



# THE ICKLINGHAM VILLAGER

MARCH 2022



## Platinum Wedding Celebrations for Les & Esther



PLATINUM WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
70 YEARS TOGETHER. ESTHER & LES COOKE

Esther & Les were married at St James' Church in Icklingham on 15th March 1952.

Their Wedding reception was held at no. 6 The Council Houses and the honeymoon was a day out in Bury to watch the wrestling at the Cornhill!

They are the oldest couple living in the village, Les is 96 and Esther is 89 years of age. Esther was born at West Stow then moved to Icklingham when she was 5 years old and Les moved with his mother, father & sister from London to Icklingham when he was also 5.

They have lived all their married life in Icklingham & Les worked at Marston's Mill for over 50 Years. They have three sons, eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

**A True Icklingham Couple.  
Congratulations to you both**



**SAVE THE DATE - PSJ FLOWER FESTIVAL**

23rd & 24th July - 11am to 4pm

More details and events to follow

## Project St James are Celebrating 25 years of fundraising!

In 1997 the then Vicar called a public meeting to discuss the threatened closure of St James's Church. On the 7th May 1997 Project St James was formed to try and raise funds to maintain the fabric of the building, in order to try and keep the church open. With the help and support from the village, twenty five years later, PSJ are still going strong and the church remains open, in regular use and continues to be maintained.

As a thank you for your support, especially to those who have and continue to support through the 100 Club and have attended fundraising events over the years, the PSJ committee would like to invite all the residents of the village to St James's Church on Saturday 7th May from 5pm to 8pm to celebrate with a free Hog Roast and a glass of Wine.

*For catering purposes it is essential, as we are sure you will understand, that you contact either Sue Marston 712387, Dorothy Handford 712439 or Hazel Russell 714097 by the 23rd April if you wish to come along.*

We hope as many of you as possible will come along & join the committee to celebrate 25years of Project St James.



### COFFEE MORNINGS ARE BACK



### AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

on the 26th March,

30th April & 28th May

Coffee - Cakes - Raffle

Come along and meet friends and neighbours, for more info see the

Church notice board or call Dorothy Handford 712439 or Sue Marston 713801

**ALL WELCOME**

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Susan Glossop 07473041394

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St James Church Wardens Dorothy Handford

01638 712439 and Sue Marston 01638 713801

All Saints CCT 0845 303 2760 Jane Hatton

Market Cross Surgery 01638 713109

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Milk Delivery Plumbs Dairy 01223 893033

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### LIBRARY VAN DATES

The Mobile Library will call on 5 March, 2 April, 30 April, 28 May, 25 June & 23 July calling at West Street at 2.40pm, The Hall Close at 3.10pm & The Village Green at 3.25pm, the mobile Manager is Kevin Lambert 0788 442 2762.

If health or mobility problems are preventing you or someone you know getting to a branch/mobile library, volunteers' from Suffolk Libraries Home Library Service can help. The service is free and available from most libraries.

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Please support our local Service if you can.



### *The March Hare - To be as "mad as a March hare"*

*This is an English idiomatic phrase derived from the observed antics, said to occur only in the March breeding season of the European hare.*

*The phrase is used to refer to any other animal or human who behaves in the often excitable and unpredictable manner of a March hare !*

*A long-held view is that the hare will behave strangely and excitedly throughout its breeding season, which in Europe peaks in the month of March. This odd behaviour includes boxing at other hares, jumping vertically for seemingly no reason and generally displaying abnormal behaviour. An early verbal record of this animal's strange behaviour occurred in about 1500, in the poem Blowbol's Test where the original poet said:*

*Thanne þey begyn to swere and to stare, And be as braynles as a Marshe hare  
(Then they begin to swerve and to stare, And be as brainless as a March hare)*

*Although the phrase in general has been in continuous use since the 16th century, it was popularised in more recent times by Lewis Carroll in his 1865 children's book Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, in which the March Hare is a character.*

## ST. JAMES CHURCH

Please contact the Church Wardens for further details  
Dorothy Handford 712439 & Sue Marston 713801



