



ICKLINGHAM VILLAGER

February 2019



Event Reports

The Festival of Lights held in December was a great success and over the course of the weekend £1000 was raised for Project St James.

The church looked beautiful and festive music was played throughout the weekend, big thanks go to Gill Murden for playing and getting everyone in the Christmas Spirit. The Carol Service was held on Sunday evening and the Church was full, after the service everyone enjoyed Mulled Wine, mince pies and Betty's famous cheese straws. A great way to round off a lovely weekend. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a great success again and thanks to everyone who attended and supported the Festival of Lights.

Icklingham Community Group raised £100 for E.A.C.H. (East Anglian Children's Hospice). We were due to be Carol singing but sadly we had to cancel the event due to heavy rain. Big thanks go to Ray and Annette who provided delicious refreshment for us all while we had a sing-song in their home. A very festive evening was had by all.

The Christingle Service which was held on Saturday 8th December was well attended with over thirty people, of all ages, taking part and making Christingles. This event continues to grow in popularity every year. The service was again taken by Claire Marston, with James Marston playing the organ. Everyone enjoyed the service very much.

Icklingham Parish Council

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS

**26th March at 7.30pm
in the Old School Hall**

All are welcome to attend

**PC Meetings will also be held on
14th May, 30th July,
24th September & 26th November**



The Flower Club

At the next meeting of the Flower Club florist Verity Marston will be demonstrating pedestals and window arrangements
Saturday March 23rd at St James Church,
11am to 1pm

£5.00 per person includes refreshments and a raffle ticket
Everyone welcome



DOG FOULING ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Please keep the playing field clean and pleasant to use, clean up your dogs mess! If you know who is allowing their dog to foul the playing field please contact the number below.

It is estimated that 24% of UK households own a dog and although the majority of these dog owners are responsible there are still those that don't and won't bag it and bin it! Dog mess is a nuisance and is associated with various diseases including toxocara canis which is a roundworm whose eggs can be found in dog mess. This causes stomach upsets, sore throats, asthma and in rare cases blindness. When irresponsible dog owners do not clear up not only are they committing an offence but they are leaving behind something which can be easily picked up by young children or stood in by others. Unfortunately it is difficult to catch dog owners not clearing up, however across West Suffolk several initiatives have been implemented which aim to change this behaviour. If you are a dog owner or walker then you must pick up your dog's mess if it fouls in areas open to the public. This is a legal requirement as described under the Public Spaces Protection Order (Dogs) 2017 (refer to this for exceptions to picking up dog foul).

If you do not then you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice. If you do not pay the Fixed Penalty Notice then you could be taken to court and fined up to £1,000.

To report a problem contact Customer Services:

to report dog foul that needs clearing or if you have witnessed dog fouling and are willing to provide a witness statement.

if you think there is a need for a dog bin in a particular place, to report a full or overflowing dog bin. You can telephone Customer Services on 01638 719000 or 01284 763233 or email customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk

BEETLE DRIVE

Back by popular demand !

Friday 1st March at 7.00pm in

The Old School Hall

Come to the Beetle Drive

Bring your friends, your drinks & snacks and enjoy an evening of light entertainment.

The teams will be in groups of four. Don't worry if you have never played before, all will be revealed !

The object of the game is to draw a beetle on the throws of a dice !

Entrance is £3.00 per person.

Suitable for all ages!

Come and have some fun.



Police are encouraging members of the equine community to review security measures following two incidents (not linked) that occurred in January.

On Wednesday 2 January between 00.01 and 8.30am entry was gained to a stable in Woolpit and two leather saddles were stolen. Also, at a stable located in a rural setting in Brandon on Santon Downham Road was entered and tack equipment was stolen. The burglary occurred between 3pm Saturday and 7.30am Sunday 6 January. A container on the site was also entered after the padlock was forced off and items were stolen from within.

If you have any information about these crimes, please contact Suffolk Police via 101 quoting the crime references above or use the online crime reporting link - <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>
First Principle security advice can be viewed via <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice/crime-prevention-z>

Suffolk Wildlife Trust is the county's nature charity – the only organisation dedicated wholly to safeguarding Suffolk's wildlife and countryside. The Trust has led local nature conservation efforts in Suffolk for five decades and has saved some of the county's most important wildlife sites as nature reserves. In the past eight years the Trust has spent over £7 million buying land for wildlife and currently cares for nearly 8000 acres of some of Suffolk's most inspiring wild places. Our nature reserves are open to enjoy whenever you wish, there is no charge - instead we ask you to help us look after them by becoming a member. If you are interested please contact Sam Grange, Membership Manager on 01473 890089.

For animals and plants to thrive they need corridors of suitable habitat - river valleys, hedgerows and gardens, where they can move safely through the landscape. In this sense our nature reserves work as ecological hubs and we work closely with neighbouring landowners, communities and partner organisations to create swathes of wildlife-rich countryside where wildlife can spill out into the wider landscape - a Living Landscape.

