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Refuse Collections during March

Monday 7th March - Black bin
Monday 14th March - Green and Blue bin
Monday 21st March - Black bin
Monday 28th March - Green and Blue bin

Bins must be placed out by 7.00 a.m. on your designated day of collection. Lids should be closed.

Recycling Centre – Thriplow off A505. Winter opening hours 08.00-16.00 hours. ☎ 01223 839001.

Ickleton Parish Council

Some items discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 16th February 2011:

Bus service cuts – Cllr Tim Stone has arranged a meeting to be held at 10.30 a.m. on 9th March 2011 at the Highways depot, Whittlesford. Ickleton will be sending a representative.

Planning application(s) received from SCDC: **S/2013/10** – Erection of Buildings for Research & Development, Landscaping & Associated Infrastructure (The Technical Hub) (Phase 2 Reserved Matters following Outline Approval reference S/1204/09/O – South Field Phase 2, Wellcome Trust Genome Campus, Hinxton – Applicant: EMBL-EBI. Liz Gibson declared an interest – Approve (1 abstention) with points about light pollution and visibility from Ickleton.

S/2260/10 – Alterations – Relocate ground floor wc compartment, remove internal block wall, form new internal openings, install new studwork partition, remove window and single external door and replace with a pair of French doors – Craftsman Barn, Butcher's Hill – Approve. **S/0104/11** – Erection of Studio Building following demolition of Existing Outbuilding – 8 Coploe Road. Lewis Duke declared an interest - Approve

Application to carry out Tree Works subject to a tree preservation order or situated within a Conservation area: Reduce height of Ash Tree at rear of property and branches to be trimmed due to shortage of light - 72 Abbey Street. Lewis Duke declared an interest – Approve

Churchyard Working Party – The Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council are having a joint working party to tidy the church and churchyard on Saturday 26th March. All volunteers would be welcome to join us.

Ickleton Burial Board charges – The Chairman proposed that the fees be increased in line with inflation. This proposal was agreed with 1 abstention.

A1301 – A new electricity cable is being laid on behalf of EDF. This is to increase the supply to the Wellcome Trust Genome Campus.

Other points of interest:

Review of Recycling Banks - SCDC are proposing to remove some of the village recycling bins and to replace them with a range of new banks. For example, books, shoes, textiles and small electrical items.

"Type 2" diabetes – A research team across the county is interested in how to help those with diabetes look after their diabetes better. They are carrying out a trial across Cambridgeshire. If you are interested in participating, please contact: Diabetes Research Nurse ☎ 0800 084 2362.

Highways Problems Reporting System – CCC now have a new online system for reporting problems. It is now possible to precisely indicate, for instance, the position of a pothole on a map. Cambridgeshire County Council is keen that people should visit the website:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/highwaysfault

Digital switchover - The way we view television will be changing on the last day of this month (31st March) and if you do not have a way of receiving digital signals your television will go blank overnight. There are free digital boxes available to over 75s and to those on disability allowances. If you know someone who is not ready for the switchover please remind them to ☎0800 40 85 900 for advice or you can telephone a local contact ☎531113.

Jocelyn Flitton – Parish Clerk josflitton@tiscali.co.uk

CHURCH NOTICES Services for March

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| Thursday 3 rd | 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW) | HINXTON |
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| Sunday 6 th | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) | DUXFORD |
| Quinquagesima | 10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Sunday School | ICKLETON |
| | 6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) | HINXTON |
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| Ash Wednesday 9 th | 8.00 p.m. Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes | DUXFORD |
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| Sunday 13 th | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) | HINXTON |
| Lent 1 | 10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist | DUXFORD |
| | 5.00 p.m. Service of Meditation (Taize) | ICKLETON |
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| Sunday 20 th | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) | ICKLETON |
| Lent 2 | 10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist | HINXTON |
| | 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer with Laying on of Hands | DUXFORD |
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| Sunday 27 th | 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) | HINXTON |
| Lent 3 | 10.00 a.m. All-age Service | DUXFORD |
| | 5.15 p.m. 'Cranmer and Cake' followed by | ICKLETON |
| | 6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP) | ICKLETON |

NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

For various reasons I have been spending a lot of time visiting Addenbrooke's just recently, and it's amazing how quickly you get acclimatised to this great complex of buildings and corridors, the artificially maintained temperatures, the covered square full of shops, a great diverse array of people, visibly ill or apparently well, perhaps awkward and visiting or else obviously in-patients for the duration; everyone either in a hurry or waiting, waiting. It starts to feel like normality, and the outside world, where the weather might be bleak and blustery or shining with unaccustomed spring sun, feels impossibly far away. After a visit I am particularly holding onto the delicate signs of new life coming out everywhere, especially the snowdrops. I planted them in the Rectory garden last spring (a kind gift from Gordon Woolhouse) and here they are, rather late this year, their heads looking too heavy for the narrow stem from which they hang. Their frailty seems to speak to the frailty of human life too; and yet they are the first flowers to promise spring, of surpassing beauty and (I now learn) extraordinary variety. I was shown a glorious collection of them (I am not allowed to say by whom, but I am sure it's guessable) and now begin to distinguish, a little, between the different kinds and varieties, including those with golden-yellow markings ('Wendy's Gold'); astonishing and lovely. And I begin to feel, in the midst of all the sorrowful things which happen to people, a sense of the glory of created things which leaves me giving thanks to God, from whom all life and beauty comes, and to whom we return when we, like the flower of the field, come to the end of our own short lives. **Rev Dr Jessica Martin** ☎01223 832137 hinkledux@googlemail.com

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Mothering Sunday All-Age Service - The Women who gave away what she wanted most

In recent years we've looked at the story of several different mothers in the Bible and this year we will be focusing on Hannah. What was it she wanted so badly and what did she then give away? Come to the Mothering Sunday Service on April 3rd at 11.00 a.m. and find out. We'll be thinking about waiting and longing, joy and sorrow and how these are often linked together. This year Mothering Sunday coincides with the week we would normally have Parish Eucharist and Sunday School. There will still be Holy Communion, but in a shortened form, and the children will stay and participate in the service including giving their mothers a traditional posy. The service will be followed by a baked potato lunch in the Village Hall to which all are welcome. There is no charge, but we would appreciate knowing numbers in advance so look out for a sign up sheet in church or let Mandy Jeffery or Rosie McKillen know if you'd like to come.

BAPTISM

Lewis Jon Warwick was baptised at Ickleton Church on 20th February.

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church Electoral Roll will be revised in March. A copy of the Roll will be displayed in the Church porch for two weeks from 4th March.

Would anyone who wishes to add themselves to it, or to alter it in any way, please get in touch with me at Druid Cottage.

Frances Payne - Electoral Roll Officer

WERE YOU THERE?

A dramatic reflection on Good Friday.

In 2009 we performed a drama based on the reflections of those who had been involved with Jesus and with his crucifixion. It was widely acclaimed, so much so, that it has been suggested that we should publish it.

We explore how the Disciples, the Centurion, Pilate, Caiphas and Mary might have felt after the event.

Through poetry and dramatisations we attempt to explore those issues and extend our own understanding of the aftermath of Good Friday.

Please come and join our reflections at 7.30 p.m. in Ickleton Church on Good Friday, The retiring collection will be in aid of a local charity.

Rosemary McKillen

ICKLETON SOCIETY

Brazilian Hot Tropicana Evening – thank you to all those who helped and who came along to the Ickleton Social Club for the Brazilian Hot Tropicana Evening. Thanks to the Club and its staff for being such great hosts. Everyone enjoyed the sights and sounds of Brazil. Special thanks to Katie and Fruity Clave who got the crowd up and dancing from the start with their Samba music. We have had many texts and feedback from those who attended to say how much they enjoyed it. Our resident Brazilian Luciana Day had this to say “I just wanted to say what a brilliant success last night was. Who could have thought that Brazil could feel so close. It was just like carnival rehearsals back home when I was a kid. I loved every minute of it.” Photos are on the website!

Other events – our cultural year continues with a trip to see ‘Lillies on the Land’ at the Cambridge Arts Theatre on 26th April.

Membership – we are delighted that so many people have signed up to join the Society after attending these events. Anyone who is interested in what we do and would like to become members, please get in touch.

