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Thank you to all contributors this month.

Deadline for the next Icene bulletin 25th January

Consultation opportunity... Yes. This time on the **Greater Cambridge Local Plan**. See pp .2/3 for a message from South Cambs District Council.

Waste Collections Residents please note there is **no green bin** collection on 24th December – the next will be on 8th January. Wrapped 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.

WEA Course – restarting Wednesday 15th January – History of Medicine – see page 5.

A very Happy New Year to all our readers and their families.

Editor

PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2020

Refuse Collections

THURSDAY	2	January	Black Bin
WEDNESDAY	8	January	Blue Bin and Green Bin
Tuesday	14	January	Black Bin
Tuesday	21	January	BLUE BIN ONLY
Tuesday	28	January	Black bin

Notes:

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**. You will need to take any surplus garden waste to the Thriplow recycling centre. Wrapped food waste may be put in the black bin if necessary.

Thriplow Recycling Centre: The winter schedule is now in place so the opening times are 8am-4pm, with the gates closing 10 minutes beforehand.

Ickleton Parish Council

Extracts from the Parish Council meeting held on 11th December 2019

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

Notice of Parish Councillor vacancy

A casual vacancy exists on the Parish Council which can be filled by co-option. Applications are invited from anyone registered as a Local Government Elector for the parish on the Electoral Register, or who has been living in the parish for the whole of the last 12 months. Interested persons should contact the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor for further information as soon as possible.

Traffic/Highways issues

We are pleased to report that Ickleton's Speedwatch Team have reported 2,089 speeding vehicles this year. The Parish Council would like to thank the Speedwatch Team for their time and dedication, and recognise that their efforts have a beneficial effect on slowing traffic and enhance safety on our roads. The Parish Council had put in a bid for funding to the County Council to put in a kerbed footway at the

west end of Butchers Hill to make the road safer for pedestrians. The cost estimate however verged on the prohibitive, and the County is asserting that Butchers Hill would need to become a one-way street first. Initial contact with Highways Engineers had not raised this as an issue.

Discussions with Highways have continued to see if a less costly option is available. The Parish Council received a revised proposal to re-line the existing edge line to help delineate between vehicular movements and pedestrian movements, patch parts of the existing informal footway section to ensure pedestrians are not crossing edge line into oncoming traffic and supply an MVAS unit to cover Butchers Hill that can be moved around different parts of the village at a cost of £1,274.38 to the Parish Council. This is not the outcome the Parish Council were hoping for but a unanimous decision was made to go ahead with the alternative proposal.

A bid for funding that was successful last year should see the installation of a build out in Frogge Street around the end of January that will oblige vehicles heading into the village to give way to oncoming vehicles. This will be placed about halfway down the wide and straight stretch that seems to encourage drivers to speed once they are through the existing narrows at Frogge Hall.

Planning information received from SCDC:

For consideration:

Proposal: Prior approval for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building to two dwelling houses (class C3) and associated operational development.

Application Ref: S/3734/19/PA

Location: The Heath, Rectory Farm, Grange Road, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, Cambridgeshire, CB10 1TA

It was noted that prior approval was granted in 2015 for change of use from an agricultural building to one dwelling house. This further application outlines plans for the building to be converted into two smaller dwelling houses. After a discussion majority vote was to support the application.

Planning Decisions:

Permission granted for single and two storey rear extensions and alterations to existing two storey rear extension, subject to conditions, at 7 Abbey Street, Ickleton for Mr & Mrs Welch.

Permission granted for demolition of existing rear extensions and garage and erection of new rear extension, side garage and vehicular entry, subject to conditions, at 6 Church Street, Ickleton.

Permission granted for variation of conditions 3 (Hard and soft landscaping), 5 (Boundary treatment), 7 (Timber fins) and 10 (Ecological enhancement) pursuant to planning permission S/0946/19/VC to amend from pre-commencement to pre-occupation, subject to conditions, at Land at 43, Abbey Street, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, CB10 1SS.

Withdrawn:

Proposal: Certificate of lawful development for the siting of a temporary building

Location: Abbey Barns, Duxford Road, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire

Applicant: Martin Bond, Team Consulting Ltd

Planning application has now been withdrawn.

