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sun set walk 2026

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St Nicholas Hospice Care 20 June 2026 - Bury St Edmunds

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www.stnicholashospice.org.uk/sunset-walk

St Nicholas Hospice Care's Sunset Walk returns to Bury St Edmunds on Saturday 20th June, bringing together families, friends and colleagues for an evening of remembrance, reflection and community. Walkers can choose between 10km and 15km routes, or take part virtually from anywhere.

Before heading out, participants gather in the Abbey Gardens for entertainment, warm-ups and refreshments and, creating a lively festival atmosphere. Along the route, live music, supportive volunteers and thoughtful moments of reflection make the evening one of laughter and remembrance.

Many walkers honour loved ones by decorating remembrance hearts, which are displayed at the Hospice, a reminder of why the event matters. Sponsored by Greene King, the walk supports the Hospice's mission to ensure no one faces dying, death or grief alone.

Sign up at: stnicholashospice.org.uk/news-community/events-listing/sunset-walk/

EASTER EVENTS IN SUFFOLK

At **Ickworth Park** From 4th to 22nd April 2025, explore the stunning parkland of Ickworth on a family-friendly Easter trail! Enjoy nature-inspired activities as you make your way along the route. Trails cost £3.50 per participant and include a trail sheet, bunny ears, and a delicious dairy, vegan, or Free From* chocolate egg. Open daily from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm (last entry at 3:00 pm). A perfect way to celebrate spring in the great outdoors!

Perhaps have a day in the **Forest at High Lodge** and get the adrenaline pumping on a treetop adventure at the site where Go Ape first began. Take a high wire walk through the trees or if you prefer to keep your feet on terra firma, hire a segway which is possibly the most fun you can have on two wheels in the forest. There are plenty of activities here to keep you active all day in the forest, from walking and cycling trails to archery. Pack a picnic or have a relaxing break in the cafe.

Or head to the **Spring Babies Carnival at Easton Farm Park** from the 7th – 21st April for family fun on the farm in the beautiful Suffolk countryside. Visit the farm and ride a pony, hug a bunny and the newborn lambs, collect eggs on the Easter egg hunt, take a tractor & trailer ride and lots more.



Help Keep an Older Person Safer in 2026
Did you know? While cold calling itself is allowed, traders must respect "No Cold Callers" notices - it's actually against the law if they don't! As a dedicated home care provider since 1980, we've made it our mission to help protect older and disabled people in our community. We're proud to have distributed over 250,000 of these protective stickers since 2019.

Do you know of someone who would like to receive one of these? If so, simply call us on 01603 764567. Rest assured, we keep privacy in mind - we don't store any personal information or share it with others. With warm wishes from Able Community Care your live-in care specialists, based in Norfolk, but supporting families across the UK since 1980. www.ablecommunitycare.com

Project St James Concert & Afternoon Tea
on May 16th at 3.00pm - £10.00 per person

"Friends in Harmony" and "The Sunshine Boys" will be performing.

There will be a Raffle & a Cake Stall

Please call Sue Marston-01638 713801, Hazel Russell 01638 714097 or Claire Marston 07798 790609 for tickets.



THE DOG POO FAIRY
Whatever some people may believe, there's no such thing as the 'dog poo fairy'!
So please bag that poo don't throw it in a bush please take it home - any rubbish bin will do!
Together let's put an end to this offensive, harmful litter. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET OUR LOCAL COUNTY SHOW THE SOUTH SUFFOLK SHOW IS ON MAY 10TH AT AMPTON RACECOURSE

SEE BACK PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 999 Suffolk Police (non-urgent)
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NHS 111
Crime Stoppers UK 0800 555 111
GAS EMERGENCY 0800 111 999
Electricity Emergency 105 (including Powercuts)
ANGLIAN WATER EMERGENCY 0800 771 881
Dental Emergency 111

West Suffolk Councillor Susan Glossop
07473041394
West Suffolk council 01284 763233

St James Church Wardens Dorothy Handford
01638 712439 & Sue Marston 01638 713801
All Saints CCT 0845 303 2760 Jane Hatton

