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PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse Collections during October

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Ickleton Parish Council:

Some items discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 21st September 2011:

SCDC Speed Sticker Initiative – Distribution – The Clerk was now in receipt of the stickers and would be speaking/distributing them to residents who live at the entrance roads in the village to put on their wheelie bins.

CCC Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981-Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order to alter to line of Public Footpaths Nos. 8 Duxford & 4 Hinxton (also affecting the parish of Ickleton) – A letter (dated 02/09/11) had been received from CCC (Camilla Haggett) stating that the County had decided the footpath should be modified to run along the Ickleton side of the railway line. It is anticipated the formal Order will be made around the end of September and published in October. In the consultation period prior to the County's decision, the Chairman had written stating his view that the assembled evidence failed to support a diversion of the footpath.

Planning application(s) received from SCDC:

S/1685/11 – Instrument Kiosk – Gas Compressor Station, Ickleton Road, Duxford – National Grid plc – Approve

S/1725/11 – Dwelling – Land to the West of Gurner House, 20 Church Street – Heddon Management Ltd. – Tim Pavelin declared an interest and did not take part in the discussions/voting.

The Chairman went round the table inviting Councillors to give their views. The following comments were made:

- Gross over-development of the site.
- It is in the conservation area and surrounded by 5 listed buildings
- Serious issues about the privacy and amenity in and around the dwelling
- In particular, the amenity of No. 28 Church Street would be very badly affected
- Car Parking next to an Electricity sub-station
- Access onto Church Street
- Massive excavation works would be involved which could have consequences to the surrounding flint walls
- Roof would be visible from Butcher's Hill
- It would be overlooked and overheard.
- 'Bunkerish' impression.

To sum up: By virtue of the scale, design and form of the proposed dwelling the development would intrude upon the open and natural setting of the listed Gurner House, and it would therefore adversely affect the setting of this listed building. In addition it would adversely affect the special character and appearance of the Conservation area.

The Councillors voted unanimously against this application and their recommendation was to:

Refuse

Planning application(s) refused by SCDC:

S/0704/11 Dwelling and garage – site r/o Norman Hall, Church Street.

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Application(s) to carry out Tree works subject to a Tree Preservation Order or situated within a Conservation Area: Fell Ash Tree outside Boundary Wall in Recreation Ground – 50 Frogge Street – -
Approve

Consultation on Draft National Planning Policy Framework (closing date 17/10/11) -

The Chairman initiated a discussion about the Draft National Planning Policy Framework. It was agreed that the Parish Council's concerns would be sent to the DCLG with a copy to our MP Andrew Lansley. The Chairman will draft and circulate a letter for comment.

Dog Fouling – This continues to be a problem. Now that we are the home ground for the Whittlesford Warriors Youth Team it is particularly important that these young players are not exposed to dog excrement. Will dog walkers please take the necessary measures. Fouling also continues in Back Lane and those responsible for the dogs need to be aware and take their responsibilities seriously. Dogs should not be let out unaccompanied.

Year-end Accounts: Moore Stephens have now completed the external audit for the year ending 31/03/2011. A copy will be posted on the website.

Land adj. Stump Cross – Infilling site Extension application from 30th September 2011 to 30th September 2013 – The site operator has been unable to complete owing to the slow down in the construction industry and has applied for a two year extension. There will be no increase in the total of material deposited. The Parish Council has no objection to this, but will suggest that a condition be put in place to have the measures relating to drainage of surface water attended to within 6 month of permission being granted. Uttlesford District Council and Essex County Council will be notified accordingly.

Village Shop and other burglaries in the village – The Parish Council were obviously concerned about recent 'happenings' in the village and felt that the police were doing all they reasonably could in trying to solve these and hopefully prevent further crimes in the village.

Consultation on Review of the decision to remove all subsidised Bus Service Funding

Cambridgeshire County Council wants to hear your views on changes and reductions being proposed to subsidise bus services. A questionnaire has been compiled to gather your views, which can be accessed at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview . Paper copies are available

by contacting CCC using one of the following means: by e-mail

bus.tenders@cambridgeshire.gov.uk by telephone: ☎0345 045 0675 or by post: Cambridgeshire County Council, CC1301, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge, CB3 0AP. The closing date for responses to the questionnaire is 16.00 hours on Friday 9th December 2011. The Parish Council urges everyone to respond by completing the questionnaire in whatever format is convenient to you.

