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Thank you to all contributors this month. Apologies that this issue is a little late coming out due to Editor's and others' holidays.

Shakespeare in Ickleton again - Hamlet - on Saturday 20th at 5 pm

Order your tickets now for the not to be missed performance (2 hours) by the talented all male cast of the Festival Players (see page 8).

SmithsonHill "Agritech Hub" development proposals

See paragraphs in the reports of the Parish Council (p.2) and the Ickleton Society (p.7) for comments on these proposals for the development of land on the "Hanley Grange" site.

Glow little glow-worm!

See page 5 for Richard Herbert's observations of lights in Ickleton. Have you seen any?

Allotments

Does growing vegetables inspire! There is now piped water at the Ickleton allotments site. See p.7.

Village fete photos – see separate sheet

Editor

PARISH COUNCIL

Refuse Collections during August

Monday	1 August	-	Blue and Green Bins
Monday	8 August	-	Black Bin
Monday	15 August	-	Blue and Green Bins
Monday	22 August	-	Black Bin
Tuesday	30 August	-	Blue and Green Bins

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Ickleton Parish Council

Extracts from the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 July 2016

The Parish Council wish to draw your attention to the following

i. Ickleton Traffic and the 20mph zone

As mentioned last month, we have investigated the possibility of having 20mph roundels painted on roads within the Village 20mph zone and have agreed to go ahead with the cost (in the region of £2,150) being met from Parish Council funds. We have contacted the Police to register a Village Community Speedwatch Team and now have a number of firm indications of interest from Icene readers. If there is anyone else who is interested (duty times can be tailored to fit round existing

commitments) please do phone or e-mail me using the details below. Also, we still have a few 20mph Wheelie bin stickers which are available free of charge from me so, if you would like some, please phone or e-mail me.

ii. Proposed major developments

The view of those who had attended the SmithsonHill Agri-tech exhibition at Hinxton was that the presentation had been very professional but it had not included much in the way of substantive information about developing the agri-tech hub site. The "wish list" of transport proposals was certainly ambitious including A505 improvements, two small railway stations to serve the Wellcome Genome Campus, a by-pass for Ickleton, and also turning Junction 9 of the M11 into dual-access. But there was no indication as to how any of this might be paid for. SCDC has also been given an indicative figure for potential new jobs at the Agri-tech hub of 4,000, which would obviously place a massive additional burden on local roads.

Present indications from our local Councillors are that, since development of the Hinxton site is not part of the Local Plan, and there is no shortage of sites planned for commercial development in this region, the project is unlikely to be supported by SCDC if and when an application is made. However, the transport hub element of the proposals relating to land west of the A1301 and north of the A505 may well win some support. The Parish Council considered how to respond to this Agri-tech consultation. It was concerned that the exercise had been designed to draw out objections so that they can be countered before SmithsonHill submits an actual application. There is also the likelihood that responses will be spun as evidence of community engagement although the true situation was that there is considerable disquiet about the project. The Parish Council therefore agreed not to submit a response.

With regard to the Wellcome Genome Campus plans: if they do submit an application, it is probable that SCDC will support the first stage since this falls within the existing footprint for the Campus. Expansion beyond that may well be dependent upon ministerial intervention.

iii. Traffic at the low bridge on the road to Great Chesterford

The Parish Council has been concerned for some time about the number of accidents, albeit mostly of a minor nature, that occur on a regular basis at this bridge. We have been in contact with Uttlesford and CCC Highways with proposals to improve safety, but without success. We have reluctantly concluded that there is little else that we can do at this stage. Jess Bloomfield has volunteered to report incidents and build up a record to back any future action we may consider. If you do witness anything, please let her know. The following information would be helpful if known: date and time of the accident; brief description of what happened and any known injuries; whether there was any collision with the bridge and/or debris left on the road, as well as anything else that you think might be of interest. Jess can be contacted by e-mail at sixtyfroggestreet@yahoo.co.uk

iv. Icene printing costs

Following on from the article in last month's Icene about the offer of a donation from the Wellcome Genome Campus to cover these costs, the Parish Clerk has looked back over the financial records for the last three years. She has estimated that a donation of £1,000 would be a suitable amount to cover Icene printing costs (net of VAT) and the Chairman has written accordingly to Duncan Parsley at the Campus.