Icknield Close, Ickleton

Following concerns raised by a resident, the Parish Council contacted Cambridgeshire County Council who are subsequently making arrangements for a surveyor to visit and assess the area with regard to poor lighting, slippery pathways, inadequate parking and poor signage.

And finally

The Parish Council hopes everyone enjoyed a very happy Christmas and wishes all residents a Happy New Year!

Leanne Smith - Parish Clerk E-mail: clerk@ickleton-pc.org.uk

A message from South Cambs District Council on the "new local plan"

Greater Cambridge Local Plan: The First Conversation

Ever walked past a building and wondered how it got planning permission? Worried about climate change and how we are going to adapt? Trying to buy a house and finding it really difficult?

The Council's Local Plan is the document that shapes our area's future and answers these big questions. It covers the key themes of climate change, biodiversity and green spaces, wellbeing and social inclusion, and great places. It will affect what kind of new homes get built and where, where businesses can grow and how buildings, streets and spaces should be designed. As a result, the Local Plan affects all of us – yet most people have never even heard of it. But things are changing and we want you to be a part of it.

For the first time ever, Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council are preparing a joint Local Plan for the Greater Cambridge area: and this time we want to do better than ever before at working with you all to make it happen.

We will be starting a big conversation with the community, with many different ways to get involved, online and offline, on Monday 13 January. Please look out for more information nearer the time, and get in touch at www.greatercambridgeplanning.org

Help shape our future together!

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

Note: Post office service in the village shop also operates on Saturday.

Times are Monday to Saturday 8 am – 2 pm (to 2.30 on Wed and Thurs)

General village announcements

Welcome

This month there is a double welcome; firstly to **Zoe Bradford** who moved here in July last with her dog **Schyler** and her two cats, **Finley and Lucky**. The second welcome is to Zoe's baby girl, **Kayla-Rose** who was born on 6th November. Currently on maternity leave, Zoe works in London as a Legal PA. She already has a strong connection with Ickleton as her mum, Maureen Bradford, and uncle, Robert Ripsher currently live in Ickleton and her grandparents used to live in the village. Among Zoe's hobbies are cross-stitch embroidery and supporting Arsenal football team.

Welcome to the village, and many congratulations Zoe on the birth of Kayla-Rose.

Elaine Statham estatham100@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all of you who have sent cards and best wishes to me after my fall, especially my nieces, nephew, Jocelyn, Terry and June. Unfortunately I have several other problems which are holding me back, but I am making some progress.

Happy New Year Bill Miller

THANK YOU - Christmas tree from Jane Hurst

Many of you will already have seen the wonderful Christmas tree given and decorated by Jane Hurst in honour of her parents - Eileen and Tony Godfrey.

Do pop in to the church to have a look. A huge thank you to Jane for such a beautiful and generous gift.

From The PCC and congregation of St Mary Magdalene

THANK YOU – Carol Singing round the village

A big THANK YOU to the people of Ickleton for their generosity to the tune of **£347** – which is a record by a long way – which will go to the funds and upkeep of our Parish Church.

The evening of Wednesday 18th December was not too bad, the cold had given way to rain - then it went away. 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.

Thank you Jenny Duke, Rob Jeffery and son Chris, Jos Flitton, Hugh and Lizzy Molloy, Terry Nelson Helen Royce, Andrew Shepperd, Madaleine and Roy Smith, Elaine and John Statham and Penny Woodhead.

John Williams

CHURCH NOTICES AND NEWS

Associate priest	Revd Phil Sharkey	01763 221284	sharkey_phil@yahoo.co.uk
Churchwarden	Patrick Bloomfield	07833 971135	patrick.boomfield@hymans.co.uk
Prayer Ministry	Judy Marshall		
Lay Minister	Julie Baillie		
Reader	Judith Sutcliffe		

“Getting it done” in 2020

As I write to you it is still the season of waiting, Advent, that period which comes in the Church Year after Remembrance and before Christmas.

We are waiting for a number of things to unfold in the new year and decade that lies ahead and in our current age waiting is almost anachronistic. We are impatient to get all sorts of things done and “instant messaging”, “live streaming”, “next day delivery” are now such a part of our social media and online vocabulary that we take immediacy for granted.

But some things cannot be hurried and as the theologian Paula Gooder writes in her Advent book, “The meaning is in the waiting”.

With the resignation of Petra, our Parish Priest, we now are in a period of interregnum.