Other issues of interest:

South Cambridgeshire District Council are holding an Open Day on Friday 7th October 2011 between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. in the 'Street' area at SCDC, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA. This is a free event and representatives from a variety of service areas will be on hand to answer your questions. Refreshments are available.

Help Launch Ickleton Cricket Club – Join us at the Ickleton Lion for a Race Night on Saturday 12th November 2011 at 7.30 p.m. All proceeds to Ickleton Cricket Club. Please contact Michael Robinson ☎07867 974445 or by e-mail: michaelarobinson@live.co.uk

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

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

As part of the annual Poppy Appeal the usual house-to-house collection will take place from Saturday 29th October until Saturday 12th November. There have recently been fewer reminders in the media of the work our forces are undertaking overseas but the work of the Legion continues. Please bear this in mind when your collector knocks on your door and give as generously as you can. Gift Aid is a way in which the Legion can benefit more from your donation by getting some additional money from the Revenue and Customs Department. It is available to any taxpayer and will turn each £1 donated into £1.25! To take advantage of this scheme please either phone or email me and I will deliver you an envelope on which you will need to complete your name and address and the amount of the donation, before giving it to your collector. Thank you for your continuing support. **Malcolm Hall – Poppy Appeal Organiser**
malcolm.c.hall@gmail.com

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	Email address	hinkledux@googlemail.com
Churchwarden	Rosemary McKillen (plus one vacancy)	
Prayer Ministry	Monica Lilley	
Lay Ministers	Julie Baillie Judith Wright	

Services for October

Sunday 2 nd	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
15 th after Trinity	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist with Sunday School	ICKLETON
	5.30 p.m. Harvest Service and Supper	HINXTON
Thursday 6 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)	HINXTON
Sunday 9 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
16 th after Trinity	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist	DUXFORD
	5.00 p.m. Taize Service	ICKLETON
Sunday 16 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	ICKLETON
17 th after Trinity	10.00 a.m. Children's Service	HINXTON
	6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer with Laying on of Hands	DUXFORD
Sunday 23 rd	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
last after Trinity	10.00 a.m. All-Age Service	DUXFORD
	6.30 p.m. Evensong	ICKLETON
Sunday 30 th	10.00 a.m. Joint Eucharist for All Saints	DUXFORD
All Saints Sunday	5.00 p.m. Reflective Service, Hinxton Village Hall	HINXTON
	(Refreshments from 4.30 p.m.)	

NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

October again: the month for remembering, for looking back and honouring the past. And in Ickleton particularly so, for in the last months we have said sad goodbyes to longstanding villagers who will be greatly missed: elsewhere in this issue you will see tributes to them printed. But if October, and the autumn, is a time for endings it is also a time of fruits: of noticing what gifts we have received from those whom we love and see no longer, and giving thanks for them. At the very beginning of November, on Wednesday 2nd, we will hold our annual service in which we remember those we love who have died, at 6.30 p.m. in Hinxton Church. If you would like to remember someone dear to you, please put their name on the list in Ickleton church; or, if this is difficult, then contact me direct, but if you are able to sign the list that would be a great help. When we remember, we participate in God's great remembering of all that has ever been and ever will be; and though our own memories may be fragmented and partial, God's is not. For he sees in his perpetual. Now all his creation in completeness, and in him nothing is ever lost or forgotten.

Dr. Rev. Jessica Martin

CHURCH GIFT DAY

Once again, as Churchwarden, I am drawing your attention to another important date in our calendar – Church Gift Day. St Mary Magdalene is totally self sufficient receiving no outside financial help and depending entirely on the support of our local community. I know that money is tight at present for us all, but every little does help. Have you thought of making more of your donations by Gift Aid or covenanting which allows us to reclaim tax from HMRC on regular donations provided that the giver is a UK taxpayer? e.g. a covenanted or Gift Aid donation of £50 is worth £60+ to the church. A covenant can be for a fixed monthly amount or for a single annual payment for any period you like.

Gift Day this year will be on Saturday 12th November and myself and other members of the PCC will be on hand in the church from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m. Complimentary tea coffee and cakes will be available all day with soup provided between 12.00 noon and 2.00 p.m.

Do please drop in, if only for a few minutes.