v. Potholes

Although the warm weather has removed the evidence, the recent heavy rains revealed amounts of standing water on Village roads, with Brookhampton Street being especially badly affected. These have been reported to CCC Highways. Please let me know of any such sites, or of emerging potholes, which should be reported, although there is no guarantee of instant repairs!!

vi. Overhanging vegetation

As everyone will be aware, the recent weather conditions have led to a growth spurt, which seems to be the case particularly with hedgerows. Brookhampton Street is a case in point and anyone driving down the road last Friday morning would have seen the Chairman, the Clerk (plus dog) and a Councillor wielding a chain saw in a valiant and successful effort to remove an obstacle which was a danger to cyclists. Please do keep an eye on your hedges etc. to ensure that they are not overhanging the road, or pavements where this might cause problems for pedestrians.

vii. Village Play Area

The Parish Council is firmly committed to making the Play Area attractive to the younger members of our community. We therefore are in full support of the hard work put in by the Playgroup Committee and their many supporters. Many congratulations to them for their recent fundraising effort which raised £62

involving selling cakes and drinks to cyclists on the London-Cambridge run. Following last year's successful event, plans are under discussion for another Winter Warmer. Further information will follow but, in the meantime, suggestions are welcome and should be sent to Lucy Davidson (lgowlett@hotmail.com).

viii. Parish Noticeboard

As many of you will know, the left hand door of the noticeboard has split so that, if it were to fall off, it would present a real safety hazard from broken glass just at the point where children get off the School Bus. We have put up notices to warn people not to use the noticeboard and have contacted a number of contractors about the possibility of repair/replacement. We are well aware of the urgency of this and are doing everything possible to fix the problem, one way or another, as soon as we can. In the meantime, important Parish Council items e.g. agendas, minutes and financial information can be accessed through the Parish Council website.

Planning information received from SCDC

Application for tree works: CA 351 Reduce height of 2 ash trees to clear garage roof, remove major crown lift over lawn, target prune branches over river to increase view. Remove lower branch over river from a sycamore and a 2 metre crown reduction, 2 metre crown lift on another, clearing BT wires by 1 metre and remove ivy. The River House, Church Street, Ickleton.
The Parish Council had no concerns.

Devolution

There is a survey out at present concerning a proposal for a Cambridgeshire and Peterborough devolution deal. This replaces the earlier proposal for an East Anglian deal. Our County and District Councillors urge us to support the deal which would bring an immediate windfall of £170million for housing and access to £20m for each of the next 30 years for infrastructure improvements. On the other hand, the area would no longer be eligible to receive a number of Government grants but we would retain more of our Business Rates, a not insubstantial consideration in such a successful area as South Cambs. However, there is the issue of having an elected mayor! You can find out more and respond at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/devolution. The Parish Council will be determining its response to the survey at its next meeting. [See also on page 14 - Editor]

Village Bus Hubs

We have received a letter from the Greater Cambridge City Deal Group asking us to suggest suitable sites for locating small bus hubs on the outskirts of villages etc. These might function like mini park and ride sites, allowing people to cycle or drive to major bus routes and travel onwards by bus. At the moment the Parish Council has difficulty in seeing potential for one of these hubs in Ickleton, but if you think otherwise please let me know.

Greater Cambridge City Deal – Tackling Peak Time Congestion in Cambridge

A consultation exercise on this topic has just begun. This is seeking views on various ideas to reduce congestion in Cambridge. There is more information at www.gccitydeal.co.uk/congestion. This is likely to be of interest to people who travel into and around Cambridge most days. More information will be given in the next edition of Icene.

