

# I C E N E

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Thank you to all contributors this month.

**Parish Council Clerk** A warm welcome to Peta Stevens as new Clerk to Ickleton Parish Council and we wish her well in the post. And after ten years of faithful service we say a very big thank you to Jos Flitton.

**What's on at the Village Hall** For those who were not able to get along recently to the Village Hall Committee's presentation – see page 6 for the many and varied activities available to all who may be interested to join. And film buffs: "The Grand Budapest Hotel" at the Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January - see page 7.

**Waste Collections** Residents please note the timetable below. Though the District Council does not make a point of it, please note that food waste can be put in the black bin as well as the green, which effectively allows the gap to not exceed two weeks for food waste disposal.

**Advertisements** A bumper crop this month, with four pages. Have a look to see what may be of interest to you.

A Happy New Year to all our readers

**Editor**

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Refuse Collections during January 2015

Monday	05 January	-	Green <u>and</u> Blue Bins
Monday	12 January	-	Black Bin
Monday	19 January	-	Blue Bin <u>Only</u>
Monday	26 January	-	Black Bin

Bins must be placed out by **6am** on the designated day of collection. Lids on the bins should be closed.

**Recycling Centre** – Thriplow off A505. Opening hours: Every day 08.00 – **16.00** hours (Winter months times). Tel: 01223 839001.

**Please Note** The Recycling Centre will be closed on New Year's Day.

## Ickleton Parish Council

### Extracts from the Meeting held on 10 December 2014

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

Jocelyn Flitton stood down from her position as Parish Clerk with effect from 5 December after 10 years of excellent service. Parish Councillors wish to express their gratitude to her for the excellent advice and loyal support that she has provided throughout this long period. Peta Stevens is the new Parish Clerk but to ensure a smooth transition, Jocelyn has kindly agreed to act as Assistant Clerk for a short period.

**World War I Commemoration – Trees** –Lewis Duke reported that DEFRA had approved release of the remaining 15 trees. It was anticipated that delivery would be made to allow for planting on 6th January 2015 (weather permitting). Volunteers to help plant the trees would be most welcome.

**Thermal Imaging Camera available for home energy surveying** For those who are interested in surveying their house for areas where heat may be lost to the open air, a briefing will be held in the Gordon Woolhouse Meeting Room in the Village Hall at 19.30 on Wednesday 14th January 2015. Siobhan Mellon (SCDC) will explain how the camera works (it's simple!). It will be on loan to Ickleton for 7 days.

**Bus real-time information displays.** The signs have appeared but are not yet functioning. We hope that they will be in the very near future.

**Roadside verges approaching Great Chesterford Railway Bridge.** Ickleton and Great Chesterford Parish Councils have been trying for six months to get the vegetation cut back on both approaches to the bridge. Residents will be aware of how hazardous the vegetation is when the carriageway is already narrow. Essex County Council is the responsible authority. The Chairman has drawn this matter to the Cabinet Member of Essex CC responsible for highways maintenance in an attempt to get the situation addressed.

**Sports Storage Unit** The building of the storage unit went well. It is now almost complete, and is in use. The old garage will be removed in the New Year.

**Street Light Replacements** Keeley Russell from Balfour Beatty had been most helpful in listening to residents' problems and instigating changes where possible. The Chairman remains in contact to monitor progress. We can only hope that the change-over is completed at an early date.

### **Planning information**

**Applications received from SCDC**                      None

### **Planning information received from SCDC**

S/2357/14/PT – Upgrade Telecommunications – M11 Junction 9, Abbey Farm, Coploe Road, Ickleton, CB10 1TG –The Local Planning Authority has determined that its prior approval is not required for the siting or appearance of the proposed equipment.

### **Planning application refused by SCDC:**

S/0960/13/FL-change of use of annexe to form separate dwelling, modifications to existing access and associated fences, gate and hardstanding – 66 Abbey Street, Ickleton – Mrs Barbara Cooper.

### **Tree Works situated within a Conservation Area:**

Removal of trees at 28 Church Street – no application received. A response was still awaited from SCDC despite the Chairman having sent a reminder.

**Wayleave** for one DSLAM Cabinet, approximately 16 metres of underground duct plus all associated cables and apparatus - S/O Providence House, 6 Frogge Street. The Parish Council has given BT Openreach permission to locate a large green cabinet alongside the hedge behind the bus shelter. The new cabinet will contain equipment essential to bringing faster broadband facilities to the village.