Rosemary McKillen

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Would you value the opportunity to consider what the Bible says? Come and join a group of us for lively discussions in Hinxton Village Hall on Thursday evenings. We will be reading the Book of Acts, starting with the historical context.

Community Bible Study restarts on October 6th with refreshments at 7.45 p.m. Each evening session finishes at 9.15 p.m. We'd love to see you.

Contact Jenny Duke or Mandy Jeffrey if you'd like to know more.

ICKLETON COFFEE MORNINGS

This is to remind you that our weekly Tuesday coffee mornings in the Church move to monthly intervals for the winter commencing with the next one on Tuesday 4th October. We have welcomed some new faces this year and have had more than 40 people on various occasions.

For those who haven't been before it is all complimentary and you'll meet many fellow villagers who enjoy the chance to catch up with friends old and new over coffee and home baked goodies. You do not have to be a churchgoer to come along, and children are welcome

Rosemary McKillen

MARRIAGE

The marriage of Rachel Herbert, daughter of Richard and Rosemary Herbert of 'Hovells', and Michael Thorn took place at Ickleton Church on Saturday 17th September.

HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE EVENT

A huge thank-you to all who helped at Church on Saturday 10th September; to Rosemary and Neil McKillen for home-made goodies and setting up, Dawn Bradley, who did an extra long stint, Peter Bates, Pam Fearn, Roy Smith, Jean and David Whitaker and Helen Royce, who all gave an hour or more.

I'm sure the eleven visitors really appreciated your presence and the refreshments.

Hilary Rule, P.C.C. Secretary

ICKLETON SOCIETY

Judy Holt -we are all saddened at the death of Judy Holt who was a great supporter of The Ickleton Society for many years. Indeed she was on the Committee for 8 years from 1982 to 1990. She continued to enjoy many of the social events put on by the Society over the years including most recently, the Russian Night (see a photo at

http://www.ickleton.org.uk/gallery/main.php?g2_itemId=8940) and the Brazilian Tropicana and had a fun evening out to the theatre for The Land Girls in April. There is a lovely photo in the archives of Judy as Prince Charming in the Cinderella show of 1963

(http://www.ickleton.org.uk/gallery/main.php?g2_itemId=867). If anyone has any photos of Judy that they wish to add to the archives please let us know. At our next social evening we will put out a collection and any monies raised will be donated to the Arthur Rank Hospice in her memory.

The Draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) – you may have seen reports in the media that there's a lot of concern about the Government's proposed reform of the planning system. The Society shares those concerns. Whilst the Government is proposing some protection for Green Belt land, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Sites of Special Scientific Interest, there would be no protection for the open countryside. There would be a presumption in favour of sustainable development (but no statutory definition of sustainable) and we fear this would be a developer's charter. Hanley Grange could well come back to haunt us! The draft NPPF is out for consultation and the Society has responded. We encourage everyone to send comments by the closing date of 17th October. You can do this online (see <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/draftframeworkconsultation>). You can also do it from the CPRE's website which gives some guidance on what you might want to say (follow the links from <http://www.cpre.org.uk>). If anyone would like help in responding or to see the Society's response, please get in touch.

What's New on Our Web Site – recent additions to our collection of photos include photos of Abbey Barn and a few of the historical features in Abbey Farmhouse (see http://www.ickleton.org.uk/gallery/main.php?g2_itemId=2039).

Contributions to the Archive – we welcome all contributions to the archive. Remember, you don't have to part with treasured documents or photographs. We will come to you to copy them. Just give us a call.

Rachel Radford

BUS SERVICES

On Tuesday 13th September David Lilley and I attended a meeting at Whittlesford Memorial Hall. The meeting was set up by County Councillor Tim Stone to enable representatives of villages in our area to hear from and speak to Councillor Ian Bates, the Cabinet Member for Growth and Planning (this includes Future Transport Strategy for Cambridgeshire). Also present was Glenn Edge, the Head of Passenger Transport at Shire Hall.

The County Council's decision to withdraw all bus subsidies over the next four years has been put on hold. They are reviewing the decision as part of budget planning this year, so any further cuts in subsidies and bus services will now not happen before April 2012. Why the change of plan? Well, the prospect of a Judicial Review of the decision was evidently a major factor (the lady who initiated the process has since withdrawn it, by agreement). In addition, the County Council has decided to tie in its review of bus subsidies to its ongoing Cambridgeshire Future Transport programme.

