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Thank you to all contributors this month. Please note the deadline for the January issue as **Wednesday 19th December** because the printers are closed over Christmas and New Year.

Thank you A big thank you to Rachel Radford and Glynis Hammond, assisted by members of the Ickleton Society who organised the exceptional and fascinating exhibition at the village hall and put together the wonderful book on Ickleton and the Great War. See pages 8 and 9.

Christmassy Fundraiser for Alzheimers charity – at the Village Hall on Saturday 1st December 3 - 5 pm See page 10.

Carol Singing round the village - Join us on Wednesday 19th December, from 6 pm, great fun. Collection for church funds. See page 8.

Major Development move - The Agritech Hub. Smithson Hill have lobbied Government and the Secretary of State has called in their appeal – which enables it potentially to leapfrog the decision of the Planning Inspectorate, whatever that might be, notwithstanding the ludicrous reasoning for this development and its location. See Parish Council below.

Waste Collections Residents please note there is **no green bin** collection on 22 December – the next will be on 8 January. 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.

A Happy Christmas to all our readers and their families.

Editor

PARISH COUNCIL December 2018

Refuse Collections in December

Tuesday	4	December	Black Bin
Tuesday	11	December	Blue and Green Bins
Tuesday	18	December	Black Bin
SATURDAY	22	December	Blue bin ONLY
WEDNESDAY	2	January	Black bin
Tuesday	8	January	Blue and Green Bins

Please Note:

1. Bins must be placed outside by 6am on designated collection days. Lids on the bins must be closed, or they may not be emptied.

2. **PLEASE NOTE** as a final reminder for 2018 – that South Cambs District Council has the following arrangements for collecting additional waste...

- It will collect **one transparent sack with recycling** (excluding glass – which must go in the bin) and **one bundle of cardboard** - broken down to a size which would fit in the bin if there was space (please tape or tie together).
- Please do not leave cardboard out in the rain

- Put all other recycling in one transparent sack. **Black sacks and more than one transparent sack will not be collected.** Transparent sacks are available online and in supermarkets.
- Please put **all glass inside your blue bin, not the sack**, for safety reasons.

BLACK BINS Extra black bin material will not be collected. It must be taken to **Thriplow Recycling Centre** which is off the A505. Normal opening hours 08.00 – **4 pm** (winter opening times). Gates shut 10 minutes before closing time. Tel. 01223 839001

This applies also to extra garden waste that cannot fit into **Green Bins**.

BLUE BINS If you often have too much waste material to fit in your blue bin, you can get an extra bin for free by emailing waste@scams.gov.uk/recycling. OR complete a form available at <https://scams-framework.egovhub.net/REQUESTANADDITIONALORREPLACEMENTBIN/launch>

GREEN BINS The winter monthly schedule is now in operation. This means that until next March green bins will only be emptied **once per month** so you will need to take any surplus garden waste to the Thriplow recycling centre. Food waste may still be put in the black bin if necessary.

Please note that SCDC has just announced that, from 1 March 2019 it intends to introduce a charge of £35 a year each for the second and further green bin per household

Comprehensive advice on what can (and can't) go into each of the bins is available at www.scams.gov.uk/what-goes-which-bin,

Ickleton Parish Council

Extracts from the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st November 2018

The Parish Council wish to draw your attention to the following:

1. Uttlesford Local Plan and the proposed "Garden Community" near Great Chesterford

Ickleton and neighbouring Parish Councils have received invitations to two meetings. The first was from Grosvenor Estates, developers for the proposed Great Chesterford new settlement, wishing to discuss our ambitions and concerns with us. Having consulted with the other Parish Councils, the consensus was that we should decline to meet with Grosvenor at this time. On the other hand, the general view was that we should accept the second invitation, from Uttlesford District Council, so that we learn how they view the progress of their Local Plan and we will take the opportunity to continue to express our concerns and objections.

