grounds team - 10am, 11am, 12 noon and 1pm.

You will see the historic Hinxton Hall, lake, gardens and croquet lawn, plus meadows, fine oak specimens and our orchard. Light refreshments will also be available.

Book your tickets on the National Open Gardens Scheme website [Find a Garden](#) | National Garden Scheme

Wellcome Genome Campus, Hinxton, CB10 1SA



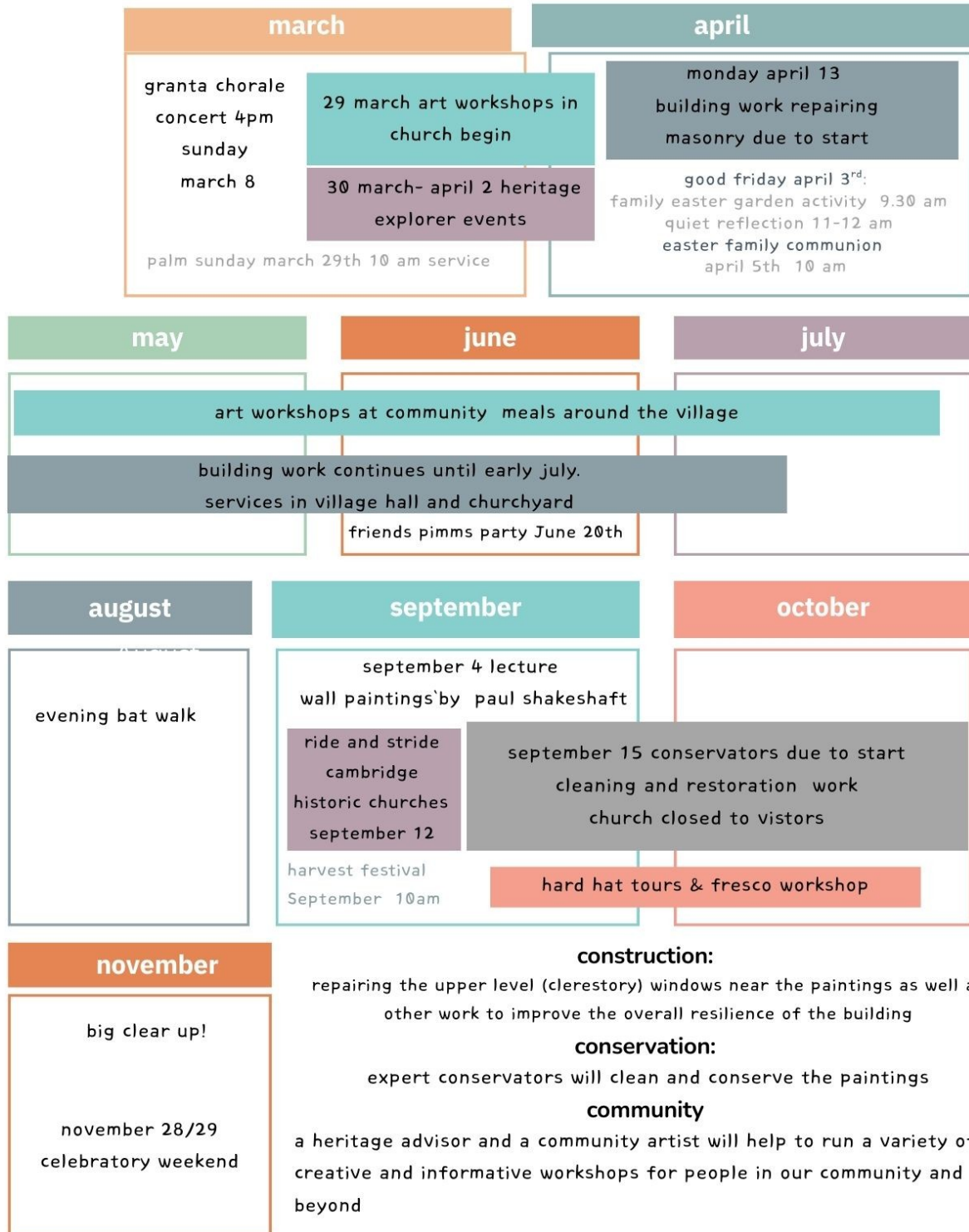


# LOOKING UP & OUT



conserving Ickleton's wall paintings and building inclusive connections

The wall paintings in St Mary Church Ickleton are unique and special, so we want to make them accessible to as wide an audience as possible alongside protecting and conserving them



We would like all the village to be involved: check the Icene, look out for social media posts and posters in the church or email [ickletonpcc@gmail.com](mailto:ickletonpcc@gmail.com) if you would like to help or know more

# ICKLETON VILLAGE

## Local Services

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

The shop now offers **INPOST**

### Post collections

	Monday to Friday	Saturday
Costcutter shop )		
Bottom Butchers Hill )	9.00 am	7.00 am
Coploe Rd/Grange Rd corner )		
Whittlesford Shop/Post office	4.00 pm	
Saffron Walden Market Square	latest 6.00 pm	12 midday
Sawston High Street by the Post Office	Noon, 3 pm and 4.45 pm	12.30 - 1 pm

### HELP for dealing with Covid 19

The service is continuing for the time being. The names of helpers for any streets is available from me if you need.

Anne-Marie Hoare

**Village Hall Bookings** Email: [bookingsecivh@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsecivh@gmail.com)

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

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

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

**Community Warden Scheme** – - [Anita.gilchrist@ageukcap.org.uk](mailto:Anita.gilchrist@ageukcap.org.uk)

**Speedwatch Team** Terry Sadler - [terrywsadler@btinternet.com](mailto:terrywsadler@btinternet.com)  
Graham Fagg - [gefagg@outlook.com](mailto:gefagg@outlook.com)

### Cambridge Mobile Library

The **third Wednesday** in each month (18th March) 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

This is the time of year electricity and heating bills rise and the elderly, vulnerable and needy struggle most. Foodbank provides much needed aid: especially useful are things easy to heat up – soups, oats, hot drinks and anything that can easily be heated or cooked in a microwave or from a kettle.

Please leave in the church or call me for collections. **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 3rd and 17th March 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 - Saturdays 14th and 28th March - 10 am to 12 noon

**Gill Laird**

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**The Lion at Ickleton** (see p.8)

Open every day (except Monday and Tuesday) for drinks and food at various times. A pizza night, Thursday quizzes, Café morning, Book club, Wellness evening.

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**Social Club** (bar open) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 5 – 7 pm  
(see p. 10) Fridays and Saturdays from 6 pm

Sundays 1st and 15th March 12 to 2 pm

The Word is Out - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> (see p. 11)

Vinyl Night - Sunday 22nd 7.30 pm

Easter Egg Bingo - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 5 pm

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**ICKLE-GIG** (see p.11) Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March Band - Soul Intention

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**Parish Council Meeting** Wednesday 18th March 7.30 pm Village Hall

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**Pub Lunch Club** Wednesday 11th March 12.30 pm at the Ickleton Lion

**Jon Smith**

*Pre Orders by the Sunday before the lunch. See page 7*

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**Froglets** Mondays 9.30 - 11.30 am

**Anne-Marie Hoare**

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**Great Chesterford & District Gardening Soc** Wednesday 4th March (p.8)

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