Future transport policy in the County is a vast project. Current work includes exploring the possibility of taxi firms playing a greater part via franchises. The County is talking to the huge number of organisations who provide transport to explore the potential for resources to be pooled, or to have a single point of contact for people requiring transport. The possibility of combining services, for instance school buses with other subsidised services, is being considered.

Supporting passenger transport costs the County £30million a year. Much of this relates to schools and special needs customers. £2.7million is the cost of the scheduled bus subsidy. The vast majority of bus services are not subsidised. The County is required to make savings and some has to come from its transport budget. What money remains has to be spent more wisely. Ian Bates commented that paying for near-empty buses to be driven around the County could not continue. Local needs might be met more efficiently by expanding existing community transport schemes, or by developing new forms of demand-led transport.

What is happening right now is that the County Council has launched a consultation. The Council wants your views on the changes and reductions being proposed to subsidised bus services. They also want feedback about the services that have already been cut and how this has affected people.

The consultation questionnaire is online at - www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview (closing Friday 9th December 2011). Paper copies are available. Details of how to get them are given under Parish Council business. Tim Stone is trying to have stocks sent to Parishes.

I know it is irritating to be asked to complete another questionnaire, particularly when we have just done one relating to bus services for someone else! However I do urge everyone to take part in this consultation.

The other thing we can do in Ickleton is **use our bus services**. Although they all receive subsidies, and are therefore under threat of cancellation or reduction, the levels of subsidy are not as high as for many other services in the County. More passengers in our buses in the run up to next April might persuade bus operators or the Council that the services could carry on, or reductions might be less drastic.

The Whittlesford meeting ended with Parishes being challenged by Ian Bates to think about replacing threatened bus services with transport services devised and run by the communities themselves. This, in the era of the Big Society, is something your Parish Council is hearing more and more. The funding for such enterprises would have to come in the main from Parishes. We would be thinking long and hard before taking on any such commitments.

Terry Sadler, Parish Council Chairman

DAVID WILLIAM BRADFORD 1936 – 2011

David Bradford was born in Great Chesterford in 1936. He was the youngest and only boy in his family, with four older sisters, who by all accounts he had led a merry dance as a young boy.

In 1958 he married Pauline Lilley, an Ickleton girl, who had grown up in Abbey Street. They had two children, Paul and Linda. Very sadly, Pauline died comparatively young in 1985, and so David was a widower for many years. His children always offered him warm love and support.

People in the village remember David as a slow-talking man, very laid back, but a demon dart player. At the height of his considerable prowess at darts he could be playing most nights of the week, and usually winning, too. He also loved aeroplanes and often went to see the planes at Duxford Airfield or further afield at Lakenheath and elsewhere. His favourite plane was the 'Phantom'.

He had worked in the building trade, but in later years he worked at the Saffron Walden hospital, where he is remembered for his interest in computers, which he was excited by, quite a while before they became the ordinary household item they are now.

In later years David's poor health meant that he could not get out and about as once he had, and he lived quietly mostly at home. He is remembered with great affection and we commend his quiet and useful life to the love of God.

Rev. Dr. Jessica Martin

JUDY HOLT 1931-2011

Judy was born in 1931 at Lacey's Farm, Duxford, moving to Mowbray's Farm in Ickleton at the age of two. She was a much cherished only child, confident and interested in life and people from a young age. At around the age of three or four she went missing and was found sitting on a bench across from Mowbray's on the Green, chatting to the old man sitting there.

She attended the village school and Sawston Village College, where she was Rose Queen. Hers was a happy childhood on the farm and at school. She was very pretty and had a great social life, going to local dances and sneaking off in the winter to skate on the frozen Cam. On leaving school she got a job at King and Harper as a secretary.

One day a young man called Hubert came to the farm to buy a puppy and met Judy. In 1953 they were married; their wedding day was marked as fortunate when Hubert's father's racehorse was announced, at the reception, to have won its race. Judy's and Hubert's was a close and loving relationship which lasted until Hubert's death in 2003.

To begin with they lived in the farmhouse with her parents, Jack and Violet. Their son John was, to their delight born there in 1956. In 1967 they moved to the bungalow Hubert built on Butcher's Hill, where they stayed. The family had a caravan at Southwold, which was a home from home as they went there every weekend they could. Judy loved Southwold, and has been delighted with the annual visit to see the family when they camped there, looking forward to her fish and chips and to any exhibitions on the way. It was a place of happy memories.

