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EDITORIAL

As another Christmas comes round we would like to thank Rosemary Hayes, our proof-reader, and Hilary Rule, Joanna Wallis and their delivery team for all their hard work, and Sheila Birch for the 'Welcome to' column.

May we remind everyone that, as we hope to get the January issue 'put to bed' and possibly printed before Christmas, 12th December really is the absolute deadline.

A Happy Christmas to all our readers.

David and Monica Lilley

PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse Collections during December

Monday	5 th December	-	Green and Blue Bin
Monday	12 th December	-	Black Bin
Monday	19 th December	-	Green and Blue Bin
Wednesday	28th December	-	Black Bin
Wednesday	4th January	-	Green and Blue Bin
Tuesday	10th January	-	Black Bin

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

Recycling Centre – Thriplow off A505. Opening hours 08.00 – 16.00 hours. ☎01223 839001 for opening hours over the Christmas/New Year period.

Some items discussed at the Ickleton Parish Council meeting held on 16th November:

CCC Winter Gritting – Grange Road – Lewis Duke reported that Peter Wombwell had ordered the gritter with 20% funding coming from CCC Highways. Further funding is being found by an application for a SCDC Community Chest grant, £1000 donation from a local business, plus contributions from the two local farmers. They should be operational by next month. This gritting is not being done on behalf of the Parish Council but in conjunction with CCC Highways. Highways will continue to grit the main roads in the village as before.

Protected Road Verges – As CCC have no effective policy in place, the verges have deteriorated over the years. Peter & Sian Wombwell have agreed to maintain the grass verges in Grange Road.

Planning application(s) received from SCDC: None

Application(s) to carry out Tree works subject to a Tree Preservation Order or situated within a Conservation Area: C/11/40/054 – Fell large diseased horse chestnut tree - Norman Hall, 21 Church Street – Approve

Bus Survey - LAST CHANCE – Closing date 16.00 hrs on Friday 9th December 2011. Website:
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/buses/busconsultation.htm>

Paper copies are available from the Parish Clerk.

Bus Services Public Meeting The Parish Council and County Councillor Tim Stone continue to monitor the County Council's proposals concerning alternatives to scheduled bus services. Tim Stone is pressing for details to be made public and for local communities to be consulted as fully as possible. A public meeting is to be held in Hinxtton Village Hall at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 7th December for people to hear the latest news and make their views known.

Jocelyn Flitton - Parish Clerk
joflitton@tiscali.co.uk

The December Parish Council Meeting is a week earlier on 14th December.

NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

With December comes the season of watching and waiting, the Advent season. We wait for the Christ child, the coming of God as a helpless infant, without speech or strength, reliant on his own creatures for his care and nourishment, and we wonder at such love. In Ickleton our main parish communion at 10.00 a.m. on the 4th will have the Advent theme; the following week we look towards Christmas with our Christingle on the 11th at 4.00 p.m. (there's more about the Christingle elsewhere in this issue). And on the 18th, at 6.30 p.m., will be the traditional Nine Lessons and Carols, which retells the waiting and the watching for Christ's first coming in Bethlehem through song, story, poem and prophecy. All this will come to fulfilment in our festival Christmas Day Communion service itself at 11.00 a.m. Hope to see you there! Wishing all in Ickleton a blessed and joyful Christmas and New Year. **Rev. Dr. Jessica Martin**

BAPTISM

Madaleine Hoskins was baptised at Ickleton Church on 23rd October.

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE – TUESDAY 20th DECEMBER

Arrangements as usual. All welcome – young, old and in-between. Start **6.00 p.m.** at Grange Road/Coploe Road corner. For latecomers joining, we proceed via Birds Close, Back Lane and the closes, then back to Abbey Street...etc.

The collection will this year be in aid of a local charity – the Duxford Playgroup. Clare Delderfield and her colleagues have launched a project to properly equip the children's playground in Duxford. This also benefits children from Ickleton who attend the junior school in Duxford.

After the singing – refreshments at Penny and John Williams, 10 Brookhampton Street. Pit stop half-way chez Rosemary and Colin Hayes.