2. Wellcome Genome Campus Expansion Plans

The last of the Wellcome public exhibitions, before it submits a Planning Application, was held on 22nd October. For those who were unable to get there, or wish to refresh their memories, the poster boards can be viewed at:

<https://www.wellcomegenomecampus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/October-exhibition-boards-2018LQ>

Their proposals for modifications to the A1301 to support their plans for a unified Campus include new roundabouts, pedestrian controlled traffic lights, a 30 mph limit and other traffic calming measures. This will inevitably increase the likelihood of drivers seeking alternative routes to the M11, most probably through Ickleton and Duxford. A further concern is that the residential zone has increased significantly over earlier projections and is more densely developed. Wellcome seem unwilling to take on board our serious traffic concerns. The submission of their planning application is imminent.

3. Plans for an AgriTech Hub off the A1301 opposite Hinxton and a Motorway Service Area by Junction 10 of the M11.

A worrying development during the last month has been the news that the Secretary of State has called in SmithsonHill's appeal. This means that, although the Planning Inspector will still investigate the appeal, rather than making a decision, as is normally the case, he or she will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State who will make the final decision. It is not known whether this has anything to do with the very high profile SmithsonHill has adopted, both on social media and in their lobbying of Parliament, but it is not good news. Meanwhile nothing further has been heard about the planning application for the proposed motorway service area.

4. Planning information received from SCDC

(1) Applications received:

i. **S/3686/18/FL**. Construction of two dwellings along with access, car parking and associated landscaping. **Land adjacent to the Glebe, Frogge Street**. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed

unanimously to OPPOSE the proposal and recommend refusal. The site is outside the Village Development Framework and would be in breach of the recently adopted Local Plan. It was also felt that there would be harm to the adjacent listed building and its setting, and harm to the setting of the adjacent conservation area. The full reasons for objecting should be available on SCDC's website.

ii. **S/4124/18/FL** Conversion of garage to habitable use and construction of single storey front link extension to garage: **66 Frogge Street**. Agreed unanimously to SUPPORT the application and recommend approval.

iii. **S/4129/18/FL**. Erection of new building for office/research and development uses (Class B1) **Abbey Barns, Duxford Road** (Agreed by a majority to SUPPORT this application and recommend approval.

iv. **S/3801/18/FL**. Demolition of existing rear extension and construction of new rear extension, side garage and new vehicular access **6 Church Street** Agreed unanimously to SUPPORT the application and recommend approval. Cllr Cheney was not present at the meeting.

v. **S/3579/18/PO** Modification of planning obligation in respect of occupation of the Annexe, **Crossways, Grange Road, Ickleton** (Mr Warren Wilson). Agreed unanimously to SUPPORT the application and recommend approval.

(2) Decisions Notified by SCDC

i. **S/2460/18/FL. Permission granted** for proposed first floor windows to front and side elevations and additional roof lights, **9 Back Lane**.

ii. **S/3689/18/VC Permission granted** for Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) **Abbey Barns, Duxford Road**.

(3) Notifications of tree works. Tree Preservation Order or Conservation Area.

i. **S/4183/18/TC, Ickleton Lodge, 14 Frogge Street**. Removal of dead and some diseased wood from a willow tree in close proximity to the house and also overhanging a pathway. Proposed work will reduce the height of the tree by 30%.

ii. **S/4014/18/TC, 4, Church Street**. (Clare College, Cambridge). Walnut tree very close to the boundary of 6 Church Street and risks damaging this property. It is proposed to remove the tree to ground level.

iii. **S/4012/18/FL, 67 Abbey Street**. Pruning of various small trees and shrubs.
It was agreed to offer no comment on the above three notifications of works to trees.

5. Traffic

Our very active Speedwatch team is still recording significant numbers of speeding motorists and reporting them to the Police. The latest data from the Vehicle-Activated speed sign is suggesting a daily average of 4,200 vehicles on Abbey Street. There is better news, however, with CCC Highways at long last getting round to repainting the 20 mph limit roundels throughout the Village.

6. Recreation Field Play Area. The Parish Council is still trying to get quotes for a general tidy up of the Play Area and surrounding areas including a new coat of paint where needed.

7. and finally, but by no means least.