As Hubert's business grew, Judy worked alongside him and they were able to buy a house in Florida and a caravan in France. Many holidays were spent abroad with their neighbours.

Judy's life has always been busy, as she was involved with voluntary work (the WRVS) and the WI as a lifetime member. Everyone smiles to remember her as Prince Charming in the WI's production of *Cinderella*. The Bowls' Club equipment was all made by Hubert. Judy also played Bowls for Saffron Walden Ladies Bowls Club. Any fundraising in the village was supported by Judy; she was also the secretary of the local Conservative Association and belonged to the Social Club. Judy has always been incredibly lucky and only had to buy a raffle ticket to win a prize.

Judy was an extremely proud grandmother, delighting in the birth of first Rosemary and then William. Her beloved grandchildren have brought her great joy as they have grown up.

She has always been a loyal friend and everyone feels that it was a privilege to be counted as one of her friends.

Judy was a talented knitter and every family child received lovely cardigans. She read avidly and ran the best bookstall at the Fete every year. She loved doing puzzles and outdid herself attempting a 5000 piece puzzle that took over the dining room table and was exceptional when completed.

After Hubert died Judy filled her life and made sure she could carry on, by organising herself with activities and visits to friends and family. She supported the Arthur Rank House with love and dedication after the help they gave to Hubert – and was supported by them herself when she needed it.

She belonged to U3A for theatre visits, two separate ladies' luncheon clubs; played bingo on Mondays and bowls on Thursdays. She delivered the Icene bulletin, belonged to the Ickleton Society, visited Scotsdales and followed the development of their new Cancer Help Centre, volunteering there as a tea lady where she was in turn embraced as a friend. Holidays arranged by Betty Willmott were always supported by Judy, who liked to have a room on the same floor as her friends and would sneak along the corridor at the end of the evening for a nightcap.

Members of the family network have a big hole in their lives as Judy has been a strong and much-loved cousin – though always referred to as 'auntie'. Her catchword was 'Yes dear.'

A very special debt of gratitude goes out to the two ladies who helped make Judy comfortable in her last days: Effie and Sekayi.

THE CHESTERFORDS ICKLETON AND HINXTON W.I.

We had an excellent speaker, Valerie Greet, at the August meeting. She had for several years acted as a guide at Chartwell, Winston Churchill's home. She regaled us with stories and anecdotes which were so interesting. It was over much too quickly.

Our President Evelyn Lilley held a cream tea in her lovely garden and raised the grand sum of £700 in aid of the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

At the September meeting, organised by member Mavis Peck, we were entertained by Christopher and Janet South with stories of their many travels aboard on holiday.

The next meeting on 19th October will be an evening with Joyce Grenfell alias Jacqueline Terlin.

Visitors welcome.

Cynthia Rule

ICKLETON VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the village hall will be held in the hall on Monday 7th November at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

QUIZ EVENING

Come along and enjoy a fun Quiz Evening in the Village Hall on Saturday 26th November 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Tickets are £6 per head (maximum 6 people per team), which will include sandwiches and nibbles. A bar will be available. There will be generous prizes.

To book your team's table call Jocelyn Flitton (josflitton@tiscali.co.uk) or Pam Fearn (pam@cmws.co.uk).

We look forward to seeing you.

MISSING MINUTES - CAN YOU HELP?

For some time now we have been searching for the missing old handwritten and typed Village Hall Minutes, but without any luck. Can you suggest where they may be or who we can contact? It will be a great pity if these Minutes disappear from the archives as we are sure they must make fascinating reading documenting the activities of the village and lives of those involved following the change of use from the school building to the much loved old village hall.

If you can help to ensure these precious memories are saved please contact Jocelyn Flitton (josflitton@tiscali.co.uk) or any of the Village Hall Committee Members.

FIREWORK AND BONFIRE NIGHT

The Whittlesford and Duxford Scout Group proudly present their Annual Firework and Bonfire Night on Saturday 5th November at Hinxton Road, Duxford, by the level crossing. Just follow the signs from Duxford.

There will be a spectacular fireworks display professionally produced by 'Essex Pyrotechnics', huge bonfire, BBQ, cakes, drinks, mulled wine, sideshows, sparklers and glow necklaces.

Gates open and food from 5.00 p.m. Bonfire at 6.00 p.m. Fireworks at 6.30 p.m.