Planning Applications – at the time of writing, we have heard that planning applications may be made for solar parks at Abbey Farm and Rectory Farm and for conversion of the Methodist Chapel to a wine shop selling coffees, light lunches and other items. We know that some of our members hold differing views on the proposals and some have expressed concerns about them. So that the Society can respond to any planning applications reflecting the views of our members, we are canvassing their opinions and are likely to hold a meeting when any applications are made. In the meantime, any comments can be passed on to me. We would also encourage people to respond to the applications when they are made by sending their comments and views to South Cambs Planning Department.

Rachel Radford

THEATRE GROUP

We are pleased to announce that our next show in the Village Hall will be on Saturday 26th March featuring **Mervyn Stutter** who played to packed audiences on a previous tour of Cambridgeshire Village Halls. Mervyn is a highly talented actor, comedian, scriptwriter and musical entertainer. He charms his audiences who are happy to laugh both at his life and their own. Spring will be just around the corner so it will be an opportunity to enjoy a hilarious evening and to banish those ‘winter blues’.

Tickets will be on sale at Costcutter Express or email pam@cmws.co.uk or whitaker@waitrose.com priced at £11 or £10 concessions, and will include a Ploughman’s Supper. The doors and bar will be open at 7.15 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

MAX’S SALE

On Saturday 5th March 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. at Great Chesterford Community Centre selling nearly new children’s clothes, toys, books and baby equipment. Raffle prizes include: £25 Modish voucher, Aromatherapy Massage from ‘Esprit’, Cut and Blow Dry from Haircraft and JW Hairdressers, Petras voucher, £20 ‘Jacks’ voucher, Saffron Screen Tickets, Manicure, Sweet Shop Goodies & ‘Dish’ voucher. Silent Auction (for early bird bidding go to facebook - ‘Max’s Sale’) - Lots include: 2 gold tickets to see England play at Wembley, Tumbledowns Pass, M.O.T from Treadfirst & ‘Odd Job Man’ for a day.

100% of Proceeds go to the Children’s Cancer Ward at Addenbrooke’s (C2 Ward).

If you have any donations and / or queries or want to buy raffle tickets, please contact Jodie Rowlandson ☎07796952007 or Jayne Hore, 2 Back Lane.

BRIC-A-BRAC AND JUMBLE SALE

If you are looking for a reason to do some early Spring cleaning we are holding a Bric-a-Brac and Jumble Sale on Saturday 5th March at 2.00 p.m. in Ickleton Village Hall, and would be grateful for any items in good saleable condition. If possible, please drop them off at the hall on the morning (9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon) of the sale or, if that is not convenient, Cynthia Rule has very kindly agreed that they may be left in her garage. Unfortunately we cannot accept electrical equipment.

There will be a cake and produce stall too, and Clare Driver will be delighted if you can find the time to bake a cake or can spare a pot of homemade produce. Judy Holt will be running a second-hand book stall and is happy to have any books you no longer want.

Please come along on the day - you never know, you may unearth a real treasure.

Village Hall Management Committee

THE CHESTERFORDS, ICKLETON AND HINXTON W.I.

Our speaker for the February meeting cancelled due to a much needed hip operation, so instead of a talk on the art of willow craft our enterprising members organised a wonderful craft exhibition of their own work which consisted of patchwork, lace making and several excellent paintings, plus church kneelers and needle craft. Each member gave a short talk on their particular craft making a very interesting evening. The President thanked them and suggested that they should set up a craft meeting in the future. There were lots of lovely cakes made to be taken to the Saffron Walden Community Hospital for the patients to enjoy.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on March 16th accompanied by a sit down meal.

Cynthia Rule

LONDON MARATHON 2011

This year I have taken on the task of running the 2011 London Marathon. It has been a lifelong ambition to run the marathon and I thought that now is a good time!

Luckily I have been chosen to run the marathon on behalf of the local charity MEDICS which is an Accident and Emergency Doctor Service that provides emergency medical support in our local area. MEDICS relies entirely on the support of local people and businesses and if anyone fancies sponsoring me, then that would be great and really appreciated. I have set up a Justgiving site and the link is www.justgiving.com and if you put in my name 'Julia Hutchison' you should get my page. If not, then I am sure you will see me running and any words to keep me going would be great!

