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PARISH COUNCIL

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Refuse Collections during January

Wednesday 4th January - Green and Blue Bin
Tuesday 10th January - Black Bin
Monday 16th January - Green and Blue Bin
Monday 23rd January - Black Bin
Monday 30th January - Green and Blue 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.

Some items discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 14th December 2011:

Planning application(s) received from SCDC: Declarations of Interest to be declared.

Tim Pavelin declared an interest in the next planning application and did not take part in the discussion.

AMENDMENT – S/1725/11 – Dwelling – Land to the West of Gurner House, 20 Church Street, Ickleton – Heddon Management Ltd. – The comments made and submitted in September were to be reiterated with enhanced comments on the fragility of the flint wall.

By virtue of the scale, design and form of the proposed dwelling the Parish Council considers 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. It was unanimously agreed to recommend Refusal.

NON-MATERIAL AMENDMENT – S/2313/11 – Non Material Amendment (Change to size & materials of building) – Instrument Kiosk – Gas Compressor Station, Ickleton Road, Duxford, CB22 4RT – National Grid plc – **Revised plans are for information only.**

Application(s) to carry out Tree works subject to a Tree Preservation Order or situated within a Conservation Area: C/11/40/054 – 1) Apple Tree with Mistletoe – Crown reduce by 10-15%, 2) Dying Robinia – Fell, 3) Large Purple Plum – clean out crown & crown thin by 15%, 4) Pleached Hornbeams – wire in and tie to existing wires – 16 Abbey Street – Approve

Land adj. Stump Cross – Infilling site Extension application from 30th September 2011 to 30th

September 2013 – Essex County Council has granted permission for the development to be extended to 30th September 2013. The Chairman had picked this up from Uttlesford District Council's website. No notification of the decision (made on 8th November 2011) had been sent to the Parish Council. The conditions requested by Ickleton and Great Chesterford Parish Councils had not been adopted by Essex County Council.

Tree Planting – The Parish Council is interested in planting trees in the Parish in and around the village. This might include planting a tree or trees to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year. Suggestions as to sites and specimens of trees that might be planted would be very welcome. Suggestions that are in initial stages of consideration include a Community orchard or general tree planting adjacent to the Allotments and improvement of the tree belt on the western side of the Recreation Ground.

Footway Lights – We have been advised of the South Cambridgeshire District Council's decision to assume responsibility for the maintenance of footway lights. The Cambridgeshire County Council continues to maintain Highway lights. The Highway lights are due to be replaced under a PFI contract, which will involve a change of colour from yellow to white and there may be some re-siting of existing lights. We are trying to find out when this could happen and to what extent we will be consulted. Residents are reminded that all reports of faulty lights should be reported by free phone number: ☎0800 7838 247 giving the identification number, street name and village together with the fault description.

Cambridgeshire County Council - Footpath 8, 4 and 12 – Definitive Map Modification Order 2011 –

Notices of the Order are to be found at the footpaths and on the village notice board. The Order involves closing the footpath that crosses the railway line from Hinxton to Duxford and replaces this with a footpath running on the Ickleton side of the railway line starting at the Hinxton Level Crossing and running through to Duxford. (The Water Lane footpath from Ickleton to Hinxton will not be affected). Any representation or objection relating to the Order must be sent in writing no later than 25th January 2012 and applicants are requested to state the grounds on which it is made. Letters should be sent to: Alex Plant, Executive Director, Environment Services, Cambridgeshire County Council, Shire Hall, Castle Street, Cambridge, CB3 0AP.

Bonfires - Residents are reminded that smoky bonfires lasting several days can be distressing to neighbours. Please take care that you are not inadvertently causing a nuisance.