Tickets will be available from Duxford, Ickleton and Whittlesford Post Offices from 24th October.

Adults £3.50 Children £2, Family £10 in advance or £4, £2.50 and £12 at the gate. Pre-school children free! There is plenty of free parking.

Steve Marshall

GENOME CAMPUS FIREWORK DISPLAY

The Genome Campus Sports and Social Club is holding their annual Fireworks Display on 3rd November. Residents from the surrounding villages are all invited to attend. A ticket will entitle the bearer to a free hot drink. There will also be a variety of hot food available to buy from the restaurant onsite including burgers, hotdogs, chips, marshmallows, etc. Food and hot drinks will be available from 17:30 until the fireworks start. Firing start time will be approximately 19:15.

James Watson - GCSSC Treasurer,

<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/>

GT CHESTERFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

The Flower Show held on September 10th was a great success with record entries and attendance. Once more Ickleton members excelled themselves, winning many of the classes.

The meeting on October 5th will be a talk on organic gardening by Nick Hamilton, son of the famous Geoff Hamilton of Barnsdale Gardens. So if you are interested in organics, come along and join us at 8.00 p.m. in the Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford. Visitors £1 only.

Cynthia Rule

PLEA FROM ICENE EDITORS

For computer generated articles sent by email for inclusion in the 'Icene' PLEASE ensure that you do a word attachment with no formatting, just straight typing and ordinary line spacing.

We do not want line spacing under headings and between paragraphs.
It would be helpful if you could ring us a day or so later to confirm we have received your email.
Obviously, if you do not have a computer, hand-written articles are still welcomed.
Thank you.

Editors

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BIRTH

Congratulations to Shelley and Jamie Diss on the birth of their son Holden, who was born on 18th September. A sister to Alara.

SHOP ROBBERY

Dilip and Sunita would like to thank all those who expressed their concern and sympathy following the robbery at Costcutter Express on the afternoon of 30th August.

SAWSTON MEDICAL CENTRE

OPEN DAY

In conjunction with a flu clinic we will be holding an open day at the Medical Centre on Saturday 8th October between 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

The partners, managers and representatives of the patient reference group will be on hand to answer questions and listen to your views.

Why not come along and find out about all the Healthy Lifestyle services, clinics and initiatives that are run from the Medical Centre and also in the local area. These include:

- CHIP and Weigh2Go which offer community-based health improvement programmes and focus on changing long-term eating and activity habits
- Smoking Cessation groups
- Weekly health walks
- Strength and Balance class
- Fitness4Health.
- There will also be an opportunity to check your health status and BMI.
- Healthy eating talks
- Ask the dietician sessions

The pharmacy will be open and our pharmacist will be available to carry out medication reviews and discuss whether a managed repeat system could be helpful for you; this could mean that you do not have to remember to submit a repeat medication request each month as we can manage this for you.

Further details of the open day will be on our website and available at the practice

FLU VACCINATIONS

We are now making appointments for those patients who are eligible for a free flu vaccination. Those eligible will be aged 65 or over, or have a chronic respiratory, heart, liver or neurological disease, or have diabetes, act as a carer, or are currently pregnant. If you are not sure whether you qualify for a free vaccination please telephone our reception team, who will be able to advise you, on ☎01223 727555 or check our website www.sawstonmedicalpractice.co.uk

Our main flu vaccination clinic will be on Saturday 8th October between 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. There will be other clinics held on Wednesdays and also on Friday mornings. Should you not be entitled to a free vaccination, but would like to be protected, many local pharmacies will be pleased to help you. Our medical centre pharmacy will be providing vaccines at a cost of £12.99.

RETIREMENT

Sister Vinny Barker has decided to take early retirement at the end of October. Vinny has been one of the key staff at the practice since 1988. She trained as nurse at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in London and gained a degree in the Psychology of Nursing. She later studied for and gained a Postgraduate Certificate of Education in Primary Care and is a Minor Illness Specialist Nurse. Her main clinical interests and specialities have been in long-term medical conditions, especially in respect of cardiovascular disease, and also family planning and sexual health. She will still be working part-time at Addenbrooke's Postgraduate Centre where she manages courses for practice nurses. Vinny has been totally dedicated to providing a very high standard of patient care and ensuring patient safety at all times. We are sure that you will join with us in wishing Vinny a very long, happy and healthy retirement.