Peta Stevens (Parish Clerk) petastevens17@gmail.com

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Medical Car Scheme	John and Sue Fowler
Village Hall Bookings	Viliami Mila v.mila68@outlook.com
Neighbourhood Watch	Glynis Hammond glynis.hammond@gmail.com
Police (reporting a crime non-emergency)	 101

Post box collection times

	Monday - Friday	Saturday
Bottom of Butchers Hill; Coploe Road at Grange road corner	9.00 am	7.00 am
Costcutter shop	11.30 am and 4.00 pm	11.30 am
Great Chesterford	latest 4.30 pm	12 midday

CHURCH NOTICES

Churchwardens

Dr Keena McKillen

keena.mckillen1@virginmedia.com

Frances Payne

Prayer Ministry

Judy Marshall

Lay Ministers

Julie Baillie

Judith Sutcliffe

Services for August

Sunday 7 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
11 th after Trinity G	10.00 am	Joint Parish Communion	ICKLETON
	<i>No evening service</i>		
Sunday 14 th	10.00 am	Joint Communion	DUXFORD
12 th after Trinity G	<i>No evening service</i>		
Sunday 21 st	10.00 am	Joint Parish Communion	HINXTON
13 th after Trinity G	<i>No evening service</i>		
Sunday 28 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
14 th after Trinity G	<i>No evening service</i>		

Coffee Mornings

Every Tuesday morning 10 – 12 at the church (summer months)

These are very sociable affairs to meet and make friends and exchange gossip and all are welcome, whether you are connected with the church or not.

If transport is needed please get in touch with Rosemary McKillen to arrange a lift.

Food Bank – at the church

Please continue with the generous food bank donations – it's great to have lots of items to deliver regularly to the Cambridge collection point. Many thanks to all our donors.

Rosemary McKillen

Chesterfords, Ickleton & Hinxton WI

No meeting in August. The next is on Wednesday 21st September

Jenny Palmer

ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB

Quiz night Saturday 6th August 8.15 pm

£3 - includes buffet

Teams of up to four players

Raffle and bar

Non members welcome

Further quiz nights in the year: 15th October and 19th November

Shirley Gregory

WELCOMES

This month a warm welcome is extended to two couples who have moved into Butcher's Hill.

Helen Angell and Rob Greenwood, having lived in Paris, Manchester and lastly in Letchworth, have just moved to Butcher's Hill. Helen is a research scientist and Rob is an airline pilot with BA. When he gets the opportunity, Rob likes to go sky diving and scuba diving; Helen enjoys making wedding and special occasion cakes to order.

Having moved from central Cambridge, **Joanna and Alan Bellamy** are now living in Ickleton. Between them they have seven children, and one grand-daughter. Both are semi-retired; Alan continues to work part-time as a consultant in educational training, and likes to play the guitar for a hobby.

We wish you all lots of happiness in your new homes.

If you have a new neighbour or have just move into the village please contact me by email at **estatham100@gmail.com**.

Elaine Statham

GLOW-WORMS in Ickleton!

From Richard Herbert:

Cycling down Frogge Street the other night I saw some bright spots in the verge, so stopped and had a look.

They turned out to be glow-worms, so I contacted the UK Glow-worm Survey www.glowworms.org.uk to report the sighting.

I asked about them, and was told this:

"It is likely that they have always been in the area, as glow worms don't spread very easily - only the adult males can fly. They are often found along railway lines, but I believe that this is because the habitat there suits them and they have been able to continue living there after they have disappeared from the rest of the landscape. Glow worms like 'unimproved' grassland, which means basically non-arable land. Although much of the area is chalky, which suits them, the wide ploughed fields and lack of hedgerows or steep slopes that have not been ploughed mean that their natural habitat has been eroded in the past century or so.

In this case, they may well be found along the railway line, and have spread along the motorway verge. The only other report we have had from Ickleton was in May 2013 when someone spotted a glow-worm larva in the Wetlands Nature Reserve at this point (*), but we have yet to have a report of how many glowing females can be seen there. But apart from that there are no known sites in your immediate area - you have to go over to Saffron Walden in one direction or Thriplow in the other, though they are scattered around. (*) See arrow on a map of the area which you can access via the following web link: <http://www.streetmap.co.uk/oldmap.srf?x=549750&y=243950&z=115&sv=549750,243950&st=4&mapp=oldmap.srf&searchp=oldsearch.srf&ax=549750&ay=243950&lm=0>

If you are keen on night forays you might be able to find more in the area, or maybe ask around or in village news bulletins."