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

CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday 1 st	11.00 a.m. Joint Eucharist	ICKLETON
Christmas 2		
Thursday 5 th	11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (CW)	HINXTON
Sunday 8 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
Baptism of Christ	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist	DUXFORD
	5.00 p.m. Taize Service	ICKLETON
Sunday 15 th	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	ICKLETON
Epiphany 2	10.00 a.m. Parish Eucharist	HINXTON
	6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer with Laying on of hands	DUXFORD
Sunday 22 nd	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
Epiphany 3	10.00 a.m. Epiphany All-Age Service	DUXFORD
	6.30 p.m. Evensong (BCP)	ICKLETON
Sunday 29 th	10.30 a.m. Candlemas United Eucharist (7 Churches)	DUXFORD

Priest-in-Charge Rev Dr Jessica Martin ☎01223 832137 hinkledux@googlemail.com
Churchwarden Rosemary McKillen
 (plus one vacancy)

Prayer Ministry Monica Lilley
Lay Ministers Julie Baillie
 Judith Wright

NEWS FROM THE RECTORY

Beginning another year seems a good time to begin another project or two. And there are various new things beginning around the three parishes. You'll see elsewhere in Icene that the Tuesday coffee morning is branching out into soup lunches over the winter months, which is very exciting. And if you think that sounds nice but have problems with transport, do contact Rosemary McKillen because there might well be someone who would be happy to give you a lift.

In the next couple of months we, along with the folk at Duxford URC, hope to begin regular monthly pram services in Duxford – first a short service of about 15 minutes and then a time afterwards for parents, carers and pre-school children to socialise over refreshments. This will be on Friday afternoons at 2.00 p.m. at Duxford URC. We hope to begin on the second Friday in March (March 9th). If you think this sounds like something you'd like to be involved with, either as a helper or just to come along, do get in touch with me on ☎01223 832137 or at jessicamartin@virginmedia.com, as I'm very keen to get this started.

Finally, are there any adults who would like to come to a little group working towards confirmation? I hope it might be possible to start one this January; a couple of people are interested, but it would be nice to have more.

And, finally - a very Happy New Year to all from us at the Rectory.

Rev Dr Jessica Martin

The Christingle at Ickleton raised £130 for The Children's Society.

ICKLETON CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

The Church coffee mornings were even more successful in 2011 with attendances averaging around 40. Their popularity has been such that we have decided to hold an extra event each month during the winter. This one will be on the third Tuesday of the month and will be held at lunchtime with soup and bread being served from 12.00 -13.30 commencing on 17th January. The normal first Tuesday continues as usual. If anyone would like to come but requires transport, please let me know.

Rosemary McKillen

ICKLETON SOCIETY

New Year Walk – a reminder that our walk is on Monday 2nd January this year. Meet on the Village Green by the Church at 11.00 a.m. The first part of the walk will be suitable for pushchairs. Dogs should be on a lead please. There will be free refreshments afterwards at 33 Abbey Street (note the change of venue from that previously advertised). Everyone welcome.

The White Christmas Village Christmas Party – the Ickleton Society kicked off the season's festivities with The White Christmas Party on December 2nd. A champagne and mulled wine reception with smoked salmon and prawn canapés was much appreciated (brilliant value at £4 for our members). People were still dancing after midnight. Thank you to the Ickleton Social Club, which has been a great partner through this year hosting a number of social events for us. Photos, including the DIY Nativity scenes, will soon be on the website. We hope you have enjoyed our regular social dances.

The Snowman Children's Christmas Party - by the kindest donation from Mr and Mrs J Bristow, and again in partnership with Ickleton Social Club, we were able to organise a fantastic children's party with activities for all under 12s in the village and a proper Christmas party tea. Father Christmas gave each child a gift and each family received a tin of Christmas treats. Lots of letters, cards and messages of appreciation have been passed to Mr and Mrs Bristow from the attending children who obviously really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all the reindeer volunteers.

Despite all the warnings about working with children, all the helpers were very impressed as the children were so well behaved, helpful to each other and fun company. In the many letters brought for Santa we noticed that the children asked for very little in quantity – and very simple items such as a Harry Potter DVD or 'any Barbie'. The letters were also full of poems and drawings for Santa and good wishes to him and his family. What lovely children we have in the village!