The Parish Council wishes everyone a happy and peaceful time over the Christmas and New Year holidays. We are very grateful for all the support you have given us over the past year and we look forward to working with and for you during 2019, which is undoubtedly going to be a very eventful time, at least as far as planning issues are concerned!

Peta Stevens (Parish Clerk) petastevens17@gmail.com

Cambridge South West Park & Ride Consultation

The existing Trumpington Park & Ride site is already the busiest in the city and often full by midday, with growth planned in Cambridge, a need for more Park & Ride provision in the area near the M11 Junction 11 has been identified

Two options for the creation of more Park & Ride spaces are being put forward: some 2-3 storey parking on the existing site, or development of new land in the vicinity. These options are supported by a range of potential access arrangements for private vehicle traffic and public transport.

Exhibitions on this as follows: At Addenbrookes Treatment Centre Wed 5 December 12.00 – 14.00

Harston Village Hall Thurs 6 December 18.00 – 20.00

You can find out more about the consultation at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/parkandride.
The consultation closes on Friday 21 December.

Katy Rogerson Communications Manager

Defibrillator

The defibrillator in Ickleton is situated on the wall to the left of the main door of the Village Hall. To use it FIRST CALL 999 and inform them that you are near the Ickleton defibrillator. You will then be told a 4 figure number code to enter. Then follow the instructions you will find

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
Saffron Walden Market Square	latest 6.00 pm	12 midday

Coffee Morning Tuesday 4th December 10 - 12 at the church

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.

FORTNIGHTLY from mid January

For those who are regular attenders of the coffee mornings in the church (the brainchild of Rosemary McKillen), as well as for anyone else who would like to attend, we have decided to run them fortnightly, rather than just once a month, in the autumn and winter months – starting on Tuesday 15th January (missing 1st which is New Years Day)

The more the merrier - we love to see anyone who enjoys coffee or tea and cake and a good natter.

Frances Payne

CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK at the church

A festive plea to remember families who have little and nothing on their table this Christmas –Food bank referrals have doubled this year as many families fight poverty even in our affluent area. Please consider buying 2 for 1 or or multi offers when shopping or online ordering. Pop some in a bag and I can collect or drop at mine or the church. Perhaps the children can do a shoe box with a gift for children of needy families – we all have so much and any clear out of older unneeded groceries in the larder are also gratefully accepted.

Clare Driver clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk

ICKLETON CHRISTMAS CARD

This year's card features the beautiful stained-glass window in the south aisle of the church, from a photo taken by Hilary Rule. The window depicts Mary announcing that she is pregnant to her cousin Elizabeth, one of the earliest moments in the Christmas story. The colours are lovely and it makes a beautiful card. A copy can be viewed in the church and in the notice board by the shop.

Cards may be obtained from **Colin Hayes** at Durhams Farmhouse, Butchers Hill; email cjf.hayes@gmail.com The price, including envelopes, stays once more at £5 for ten. Stock is available now. All proceeds to Ickleton church funds. Please make out any cheques to 'Ickleton PCC'.

CHURCH NOTICES AND NEWS

Priest-in-charge	Revd Petra Shakeshaft	01223 832137 petra@hinkledux.com
Associate priest	Revd Phil Sharkey	01763 221284 sharkey_phil@yahoo.co.uk
Churchwarden	Frances Payne	sffsp1@gmail.com
Prayer Ministry	Judy Marshall	
Lay Ministers	Julie Baillie	
	Judith Sutcliffe	

Frances Payne – Churchwarden

Reflections from the Rectory

As excited children open their chocolate-filled Advent calendars each day and the shops enter the final phase of the consumer orgy that is the run-up to Christmas, it all seems a long way from the original intention of Advent and indeed Christmas. Traditionally, Advent was a time of preparation, reflection and of fasting. Such is the changed life of the 21st century Vicar; I have colleagues who reckon they practically survive on mulled wine and mince pies during December!

