

THE ICKLINGHAM VILLAGER

WINTER 2024

#BUY NOTHING NEW MONTH

SAVE YOUR PENNIES. PROTECT YOUR PLANET

From the water and energy used in production to the fuel used in delivery, every new item we buy has an environmental price tag, and our research shows that 28.4 million UK adults agree they are contributing to climate change by 'buying stuff'. That's why, Keep Britain Tidy, Seventy-three per cent of those who took part last time succeeded in buying nothing new at all!

We're calling on Brits to boycott Black Friday and the culture of impulse buys that goes along with it. Instead, we want to waste less, make the most of the stuff we own, and cut our carbon footprint by buying nothing new — excluding essentials like food and medicine — throughout November.

Throughout November, we'll be teaming up with sustainability experts to share tips on how to resist the lure of online advertising. We'll highlight alternatives like shopping locally for pre-loved goods, reusing, repairing, and share tips on how to gift sustainably. Encouragingly, our research shows almost 35 million people across the nation are confident they could buy less. Buy Nothing New Month is all about making that choice to save our pennies and protect the planet.

For more information and tips go to news@KeepBritainTidy.org

CHURCH FARM PROPOSALS

At the last Parish Council Meeting Andrew Blenkiron who is the new Managing Director of Elveden Farms Ltd presented the Elveden Master Plan Proposals Consultation for the Church Farm site.

If you have any questions feel free to contact :- Andrew Blenkiron FRAGS. FIAGM at Elveden Farms Ltd. email: andrew.blenkiron@elveden.com or Tel: 01842 890223 This is just a proposal at this stage, any suggestions can be made by email or telephone to Mr. Blenkiron.

THE ALICE DIX CHARITY

If you would like to make an application for a Christmas payment the following criteria must be met.

One payment per household. Payments will be made by cheque only.

Under the terms of the Charity the trustees are required to comply with a number of directions including the following:

Relief in Need : The trustees shall apply the income of the Charity applicable for relief in need in relieving either generally or individually persons resident in the area of benefit who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities.

Payments shall be made on receipt of an individual application & judged in accordance with the terms of the Charity.

To make an application for help this Christmas please write to the secretary Mrs Dorothy Handford at Saxon Lodge, West Street, Icklingham or email bac@talk21.com before the 15th December 2024.

The Charity can also assist with many other needs, examples include education, mobility, assistance in the home.

Please apply to the secretary in writing.

Every application will be considered.

**HAVE YOU LOST A DOGS LEAD ?
FOUND NEAR WEATHERHILL FARM
RECENTLY - PLEASE CALL
07748998164**



A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
on DECEMBER 8th
WITH SOHAM BRASS BAND
& FRIENDS IN HARMONY BARBERSHOP GROUP

3.00pm in St. James Church
£8.50 per adult
£5.00 12-16 years & under 12 years free
To include refreshments



ST. JAMES CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 8th December at the 9.30am service we shall be re-licensing Claire Marston in her role as 'Lay Elder' in the church.

Sunday 22nd December at our 3pm service you can see Claire in action, as she leads a service of traditional "Lessons and Carols".

Christmas Eve at 10pm David will be leading our service of Holy Communion, a wonderful, peaceful and worshipful way to prepare for Christmas Day.

Everyone is welcome to attend

THE ICKLINGHAM PCC WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEER GRASS CUTTERS OF ST. JAMES CHURCHYARD YOUR HELP & HARD WORK IN 2024 HAS BEEN MUCH APPRECIATED THANK YOU

Supporting Each Other:

Focus on Winter

You may have heard

Winter Fuel Payments being discussed in the news recently. They used to be paid to everyone over State Pension age, regardless of their income. This has now changed. Only people who get Pension Credit will receive the one off Winter Fuel Payment this year. And it's not just help with heating costs - getting Pension Credit opens the door to additional benefits such as help with the cost of dental work, glasses and transport to hospital; help with rent or mortgage interest; and help paying Council Tax. Not to mention a free TV Licence for those aged 75 and over. A lot of people think if they have savings they won't be entitled, but that is not always the case.

While 1.4 million households in the UK already receive Pension Credit, an estimated 880,000 people are eligible for it, but not receiving it. Can you help us reach these people? Continued overleaf.....

West Suffolk
Council

ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE !

Elveden Estate has an area for allotments in Icklingham, opposite St. James Church. There are several plots, the number available will depend on how big an area people would like. For more info please contact Sarah Shepherd by email: sarah.shepherd@elveden.com.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 999 Suffolk Police
(non-urgent) 101
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



**Church Services at St James
CHURCH SERVICES**

ALL WELCOME

**Please check Church Notice Board for more
information & services or contact the
Church Wardens
Sue Marston
Dorothy Handford**

A view from the church.