Any questions - contact John Williams.

ICKLETON CRICKET CLUB

Ickleton Cricket Club would like to thank everybody for their support at the Ickleton Lion for our Race night on 12th November. We raised £954.00 and would like to thank race sponsors – Ickleton Lion, Ray Olds, Dilip & Sunita Odedra, Stan Webster, Michael Toombs, Michael Robinson, Lisa & John Sloper and Alistair Gibson.

NO BUSES – WHAT NEXT?

Area 7 Action...Results of Ickleton Bus Questionnaire

Many thanks to those who returned this questionnaire. 54 households in Ickleton representing 104 people (aged from teenage up) replied which is nearly a 20% response, and is good for any survey of this type. Residents aged over 60 represented nearly 2/3rds of the responses. This age proportion is greater than that of the whole village population but not excessively so, and the resulting response can be considered fairly representative.

Concerning bus use: 80% of people never or only very occasionally use the bus (excepting park and ride); 3% use every day and the rest once a month up to twice a week. This is not unexpected from noting how much the Citi 7 appears to be used. Rail use: 85% never or very occasionally, 8% every day, the rest in-between.

Concerning the potential introduction of Community Transport or Dial-a-Ride supplementing or replacing regular bus services, the response is quite interesting. About 70% of households say they would use CT if half subsidised, and 50% if not subsidised at all (based on the pricing quoted in the questionnaire). The figures may be boosted slightly because of the age bias mentioned above but in any case more than half of the positive respondents are those who never or very rarely use a bus. The mood to accept what is possibly inevitable may be a factor, and considering the rising cost of running a car.

Among the comments: Though CT or other modes may become available, some residents (who rarely take the bus) want the regular bus service to continue because of the position of others who need the bus. Several residents commented that a bus going along Abbey Street would be helpful for many older residents who live at that end of the village - also true for quite a few families with children. The Citi 7 coming from Duxford would help with this - e.g. alternating with the route via Hinxton. Bus times to connect with trains at Chesterford was another comment.

A more detailed report is in preparation and this will be available to anybody in the village.

Finally: news – as advised by County Councilor Tim Stone: A public meeting in Hinxton on Wednesday 7th December at 5.00 p.m. – at which the County Council will be advising about their proposal for a franchise for a minibus for this area – to supplement the existing Citi 7 service.

John Williams john@jpinternational.net

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

We are once again decorating our garden and house frontage at 17 Birds Close for Christmas. Our charity this year is 'The Teenage Cancer Trust' to help out with the running of the new building on the Addenbrookes' site.

Please come and bring the children to see the lights, we hope they will be on by the second week in December. Happy Christmas. **Carol and Barry Turton,**

THANK YOU

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who helped make my birthday such a happy occasion, and also for the many good wishes, cards and gifts received.

A huge big thank you to you all.

Betty Willmott

WELCOME TO Ashley King and Daniel Holt of Abbey Street
Sue Murray and Helen Kilmartin of Abbey Street
Helen Jonas of Mill Lane

ICKLETON SOCIETY

The Snowman Children's Christmas Party – thanks to a most generous donation from Mr and Mrs J Bristow we are delighted to announce that a Christmas Party, mainly for children under 12, will be held in the Ickleton Social Club on 3rd December between 3.00 and 5.00 p.m. There will be games, drinks and snacks as well as a visit from Father Christmas. Please ask the children to bring letters for Santa. There is no charge for this event, but we would ask parents to please contact Clare Driver beforehand so Father Christmas knows who is coming.

The White Christmas Village Christmas Party – the Ickleton Society is delighted to announce a village Christmas Party on 2nd December. This will be an over 18s White Christmas themed party evening held, by kind permission, at the Ickleton Social Club, starting at 8.00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from and delivered by Clare Driver. The cost is £4 for members and £6 for non-members and includes cocktails and canapés.