Today we can buy mince pies all the year round and those traditions of making mincemeat, Christmas cakes and puddings are, for most people long gone. Christmas happens courtesy of Waitrose, Tesco and John Lewis. But I think something is lost – and I think it's lost because we've lost the art of waiting. The people of Israel had been waiting for centuries for the promised Messiah and Advent invites us to recall that unsettled period; that time when the world seemed broken and God seemed far away from his people. We might do well to reflect on that today when the world does, indeed, seem so broken and God is certainly far away from the thoughts of many people most of the time. Advent is the very beginning of the Church's year, so we begin the cycle by waiting and preparing – waiting and preparing for this momentous, world-changing event.

The thing about waiting, reflecting and preparation is that we give ourselves time and space to be prepared ourselves and so when this thing happens, we are ready; ready to welcome the Christ-child. So here is an invitation to take a little bit of time out to stop, reflect, wait and prepare *yourself* for Christmas. As well as our usual Christmas services, we have two opportunities for you to relax and think about what it was that happened two thousand years ago in Bethlehem.

On Wednesday 5th December there is a Film Night at Whittlesford Church where we'll be showing 'The Nativity Story' (PG). This is suitable for age 9+ and there's also an opportunity to stay on for refreshments and to chat about the film. On Tuesday 18th December there will be an evening looking at paintings of the nativity story with Paul Shakeshaft (and his understudy wife). This will be at the Rectory, 13 St John's Street, Duxford at 7.30 pm.

At Christmas services up and down the country, the focus will be on the child in the manger and his coming among us to bring love and peace to the world, to remind us to care for the poor and needy, to welcome the stranger, to love our neighbour and to heal divisions. There will be Christmas carols and Nativities complete with tea towels and tinsel, there will be Christingles and mulled wine and mince pies. There will be prayers for the whole world, rich and poor, joyful or weary. So come, if you come every week or if you've not been for a long time, if you pray every day or have never prayed in your life. Come and join us, be welcomed as we welcome the Prince of Peace.

A very happy Christmas and joyful New Year

Petra Shakeshaft

New kinds of Services

The CH CH ... Word No, not Christmas – a much more troubling word (and not Church either.)
The word is CHANGE!

Over the past few months the PCCs of Duxford, Hinxtton and Ickleton churches have been working out how we can offer some new kinds of services, events and gatherings; things that might appeal to those who are not familiar with traditional church. In order to make space in the timetable for these, from January, there will be a slightly different pattern of services. We are still holding on to most of the traditional services, but once a month we will be having just one service in Duxford, which will be suitable for everyone.

There will be traditional elements, but we will also be creative with some parts of the service. The idea is to make everyone feel welcome. This won't usually be a communion service, but there will be an

opportunity for those who want to, to receive communion quietly, in a short add-on service at the end. There'll also be time to have coffee/tea, cake and conversation after the service.

In addition to this, for a trial period, until March, we are moving all the evening services to 5 pm. If people are generally happy with this, the plan is to have 'Summer-time' services at 6.30 pm and during the Winter months we will revert to the 'Winter time' at 5 pm.

We realise that this may not suit everyone. I have spoken to many people and I know that change is often challenging. We have tried to minimise this and have gone with the majority in all cases.

In the New Year, there will be some new things on offer to look forward to. If you have any ideas, please do drop me a line – I'd be very happy to have a chat (and a coffee!)

In the meantime, I wish you all a very happy and blessed New Year.

Services for December

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday	2 nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	Parish Communion with Sunday School	ICKLETON
		6.30 pm	Evensong (BCP)	HINXTON
Wednesday	5 th	7.00 pm	Film Night – The Nativity Story at Whittlesford Church	WHITTLESF'D
Sunday	9 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
		10.00 am	Advent Al2gether	DUXFORD
		4.00 pm	Christingle Service	ICKLETON
Thursday	13 th	10.00 am	Tiddlers Nativity with coffee/tea and seasonal cakes	DUXFORD
Sunday	16 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	ICKLETON
		10.00 am	Parish Communion & Al2gether	HINXTON
		6.30 pm	Carol Service – followed by mulled wine and mince pies	HINXTON
Tuesday	18 th	7.30 pm	Art Evening at Duxford Rectory 13 St John's Street	DUXFORD
Sunday	23 rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	HINXTON
		10.00 am	Parish Communion	DUXFORD
		4.00 pm	Christingle Service at St John's Church	DUXFORD
		6.30 pm	Carol Service	ICKLETON
Monday	24 th	4.00 pm	Christingle Service	HINXTON
Christmas Eve		11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	DUXFORD
Tuesday	25 th	10.00 am	Al2gether Christmas Celebration with Nativity and carols (finish off with a glass of fizz!)	DUXFORD
Christmas Day		10.00 am	Festival Eucharist	HINXTON
		10.00 am	Festival Eucharist	ICKLETON
Sunday	30 th	10.00 am	Five Parishes Service at Whittlesford	WHITTLESF'D
January 2019				
Sunday	6 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	DUXFORD
		10.00 am	All-Age Celebration Communion for Epiphany	ICKLETON
Sunday	13 th	10.00 am	New Year Al2gether Celebration at Duxford Primary School	DUXFORD