This rather archaic word which literally means “between reigns”, is defined thus: - “a period of discontinuity or “gap” in a government, organization, or social order.”

On the national scale, the waiting in our three parishes is hardly going to register, but it is important that we make good use of the time that we are waiting to understand what is important about our spiritual and community life and how that importance is expressed and represented.

We have in our three parishes a priceless legacy of faith and history reflected in our ancient church buildings, but also as much in the communities that use and share them for worship, social gathering and the marking and blessing of lives, born, united in marriage, and remembered in their passing.

Let us use the time of waiting to consider the shape of our communities and the values that we place at their centre.

As we contemplate a different future for our country and community, with developments planned for expansion on our doorstep and for retraction on our borders, it will be important to rediscover and re-emphasise the values that make our society and community both cohesive and caring.

R S Thomas, in his poem, "Kneeling", had this reflection on waiting: -

Moments of great calm,
 Kneeling before an altar
 Of wood in a stone church
 In summer, waiting for the God
 To speak; . . .
 . . Prompt me, God;
 But not yet. When I speak,
 Though it be you who speak
 Through me, something is lost.
 The meaning is in the waiting.

I pray for us all that in 2020 we discover that meaning and that nothing is lost.

Best wishes,

Revd Phil Sharkey, Associate Priest

Services for January

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday 29 th	10.00 am	Five Parish Eucharist	WHITTLESFORD
December			
Sunday 5 th	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	DUXFORD
Second after	10.00 am	Parish Communion and Sunday Club	ICKLETON
Christmas	5.00 pm	Evensong	HINXTON
Tuesday 7 th	10.30 am	Coffee morning	ICKLETON
Sunday 12 th	10.00 am	Parish Communion	DUXFORD
First Sunday of	(one main service for the three parishes)		
Epiphany	6 - 7.30 pm	Youthinc	HINXTON
Sunday 19 th	No 8.00 am service		
Second Sunday of	10.00 am	Parish Communion	HINXTON
Epiphany	5.00 pm	Taize Service	ICKLETON
Tuesday 21 st	10.30 am	Coffee morning	
Sunday 26 th	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	HINXTON
Third of Epiphany	10.00 am	Parish Communion	DUXFORD
	5.00 pm	Evensong	ICKLETON

READINGS:

Sunday 5th Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday 12th Isaiah 42:1-9, Acts 10: 34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday 19th Isaiah 49:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

Sunday 26th Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

BELL RINGING

Saturday 25^h January

Visiting Bellringers 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

David Lilley

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 for the John Huntington charity.

Clare Driver

Chesterfords, Ickleton & Hinxton WI

Wednesday 15th January 7.45 pm Congregational Church, Gt Chesterford

THE SKIRT AND HOW TO WEAR IT and BHANGRA DANCING!

ICKLETON SOCIAL CLUB Quiz night Saturday 18th January 8.15 pm

£3 to play - includes buffet and raffle

Everyone welcome

Shirley Gregory

Coffee Mornings Tuesday 7th and 21st January 10.30 am - 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.

WEA - ICKLETON & CHESTERFORDS BRANCH

Spring Course 2020 - History of Medicine

During 2019 the WEA lost grants from Government which meant that many programmes of courses could not continue into the future. Cambridgeshire was particularly hard-hit. The WEA East Anglia Region has been restructuring its management and engaged in looking for other sources of income to subsidise its education programmes. This is enabling us to restart here in Ickleton with the course as shown below.

Previous participants will know what a pleasant opportunity it is to make and meet friends as well as enjoy the courses. We are fortunate that Roger Cooke, a popular lecturer before for history courses, is available to get us going again.

The WEA office will be notifying previous course participants directly (from their lists). Meanwhile all are welcome to join.

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.

HISTORY OF MEDICINE

Tutor – Roger Cooke

**5 Wednesday mornings from 15th January to 12th February
at Ickleton Village Hall**

On 15th January: At 10 am – when the new arrangements which have been made with the WEA regarding financing and communications will be explained. The cost of the course is free on this occasion, but to enable courses to continue in the future we would ask for a donation of £5 per week towards this.

Then from 10.30 am - 12: The lecture.

For further information please contact me - John Williams, Icene Editor

GREAT CHESTERFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

(Affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society)

Please note - there is no meeting in January.