What's New on Our Web Site (<http://www.ickleton.org.uk/gallery/main.php>) – you can see recent additions by looking in the 'What's New' album. Thanks to Clare Driver we have now finished our project to photograph all the wonderful hassocks in the Church that were made by villagers. This month we have added (in Building Details/Church/Hassocks) photographs of the pages in the book in the Church which describe each hassock and who worked them. As mentioned above, we hope to find the time over this busy period to put up photos of the Christmas party (in Events through the Decades) and some explanations about Dick and Mary Wombwell's photos that were added last month.

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. We wish all our members and everyone in the village a happy New Year.

Rachel Radford,

THE CHESTERFORDS, ICKLETON AND HINXTON W.I.

At the November meeting we had a crafts transfer printing demonstration by Anne Datson. Anne showed how serviettes, mugs, flower pots etc. could be beautifully decorated and members were invited to have a go! There were lots of decorated flower pots proudly taken home at the end of the meeting.

At the meeting on December 14th the Christmas festivities began with a glass of mulled wine, followed by a pot luck supper, which members supplied.

Julie Baillie organised the Rudolph Trot game, which caused fun as well as exasperation when the dice failed to get you started with a six! The evening ended with the singing of favourite carols.

The next meeting will be on January 18th when the speaker will be Geoff Hales, subject: 'The Chinese Gooseberry Man'.

Cythnia Rule

A BITTERSWEET GOODBYE

We have called Ickleton our home since September 2011 when our own home in Arkesden became uninhabitable following a leak. During what has proved to be quite a difficult time in our lives, the people of Ickleton have welcomed, refreshed and revived us. Though we are looking forward to moving back to Arkesden in the New Year, we will miss Ickleton's humorous cottage names ('The Eyebrow House', 'Unstable Cottage' and 'Headless Duck Cottage'), its unusual abundance of mistletoe-filled trees and the wonderful ways in which Ickletonians celebrate children. You have a village community to be proud of.

Happy New Year to one and all.

Jilly, Ross, Rosie and Poppy McNaughton.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL COLLECTION

The total raised this year was £1,099.34, which is close to last year's figure and an excellent result. As always, this has only been achieved by the hard work of our team of collectors. Very many thanks therefore go to Sheila Birch, Pat Facer, Yvonne Hall, John and Judy Marshall, Caroline Owen, Sally Pearce, Hilary Rule and June Vincent and also to Costcutter Express, Riverside Barns, the Ickleton Lion, the Social Club, R.A.G.T. Seeds, Strutt & Parker and Team Consulting, for their help by displaying collecting boxes.

The Remembrance Sunday church collection raised £190.50, so thanks are also due to all who contributed to that. Thank you all for your continuing generous support.

Malcolm Hall – Honorary Organiser

THE SNOWMAN CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN

Jack and Margaret Bristow would like to thank Clare, her sister Sarah and all those who helped with the party. The squeals of joy and obvious enjoyment of the children showed what a resounding success the party was. Even Father Christmas was impressed.

Clare organised the whole event, food, presents, and even the games. Without her organisation and the goodwill of the Social Club for allowing the free use of the hall there would not have been a party at all.

A very special thank you to Father Christmas for kindly finding time to visit. Before he left the party Father Christmas told Clare that the children were so polite and had enjoyed themselves so much that he agreed that he would make it a priority to come again next Christmas if asked.

We would not want to disappoint Father Christmas or the children so will hope to see you all again next year. In the meantime we trust you had a peaceful and restful Christmas and we wish you all best wishes for the New Year.

ICKLETON THEATRE GROUP

The Opera Dudes - Licensed to Trill Saturday 4th February at 8.00 p.m.

We are delighted to have The Opera Dudes performing in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th February thanks to the continued support of 'Arts in Cambs on Tour'.