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For further details see www.hinkledux.com or the St Peter's Church, Duxford Facebook page.

Christingle Service in Ickleton Church Sunday December 9th 4pm

As I write, the news is full of the 'B' word and the latest government resignations, and it's sobering to think that the issues of immigration and borders are dividing friends and families across the country. In church we turn our attention to one particular family, the wife 8 months pregnant, directed to walk 80 miles to return to the husband's town of birth at the whim of a far away emperor, and who shortly after had to flee over 200 miles to a foreign land for the safety of their young son.

In our Christingle Service this year we'll be inviting the younger children to re-enact parts of the nativity story by journeying round the church, interspersed with verses from favourite carols. The service normally lasts around 45 mins and is suitable for all.

Sarah and Simon Fawcett are once again kindly hosting refreshments after the service at Norman Hall, just across from the church. Everyone is very welcome, even if you can't make the service itself. So whether you're new to the village or an old hand, do come and join us.

Christingle is 50 years old this year (the first service was in Lincoln Cathedral in 1968) and is associated with the Children's Society, a charity that works to improve the lives of thousands of disadvantaged children and young people in Britain. The retiring collection will go to the charity.

Could you help us make the Christingles? The assembly team will meet at Jess Bloomfield's on Saturday morning 9th 10.00-12.00. This is definitely a job where many hands make light work, so if you can join us please let Jess know or contact Luciana Ferreira Day on lucianafday@gmail.com. You don't have to stay for the whole time, even 30 mins is a help. Plenty of chat and an early glass of mulled wine are guaranteed!

And finally, if you can't make the 9th, there are two more opportunities to attend a Christingle service in our parishes, at Duxford on December 23rd and Hinxton on Christmas Eve. You'll be most welcome.

Mandy Jeffrey

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AT ICKLETON

Our Remembrance Sunday service this year had a particular poignancy as we celebrated the centenary of the end of the First World War, at exactly the time that the guns fell silent on 11th November, 1918.

The choir, led by Judith Sutcliffe, filed out to the War Memorial on the village green for the service, which was very well attended by many villagers.

David Lilley read out the names on the War Memorial of those who had died in war. Lt Col Gerry Birch then quoted the lines of Lawrence Binyon '*They shall grow not old, as we grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.*' He laid a wreath, and Stanley Webster laid a wreath on behalf of the Ickleton Cricket Club. At exactly 11 am came the two minute silence, preceded by the Last Post and followed by the Reveille, played superbly on the trumpet by Edmund Heaney. I think that this brought tears to the eyes of many as we remembered those who had paid the ultimate sacrifice.



The silhouettes of the 'There but Not there Tommies' were in the midst of the congregation. They had been seen the day before at the magnificent exhibition designed and put on in the Village hall by the Ickleton Society. We are very grateful to Rachel Radford, Glynis Hammond and Madeleine Smith for having set them up in the first place and for transferring them to the Church after the Exhibition.

CHURCH GIFT DAY - THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Church on Saturday 10th November to make a contribution to our Church funds. You were very generous. We rely extremely heavily upon that generosity - so if there is anyone else who would like to make a contribution because they could not make it to the Church on that day, it will be most gratefully received

Thanks must go to Roy Smith, Helen Royce and Hilary Rule who were in the Church for the Gift day, but we also think of all those who clean and decorate the Church on a weekly basis, and also those who participate in the preparation of the services. Without you we could not go on and we are very grateful.