Next meeting - Wednesday 5th February on UNUSUAL VEGETABLES

Recent meeting

Janette Merilion is a well-known international horticultural speaker, lecturer and historian.

In her enthusiastic and entertaining talk she explored the folklore and origins of flowers and plants associated with Christmas - including the magical powers of mistletoe, the origins of wassailing, and the legend of the poinsettia. Her illustrated talk covered trees, climbers, and plants known for winter colour, structure and scent, as well as appropriate gifts for Christmas.

Best Bloom Competition for the month (something festive):

1st Ann Warren, 2nd Madeline Appleton, 3rd Marion Garvey

ICKLETON SOCIETY

New Year's Day Walk, soup and mulled wine lunch, 1 January 2020, 11am at the Green

If you're in the village on New Year's Day do join us for this very popular walk and lunch. Meet at the Green near the Church. The walk won't be too long or arduous but the fresh air will revive you after the festivities of the previous night and set you up for the new year ahead. Children and dogs (on leads please) are welcome and the first part of the walk will be suitable for pushchairs. Afterwards there will be a sociable lunch back at the Village Hall. If you have visitors staying, do bring them along.

Wine Tasting with Sebastian Payne, Village Hall meeting room, 7 February 2020, 7.30 for 8pm

At the time of writing, over half the tickets have already been reserved, so do get in touch with me sooner rather than later if you'd like to come along to this. A great evening can be guaranteed! As on previous occasions, Sebastian Payne will be selecting a range of interesting wines for us to taste and there will be bread and a number of cheeses to accompany them. If you've been before, you'll know how entertaining Sebastian is as he tells us the stories behind the wines. For tickets, e-mail me at rachelmradford@btinternet.com – note the 'm' in the middle – or phone as below. Tickets are £16 for members of the Society and £17.50 for non-members.

Hold the date Clare Driver has already started planning the annual village litter pick and spring clean for **Sunday morning, 29th March**. Details nearer the time.

The Committee wishes all members and everyone in the village, a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Rachel Radford rachelmradford@btinternet.com

THE 4 VILLAGES ORCHESTRA. - Big Band Bonanza

The second concert of the year took place on 30th November 2019 in Duxford Primary School hall. The band draws its members from the four villages of Ickleton, Duxford, Whittlesford and Hinxton. With its 27 members it is now at full strength and has achieved a maturity of ability and musicianship of which it can be justifiably proud. Nigel Bennett, its director and arranger, is at present in the USA on a postgraduate music course, but his place was capably taken by Alan Poultney, the band's deputy director.

The programme included a variety of big band numbers such as 'Skylark' where Jane Mayo sang the solo, and 'Fly me to the Moon' where Tony Lee was the soloist. Edmund Heaney from Ickleton performed a particularly fluent trumpet solo in 'String of Pearls', and another memorable solo was played by Steve Sibley on trombone with 'I'm in the Mood for Love.'

It was an accomplished performance by the band, and it was much appreciated by a capacity audience.

James Macdonald

Enjoy a Pantomime in Sawston "The Puppet Showman"

Presented by **Ace Theatre Sawston**, under its director **Carol Wratten**

at the Marven Centre

(Sawston Village College)

Saturday 4th January 2 pm and 6 pm

Sunday 5th January 2 pm

Several children from Ickleton and Duxford are in the cast.

The panto group aims to raise funds for a local Sawston group called 'Sawston sing to remember' which was initially set up by Alzheimer's Society but since losing their funding aims to give support to anyone with memory loss of any kind.

Tickets from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/acetheatregroup or telephone Caroline 07446 161425

Emma Greenhill

News from Duxford Primary School

WELLBEING DAY

Once a term at Duxford primary school we have a Wellbeing day. This is a day when we learn how to be mindful of others and look after ourselves and the environment around us. This Wellbeing day we were lucky enough to have some parent helpers who arranged different activities for us to complete during the day. We are all very grateful to the parents and teachers who helped organise this wonderful opportunity.

Mrs Hancock taught us how important it is to keep a healthy ecosystem by "eating the rainbow". We learnt that you need to eat certain foods and certain amounts e.g. you need to eat more fruit and vegetables than you do protein.