LITTLEBURY ARTS WEEKEND AND CONCERT

On 19th November from 1.00 – 5.00 p.m. and 20th from 11.00 - 4.30 p.m. there will be an Art Exhibition and craft stalls in Littlebury Village Hall.

Also on 19th November at 7.00 p.m. the University of London Chamber Choir will sing in Holy Trinity Church, Littlebury. Proceeds to the Friends of Holy Trinity Church.
Enquiries to: Tim Hughes or Janice Rust

Janice Rust

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DUXFORD IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Tales of wartime endeavour are brought to life during October half term at Imperial War Museum, Duxford. Every day between 10.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., visitors have the opportunity to handle items from the First World War and Second World War, looking at the changing role of the soldier and comparing and contrasting uniforms and equipment from both periods. By getting hands-on with military equipment, visitors can learn more about warfare as it was fought on the front line.

Visitors can learn more about how bravery in the field of conflict is recognised through the awarding of medals and decorations, making their own individual medals and then finding out the history and meaning behind such honours.

On Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m., veterans from a wide range of military conflicts will be chatting to visitors about their experiences and sharing their own personal memories of their time at war.

From Monday 24th to Friday 28th October a FREE tour, 'Spitfire Stories', looks at RAF Duxford's synonymous relationship with the Spitfire through the eyes of the pilots and ground crew who worked and lived with this iconic aircraft.

In addition, local artist Richard Walker will be showing his latest work, War Memorial, in AirSpace. This large-scale painting took two years to paint and a year and a half to research. It is made up of 35 separate canvases, brought together in five panels. The painting is a war memorial, dedicated to the people who served in the Great War.

Other events

Sunday 2nd October All Triumph Day

Sunday 16th October Autumn Air Show Remembering the Korean War

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SCDC DISABILITY FORUM

Did you know that South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) have set up a group to focus on disability issues? It also looks at how we deal with these issues across all the services we provide to our tenants and leaseholders.

In late 2009 SCDC carried out a tenants' survey, and results showed a high level of disability reported by residents in our homes. Because of this SCDC decided to set up a Disability Forum.

Our Disability Forum aims to involve any tenants or leaseholders of SCDC who are interested in helping to improve the quality of life for people with disability or members of their household who are disabled.

The forum is a way of harnessing your thoughts, experience, enthusiasm and ideas to help improve our awareness of the issues you face and modify our services accordingly.

The forum intends to:

Represent all our residents and members of their household who consider themselves to be disabled.

Act on behalf of tenants in relation to housing policy and to participate and consult disabled tenants.

Promote the rights and needs of people with disabilities in the planning of new homes and in the maintenance or improvement of existing properties.

Promote a greater awareness and focus on the interests of people with disabilities in relation to our decision-making.

Promote and encourage recreational and social activities involving people with disabilities and their families.

Act as representatives of the wider community and lobby the service providers and policy makers on issues of community interest.

If you are an SCDC tenant or leaseholder, carer or service provider and would like to get involved please contact: the chair Chris Maitland at chris.chairSCDCDF@live.co.uk Mobile ☎07870 372290 or SCDC's Resident Involvement Officer Gill Anderton on ☎01954 713377 gill.anderton@scambs.gov.uk

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October 4 th	Church Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon
5 th	Gt. Chesterford and District Gardening Society Meeting 8.00 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford
6 th	Community Bible Study First Meeting 7.45 – 9.15 p.m. Hinxtton Village Hall
7 th	Mobile Library 12.45 p.m. bottom Butcher's Hill (post box side)
7 th	SCDC Open Day 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. Cambourne
8 th	Sawston Medical Centre Open Day 8.30 a.m. – 3.00p.m.
8 th	Chesterford Steam Up 12 noon – 6.00 p.m.
17 th	Visiting Bellringers 10.00 – 11.15 a.m.
19 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
19 th	W.I. Meeting 7.45 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford
November 3 rd	Genome Campus Firework Display from 5.30 p.m.
5 th	Firework and Bonfire Night from 5.00 p.m. Hinxtton Road, Duxford
7 th	Village Hall AGM 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
12 th	Church Gift Day 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.
12 th	Race Night 7.30 p.m. Ickleton Lion
19 th	Littlebury Arts Weekend and Concert
26 th	Quiz Evening 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. Village Hall