Tim Lole, a posh former Cambridge scholar and Neil Allen an ex-builder turned international operatic tenor, code-names Posh & Bricks combine their musical and vocal pedigrees with an injection of humour and charm. The two modern day Mario Lanzas will be performing a glorious combination of top quality singing and music alongside comedy and impressions, so don't be surprised to find your feet tapping and your sides splitting.

Neil and Tim always go the extra mile to ensure their audience have a great time. This fearless pair chart their journey through a variety of musical styles with a unique cocktail of funny stories, songs and heart-rending music that will leave you both shaken and stirred.

Tickets £8 (concessions £7) will be available from Costcutter Express or email pam@cmws.co.uk

CAMBRIDGESHIRE LOCAL LINK

Do you or your group need transport

Cambridgeshire County Council is currently looking at ways to provide better transport links for local communities. Your area has been chosen as a pilot in which we will be looking to provide new bus services. Initially we will be providing:

- A mini bus service for commuters in the villages surrounding Whittlesford into the station, which runs between the hours of 6.15 a.m. – 7.50 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. and 9.00 p.m.
- The mini bus is available for bespoke transport needs, which can be booked by groups between the hours of 10.00a.m. – 3.00 p.m. This doesn't have to be an official group, it can be a group of friends all wanting to go to the same place.

This is a pilot service and will have no impact on your existing service. It is to see if your needs can be met in a more user friendly way. So feedback is really important to us to help shape your services.

For more information or to book please ☎ 0345 045 9090.

The service started on 7th December 2011 but we will be taking bookings from the 5th January 2012. Special Offer - the Commuter Service is free until 3rd January 2012.

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SAWSTON MEDICAL CENTRE

Health Promotion at the Practice

We already have one very successful strength and balance class running on Friday mornings; due to demand we will be offering another class on Monday lunchtimes. Please ask at reception for further details if you are interested in this class.

Our last CHIP group (weight management and increased exercise) managed as a group to lose over 8 stone in 3 months. This was a fantastic achievement – well done to all the participants. If this is a service that could help you, please contact reception to see if you are eligible for this or any other weight management service.

If you are considering giving up smoking we can offer help and support – please ask us about how we can assist you.

Our walking group has proved to be very popular but we would welcome new walkers and new walk leaders. Currently our walks start at the Medical Centre at 11.30 on Tuesday mornings and last for 45-50 minutes. Tea and coffee is provided at the end of the walk. If you would like to become a volunteer walk leader and help us to continue to provide an excellent free local service please contact Jenny Parker on ☎01223 727555.

Supporting local charities

The Practice has signed up for the Gold Challenge in support of Arthur Rank Hospice. Our team name is Motivated Medics and we have pledged to cover 2012 kilometres in a variety of ways and we hope to raise at least £2012.00 for the charity. We are planning a rowing and cycling challenge within the practice during January where your doctors, nurses and support staff will, throughout one day, attempt to row and cycle many kilometres to set us off towards our target.

The actual date has yet to be finalised but it will be advertised on our website and hopefully in the local press. We will have collection buckets in the practice and hope that you will be able to support us.

Donations can also be made online at

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/MotivatedMedicsGoldChallenge>

We are also planning walks round the villages that our practice covers, a cycle ride to Arthur Rank House and many other activities. All will be listed on our website www.sawstonmedicalpractice.co.uk. We are really looking forward to this venture in which we will hopefully challenge and improve our fitness levels whilst supporting this very worthwhile local charity.

Friends of Sawston Health Centre

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated to the Friends of Sawston Health Centre account over the past year. This fund allows us to buy equipment and services for our patients that are not available on the National Health Service. For example we have purchased a number of nebulisers (to help those with asthma), baby weighing scales, pulse oxymeters and liquid nitrogen so that we can remove skin tags. We are really grateful for the donations that help us to provide these extra services.

Jenny Parker

FITNESS CLASSES

Pilates

Pilates exercises will help to alleviate back pain, increase core strength and make you more supple. All exercises are based on your mat. Please book for 5 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, Reggaeton). Dance yourself fit! Just turn up.