Julia Hutchison

R.A.G.T. SEEDS Accommodation Required

RAGT Seeds Limited is a leading plant breeding company based in Grange Road, Ickleton.

During the summer we employ vacation students to assist with the harvesting of our cereal crops and will have vacancies during July, August and September.

We are also looking for good, reasonably priced bed and breakfast accommodation for our European students.

If you are able to assist us please contact: Sue Darley, RAGT Seeds Ltd., Grange Road, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, CB10 1TA. ☎533703 Fax: 01799 533760 Email: sue.darley@ragt.fr

FITNESS CLASSES starting w/c 28th February

Pilates

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength and mobility. All exercises are based on your mat. Please book for 6 weeks.

Monday 8.00 p.m. at Ickleton Village Hall; Thursday 8.00 p.m. at Duxford School

Friday 10.45 a.m. at Abington Institute

Zumba

The Zumba program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms (such as Merengue, Salsa, Reggaton). Dance yourself fit! Just turn up.

Monday 7.00 p.m. at Ickleton Village Hall; NEW! Thursday 7.00 p.m. at Duxford School

Please contact me for more information

Disa Bennett ☎01223 729604 or disa_bennett@hotmail.com

WELCOME TO.....

Gail Dudley-Scales, Charlotte [9] and Madeleine [7] and Jon Green, Patrick [14] and Alistair [11] who have moved in.

GEORGE HUXLEY 1934-2011

George was born in Staffordshire to a young mother in a mining community but was given up into care to The Foundling Hospital (now known as The Thomas Coran Charity for Children). The children that year were re-christened after scientists of the day. He was chosen to be fostered by Mr and Mrs Harry Lilley at Field Farm, Great Chesterford where he was nurtured through his childhood. His foster sisters were Vera, Eva and Rene and another foundling girl called Jeannie Kilpatrick.

He attended nursery at Great Chesterford before he was taken to the newly built school at Berkhamsted by The Foundling Charity. He was educated very well with an expectation that he would join the military. George was not happy at the school and it was a great comfort that his foster family kept in touch with him. He left in 1949 aged 15, returning to his foster family and started an apprenticeship in Saffron Walden as a carpenter. Two years later he signed up for The Royal Marines.

George was sent to Deal in Kent for training for 13 months and finished up at Dartmoor with 42 Commando and performed at the Royal Tournament in 1952, doing a climbing display before he was assigned to his regiment in Malta. He served 3 years overseas before returning to Great Chesterford in 1956 after leaving the Marines. He lived with his elderly foster parents and tried his hand at many jobs, but was unable to settle after being a free spirit for so long.

He then lived with Rene and Fred Toombs who later took on The New Inn in Ickleton. He met many people through Fred and Rene and became life long friends with people in the community of Ickleton. George became a plumber with his own business, Huxley Heating, working all over East Anglia.

At a dance in the Dorothy Ballroom in Cambridge he met Valerie Dawson. They were married the following year and had three children Adrian, Maria and Allison. They lived at Histon and Cottenham before returning to Ickleton where they lived at 'Limburys' in Abbey Street.

George was a very intelligent man who loved his crosswords and was very interested in history. His work on houses in the village often uncovered interesting historical facts about the houses and George was a popular village character who delighted in telling jokes and talking to his customers about the history of their houses. He became a parish councillor and a trustee of Ickleton United Charities.

In his later years George moved to France with his new partner Linda. He travelled all over the world and came back to the UK to see his family which included seven grandchildren and a great granddaughter as well as friends in the village.

Sadly, George was taken ill in December 2010 and returned to England where he died. One of his last wishes was to be buried in Ickleton - a village he had loved all his life.

Clare Driver

GREAT CHESTERFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

There was an excellent attendance at the February meeting to hear Peter Jackson from Scotsdales'. Always a popular speaker, Peter spoke about spring and summer flowering bulbs, demonstrating the best way to buy them and grow them. This was accompanied by a slide show of the many varieties we can grow all through the year, or until the first frosts appear.