LACKFORD LAKES BOOK FAIR - A chance to purchase a brilliant selection of 2nd hand books! 23rd - 24th March 10am-4pm. Donations for the book fair will be welcomed throughout February.

SWT hold many events for all age groups including talks, walks and activities - call more info 01284 728706.

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

Serves 6

- 1 whole chicken
- 1 teaspoon salt
- water to cover ingredients
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 large carrots, sliced
- 1 cup sliced celery
- 3/4 cup whole wheat egg noodles, uncooked



In a large saucepan, place chicken and salt. Add enough water so the chicken is covered. Heat to boiling. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer about 45 minutes or until chicken is tender.

Remove chicken from broth and cool enough to handle.

Remove skin and bones and chop the meat.

Skim fat from broth.

Add additional water, if needed, to make 6 cups.

Bring to a boil.

Add chicken, onion, carrots, celery and noodles to the broth.

Cover, reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes.

ARTICLES FOR THE VILLAGER

If anyone has interesting stories about Icklingham village life past or present, memories and stories, as well as old photographs. Please drop me an email or pop it in my post box.

This is your newsletter so lets have some interesting items to put in, perhaps someone has an unusual or interesting hobby to write an article about it. Have you got a favourite recipe to share ?

Have you got any seasonal gardening tips such as 'how to plant a window box' or 'growing vegetables in containers'.

Perhaps you could write a book, film, music or computer game reviews.

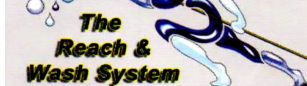
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ALICE DIX

If anyone in the village has any information on Alice Dix I would be very interested to hear it. Please email me on bac@talk21.com or telephone 01638719055

Suffolk School Travel Changes from September 2019

Suffolk County Council is implementing changes to its School Travel Policy taking effect from September 2019. We have written to all schools with information about the policy change and how it will affect them. For your reference please see below the detail of the policy change and how it may affect schools in your area.

Statutory School Age School Travel Policy:

Children living in Suffolk who will be starting at a new school in September 2019 will be eligible for SCC funded school travel when they are over 2 miles (under 8 years old) or 3 miles (over 8) walking distance from their nearest suitable school that would have had a place available for them. This would be whether or not an application was made for a place at that school. Full details about SCC funded school travel, including additional arrangements for low income families and those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), can be found at www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel.

The new policy is being phased in. This means that children who receive Suffolk County Council (SCC) funded school travel in the 2018/2019 school year will continue to receive this whilst they continue to attend the same school unless they turn 8 years of age and live between 2 and 3 miles from their current school, or move house at which time eligibility would be reassessed.

In the first year of change to the new school travel policy this will impact on those starting or moving school with effect from September 2019. We are unable to be specific about the impact, until we complete the normal admissions rounds for September 2019. The national offer days for school places are 1 March 2019 for secondary/upper allocations and 16 April 2019 for Primary/middle allocations.

For those starting at secondary/upper schools in September 2019, parents will be informed if their child is eligible for SCC funded travel by 30 April 2019. Information about those who are eligible to SCC funded travel will be provided to the child's receiving school. If parents do not hear from us by this date and believe their child is eligible for funded school travel, they should contact the Customer Service Team on 0345 606 6173 or email them at customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk.

For primary/middle schools for school year 2019/2020, parents will be informed by 14 May 2019 and need to contact us as soon as possible after this date if they think they might be eligible. Again, information about those who are eligible to SCC funded travel will be provided to the child's receiving school.

Beyond September 2019, changes will continue to be implemented as each year group starts a new school or a family move to a new house.

For transport in September 2019 and all future years families whose child/ren are eligible for SCC funded school travel will need to opt in to receive their transport.

This important change means that all parents will have to opt-in by 31 May each year for school travel to be provided in the following school year as this will no longer be provided automatically.



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GARDENING TIPS FOR FEBRUARY

1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
2. Chit potato tubers
3. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
4. Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
5. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
6. Prune Wisteria and conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea
7. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
8. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses

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Former Icklingham resident Wendy Goult is forging a path through the literary world with her writing. Three of her books have been published and can be obtained from Waterstones book shop in Bury St. Edmunds. They are Chain Reaction, Chasing Shadows & A Tangled Web of Time. Well worth trying for a light, escapist read. Karen Nolan

LAST BUT NOT LEASThave you a special person you want to Thank, wish Good Luck, Happy Birthday, Getting Married, say get well soon or a new arrival? Well this is the space for you – just email bac@talk21.com or phone 01638 719055 and let me know your special message and it will appear here free of charge..

LIBRARY VAN DATES FOR 2019

Feb 9th, March 9th, April 6th, May 4th
calling at West Street at 2.40pm, The Hall Close
at 3.10pm & The Village Green at 3.25pm.
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