### **Items from District Councillor's Report**

**Community Chest** Limited further funding was now available. Bids from community groups are invited on a first come-first served basis - apply via the SCDC website.

**Commemoration of VJ Day** Cllr. Martin is interested to know of any local veterans of the Campaign in the Far East requested who might be keen to participate. Please contact him on 01223 835197 or email him at [mick.martin@duxford.co.uk](mailto:mick.martin@duxford.co.uk)

**Changes to Section 106 Requirements from end November 2014** Measures released with the Chancellor's Autumn Statement had been completely unexpected and have serious implications for our area. Taking immediate effect were: a) the requirement for affordable housing to be incorporated into housing developments of ten houses or less was removed and b) there would be no Section 106 financial contribution in future for developments of this size. These amendments were already under challenge but, unless some major funding adjustment was introduced, villages such as Ickleton could

expect a serious reduction in income. SCDC would also lose a significant number of affordable houses coming forward in future.

**Peta Stevens (Parish Clerk) ☎ 531571 petastevens17@gmail.com**

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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		glynis.hammond@gmail.com
Police (reporting a crime non-emergency)		☎ 101

## CHURCH NOTICES

Priest-in-Charge	Rev Dr Jessica Martin	☎ 01223 832137 hinkledux@googlemail.com
Churchwarden	Rosemary McKillen (plus one vacancy)	☎ 530475
Prayer Ministry	Monica Lilley	☎ 530224
Lay Ministers	Julie Baillie	☎ 530684
	Judith Wright	☎ 530740

## SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
Christmas 2 W	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday School	<b>ICKLETON</b>
	6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	HINXTON
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 pm	Candlelit Compline	DUXFORD
Epiphany W			
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
1 <sup>st</sup> after	10.00 am	All-Age Eucharist for Epiphany	DUXFORD
Epiphany W	5.00 pm	Taize service	<b>ICKLETON</b>
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	<b>ICKLETON</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> after	10.00 am	Parish Eucharist	HINXTON
Epiphany W	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer with Laying on of Hands	DUXFORD
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
3 <sup>rd</sup> after	9.15 am	Messy Church for the Three Kings	DUXFORD
Epiphany W	10.00 am	All-Age Epiphany Service	DUXFORD
	6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	<b>ICKLETON</b>

For further details see [www.hinkledux.com](http://www.hinkledux.com) or the St Peter's Church, Duxford Facebook page.

### Food Bank - at the church

Donations of food to help people in need. Leave in the church at any time. The following are particularly welcomed: Tinned sponge puddings; long life fruit juice cartons; UHT or powdered milk; granulated sugar 500g; pasta sauces in jars; jams; snack bars, sweetie and crisp treats. All will go to the Cambridge City Food Bank.

### Coffee Mornings - at the church 10 am - 12 noon

We are on our winter schedule of the **first Tuesday in every month – 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

For those of you who haven't managed to get along it is a community event open to all.

**Rosemary McKillen**

## **News from the Rectory**

As we emerge into the new beginning of the New Year, we will be continuing to explore issues of faith and doubt, of what it might be to live 'a good life' in this complicated world.

Following the success of the 'Pizza and Hard Questions' series in the autumn, we warmly invite anyone who came – or anyone who wanted to come, and was not able to make it – **to a buffet supper in the Rectory on Friday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2015**, to mark the beginning of a new exploration of the difficult issues which surround us as we try to live decent and loving lives.

What are the issues which worry or intrigue you? You do not need to be sure of your faith, or even to have any faith, to come and share with others what you think is important about how we should live together. From it might emerge another set of questions which we could explore from time to time in the course of the year ahead of us. If this sounds interesting and you'd like to come, drop me an email on [jessicamartin@virginmedia.com](mailto:jessicamartin@virginmedia.com) – (or text on 07780 704006) just so we have an idea about numbers to cater for!

Every now and again, in the course of the year, we are going to have a candlelit 'Compline' service at one of the churches, and our first of these is on the day of Epiphany itself, **Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup>**, in Duxford St Peter. This short, contemplative evening service, which commends the soul to God at the close of the day, is gentle, ancient and atmospheric, and in candlelight is also beautiful. If 'daytime church' seems a little glaring, why not slip in to the Compline service for a little peace? Look out for them on the calendar of services month to month ( Ickleton's next Compline is on Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>, as part of the our Holy Week services).

And a very Happy and blessed New Year to you all.

**Jessica Martin and family**

## **Christingles - collection**

### **Thank you**

Thank you to everyone for their generosity in the Christingles collection which I am happy to report came to **£163**, and will be donated to the The Children's Society.