Looking for Christmas Presents? How about giving a copy of the Ickleton Chronicle? This fascinating book is a collection of articles about Ickleton published in the Cambridge Chronicle and Gazette (the local newspaper of the time) between 1777 and 1899. It also includes a selection of old photographs and maps and runs to over 100 pages giving an amazing insight into the history of our village and the everyday occurrences that affected the lives of its residents. It costs £12. We are having a new version printed for Christmas and have already had requests so if you'd like to reserve a copy please get in touch with me or another member of the Committee soon. You could also give friends and relatives membership of the Society. This costs £5 per person or £12 per family and will give them discounts on the cost of our social events as well as knowing that they're supporting the village archive which is a great asset for the village and the work we do to protect the village from inappropriate development.

New Year Walk – as usual the Society is organising a walk, but please note that this year it will be on Monday 2nd January. Let us help you blow away the cobwebs and any hangovers and start your 2012 exercise regime. Everyone is welcome, including dogs, though they must be on a lead, and the first part of the walk will be suitable for pushchairs. Meet on the Village Green by the Church at 11.00 a.m. There will be refreshments afterwards in the Social Club. Any donations of soup or cheese scones, would be most welcome – please let Sheila Birch know if you can help.

Audio Typists – we are still looking for help from someone with audio typing skills. Would you be willing to type up our oral history recordings? This should not be onerous as we estimate that we are likely to have only about one hour of recording each month that will need to be transcribed. If you can help, please get in touch with me, Clare Driver or any other member of the Committee. We would be most grateful.

What's New on Our Web Site (<http://www.ickleton.org.uk/gallery/main.php>) – another bumper month for new photographs that have been added to the archive. You can see recent additions by looking in the 'What's New' album. They include:

- 'Ickleton Folk' – photos of Judy Holt and her family.
- 'Building Details' – photos of Gurner House following the recent restoration work and, thanks to Clare Driver, photos of all the hassocks in the Church which were made by local residents and which record people and events associated with Ickleton and the Church of St Mary Magdalene.
- 'Farming Life' – copies of some photos from Dick Wombwell of farming people, machinery, open farm and ploughing weekends.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO..... Molly East who will be 90 on the 14th December.

AN INVITATION

Molly requests the pleasure of all the people who know her to the Ickleton Lion on the 17th December from 8.00 p.m. onwards to congratulate her on her birthday. No presents please.

There will be a buffet and hot food available in the restaurant, as usual.

BETTER TRANSPORT?

Come and talk to us on the 7th December in Hinxton village hall.

Cambridgeshire County Council is currently looking at ways to provide better bus links for local communities. Your area has been chosen as a pilot and we would like to hear your views on where you want to travel to and when. We can then look to see if this new service can meet some of these needs. Being a pilot area will in no way impact on your current services, but will be in addition.

Why is the Council looking at new ways of working? More than 80 per cent of buses are run by commercial operators with the rest being subsidised by tax payers. The County Council is currently consulting on the withdrawal of these traditional bus subsidies with a view at looking at different ways to provide more targeted local transport. This consultation closes in December and may result in the loss of services in some areas. But we have also been looking at whether access to transport can be improved for communities while encouraging local business and enterprise to deliver this. The pilot franchise project will help look at whether this is possible.

The Pilot. The idea of the pilots is to see whether the franchise model will work. It will run for 6 months and if successful will carry on beyond that period. We are working with a local provider who will be looking to develop services within your area. This meeting will be the first step in this process. We want to understand what your needs are, where you travel, how often and when. This will then inform any services we provide.

The meeting. We would like to introduce you to your local franchisee and begin to talk to you about the local services your community would like to see. Please join us at Hinxton Village Hall on the 7th December from 5.00pm until 6.30pm.

Cambridgeshire County Council

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

'Autumn Glory' should have been the title of our November meeting. Graeme Proctor brought a wonderful display of shrubs and small trees - all in their glowing autumn colours. Needless to say trade was brisk, so he didn't take many back home. We had a good attendance with lots of new faces.

Cali Holberry, who won the scarecrow competition at the Great Chesterford Steam Up, brought 'Charlie' with her, where she was put on display for all to see.

The next meeting will be on December 7th when the speaker will be Caroline Holmes – subject 'The Poison Garden at Alwick'. Competition: something festive.

This will be the last meeting until February 1st 2012.