Richard Herbert

Have other people seen glow-worms around the village? Please let me know and I will pass this on to Richard.

Editor

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

New members (including novice gardeners) and visitors always welcome. Discounts arranged for members with national and local suppliers. Further information: **Chair Mrs Pauline Gale**

As usual there is no meeting in August. The next meeting will be:

Wednesday 7th September 8.00 pm Ickleton Village Hall

SOIL, FUNGI & PLANTS, Companions of Human Evolution

Speaker: Claudio Bincolletto, Italian Chef & Wild Food Expert

JULY MEETING

Members were 'transported' to Monet's Garden at Giverny (which is on the Seine about 50 miles west of Paris). Photo taken almost a century apart showed plans and scale proving Monet to be a gifted landscape gardener. From the perspective of a painter, using contrasting colours, the interplay of light; he planted trees so that he could paint the illusion of a breeze. The illustrations shown were interspersed with the artist's famous paintings of the house and garden.

MARION SKEATES 1950 - 2016

Marion was born in Cambridge on 29th July 1950 and lived in Great Chesterford and Ickleton during her childhood and teenage years, attending The Shrubbery school from age 7 and then at boarding school in Bishops Stortford.

Marion and David met in 1972. Marion had just come back from Germany, where she was working as a nanny – it was meant to be a temporary visit, but after meeting David she never went back. It was a whirlwind courtship – and although Marion was the first to ask David out (he was too shy), it was David who proposed. Their first date was a Cambridge United game! The second date was at the pub in Great Chesterford where they went to play darts and listened to the Troggs playing on the jukebox. But after the first dart Marion threw went straight through the lobby and the second narrowly missed someone's head, the landlord paid David £5 to take her away!

But they went on meeting. They went to nightclubs and danced the night away! They were married on 25th August 1973. Marion was David's first and only love, and they remained devoted to each other throughout their years of married life, never apart except when Marion was in hospital.

They moved into 52 Abbey Street, Ickleton. Marion worked for two years at Fisons at Chesterford Park. Claire was born on 18th May 1976, and then James on 24th December 1978.

As well as bringing them up Marion became more and more involved in helping David as secretary for his business. She was absolutely meticulous with paperwork and tremendously organised – she would track the last missing halfpenny! But she didn't just do paperwork, and would be there on Saturdays as well during the week, and would go out on call at nights.

Of course there were the ups and downs which go with the union of two strong remarkable people. Marion knew David back to front, inside and out to an extent that even he could find frustrating, and she always knew what he was really thinking – even on the telephone! Marion herself was always totally straight and would say things as she saw them. When the children were growing up Marion was the one who was strict! Later on, when their parents had a row, the children always knew. David would phone James and say "your mother drives me round the bend!", and the children would ring each other and compare notes. But the sun never went down on their anger.

Yet Marion was incredibly warm: incapable of saying a harsh thing about anyone at all, and protected her whole family all her life and right to the end. Almost her last act was to make sure that Claire's birthday cake was ordered for her birthday.

Marion was there for Claire when both her children were born, and when during a difficult birth Claire said to her "Mum, I can't do this" her mother answered firmly "My love, you've got no choice". Always brave herself, she knew how to help others be brave too.

When grandchildren came along – Emily and Lucinda, Eleanor and George, Marion had a wonderful relationship with them all, and always bought their shoes. We also mustn't forget two very important members of the family, the corgis Maggie and Emma.

When illness came to Marion, four years ago, it hit the family hard. But Marion was incredibly strong, always optimistic and thinking of the needs of others before her own. In a conversation at the beginning of her illness, the focus of her whole concern was how her beloved family would cope: she scarcely mentioned herself. And when I rang her a week before her death and said "I'm so sad to hear how poorly you are", she said briskly "I'm not poorly. I've had bad news, that's all."