**Helen Royce**

## **CAROL SINGING around the village**

### **Thank you**

The evening of Wednesday 17th December was dry and mild. Our band of singers sang heartily and appreciated the pit stop at Rosemary and Colin Hayes for mulled wine, and the final reward of more liquor and refreshments chez Penny and John Williams.

Thanks to Jos Flitton, Mandy and Rob Jeffrey, Rachel Radford, Helen Royce, Madelaine and Roy Smith and to Caroline Owen, and the four children of the Owen and Fawcett families who helped invaluablely in collecting.

The collection raised **£285** - a record sum. Many thanks to the residents of Ickleton for their generosity. Dedicated to the memory of Jenny Pell, who sadly died in November after a long and courageous battle against cancer, the collection will be donated to Cancer Research UK, the charity she herself desired.

**John Williams**

## **THANKS to Mr and Mrs Bristow - from the children of Ickleton**

All the children who went to the village party on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December would like to say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Bristow.

"We enjoyed the games, the tea, and of course Santa's grotto. Thank you also to Clare Driver for all the help she gave to them."

## OVER SIXTIES

There are no meetings in January and we will restart in February.

**Mavis Plumb**

## THE CHESTERFORDS, ICKLETON AND HINXTON W.I.

### November Meeting

This was a most interesting talk by local biographer and award winning author, Clare Mulley, entitled 'The Spy Who Loved: The Secrets and Lives of Christine Granville, Britain's first female special agent of WWII' – the extraordinary story of Christine Granville, a charismatic and difficult woman who seemed to know no fear and exercised mesmeric power over those who knew her. We heard of her many loves, her bravery and exploits during WWII and finally of her death in 1952, murdered in a London hotel. But who murdered Christine? All is revealed in her book entitled "The Spy Who Loved", for which Clare was presented with Poland's national 'Bene Merito' honorary distinction in 2014

### Christmas Party

On 10th December the WI held its Christmas Party. The boiler in the Chapel had unfortunately broken with the result there was no heating. But the British spirit prevailed! Coats were donned, even some hats, those Christmas jumpers came into their own and heaters were brought out of cupboards. Mulled wine warmed the spirits and a superb array of foods tempted our palates. The Choir made its debut appearance and poetry, readings and communal singing were the order of the night. Thanks must go to the members for all their hard work to make the evening an enjoyable event.

The next meeting, on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** will be on **Homemade Porcelain Jewellery** and the speaker is Sean Brady.

**Jenny Palmer ☎ 530783**

## Great Chesterford and District Gardening Society

To complete the series of Events to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Great Chesterford & District Gardening Society, Caroline Tait, an expert in Floristry & Garden Design gave an inspirational demonstration of 'Festive Floristry' at the well attended December meeting. Caroline, a medal winner at the Chelsea Flower Show, has a natural flair for design, and is an enthusiastic and motivational speaker. She created some stunning floral displays which were then raffled – much to the delight of the winners!

Please note that, as usual, there will be no meeting in January.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** at the Chapel in Carmel Street, Great Chesterford. Speaker Roy Nunn will give a talk entitled 'Gardens of Madeira'.

Further details from **Pauline Gale** on ☎ **525543**

## ICKLETON VILLAGE HALL QUIZ EVENING

**Saturday 31st January 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.**

Come along and enjoy a Quiz Evening in the Village Hall.

Tickets are **£6 per head** (teams to be a maximum of 6 people), which will include sandwiches and nibbles. A bar will be available.

Tickets are available from Jocelyn Flitton ☎ **530407** or Pam Fearn ☎ **531916**. We look forward to seeing you.

**Village Hall Management Committee**

## DANIEL SMITH BAND return to Ickleton

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 7.15 p.m. at the Village Hall**

We are delighted to welcome back Daniel Smith Blues Band to the village hall on **Saturday 7th February**. For lovers of boogie woogie and blues, this is a show not to be missed.

The band has received critical acclaim in national newspapers and musical journals and Daniel has been described as "a serious challenger to Jules Holland as the UK's number one boogie pianist".

We will be laying out the hall cabaret style, which creates a great atmosphere, so do book as soon as possible. **Tickets** will be on sale at **Costcutter Express** or contact **Pam Fearn** 📞 **531916** (pam@cmws.co.uk) Prices: £16 Full, £15 Concessions. The doors and bar will be open at 7.15 p.m.

**Ickleton Theatre Group**

## VILLAGE HALL - What goes on!

For those of you who were unable to come along on the Village Hall Open Day on 6<sup>th</sup> December, below is a list of all the activities that take place on a regular basis in the hall.