Market Cross Surgery 01638 713109
Guildhall & Barrow Surgery 01284 812510
Milk Delivery Plumbs Dairy 01223 893033
Window Cleaner Rise & Shine 0771 055 7898



LIBRARY VAN DATES

The Mobile Library will visit
Mar 28th, April 25th, May 23rd,
June 20th & July 18th

calling at West Street at 1.30pm,
The Hall Close at 1.50pm
The Village Green at 2.10pm
Tony is the mobile Manager



Icklingham Parish Council

www.icklinghamparish.gov.uk

Clerk - Justin Hook

email: clerk@icklinghamparish.gov.uk

Any parishioners wishing to raise an issue or add an item to the agenda, should contact the Parish Clerk via email.

Parish Council Meetings are held on
the third Monday bi-monthly
16th March, 18th May 2026
In The Old School, The Street,
Icklingham.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Councillors 2025-2026

Darren Baugh - Chairman
Karrie Baugh
Joe Fisher
Mollie Gray
Veronica Halford

There are currently two
vacancies for Parish Councillors,
if you are interested & want to get
more involved in your village please
contact the clerk by email
clerk@icklinghamparish.gov.uk
or COME ALONG TO THE
NEXT MEETING ON MAY 16th
at 7.30pm



Church Services at St James

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 9.30am Holy Communion

Church Wardens - Dorothy Handford 01638 712439
& Sue Marston 01638 713801
ALL WELCOME



Icklingham Parish Council Draft Minutes from Parish Council Meeting Monday 19th January 2026. The draft minutes will be approved at the Parish Council Meeting on 16th March, 2026.

Present: Cllr Darren Baugh (Chair), Cllrs Karrie Baugh, Joe Fisher and Mollie Gray. District Cllr Susan Glossop, Clerk Justin Hook, and 1 member of the public.

Agenda Items 1. Chair's welcome, opening remarks and to receive apologies for absence

5. To receive Borough Councillor's report from Cllr. Susan Glossop. WSC have produced a magazine, which should have been sent to all residents. Cllr Glossop didn't think the magazine was particularly great and may get lost in with junk mail. It speaks of the cabinet members but not the 64 local Cllrs who actually serve the communities. She encouraged residents to feedback on the magazine. Cllrs not received anything yet, but Clerk had received in Fornham. *Action: Cllr Glossop will chase.*

Resident said in East Cambridgeshire the council provide two brown bins FOC, so why do we pay for one in West Suffolk? Cllrs put this down to councils operating differently in different counties. Resident asked why the hard plastics skip at Mildenhall recycling centre has gone, and if hard plastics now go into the non-recyclables skip, what happens to them? Cllr Glossop confirmed that no waste goes to landfill, it is burnt. *Action: Cllr Glossop to find out more about the hard plastics.* Resident raised that one of the gates on the open access heath is currently locked. It should be open between 1st Nov and 31st March. *Action: Clerk to liaise with Andrew at Elveden Estate.*

7. To receive updates on the following matters:

a. VAS data report - Cllr Fisher Mildenhall Road sign not functioning or reporting properly. Expected low battery issue. *Action: Cllr Baugh to put fresh batteries in it.* Data from The Plough unit: Average speed was 30mph, with a top speed of 98mph, and 87% of incoming traffic compliant to 30mph. Outgoing compliance was 57%. Cllr Fisher confirmed that the mobile unit had also been in attendance.

b. Basketball resurfacing - Clerk A great job has been done by Welham Surfacing, and the court has now been lined. Culford Waste have collected the old surface - ITEM CLOSED.

c. Dog fouling signs - Cllr Halford No update.