The above was written by Jessica Martin for her address at Marion's funeral.

David and the family would like to thank all those who have been so kind and sent literally hundreds of cards and letters of sympathy, and for friendship and support and so many different signs that people care. Marion's life touched so many people in so many different ways. No one could have a more fitting memorial.

ICKLETON SOCIETY

Photo Competition

We hope you're taking lots of photos to enter into the competition but in case you missed it, here are the details again. This is a light-hearted photography competition as part of Ickleton Past & Present (see below) - 2 classes with entries limited to folk living in the village:

Adults Photographic subject: *A Domestic Architectural Feature in Ickleton*...should be an external feature on a house in the village such as a roof, door, chimney, door hardware, window, pargetting, sign etc.

Children 16 and Under *An Ickletonian Animal(s)*...could be a family pet or a friend's pet or a wild or farm animal. Could be a silent 'cuddly' animal friend or an animal garden ornament. The animal must live in the village!

Entries can be submitted either digitally via a jpeg or as a hard copy photo. Please email jpeg to fionarose@yahoo.co.uk (please note the 2 rs in the address), or drop off a hard copy to Craftsman Barn, Butchers Hill. Entries to be received by Sunday 11th September. Please include your name, contact telephone number and your age for the children's category. You can also include a title for your photograph if you wish.

There will be prizes for the winners and all entries will be displayed at Past & Present.

Ickleton Past & Present Saturday 17 September 11am to 3pm Village Hall

This was a hugely popular event when we held it in 2013 and we've been asked several times since then when we would be repeating it, so we hope the date is already in your diary. There will be a number of displays, talks, presentations and videos – something for everyone including children. All of the archives will be available to search on the day so if you're looking for ancestors, information about your house and past occupants, details of village events or researching anything to do with Ickleton, do come along and see what we've got. Please also start searching out photos of Ickleton views and people and other Ickleton related items that you have at the back of cupboards, bottom of drawers and somewhere in the loft. Please bring them along. We'd love to see them and copy them for the archive. Full details of the programme next month.

Agri-Tech Hub Public Exhibition

Following the exhibition, we have written to SmithsonHill making it clear that we object to their proposals. We do not agree with the concreting over of good quality agricultural land; we believe their proposals will lead to increased urbanisation of this area; and we do not believe sufficient transport improvements will be made to mitigate the impact of the increased traffic that will result from the development. We have also made it clear that, as with Hanley Grange back in 2008, we totally oppose housing being built on this site.

Date for your Diary - Wednesday 9 November

Our very own Fiona Rose will give a talk about the Arts and Crafts Movement, William Morris and his connections with Cambridge

What's New on the Website

We hope to catch up and put a number of photos on the website over the next month. Look out for pictures of the May Day walk, the geophysical survey at Abbey Farm and Open Gardens.

Rachel Radford rachelmradford@btinternet.com

GROW YOUR OWN with the ICKLETON ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

Now – piped water!

We are pleased to announce the recent arrival of piped water and we also have supplies of free manure and wood chippings for all to share.

We can offer 'starter plots' (quarter plot) as well as half and whole plots.

Whether you are new to growing your own or considering returning, **GIVE IT A TRY!** Help and advice will always be available. For further information, please visit the Ickleton village website ...

or email Ros – rosdowrick@aol.com or June Woodward

**The acclaimed Festival Players return to Ickleton on their country-wide tour...
with a dynamic all-male production of Shakespeare's tragedy**

HAMLET

SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST at 5 pm

Ickleton Village Hall

In celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare, The Festival Players Theatre Company is proud to present the Bard's most famous play, Hamlet. This theatre company based in Gloucestershire has been touring professional Shakespeare productions for over 30 years. This year they will present over 80 shows across the country and in Europe.

Hamlet, probably Shakespeare's most famous play, is a story of revenge. Presented in full costume, an all-male company will bring you the excitement of this great thriller; intrigue, ghostly visitations, passion, a play-within-a play, a gripping duel, and humour, in a crystal-clear and fast-paced production.