We are delighted that the hall continues to be so well used, which is vital if we want to keep our hall in its current excellent condition. The hall does not receive any grants or subsidies from the Parish Council or the local authority. The hall is a charity and we rely solely on the hiring income to cover our running and maintenance costs. The Management Committee is grateful for the support it receives from the regular user groups and always appreciates new ideas, help or suggestions to improve the facilities.

The event also gave us the perfect opportunity to appreciate and recognise Gordon Woolhouse's commitment to the village hall by putting up a plaque in his memory.

### REGULAR ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	
MORNING	Froglets	Anne-Marie Hoare	01799 531248
AFTERNOON	Bridge	Felicity Fowke	01223 832308
EVENING	Zumba followed by Pilates	Disa Bennett	01223 729604
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
MORNING	U3ABadminton & Short Tennis	Martyn Northfield	01223 562133
EVENING	Ickleton Badminton	John Holt	01799 530588
	Yoga	Maureen Hansman maureen.hansman@gmail.com	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
MORNING	Patchwork classes (occasional)	Mary McIntosh	01787 371992
	Patchwork classes (occasional)	Sylvia Fish	01223 845946
	WEA Courses (occasional)	Margaret Beston	01799 530277
AFTERNOON	Over 60's (fortnightly)	Mavis Plumb	01799 530709
EVENING	Arabic Dance	Sue Baker	01223 894311
	Parish Council (monthly)	Peta Stevens	01799 531571
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
AFTERNOON	Short Mat Bowls	David Whitaker or Mary Woolhouse	01799 531287 01799 530155
	U3A Talks/courses (occasional)	Felicity Fowke	01223 832308
EVENING	Arabic Dance	Sue Baker	01223 894311
<b>FRIDAY</b>			
MORNING	U3A Badminton	Martyn Northfield	01223 562133
EVENING	Judo	Richard Drage	01223 476680
<b>SATURDAY/SUNDAY</b>			
	Herbcraft (occasional)	Melanie Cardwell	07947 381520
	Handbell ringing (occasional)	Sybil Hammond	01992 635783

Classes and activities take place in the Main Hall and in the Gordon Woolhouse Meeting Room.

In addition to the regular classes, courses and activities, the hall is also used for live theatre, music, church fetes, village record displays and many other village events.

The Football and Cricket Clubs have use of the changing rooms during matches.

The kitchen is available to all users. The hall is also available for Private Hire.

**Please contact the booking secretary Viliami Mila email: [v.mila68@outlook.com](mailto:v.mila68@outlook.com) ☎ 530497**

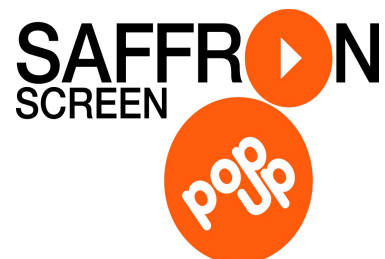
## **Ickleton Village Hall Management Committee**

Pam Fearn	Chairman	Roy Smith	Treasurer
Steve Jenkins	Vice Chairman/Ickleton Football	Lewis Duke	Parish Council
Jocelyn Flitton	Minute Secretary	Madelaine Smith	Ickleton Society
John Holt	Badminton	Martyn Northfield	U3A
David Mathias	Cricket	Rosemary McKillen	Ickleton PCC
Glynis Hammond	Theatre Group	Linda Hynard	Co-opted

## **ICKLETON SOCIETY**

**New Year's Day Walk** – a quick reminder to everyone who will be in Ickleton at New Year that you're welcome to join the walk. Meet at the junction of Birds Close and Coploe Road **at 11am**. There will be short and long routes and soup and mulled wine available in the Village Hall afterwards. The short route should be fine for pushchairs. Dogs are welcome on a lead. If, for whatever reason, you can't manage the walk, you're still welcome to join us for lunch.

**Pop up Cinema – Saturday 17 January 2015, 7.15 for 8 pm in the Village Hall. The Grand Budapest Hotel (15).**



We are proud to be the first partner of Saffron Screen's new project to take cinema out to village halls. This highly enjoyable film from director Wes Anderson is a quirky, madcap adventure starring Ralph Fiennes in a rare comedic role. It tells the story of M. Gustave, concierge at a pastel-pink Mitteleuropean hotel between the wars and the lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend.