The next meeting will be the Spring Party on March 2nd with cheese and wine.

The Chairman Pauline Gale will be asking for new committee members to replace two members who are standing down at the April AGM.

Cynthia Rule

SAWSTON MEDICAL PRACTICE – New Health Clinic

Are you aged between 40 and 74? Would you like to have your cholesterol, sugar level and blood pressure measured? We can now offer a "well person check" as part of a new national screening programme to patients within this age group who may be at risk of developing vascular disease. We will screen you for raised cholesterol, diabetes, high blood pressure and kidney problems – if you currently suffer from any of these problems then you will not be eligible for this health check. Should your results indicate an increased risk of developing vascular disease then we will invite you back for a further consultation and work with you on the target areas.

At the clinic we will provide information and advice which will enable you to target any lifestyle issues which could improve your health. There will be information about a new Walking for Health scheme which we are planning to introduce in the near future and there will also be chances to win prizes such as a free taster session at a local gym, or a free exercise class.

Clinics will run during the last two weeks of March, if you would like to attend please telephone reception ☎ 01223 727555 to make an appointment and receive further information.

Jenny Parker - Assistant Practice Manager www.sawstonmedicalpractice.co.uk ☎ 01223 727555

Seasonal Care

Spring is now with us and those of you who suffer from hay fever will be pleased to know that you can be seen by our trained pharmacists for the most up-to-date treatments. They can refer you on to one of our nurse specialists if necessary.

Danielle Harding – Nurse Practitioner

ICENE DISTRIBUTION AND DELIVERY

Joanna Wallis of Mill Lane has kindly agreed to help me with distribution - thank you Joanna.

Also, thanks to those who offered to help with delivery, namely Margaret Garrett, Fiona MacGregor, Roy Smith and Ann Worthing.

An Information sheet with all deliverers' details will go to them all shortly.

Hilary Rule

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS TO..... Kerrie Harris and Michael Rule who were married on 19th February at Saffron Walden Register Office. The reception took place in a marquee in Tyler's Yard field.

DRAMAWISE

Dramawise Performing Arts for young people has been asked to start a group for 5/6 year olds to learn social skills, how to be part of the team and do some singing, movement and drama. This will be starting in the summer term after Easter. It will be held at the Free Church at Sawston from 4.00 p.m. -5.00 p.m. on Fridays for one hour, with ten one hour sessions during term time. Fee £60, which works out to £6 a session. Dramawise runs sessions for all ages from 7 – 18 years. There are just 3 vacancies in other age groups. If you are interested in your child coming to Dramawise please ☎01223 832288 or email frances.wyse@btinternet.com.

Frances Brownlie

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM, DUXFORD

Future Events

Polish Airmen in Battle of Britain display – until 31st March

Spring Car Show – Sunday 1st May

Spring Air Show – Sunday 22nd May

The Duxford Trophy – Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th May

Military Vehicle Show – Sunday 19th June

ICKLETON DIARY

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| March 1 st | Church Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon |
| 2 nd | Great Chesterford & District Gardening Society Spring Party 8.00 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford |
| 4 th | Mobile Library 12.45 - 1.45 p.m. |
| 4 th | Women's World Day of Prayer 2.30 p.m. Duxford URC |
| 5 th | Bric-a-Brac and Jumble Sale 2.00 p.m. Village Hall |
| 5 th | Max's Sale 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Gt. Chesterford Community Centre |
| 16 th | Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall |
| 16 th | W. I. Annual Meeting 7.45 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford |
| 23 rd | Chesterford Local History & Archaeology Society Meeting 8.00 p.m. Little Chesterford Village Hall |
| 26 th | Churchyard Working Party 10.00 a.m. Soup lunch provided |
| 26 th | Theatre Group 7.15 for 8.00 p.m. Village Hall |
| April 2 nd | Visiting Bellringers 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. |
| 10 th | Willow Workshop 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. Village Hall |
| 22 nd | Were You There? 7.30 p.m. Church |
| May 11 th | AGM and Parish Council Meeting |
| 25 th | Annual Parish Meeting |
| July 2 nd | Church Fete - Village Hall and Recreation Ground |

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