13th March Holy Communion Service

9.30am

27th March Mothering Sunday Service of the Word 9.30am

**ALL WELCOME**

### **The Churches Conservation Trust are holding an Open Day in All Saints Church in Icklingham**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 from 11am to 12 noon**

*The Churches Conservation Trust will be holding an Open Day at All Saint's Church for anyone who would like to come along. Refreshments will be provided by the Guinness Arms from 11am. We will also be providing a rest stop for those walking from Ely on their way to Bury Cathedral.*

*All Saints will be welcoming pilgrims on the 5<sup>th</sup> April who will be following a route taken by the Abbey's Benedictine founders in 1020. The walk from Ely Cathedral to St Edmundsbury Cathedral will be the first event to mark the celebrations of the founding of the Abbey of St Edmunds by King Canute. These celebrations are delayed from 2020 due to Covid and details of all the events can be found at <https://stedscathedral.org/abbey-1000-events>*

*Everyone will be welcome to join the pilgrims for refreshments and have the opportunity to share your ideas with the CCT on how you would like to see the church used or find out how you can get involved.*

*If you would like any further information please confirm by contacting Jane on 0739 208 6936 or email [jhatton@thecct.org.uk](mailto:jhatton@thecct.org.uk).*

*For more information on the Churches Conservation Trust please visit [www.visitchurches.org.uk/](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/)*



**WHEN EXERCISING YOUR DOG  
PLEASE CLEAN UP ANY MESS YOUR  
DOG MAKES - THANK YOU**

### HERBY CHICKEN POT PIE

Minimise your washing-up with this delicious one-pan chicken pie with spinach and herbs and topped with crispy filo pastry. It's ideal for busy weeknights

- 2 tbsp olive oil, plus a little extra for brushing over the pastry
- bunch spring onions, sliced into 3cm pieces
- 250g frozen spinach
- 6 ready-cooked chicken thighs (or 440gms shredded cooked chicken from Sunday roast)
- 350ml hot chicken stock
- 1/2 tbsp wholegrain mustard
- 200g frozen peas
- 200ml half-fat crème fraîche
- 1/2 small bunch tarragon, leaves finely chopped
- small bunch parsley, finely chopped
- 270g pack filo pastry

#### STEP 1

Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Heat the oil in a large, shallow casserole dish on a medium heat. Add the spring onions and fry for 3 mins, then stir through the frozen spinach and cook for 2 mins or until it's starting to wilt. Remove the skin from the chicken and discard. Shred the chicken off the bone and into the pan, and discard the bones. Stir through the stock and mustard. Bring to a simmer and cook, uncovered, for 5-10 mins.

#### STEP 2

Stir in the peas, crème fraîche and herbs, then remove from the heat. Scrunch the filo pastry sheets over the mixture, brush with a little oil and bake for 15-20 mins or until golden brown. Serve with Root vegetable or Potato mash Delicious.

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### Icklingham Parish Council THE NEXT MEETING IS IN MARCH

7.30pm

(please check PC notice board for date)  
in the Old School Hall

All are welcome to attend

There are vacancies for two new  
Parish Councillors, if you are interested  
and want to get more involved in your  
village please contact the Clerk

Mrs Vikki Austin on Tel: 01842 861748  
email [IcklinghamPC@gmail.com](mailto:IcklinghamPC@gmail.com)  
or come along to the next meeting.



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email [bac@talk21.com](mailto:bac@talk21.com)

Don't forget the Village Notice Board which you can use to advertise or put local events & information in!

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THE SOUTH SUFFOLK SHOW IS BACK

The South Suffolk Agricultural Association plans to bring it back on May 8, 2022.

The show usually has everything from woodcarvers in action, farriers at work, birds of prey and the Sheep Road Show. Put the date in your diary  
SUNDAY 8th MAY 2022

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**THE ST. NICHOLAS HOSPICE CHARITY SHOP  
IN MILDENHALL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

If you have a few hours to spare and would like to help out in the shop.

Please call Karen on 01638 717965

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