**Tickets** are £5 and can be bought online at [www.saffronscreen.com](http://www.saffronscreen.com), at the village shop, at the Tourist Information Centre in Saffron Walden or the cinema box office.

Don't miss Ickleton's finest cinema! Doors open at 7.15pm. Come early as a range of drinks and other refreshments will be available. There will also be a short film before the main feature.

**Children's Christmas Party** – over 40 children and their parents enjoyed the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Children's party on 13 December. The children had a great time playing traditional games and taking part in a range of activities including making window decorations and a calendar to take home. A delicious tea was provided by Sarah Mila with beautifully decorated snowmen cupcakes proving very popular. A well filled Pinata gave the children something on which to use up their energy before the magic of Father Christmas arriving to give each child a personal gift and each family a box of sweets. Our grateful thanks to Jack and Margaret Bristow who gifted the party to the village children and gave so generously of their time and energy getting it organised and helping on the day. The children presented an engraved gift and a card signed by everyone as a thank you.

**The Ickleton Ceilidh – Saturday 21 March 2015 in the Village Hall.** We hope you've got this date in your diary! The renowned Cambridge University Ceilidh Band will be providing the music and caller for an evening of great dancing. Details next month.

**What's New on the Website** – recent additions to the Gallery (accessible from the village website) include more photos of Joe Bibby (thanks to Bob and Dinah Millson and Joe's family), the Clements and Igglesden families (thanks to Molly Dagley) and planting trees on Coploe Hill to commemorate the Ickleton men who died in World War One.

**Rachel Radford** 📞 530994

## **From Bob Millson**

A letter from Bob Millson for the Icene.

Bob & Dinah lived in the village for many years and played an active part in village life.

8 London Road, Great Chesterford, CB10 1NY Tel: 01799 530561

Dear Friends,

I am writing this Christmas time to inform you of our difficulties over the past two months and to apologise if we have not been in touch.

On 5<sup>th</sup> November I had a car accident which resulted in both Dinah and myself being admitted to Addenbrookes hospital with numerous broken bones and bruises. I do not remember the details of the accident but Dinah took the brunt of the impact which was exacerbated by the walking stick which she was holding.

I am now home in Great Chesterford and Dinah is at present still in Addenbrookes. She is comfortable in a physical sense but has both legs in plaster due to a broken ankle and kneecap and will not be able to walk for a few months. She is also suffering from dementia which is compounded by the pain suppressing drugs she is prescribed. She has good and bad days, and although sometimes confused she still recognises her friends and loved ones. The hospital has been taking very good care of her but now they will place her in a nursing home when one can be located nearby. Although I can fend for myself I fear that I could not give her the kind of care she deserves at home alone.

I have been visiting her most days often with the kind help of friends and relatives as I no longer have a car and have yet to be informed if I can indeed drive again. Sadly the public transport does not inspire confidence! I look forward to brighter days in the New Year when Dinah will be out of hospital and on the mend. Please do not hesitate to call.

Best wishes and thank you for your kind cards .You are not forgotten.

Lots of love Bob

## **Four Villages Orchestra**

Anyone who wasn't at Duxford School on Saturday 30th November missed a treat - the winter concert of 4VO, the Fabulous 4 Villages Orchestra, "Heroes ad Villains". This was probably their best concert yet and played to a full house.

In case anyone needs reminding , 4VO is a group of local musicians, largely drawn from the 4 villages of Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford and Hinxton and led by the redoubtable Nigel Bennett who also writes most of the arrangements.

The band is now at optimum strength - 27 players comprising 3 flutes, oboe, 6 clarinets, bassoon, 5 saxophones, 3 trumpets, 3 trombones, tenor horn, tuba, bass guitar, percussion, and, this time, harp.

We had a visiting violin soloist, Martin Frewer, who played an arrangement of Schindler's List quite beautifully with a small wind group. Our regular soloists, Jane Mayo and Tony Lee, set the audience alight, Jane with some great ballads such as "Hero" and "Wind beneath my Wings", and Tony with "Mack the Knife" and a rip-roaring "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown". And the band? They just leant back and enjoyed themselves! Mention should be made, too, of the fruitful relationship that the band has with Hills Road 6th Form College, particularly, for this concert, the talented harpist Melissa Dicks. All in all, a great evening.

**James Macdonald**

## **Join the Adventure - Whittlesford Scouts**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Whittlesford and Duxford Scout Group covers Ickleton as its "catchment area".