Cynthia Rule

SEASONAL GREETINGS FROM SAWSTON MEDICAL CENTRE

Our flu Saturday and open day in October was a great success, our staff gave over 1000 vaccinations during the day, many people took advantage of all the healthy living advice that was available and signed up for smoking cessation, strength and balance classes and weight management courses. The dietician spoke to patients giving dietary advice and calculating BMIs. South Cambs District Council gave out winter warmth packs and advised on other council issues. Representatives from The Citizen's Advice Bureau and John Huntingdon Charity were on hand to demonstrate the advice hub and advise on welfare issues. We were very grateful for all the support from other services and hope to repeat this next year.

To help with the forthcoming holiday season we are happy to dispense 2 months worth of many repeat medications during November. If this would help you please ask at our pharmacy for more details. Please order your prescriptions in good time so that we can avoid the Christmas rush.

Our Christmas and New Year opening times are as follows:

Friday 23rd December – normal opening hours (7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.)

Saturday 24th December to Tuesday 27th December – closed all day

Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th December – normal opening hours (8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.)

Friday 30th December – normal opening hours (7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.)

Saturday 31st December to Monday 2nd January – closed all day

Tuesday 3rd January onwards – normal opening hours.

Finally we would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

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

DUXFORD'S FIRST ADVENT MARKET

In Germany, most towns, small and large have a Christmas market, or Weihnachtsmarkt. They open at the beginning of Advent and close just before Christmas itself, and most are open every day.

Christmas markets have their origins in providing people with the opportunity to buy goods important for the winter months. These days the markets sell trinkets and all manner of Christmas decorations, many of them hand-made, along with traditional foods, such as Stollen and gingerbreads. But one of the most important functions of the modern-day Christmas market is to be a meeting place. Friends and neighbours meet up in the chilly evenings for a mug or two of glühwein (rather like mulled wine, but more alcoholic) and maybe a snack at one of the food stalls.

Unlike that other German tradition – the Christmas tree – Christmas markets have taken a little longer to catch on in England. But a growing number of places are now holding such events and Duxford will be joining them this year. On 3rd December the historic St John's church will open its doors to the village's first Advent market. For just one day we will have all the key ingredients of a traditional German market; fabulous craft stalls, hot snacks, glühwein, Santa in his grotto and more. So, rather than huddling round the fire this December, why not wrap up warmly German-style and discover the delights of our Advent market – your Christmas shopping will be easy and our glühwein will protect you against the cold!

Duxford Advent Market is at St John's Church, Duxford on Saturday 3rd December 4.00 – 8.00 p.m.

Jenny Marks

RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Contact details for existing units are set out below for parents and their children interested in Guiding activities. Rainbow units in the local area are oversubscribed at the moment and there will be no spaces until 2013 due to long waiting list (this is for girls between 5yrs - 7yrs).

A unit in Whittlesford closed down last year and we haven't been able to find a replacement. There is a fund for setting up new units and full training will take place. If anyone is interested in starting up a Rainbow unit in Whittlesford, please contact: Sue Lockwood - lockwood767@btinternet.com

We have 3 Brownie units in the locality:

Sian Billson 2nd Duxford Brownies Assistant Guider Sian.billson@btinternet.com

Sam Gorman 3rd Sawston Brownies Unit Leader Sam.george@btinternet.com

Pat Glaseby 2nd Sawston Brownies Unit Leader ~ pat.glaz834@btinternet.com

We have a guide unit, but again heavily subscribed so there may be a waiting list for this too.

Jane Woodstock 1st Sawston Guides Unit Leader Ray.woodstock@ntlworld.com

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Liz Goddard

YOUR TOP SIX TIPS FOR KEEPING WARM AND WELL

1. **Heat your home well.** By setting your heating to the right temperature, 21c during the day, 18c at night, you can keep your home warm and your bills as low as possible.
2. **Get financial support.** There are grants, benefits and sources of advice available to make your home more energy efficient, improve your heating or help with bills. It is worthwhile claiming all the benefits you are entitled to.
3. **Eat well.** Food is a vital source of energy, which helps to keep your body warm. Try to make sure that you have hot meals and drinks regularly throughout the day.
4. **Get a flu jab.** You can get a free jab from your GP to protect against seasonal flu if you are over 65, have a long-term health condition or are pregnant.
5. **Look after yourself.** Keeping active is important for your health. But if you do go out in cold weather it is important that you wear extra clothes to make sure that you are wrapped up warmly. During very cold and icy weather conditions it is safer for older people, very young children and anyone with health problems to avoid going out.
6. **Look after your family and neighbours.** If you have an older relative or neighbour look out for them during the winter to ensure that they are well, warm and able to have hot meals and drinks.