2 hours running time...

Festival Players Artistic Director Michael Dyer has brought the play, the bard's longest, to a manageable length of 2 hours.

"We set out to take audiences of all ages on a journey and make them feel very much part of the production."

As in the previous productions a small cast (of six) play multiple roles demanding quick costume changes, as well as performing as singers and musicians. This gives an exciting opportunity for the actors to show their energy and versatility.

For the previous two visits the plans to hold the play outdoors were defeated by the weather and held in the hall. This year we decided to make the decision before the day and hold the performance in the hall (obviously this will now guarantee a perfect rain-free day!).

Bar for Pimms and Beer

Bring your own picnic if you wish, in true Elizabethan style

Doors open at 4.15, so plenty of time for you to settle in before the start at 5pm.

A talented cast bursting with exuberance, this is not to be missed!

Pam Fearn

Tickets: Adults £15, Students/Children £10

Available from **Costcutter Village Shop**

or **Pam Fearn** email: pam@cmws.co.uk

or **Jos Flitton** josflitton@tiscali.co.uk



A Date for Your Diary...

COMEDY NIGHT - Saturday 8th October - at the Village Hall from 7.30

Following last year's successful event, the **Ickleton Sizzlers** have arranged another Comedy Night.

The Duo **Croft and Pearce** – who entertained us last year will bring their new show – which they will have just presented at the Edinburgh Festival.

AND...the **Cambridge Footlights** - with new members and new hilarious material

Start your reservation plans by **booking tickets (£15)** with **Sara Mila**.

Bar, and dancing after the show.

Proceeds will be in aid of an orphanage in Kenya

WEA Ickleton and Chesterford Branch

Autumn Course, 2016 “Rogues,Vagabonds & Paupers” Tutor – Liz Carter

9 Wednesday mornings at 10am from 14th September in Ickleton Village Hall
(there will be more details in the September issue)

The first two sessions of the course can be paid for individually as trials, £5.25 each, to be deducted from the full fee of £47.25 if continuing.

We can offer lifts to Ickleton. All are welcome. The atmosphere is very friendly and the courses do not require any previous knowledge of the subject.

Further enquiries to **Margaret Beston**

CONSULTATION on Devolution

The District Council is seeking the view of the public about devolution: specifically a possible devolution deal for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Residents can access a survey to fill in for their views to be taken into account. by councilors and partners who are set to debate the issue later in the year.

Councils have proposed a deal to Government that could see more decisions made in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough by a new organisation called a Combined Authority. Currently Government makes these decisions on Cambridgeshire and Peterborough’s behalf.

For responding to the survey and more information go to: **www.scambs.gov.uk/devolution**

The consultation **closes on Tuesday 23rd August** **scdc@scambs.gov.uk** **03450 450 5**

ICKLETON DIARY

AUGUST				
Friday	5 th	Mobile Library	12.45 pm	bottom of Butchers Hill
Saturday	6 th	Ickleton Social Club Quiz Night	8.15 pm	
Wednesday	17 th	Parish Council meeting	7.30 pm	Village Hall
Saturday	20 th	Festival Players - Hamlet	5 pm	Village Hall (doors open 4.15)
SEPTEMBER				
Saturday	17 th	Ickleton past and present	11 am - 3 pm	Village Hall
Wednesday	21 st	Parish Council meeting	7.30 pm	Village Hall

Regular events in this month

Froglets	Mondays	9.30 - 11.30 am	Village Hall
Bingo	Mondays	8 - 10 pm	Ickleton Social Club
Coffee Mornings	Tuesdays	10 am - 12 noon	The Church
Badminton	Tuesdays	8 pm	Village Hall
Indoor Bowls	Thursdays	2 - 4 pm	Village Hall

Cricket home games (all at the rec)

[see website for details, and of away matches]

Sunday	7 th	12 noon	Lions friendly
Sunday	21 st	12.30 pm	Lions friendly

ADVERTISING - appears in the printed copy of the Icene

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Contact **Lucy Davidson** lgowlett@hotmail.com

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