Christmas Wreath

Join us on **Saturday 15th December** for a

Christmas Wreath or Christmas Table Centre Workshop

Led by flower farmer and florist Gabrielle Reid

At Ickleton Village Hall (Gordon Woolhouse Room)

9.30 - 12.30 OR 2 - 5 pm, with 10 places at each workshop

Cost: £45 per workshop and includes all materials, refreshments and a Christmas donation to the charity 'Perennial'.

If you would like to book a place please contact **Catherine Cocks** oakcottage.30@btopenworld.com



Ickleton Remembers.....

The *Ickleton Society's* commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War 1 was a quite extraordinary undertaking.

At the exhibition which *The Ickleton Society* had curated, films, photographs, service-records, information about the Red Cross Hospital, personal artefacts, maps, letters and cards were all on display - in abundance... yet carefully presented so as not to be overwhelming

Later there were readings of poetry from both great wars. At the centre of the room was a circle of chairs on each of which was placed a 'There, but not there' silhouette representing those Ickleton men who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Great War.

The day also marked the publication of '*Ickleton and the Great War*' - a substantial tome (some 250 pages) produced by *The Ickleton Society* under the leadership of Rachel Radford and Glynis Hammond. The book is not only a tribute to our predecessors in Ickleton who contributed so much to the war effort: It is testimony to the dedication, passion and commitment of those who have researched, written and published the book on our behalf.

Huge congratulations to all involved in publishing '*Ickleton and the Great War*', and to those who curated the Exhibition, and thanks to those who read in the poetry-reading. I can hardly wait for 2045...!

Hugh Molloy

CAROL SINGING round the village Wednesday 19th December from 6 pm

All welcome – all ages. We simply sing together from carol sheets with the words and just follow the leader et al! Bring a torch. Also - to knock on doors and collect – if you prefer not to sing!

Start **6.00 pm** 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 this year will be for Ickleton Church funds.

After the singing - refreshments chez Penny and John Williams, 10 Brookhampton St.

Pit stop half-way chez Rosemary and Colin Hayes, Butchers Hill

Join us! If you know you're coming – RSVP appreciated, but not to worry, just join anyway.

Any questions - contact **John Williams** icene@newinnhouse.co.uk

Welcome

The focus of my welcome visit this month was meeting **Ioan Anne Wheeldon** who was just 20 days old on the day of my visit. **Congratulations to Claire and Chris** on the birth of their beautiful daughter.

Elaine Statham estatham100@gmail.com

ICKLETON SOCIETY

Centenary of the end of World War One

Thanks to everyone who came to the commemorations on Saturday 10 November and to all those who contributed to the event, particularly those who helped with our book, lent items for the exhibition and those who read poems. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who came to the exhibition, the donations to the Royal British Legion which exceeded £210 and the appreciation we've received. We are very grateful to the grants from South Cambs District Council and the Wellcome Genome Campus, an anonymous donation and the award of 10 'There But Not There' silhouette Tommies by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, which were a very poignant reminder of the men who gave their lives. We have a small number of books left – get in touch if you're interested. The Peace Roses should be planted on the Green next month.



New Year's Day Walk, meet 11am at the Village Green

Fiona Rose will again lead the walk which, subject to the weather, will take in the 16 Belgian oak trees planted by the Parish Council on Coploe Hill in 2014 to commemorate the 16 men on Ickleton's War Memorial who died in the Great War. Dogs are welcome (on a lead please) and the first part of the walk will be suitable for pushchairs. The walk will, of course, lead back to the Village Hall where Clare Driver will meet you with mulled wine and soup. If you can provide some soup, scones or bread, please contact Clare at clare@domesticblissappointments.co.uk.

Date for your Diary on Saturday evening, 23 March 2019 the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band will be returning to Ickleton again. More details nearer the time.

Development Updates

The Ickleton Society was formed some 38 years ago to fight the development of Stansted as London's third airport. Sadly, we are still fighting developments that impact our village.