Some highlights from recent publicity and newsletter:

The age group (girls as well as boys) covers the whole range of beavers and cubs as well as the scouts:

6 - 8 years: Wednesdays - Wild Wood Beavers; Fridays - Forest Beavers

8 - 10½ yrs: Mondays - Sirius Cubs; Thursdays - Javelins cubs

10½ - 14 yrs: Tuesdays - The Arrows Scouts

Activities - to name a few: Adventure hikes (delightfully muddy), climbing ropes, night hikes, lighting fires, bonfire storytelling, "domino runs", potato craft, woggle making...

"We will be moving into the new hut in time for the start of the Spring Term. Many thanks go to William Westley School which has been our temporary home for the past year. We would also like to thank everyone who has kindly donated, bought planks and supported our annual fireworks party and other fundraising events. The opening of the new Scout Hut will mark the start of an exciting new phase and will enable the Scouting we offer to go from strength to strength – to find out more watch this space!

Thank you and Happy New Year to you all."

For more information please go to [www.wanddscouts.org.uk](http://www.wanddscouts.org.uk)

For general enquiries please e-mail [wanddscouts@gmail.com](mailto:wanddscouts@gmail.com)

and for membership enquires please e-mail [scoutsmembership@gmail.com](mailto:scoutsmembership@gmail.com)

## Healthwatch

Healthwatch started a year or so ago as an initiative to improve communication between the general public and health professionals.

The organisation has asked village magazines to include the following invitations to get involved:

### Get involved with your local Healthwatch

Our job is to make sure that you have a say when decisions are made about local health and social care services.

We can help you find out about local health or care services that might be able to support you. If you have a concern or complaint about any local health or care service, we can tell you where and how to sort it out.

We need to know what it is like for you to use any health or care service in Cambridgeshire. We make sure you cannot be identified, when we share this information. Right now, we are very interested in your experience with:

Your GP Surgery

Urgent Care (including 111, the ambulance, and out-of-hours care)

Mental health services

Sexual health services

If you have used any of these services in the last three months, then please do get in touch to tell us about your experience.

### Volunteer with us

We need volunteers to help us talk to people across the county about their health and care experiences. We have launched some fantastic new volunteering opportunities this autumn.

Our Street Reporters will help us investigate local health & care issues that are important to people in Cambridgeshire and report back on them.

Our Research Volunteers will help us research local health & care services.

We provide training, support and pay out of pocket expenses to all our volunteers.

## Community Oil Buying

Cambridgeshire Acre are publicising a community oil buying scheme designed to help purchasers of central heating oil to make savings by buying in bulk.

Community buildings such as churches and village halls as well as businesses which are reliant upon heating oil can join too. The annual membership fee for domestic users is £20 and covers as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

**Before topping up the oil tank to see through the winter months it might be the right time to consider joining an oil buying scheme.**

The average saving is usually 2 pence per litre (about 5%) against online prices.

To find out more about Cambridgeshire ACRE Community Oil Buying Scheme:

Go to the website: [www.cambsacre.org.uk](http://www.cambsacre.org.uk)

or contact Julie Weekes on 01353 860850 email: [oil@cambsacre.org.uk](mailto:oil@cambsacre.org.uk).

## Sawston Village College

### Courses

The College advises that they are now planning new courses for January, starting w/c 12<sup>th</sup> January.

Some new courses planned already are: Introduction to Generative Art, Introduction to Garden Design, International Cooking and Cooking on a Budget

Look out also for Saturday Workshops in March: Alexander Technique, Bricklaying, De-Stress and Sleep well, First Aid Paediatric, Knitting, Using Email, Languages in a day and many more.

They also invite you to say that if there are subjects in which you are interested, or that you could offer to *teach*, please contact them.

For more information: [www.sawstonadulterd.org](http://www.sawstonadulterd.org)

Email: [community@sawstonvc.org](mailto:community@sawstonvc.org) Tel: 01223 712424 9 am - 1 pm

**Wendy Carpenter**

## ADVERTISING

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## ICKLETON DIARY

JANUARY		
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day Walk 11.00 am at Birds Close/Coploe Rd corner
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mobile Library 12.45 pm bottom of Butchers Hill
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee morning 10.00 - 12.00 at the church
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Film - The Great Budapest Hotel 7.15 for 8 pm Village Hall
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup>	Quiz evening 7.30 for 8 pm Village Hall
		W.I. 7.45 p.m. Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford
FEBRUARY		

Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council meeting	7.30 pm	Village Hall
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Badminton                      Tuesdays              7.30 pm                      Village Hall

Indoor Bowls                      Thursdays              2 - 4 pm                      Village Hall

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