Further information about how to heat your home can be found on the home heat helpline website at www.homeheathelpline.org.uk or ☎0800 33 66 99.

For information about services call NHS Cambridgeshire's Patient Advice & Liaison Service ☎01223 725588 or Freephone ☎0800 279 2535. **Cambridgeshire Age UK**

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TRAINS FROM GREAT CHESTERFORD

From 11th December there are some changes in the hourly off-peak times in both directions. They are still clockface, but have moved round about 30 minutes.

We have lost the 0554 to London.

Great Chesterford departures to London Liverpool Street *Monday to Friday*

0533 0604 0634 0704 0734 0804 0834 0904 0934 1034 1134 1234 1334 1434 1534 1604
1634 1704 1734 1804 1834 1904 1934 2034 2134 2234 2304 (*journey time 70-76 minutes*).

Great Chesterford departures to Cambridge *Monday to Friday*

0616 0635 0707 0747 0805 0835 0908 0938 1035 1135 1235 1335 1435 1535 1604 1635
1705 1753 1823 1853 1923 1953 2023 2038 2135 2235 2335 0035 (*journey time 16-20 minutes*).

Great Chesterford departures to London Liverpool Street *Saturday*

34 minutes past each hour from 0534 to 2234 then 2304 (*journey time 70 minutes*).

Great Chesterford departures to Cambridge *Saturday*

35 minutes past each hour from 0635 to 2335 (*journey time 16 minutes*).

Great Chesterford departures to Stratford *Sunday*

4 minutes past each hour from 0804 to 2304.

Our Sunday trains terminate at Stratford rather than Liverpool Street, but you can change trains at Bishops Stortford to catch a fast train to Liverpool Street (total journey time 71 minutes).

Great Chesterford departures to Cambridge *Sunday*

0035 0105 then 3 minutes past each hour from 0903 to 0003 on Monday.) (*journey time 16 minutes*).

David Lilley

WEA. ICKLETON & CHESTERFORDS BRANCH

For the Spring 2012 term the 10 week course will be '10 Great Films of all Time' (Tutor Laurence Staig).

A look at the background in which films were produced, the stars and the film makers, as well as evaluating the reputations of the films themselves - some well known, others you may never have heard of. Laurence gave us a very lively introduction to this course at our AGM and plenty of interesting discussion is certain! This will take place on Wednesday mornings from 11th January, 10.00 - 11.45 a.m. in Ickleton Village Hall.

The first two sessions may be sampled for £4.50 each, to be set against the fee of £45 if continuing. Courses are free to those on certain benefits. We are able to offer lifts between villages.

For more information contact Margaret Beston.

ICKLETON DIARY

2 nd	Mobile Library 12.45 p.m. Bottom Butcher's Hill (Post Box side)
2 nd	Village Christmas Party 8.00 p.m. Social Club
3 rd	Children's Christmas Party 3.00 - 5.00 p.m. Social Club
3 rd	Advent Market 4.00 – 8.00 p.m. St. John's, Duxford
6 th	Church Coffee Morning 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon
7 th	Bus Services Public Meeting 5.00 p.m. Hinxtton Village Hall
7 th	Gt. Chesterford and District Gardening Society Meeting 8.00 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford.
14 th	Over 60s 2.30 p.m. Village Hall
14 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
14 th	W. I. Christmas Party 7.45 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street Gt. Chesterford
20 th	Carol Singing 6.00 p.m. start Grange Road, Coploe Road Corner
January 2 nd	New Year Walk start 11.00 a.m. Village Green

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