SmithsonHill Agri-Tech Hub SmithsonHill have been lobbying hard and recently held a meeting at Parliament. Since then, their appeal has been called in by the Secretary of State. This means that the Planning Inspector will still hear the appeal but his report will not be final. It will go to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government who will make the final decision.

Wellcome Genome Campus expansion If you didn't get to the last exhibition at the Genome Campus, the slides are online at

<https://www.wellcomegenomecampus.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/October-exhibition-boards-2018LQ.pdf>. Slides 8 and 14 are the key ones. You'll see the houses occupy a much larger part of the site than was shown at previous exhibitions, there's a proposed 30mph speed limit on the A1301 with new junctions/roundabouts and a traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing as well as traffic calming. This will, in our view, have an inevitable adverse effect on the number of vehicles deciding to come through Ickleton rather than stick to the main roads. A planning application is expected soon but, as we have said before, this is not a 'take it or leave it' proposal. There are 3 elements to it – expansion of the core research facilities, 1500 houses across the road from Hinxton's 130 or so houses, and a business/research park for other related businesses. We will have to see what the application covers and will contact Ickleton Society members when it is made with advice and suggestions of points that might be made to the planners. If anyone else would like to be included, please get in touch with me.

Car Showrooms A business has apparently been in pre-application discussions with S Cambs planners about building 2 car showrooms on the A505.

North Uttlesford Garden Community You will probably have seen by now that a report has concluded that Uttlesford District Council (UDC) gave undue preference to sites promoted by landowners and developers, a point that was made many times to UDC over the course of the preparation of their Local Plan. The report recommends that UDC "Undertake a fresh, objective and comparative appraisal of Garden Community options based on a range of different sizes as well as on the merits of the sites, not what is being promoted by developers". UDC has asked consultants to update the Sustainability Appraisal part of the Local Plan, publish it next month and invite representations from the public – more delay and uncertainty as a result of UDC's blinkered approach to its Local Plan.

Stansted Airport UDC's Planning Committee voted (by the Chairman's casting vote) to approve a big expansion of the airport. Stop Stansted Expansion are continuing to press the Secretary of State to call the application in so the impacts can be given proper consideration by experts.

Rachel Radford rachelmradford@btinternet.com

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

For further information please contact the Chair **Mrs Pauline Gale**

Next meeting: Wednesday 5th December 8.00 pm Ickleton Village Hall

ERNEST 'CHINESE' WILSON – EDWARDIAN PLANT HUNTER EXTRAORDINAIRE

Speaker: Dr Twigs Way, making a return visit

(Ernest Wilson introduced the kiwi fruit and the handkerchief tree)

Recent Meeting

At the November meeting, Maïke Windhorst, who has lived and gardened organically in Essex for more than twenty-five years, took us through the year showing pictures of the stunning flower bunches she has made from plants grown in her own garden, and listing her favourite plants for cutting each month. She also brought November flowers that she uses.....such as camelia and self sown second blooming ammi, to inspire us! Maïke was very enthusiastic and gave us plenty of ideas of flowers and shrubs to plant for cutting.

Competition 'Autumn Colour' There were some lovely entries. It was won by **Carol Hatfield** with a beautiful acer.

Please Note – there is NO MEETNG in January 2019

WEA - ICKLETON & CHESTERFORDS BRANCH

Spring Course, 2019

We have just completed an excellent history course with Roger Cooke and now are looking forward to a film course with David Read, who led an excellent course for us a couple of years ago.

All welcome. No previous knowledge is required, just an interest in a new or a familiar topic. Come and join us in a very informal and friendly atmosphere at Ickleton Village Hall.

"Shakespeare on Screen" Tutor - David Read

10 Wednesday mornings at 10am from 9th January

at Ickleton Village Hall

The first two sessions of the courses can be paid for individually as trials, £5.40 each, to be deducted from the full fee of £54 if continuing.