I am writing for The Villager with considerable mixed feelings. It is with a heavy heart that I tell you that Caroline and I are coming to the end of our time as Vicars in The Brecks Group of parishes, of which Icklingham is a very significant and much loved part. The reason that we are coming to the end of our time here is that we are retiring from full-time ministry. Very early in the New Year we are intending to move to North West Norfolk and to reside permanently in Hunstanton. It will seem very strange not to be involved in the day-today routines of church life, with all of its joys and challenges of which there are plenty of both!

Over the past 6 years we have built up some strong associations and friendships in the area, which will all be much missed. For me, it will also seem very strange not to have to "go to work" for the first time in over 50 years. We shall have to adapt to a new rhythm of life. Much of it, I am sure will involve "Grandparent duties", that will be a great delight!

Our official retirement date is 31st December - we shall still be around until then. We have a busy time of Advent and the Christmas season to look forward to in our churches. Here at St James that will include some significant services too

On Sunday 8th December at our 9.30am service we shall be re-licensing Claire Marston in her role as 'Lay Elder' in the church. A vital Lay Ministry role that serves to support parish life here in Icklingham.

On Sunday 22nd December at our 3pm service you can see Claire in action, as she leads a service of traditional "Lessons and Carols".

On Christmas Eve at 10pm I shall be leading our service of Holy Communion, a wonderful, peaceful and worshipful way to prepare for Christmas Day and all that means to Christians and all it entails for families spending time together.

Then on Sunday 29th December at 11am Caroline and I will be at St James once more for what will be a combined service for our final time in The Brecks Group of parishes. You would all be very welcome at any or all of the services over the Advent period. We are truly grateful to Icklingham for agreeing to host our final service on what will no doubt be a time of deep reflection for us as we move on to pastures new.

As we go we are pleased to tell you that Revd Paul Tams, a very experienced priest from Mildenhall, many of you may remember him from his time as a Maths teacher in Mildenhall, will come to cover the interim vacancy that exists as we depart. He will be a very welcome addition to the life of St James in Icklingham. We pray that you will have a Blessed and peaceful Advent and Christmas and a healthy 2025 - Please do come and attend one of those services, if only to ensure that Caroline and I do actually go!

Reverends David and Caroline Butcher

Icklingham Parish Council

www.icklingham.onesuffolk.net

Clerk Email: icklinghampc@gmail.com

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

***Parish Council Meetings are held on the third Monday bi-monthly (January, March, May, July, September & November), at 7:30pm in the Old School Hall, The Street, Icklingham.**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Councillors 2024-2025

Cllr Darren Baugh - Chairman (Planning, VAS & Alice Dix Charity) email: darrenbaugh@aol.com

Cllr Veronica Halford - Vice Chairman (Planning) email: veronica.halford89@btinternet.com

Cllr Karrie Baugh (Planning)

Cllr Raymond Moss (Planning, Asset Inspection)

Cllr Joe Fisher (Planning)

There are currently two vacancies for Parish Councillors, if you are interested & want to get more involved in your village please contact the clerk icklinghampc@gmail.com or come along to the next meeting!

Continued.....Supporting Each Other: Focus on Winter



If you have friends or family over State Pension age (currently 66), ask them if they have checked their eligibility. They can find out more here: www.gov.uk/pension-credit, or by calling 0800 99 1234. Applications can be made online or over the phone.

What about people who are not entitled to Pension Credit? Below you will find details of support throughout West Suffolk available to our communities who may find themselves vulnerable this winter. The Government Funded Household Support Fund has been extended until March 2025 & is an allocation of funding given to Suffolk County Council to support people who are experiencing hardship or struggling with the rising costs.

Suffolk County Council allocates Household Support Fund money to residents in a number of ways including Local Welfare Assistance Scheme, a fund set up for those experiencing financial hardship & can help with food, heating, clothing, fuel & white goods. Full details & eligibility criteria can be found on the website. This fund is changing so it is important you keep up to date by visiting the website. Applications are made online, or with support from a partner organisation such as Citizens Advice.

Warm Homes Suffolk: Warm Homes Suffolk Grants available to help insulate & make properties more energy efficient. Eligibility can be checked online or by contacting 03456 037 686. This fund is available to homeowners, renters & landlords & is provided throughout the county. Other benefits www.entitledto.co.uk - Check entitlement to other benefits such as Housing Benefit, Support for Mortgage Interest, Council Tax Reduction, Attendance Allowance, Carers Allowance & more. These could increase your income & help you better afford your bills. Use an online benefits calculator or contact an advice agency such as Age UK or Citizens Advice (details below).

Discretionary Payments www.angliarevenues.gov.uk/discretionary for those receiving council tax reduction. Both payments are short term & one off but are aimed at helping those experiencing exception financial hardship. Individuals can apply on line & full details of funding available can be found by visiting the website (application form is through this website as well).