With Mrs Owen we did some painting – using our feet! We also did a barefoot trail, leading a blindfolded partner through boxes with objects inside such as straw, cotton and rocks. Mrs Owen explained that as we have lots of nerves on the bottom of our feet, walking over different textures stimulates our creativity and improves our wellbeing. She encouraged us to walk around barefoot as much as possible as it is good for our wellbeing.

Mrs Merrells took us to the new nature reserve opposite our school. The eco-committee helped plant some birch trees that will hopefully become a habitat for animals. We measured our trees and can return there to see how much they have grown and how we have helped the environment.

To help us calm down after being outside in the fresh air we did some yoga in the form of a story. To top off the fun day we had, we enjoyed doing some mindfulness colouring whilst listening to calming music.

Once again, we are grateful to Mr Walker for organising this special event and the parent volunteers for giving up their time.

Emily - Year 6

This term Year 1 and 2 have been learning about Eliot Midnight Superhero. *Eliot Midnight Superhero* is an exciting story to read. It is about a quiet boy who is a superhero at night. He helps the mayor, he helps the queen, he helps the coastguard and he saves the world from a meteor for which he gets an award for his bravery.

It was fun when we designed our own superhero by making collage pictures of them and we really enjoyed deciding who our hero would save, what the danger would be and how they would save them. We gave our superheroes names, special powers and gadgets.

We enjoyed reading about Eliot because he is exciting. We loved his meteor-busting rocket launcher and his hypnotising eyes. Our favourite part of the story was when he fired the rocket-launcher. Kapow!

Using pictures and actions (which we like doing with all our texts), we learned and practised the story so that the language stuck in our brains and we knew the story inside-out. We then learned what *noun phrases* are and how to use them and also how ellipsis can make writing be exciting.

We enjoyed writing our own versions of the story in our best handwriting and using adjectives to make our writing sound amazing. Learning the text first really helps because we have a story that we can change.

Lapwings and Puffins class - Years 1 and 2

Wellcome Genome Campus public events in January

EXHIBITION - Empowering People: Genetic Counselling in Focus

Sat 18 January, 1 - 4pm

Wellcome Genome Campus, Hinxton, CB10 1RQ

What is genetic counselling, what does a genetic counsellor do, and who gets to see one? The latest exhibition at the Wellcome Genome Campus explores the vital but often little-known work of genetic counsellors. Discover how they work with patients, supporting them to make sense of information about genetic tests and diagnoses that is meaningful for them and their families.

You can also meet researchers who work here and visit Open Lab to discover more about the Campus' history and the cutting-edge research that happens here today.

Open to all and free to attend but booking is essential.

Tickets: <https://open-saturdays.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Local community history project

Gathering memories of Hinxton Hall

Wellcome Genome Campus Connecting Science need your help as we embark on a project to capture community memories of Hinxton Hall. We would love to bring the Hall to life with historical references and any memories you may have of working, playing or events attended at the Hall or in the grounds. Do you have these memories to share? Would you like to be involved in this project? We would love to hear from you!

More information: <http://bit.ly/call4HHmemories>

ICKLETON DIARY for January 2020 (and later)

JANUARY		
Wednesday	1 st	New Year's Day walk 11 am Village Green
Sunday	5 th	Sunday club for young children – at the Social Club 9.45 - 11 am
Tuesday	7 th	Coffee morning 10.30 - 12.00 Church
Wednesday	15 th	WEA Course (first of 5) 10 am Village Hall
“	“	Mobile Library 12.45 pm bottom of Butchers Hill
“	“	Parish Council meeting 7.30 pm Village Hall
“	“	W.I. 7.45 pm Talk Carmel Street, Gt Chesterford
Saturday	18 th	Social Club Quiz 8.15 pm
Tuesday	21 st	Coffee morning 10.30 - 12.00 Church
Wednesday	22 nd	WEA Course 10.30 am Village Hall
Saturday	25 th	Bellringers Church 10.30 am - 12.30
Wednesday	29 th	WEA Course 10.30 am Village Hall
FEBRUARY		
Friday	7 th	Wine Tasting (Ickleton Society) 7.30 for 8 Village Hall

Regular events in January

Froglets	Mondays	9.30 - 11.30	Village Hall
Keep Fit	Tuesdays	7 pm	Village Hall
Badminton	Tuesdays	8 pm	Village Hal
Indoor Bowls	Thursdays	2 - 4 pm	Village Hall

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