Further information **Margaret Beston**

THE RELUCTANT RUNNERS PRESENT

A CHRISTMASSY FUNDRAISER

Saturday 1st December 3pm – 5pm Ickleton Village Hall

Ickleton resident Laura and Hinxton resident Emma are running the **Virgin Money London Marathon** in aid of the **Dementia Revolution**. Join them for delicious cakes and mulled wine, find out why on earth they decided to run a marathon, and help raise funds for Alzheimer's Research UK and Alzheimer's Society.



Chesterfords, Ickleton & Hinxton WI

Wednesday 12th December 7.15 pm Congregational Church, Gt Chesterford

CHRISTMAS PARTY

THANK YOU

Jo and Wendy Cresswell would like to thank you all for the many kind messages of sympathy and support which they have received on the passing of Curt.

Thank you again.

Duxford Advent Market 2018

Saturday 8th December 4 - 8 pm

in St John's Church St Johns Street

In the mediaeval and atmospheric church of St Johns, Duxford, the annual German-style Advent Market will begin with carols from the children of Duxford School and a saxophone band to entertain the crowds.

Over 20 stalls... inside and outside, including Gluwein and hot sausage rolls from the Duxford Hogroast Company. Christmassy and other food and drink, and many stalls of all sorts of gift items.

Santa Claus will be present to receive wish lists from the children and a magical storyteller to keep them entertained.

Hula hoop lessons in the churchyard...

Come with the family and enjoy the fun!

Littlebury Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 December 11 am - 4 pm

At Holy Trinity Church

Refreshments, Craft stalls - £1 admission

WELLCOME Events in December

The Genetics of Complex Diseases (event for teachers) Wednesday 5 December 5.30 - 8pm

Free twilight teacher training hosted by the Wellcome Genome Campus and the Babraham Institute to explore some of the big topics in bioscience. *Free to attend but booking is essential.*

Tickets: <https://publicengagement.wellcomegenomecampus.org/events/bioscience-lite-the-genetics-of-complex-diseases>

The Radioactive Dogs of Chernobyl Friday 7 December 6.30pm

Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre

In 2018 the Wellcome Sanger Institute's Dr Alex Cagan visited the Chernobyl exclusion zone to collect DNA samples from the large stray dog population that now resides in the area. In this talk Alex will share how these samples can be studied, and how, in the face of disaster, the zone now presents an excellent natural experiment for studying a lot of biological questions.

Free to attend but booking is essential. Tickets: <http://bit.ly/RadioactiveDogs>

Campus Open Saturday 15 December

Exhibition – Curious Nature 12 – 4 pm *The Genome Gallery, Wellcome Genome Campus*

Conference Centre An exhibition about the Wellcome Sanger Institute's project to sequence the genomes of 25 species found in the UK. A family-friendly exhibition. Tours of the campus also available.

Open Lab – about history and current research. Visit times: 12.30, 1.15, 2.15 and 3 pm

Tickets: <https://open-saturdays.eventbrite.co.uk> *Free to attend but booking is essential.*

Festive Family Film Screening: Arthur Christmas (U) Saturday 15 December 2 - 4.30pm

Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre

Come and watch this family favourite on our big screen and in the comfort of our tiered auditorium.

There will be festive refreshments for sale before the film and during the interval. Wearing of Christmas jumpers encouraged.

ICKLETON DIARY for December 2018 (and later)

DECEMBER		
Saturday	1 st	Reluctant Runners Christmassy Fundraiser 3 - 5 pm Village Hall
Tuesday	4 th	Coffee morning 10.00 - 12.00 Church
Wednesday	5 th	Great Chesterford and District Garden Society 8.00 pm Talk – Ickleton Village Hall
Wednesday	12 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
“	“	W.I. Christmas Party 7.15 pm Carmel Street, Great Chesterford
Wednesday	19 th	Mobile Library 12.45 pm bottom of Butchers Hill
“	“	Carol Singing round the village start 6 pm Grange Road corner
JANUARY		
Tuesday	1 st	New Year's Day walk 11 am Village Green
Wednesday	16 th	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall

Regular events in December

Froglets	Mondays	9.30 - 11.30	Village Hall
Badminton	Tuesdays	8 pm	Village Hall
Indoor Bowls	Thursdays	2 - 4 pm	Village Hall

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