These organisations may be of help too :-

Age UK Website www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/money-legal/benefits-entitlements/pension-credit

Martin Lewis of Money Saving Expert - Pension Credit guide webpage www.moneysavingexpert.com/savings/pensioncredit

**BURY ST EDMUNDS LIBRARY
CLUBS FOR CHILDREN**



Lego Club

Nov 9th 2024 10:00am

(every week) Come along to the

library and join us for our weekly Lego Club, suitable for children and families! Get involved in fun creative building activities in the welcoming space of the library. Let your imagination run wild and create something unique! Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Coding Club

Nov 30th 2024 11:00am

(last Saturday of every month)

Have you ever wanted to learn how to code? Join us on the last Saturday

of every month for our fun and Informal coding club, suitable for children aged 7-12! Learn new skills in Scratch and develop advance skills in Python. All abilities welcome.

You must have a Suffolk Libraries card to log on and use our free computers. You can get a library card at any of our libraries or by registering online. This event is free to attend but booking via TicketSource is advised due to limited spaces.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Chatterbooks Children's Book Group

Dec 7th 2024 10:15am

(first Saturday of every month)

Love books? Want to meet new friends, share your favourite stories & find new reading recommendations? Join us for

our monthly Chatterbooks book group for children aged 9-12 years old! Chat about all-things books and get involved in some fun reading-inspired activities!

This group meets on the first Saturday of every month from 10.15am. No booking required, just drop in and have fun!

LIBRARY VAN VISITS

**The Mobile Library will visit on the
7th Dec, 4th Jan, 1st Feb, 1st March.**

**calling at West Street at 2.40pm, The Hall Close at
3.10pm & The Village Green at 3.25pm.**



The new mobile Manager is Tony

Telephone number TBC

Please support our local Service !

CHOCOLATE ORANGE MOUSSE

**Mousse : 450 ml Double Cream
200 gms Condensed Milk
225 gms Terry's Chocolate Orange**



**Topping : 150 ml Double Cream
2 tbsp Icing Sugar
Chocolate Orange Segments/gold sprinkles to decorate**

- 1. Chop the 225g of Terry's Chocolate Orange up into small chunks and melt carefully in the microwave, or in a large glass bowl over a pan of simmering water, allow to cool slightly.**
- 2. Pour the Melted Chocolate, Cream, and Condensed Milk into your mixing bowl and whisk until a thick mousse like texture is formed, and it holds itself! If you over whisk, it might split so be careful!**

- 3. Spoon the Mousse into some Glasses, leave to set in fridge for 3-4 hours.**

- 4. Once set, whisk together the extra double cream & the icing sugar to top the mousses, decorate with Chocolate Orange Mini Segments & gold sprinkles if liked ! This will serve 6-8 people depending on portion size !! Enjoy.**

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**There will not be a coffee morning
November to January
Coffee mornings will resume in
February 2025.**



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A NIGHT OF MURDER MYSTERY

Friday 6th December
7pm arrival, 7:30pm sit down
£45 per person



WINE TASTING

Thursday 12th December
6:30pm | £45 per person

Enjoy a three course meal with wine to match!

CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHTS

Friday 13th & Friday 20th December
7pm arrival | £45 per person
3 course festive menu & disco

BEFORE NOON TEA WITH SANTA

Monday 23rd December
9am to 12pm | £26.50 per adult | £19.50 per child
The perfect chance to see Santa before the big day!



FESTIVE MENU

2 Courses £33 | 3 Courses £40
Available Monday to Saturday | 2nd to 24th December
12pm-9pm

For more information about our events or to book visit our
website www.guinnessarms.com

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE LADIES WHO BRAVE THE WEATHER TO DELIVER YOUR

NEWSLETTER. THEY ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS.

A BIG THANK YOU TO MAUREEN DOYLE, RONNIE HALFORD, KAREN NOLAN & JEAN PADMORE.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ALSO THANK ALL THE ADVERTISERS, THE PARISH COUNCIL & ALL

CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS NEWSLETTER. NOT FORGETTING KEITH AT RIVERSIDE PRINTING WHO DOES A GREAT JOB FOR US.

Thanks for reading, wishing you all a very Happy Christmas,
Beverley Curtis, Editor.

PS Your next newsletter will arrive in March 2025



Wishing Gordon Ward

a very Happy 80th Birthday,
Gordon is 80 on 21st November
Best wishes & lots of love from
all your friends in the Village



Belated Birthday wishes to Hazel Russell who was 80 in the
Summer & early Birthday Wishes to Ronnie Halford
who will be 80 in December !

Happy Birthday to all Octogenarians and anyone else,
in Icklingham, who has a Birthday soon !