Monday 7.00 p.m. at Ickleton Village Hall

Thursday 7.00 p.m. at Duxford School

Please contact me for more information.

Disa ☎01223 729604 disa_bennett@hotmail.com www.zumbaandpilatescambridge.co.uk

OVER SIXTIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

We all enjoyed our lovely Christmas Dinner on 15th December which was organised by the Sizzler Ladies. Thank you girls - you did us proud. **Mavis Plumb**

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on Sunday 3rd June 2012 – Let's make it a day to remember....

This June, the Queen and the whole country will be celebrating her 60 years on the throne with an extended Bank Holiday. Many of us remember the Silver Jubilee fondly and some even the Coronation itself. It would be lovely to bring all the village groups together and create some memories for the future. So how should we celebrate? Giant Sizzler day? Parade and floats? Male and female cricket match? Street party? Evening knees up?

We need YOU and we need your ideas and suggestions. Anyone wishing to be involved at the early stages is invited on Thursday 5th January in the pub at 8.30 p.m. (Don't worry we will be press-ganging you all eventually).

Katherine Denman-Johnson (Sizzler Committee) deej@prioryhouse.net
Clare Driver (Ickleton Society).

GT. CHESTERFORD AND DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

Despite a cold, blustery night the December meeting was well attended. Caroline Holmes gave a very interesting talk on the Poison Garden at Alwick. It is amazing how many innocent looking plants, shrubs and trees are poisonous. So if you have murder in mind look to your garden for inspiration!

Members have once more benefited from a 35% discount on all the Dobies' seed orders this year, which makes growing your own vegetables and flowers much cheaper.

Barbara Rule provided a big box of mistletoe for members to take home for Christmas decorations. A huge Christmas raffle was held, with everyone winning a prize.

The meeting ended with wine and festive food.

The next meeting will be on February 1st 2012 when the speaker, Mike Day, will show how to grow salads all the year round.

Visitors welcome, £1 per head.

Cynthia Rule

THE STRETHALL LECTURES 2012

The Strethall Lectures series has been organised every year since the Millennium with the sole purpose of raising funds to support the fabric of the tiny Grade 2 listed Saxon church at Strethall. Each year we have had the support of some quite remarkable speakers, and it remains a challenge to maintain that standard – I hope you will enjoy this year's offering.

The lectures will be held every Friday evening in February in the Friends' Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden starting at 8.00 p.m. There will be four talks by leading experts in their fields.

Tickets, £6.00 each or £20 for the series, will be available from Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre, Market Place, Saffron Walden, ☎510444 or by post from the Church Office, Crawley End, Chrishall, Royston SG8 8QL – please mark the envelope 'LECTURES' AND INCLUDE YOUR CHEQUE AND A SAE. Any remaining tickets will be available on the door.

Friday 3rd February. James Davis 'Negotiating the Marketplace: the expectations and fears of medieval English peasants'.

Friday 10th February. Frances Spalding 'Sacred or Superstitious? John Piper and the making of sacred spaces'.

Friday 17th February. Shawn Kholucy on C R Ashbee.

Friday 24th February. Claire Nicholson 'Virginia Woolf in Cambridgeshire'.

The Friends of Strethall Church

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Liz Goddard

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.

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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

ICKLETON DIARY

January 2 nd	New Year Walk start 11.00 a.m. Village Green
3 rd	Church Coffee Morning 10.00 – 12 noon
6 th	Mobile Library 12.45 p.m. Bottom Butcher's Hill (Post Box side)
11 th	WEA Course First Meeting 10.00 – 11.45 a.m. Village Hall
17 th	Soup Lunch in Church 12 noon - 1.30 p.m.
18 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
18 th	W.I. Meeting 7.45 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford
February 1 st	Gt. Chesterford and District Gardening Meeting 8.00 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Gt. Chesterford
4 th	Ickleton Theatre Group 8.00 p.m. Village Hall
June 3 rd	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
30 th	Church Fete

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