8. To receive Clerks report a. Bus stop improvements Proposal suggested, no news as yet.

b. Police communication Ongoing conversations regarding motorbikes. *Clerk to meet with PC Oliver Smith to discuss most recent issues.* Bikes reported still crossing river. Concrete bollards have been moved into the field.

c. Fallen sign by river Now missing entirely. *Clerk to chase repair/replacement.*

d. Bus timetable repair No action. *Clerk to chase.*

e. Asset risk assessment & maintenance list Cllr Baugh completed, *Clerk to review.* The poo bin at the end of West Street is full, with bags hanging off. *Action: Clerk to report to WSC.*

f. Allotment wall No action. *Clerk to remind Elveden.*

g. Clerk's review/appraisal Cllr Baugh to arrange date and time and liaise with Clerk.

h. Fly tipping, Ramparts Field Land owner has been notified, and it remains his responsibility to arrange clearance, although council concerned leaving it will lead to more.

i. Fridge Door, Temple Bridge Removed - ITEM CLOSED.

j. Land Registry, Ramparts Field Cllr Gray advised that she had sought advice and it was suggested that council don't necessarily need to register, unless they plan to sell or transfer the land. Without deeds, it may be just possessory title. Clerk has received request regarding a small number of flint artefacts found in the dig carried out in 2018. The finder would like to gift the items to the West Stow Anglo Saxon Village. John Browning has given his consent, but the dig area was on council land so council need to give their approval. Council resolved to gift the items to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village, on the basis that items will be attributed as found on Icklingham Parish Council land.

k. White lines in village Clerk waiting for pictures of the issue.

l. Faded Icklingham Way sign Clerk waiting for pictures of the issue.

m. Phone box window cleaning Cllr Halford to action in Spring.

n. Thank you letter to first Mildenhall Road resident. Cllr Halford delivered - ITEM CLOSED.

o. Stiles in Plough Car Park A walker sustained an injury on one of the stiles, they were both subsequently closed off. SCC Rights of Way Officer has been dealing with Elveden, who have agreed to replace both stiles with kissing gates. Clerk has since spoken to correspondent, who was grateful for the update, and advised the injured walker was recovering well - ITEM CLOSED.

9. Planning: i. SCC/0069/25F Cavenham Quarry SCC/0069/25F Cavenham Road, Cavenham.

Part retrospective application for the erection and use of a concrete batching plant and associated infrastructure including access onto the highway, and retrospective installation of a weighbridge, weighbridge office and lighting column. Clerk had since received notification this application was approved, so no comment required.

Play park inspections Council noted from report that remedial work required, but all low to very low risk. Cllr Fisher reported the three main things that need looking at; signage, to include location/address; replacement bin lid; swing of the gate too great (stopper required).

Action: Clerk to investigate.

12. Installation of village gates Clerk reported License approved, contractor quote accepted, now to tie all together and fix a date with Darren Haill for installation, once he has applied for license from highways to carry out the works. Council resolved to have the areas trimmed in preparation and to provide clear lines of sight to the new gates. *Action: Clerk to speak to contractors.*

13. Meeting with Nick Timothy and other parishes along the A1101, regarding motorbikes. Little or no action since this meeting. *Action: Clerk to chase Cllr Hopfensperger and Cllr Noble for update on the promised A1101 signage review/overhaul.*

14. Meeting with Moulton & Lidgate Parish Council, to lobby SCC on their current stance on road safety, speeding and traffic calming Clerk updated that this meeting had resulted in a change of policy from SCC on 20mph speed limits, with the aim being to give more control to villages/parishes wanting to bring in 20mph limits, with clearer guidance and a potentially easier process.

15. Request for support/donation Council to discuss requests received from; i. SARS (Suffolk Accident Rescue Services) ii. Citizens Advice West Suffolk. Council resolved to review and reconsider all donations and grants in May, under the new budget.

17. Police & Crime Commissioner proposal to use raise the policing element of the precept by the maximum increase of £15 per Band D property Council resolved to approve the proposal on the basis of supporting the polices work.

18. Correspondence ii. Email regarding injury sustained on stile at the bottom of the Plough car park Covered under item 8 o. iii. Clerk has been advised of a dumped car bumper at the Temple Bridge parking area *Action: Clerk to report.*

19. D.O.N.M. March 16th 2026 in The Old School at 7.30pm

Please note : These draft minutes have been abbreviated, a full copy is available on www.icklinghamparish.gov.uk and The Parish Council notice board in the village.

Electrical recycling bins near Icklingham !

Bury St Edmunds

Moreton Hall Community Centre Car Park, IP32 7EE
Ram Meadow Car park, Cotton Lane, IP33 1XP
Parkway Surface Car Park, Parkway North, IP33 3BA

Vinery Road Car Park, Vinery Road, IP33 2JP

Mildenhall

Jubilee Centre Car Park, Recreation Way, IP28 7HG
St Johns Close Car Park, IP28 7NX

Cyclists invited to support St Nicholas Hospice Care

St Nicholas Hospice Care is welcoming cyclists of all ages and abilities to take part in two special fundraising challenges this year the St Nic's Cycle Ride and the London to Paris Bike Ride.

The St Nic's Cycle Ride, taking place on May 10, brings together riders from across West Suffolk, Thetford and local villages for a friendly and community-focused day out. With routes suited to families, casual cyclists and more experienced riders, it's a much-loved event that continues to grow. Every mile cycled helps fund important services offered by the Hospice.

Registrations are open now, and the event is kindly sponsored by Atkins Dellow, with support from Maglia Rosso Cycling Centre.

For those looking for a bigger challenge, the London to Paris Bike Ride offers a memorable journey from capital to capital, organised in partnership with Discover Adventure.

Spring one-pot roast Chicken

1.5kg whole chicken
250g mascarpone
½ small lemon - zest & juiced
1 small bunch of tarragon OR basil - finely chopped
3 tbsp olive oil 800gms new potatoes - halved if large
1 garlic bulb - halved
200g radishes - halved if large
½ bunch of spring onions - trimmed
150ml chicken stock
200g frozen peas - defrosted
100g spring greens - shredded

Step 1 - Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Remove any string from the chicken & sit in a large roasting tin or a baking dish, with plenty of space around it.

Step 2 - Mash 2 tbsp of the mascarpone with the lemon zest & 1 tbsp of the tarragon or basil, add seasoning. Slip your hand beneath the chicken skin to pull it away from the meat, then spread the mixture beneath the skin in a thin layer. Spoon another 3 tbsp mascarpone into the cavity of the chicken, to melt in with the roasting juices & enrich the sauce later on. Rub 2 tbsp olive oil into the skin, season well with sea salt, then loosely tie the legs together with butcher's string. Roast for 20 mins.

Step 3 - Arrange the potatoes & the garlic around the chicken, drizzle over another 1 tbsp oil & cook for another 30 mins.

Step 4 - Toss the radishes & whole spring onions into the dish, in & around the potatoes, coating everything in the fat, then roast for another 25 mins. The potatoes & radishes will be golden & tender, Check the chicken is cooked through. Remove the chicken from the tin, cover loosely with foil & leave to rest.

Step 5
Pour off or spoon away the excess oil from the tin. Stir the remaining mascarpone (about 150g) with the stock in a jug until lump-free, then pour into the tin & bubble on the hob for few minutes, stirring to coat the potatoes & vegetables. Squeeze over some lemon juice and season.

Step 6
Stir in the peas, spring greens & most of the remaining tarragon or basil, bubble for a few more minutes until veg are bright green. Sit the chicken back in the middle of the tin to serve & scatter over the reserved tarragon or basil. Enjoy!

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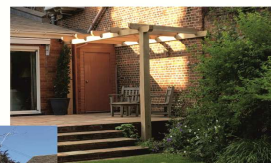






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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Project St James
Christmas Concert
6th December 2026

Project St James Flower Festival
25th & 26th July 11.00am - 4.00pm
“All the fun of the fair!!”
is this year's theme
Games, raffle, cake stall & refreshments

The Old School Hall
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**THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR LIGHTING UP
ICKLINGHAM LAST CHRISTMAS**
Thanks to everyone in the village who decorated their houses &
gardens with wonderful Christmas lights. They really brightened
up Icklingham & made everyone feel very festive.
Let's go even bigger next year !!!
