





December 2018



COME ALONG AND JOIN IN ON **18TH DECEMBER** WE WILL MEET AT 6.15PM AT THE FARTHINGS OR TEMPLE CLOSE **RAISING MONEY FOR THE EAST ANGLIAN CHILDRENS HOSPICE ALL WELCOME PLEASE CONTACT CLAIRE FOR MORE DETAILS** ON 07798 790609

**Icklingham Parish Council** THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS

27 November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Old School Hall All welcome

FAMILY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE Claire will be taking the Christingle Service again this year, on Saturday 8th December at 3.00pm. Please bring your children & come along. It was really fun last year-& we had a good turnout with over 30 children and adults attending.

Refreshments will be served. So if you are free, please come along, it will be great to see you.

**Dates for your Diary** Dec 1st -2nd FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS **Dec 2nd FAMILY CAROL SERVICE** 6.00pm with Mulled Wine & Mince Pies Dec 8th Family Christingle Service 3.00pm **Dec 15th Library Van** Dec 18th Carol Singing 6.15pm Dec 24th Holy Communion Service 10pm More information on all of these events to follow in The Icklingham Villager in the coming months.

If you have any event you would like to advertise please email bac@talk21.com



THANK YOU TO ALL THE LADIES WHO BRAVE THE WEATHER EACH MONTH TO DELIVER YOUR NEWSLETTER, THEY ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS. A BIG THANK YOU TO

MAUREEN DOYLE, RONNIE HALFORD, KAREN NOLAN AND JEAN PADMORE. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ALSO THANK ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS & SPONSORS OF THIS NEWSLETTER. WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Beverley Curtis, Editor (bac@talk21.com). Please note there will not be a newsletter in January. We'll be back in February 2018.



THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS At

If you would like to help on the day or decorate a tree please contact Sue 713801, Dorothy 712439 or Hazel 714097 If you would like to make a Cake for the Cake Stall or a donation to the Bottle Stall these will be gratefully received



(please make sure bottles are unopened and in date) Many thanks - we look forward to seeing you all at The Festival of Lights COME ALONG & GET CHRISTMASSY



CONGRATULATIONS ♦ BEST WISHES

> To Gordon and Bernice Ward on their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 14th

Love from Hayley, Jamie and grandchildren Alex, ,Jenna, George and Charley



Members of the public are being urged to increase their vigilance around home and vehicle security this winter. This reminder comes following a number of break-ins reported in the west and south of the county over the last month. Dark evenings can provide the perfect cover for burglars but by carrying out a few simple crime prevention steps, householders and motorists can thwart opportunist criminals.

Anyone with information about thieves operating in their area should contact Suffolk police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

- Lock all doors and remove the keys before leaving the house.
- Keep front doors locked even when you are at home and especially if you are in the back garden.
- Close all windows fully before you leave the house, lock downstairs windows and remove the keys.
- Use window limiters to allow air in instead of keeping windows fully open, even when you're at home.
- Install window locks on upstairs windows that can be easily accessed by a flat roof.

• Lock back gates using a sturdy lock such as a closed shackle padlock to no less than CEN 3-4 security grade or 5 lever lock.

- Make your home look lived in use timer switches if you're not home.
- 'Dusk-to-dawn' sensor security lighting is a cheap way of making sure the front of your home or shed is well-lit.
- Visible burglar alarms can make burglars think twice; get specialist advice and consult your insurance company.
- •You could also consider installing a doorbell camera in order to potentially film an opportunist burglar in action.

• Hedging and shrubs to the front of your property should be pruned to no higher than 1m and trim trees up from the ground to 2m. This will allow a clear line of sight across your property and will stop the garden being used as a hiding place.

• Keep your valuables, jewellery, cash, passport and deeds to your property in a safe.

• Never leave spare keys in an open place. Be aware, burglars know all the usual hiding places so never leave a spare key under the doormat or under a garden gnome.

- Keep wheelie-bins away from fencing/gates as these can be used by thieves to climb into windows or to escape.
- Make sure valuables are property marked. Take photographs and keep a note of any serial numbers.

• Don't leave equipment and tools lying around that can be used by burglars to break into your home, such as

hammers, shovels or gardening tools. Keep ladders locked away and out of sight.



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#### Dear Resident

I am delighted to write to you in light of Elveden Farms making reasonable progress with the premises, formerly known as The Red Lion.

We hope to have this facility open again as a public space in 2019.

Bearing in mind the long and rich history of Icklingham, and indeed of the premises itself, we welcome ideas as to how elements of Icklingham's narrative can be worked into the plans for what is likely to become your local community hub.

So, if you know of local fine 'yarns', village pictorial history, knick-knacks, profiles of villagers past and present, which may help us shape the establishment in the most appropriate manner, please do email us on:- archives@elveden.com

Please feel free to pass on this invitation to anyone who you think would be interested.

Thank you so much for your help

Lord Iveagh

#### **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.

Do you write poetry ? Please let me know Email bac@talk21.com or drop into 59 The Street - many thanks.

### Rise N Shine Window Cleaners



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CAKE GINGER AND PINEAPPLE BUNDT 225ml vegetable oil, plus extra for greasing 75ml full-fat milk, 3 tbsp molasses 375g plain flour, 1 tbsp baking powder 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda, 300g dark muscovado sugar 1 ½ tsp ground ginger, 1 tsp ground cinnamon, ½ tsp ground allspice. 300ml buttermilk, 100ml ginger beer (use Old Jamaica)

3 large eggs, 227g can pineapple rings in juice, drained and chopped into small chunks (reserve the juice for the glaze)

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and brush with oil the inside of a 2.4 -litre non-stick Bundt tin. Make sure you get into any corners to ensure the cake doesn't stick. Pour the milk and molasses into a pan and heat gently, whisking until the molasses has melted, then set aside to cool a little. Combine the flour, baking powder, bicarb, sugar, spices and 1/2 tsp salt in a large bowl. Shake the bowl a few times so any lumps of sugar come to the surface and squeeze through your fingers.

2. In a jug, mix the oil, buttermilk, ginger beer and eggs. Add the cooled molasses mixture and whisk again, then pour into the dry ingredients, along with the chopped pineapple. Stir everything to combine, then scrape into the tin. Bake for 1 hr until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. If not, return to the oven for another 10 mins and check again. Leave to cool in the tin for 15 mins, then very carefully turn out onto a wire rack.

For the glaze, 4 tbsp liquid molasses, 200g icing sugar, pineapple juice (from above) 5 rings of dried or glacé pineapple, crystallised ginger, to decorate.

3. Combine the molasses, icing sugar and pineapple juice in a saucepan and set over a low heat. Whisk until smooth and glossy, then brush generously all over the cooling cake, allowing it to soak in. To serve, top with the glacé pineapple (hold in place with halved cocktail sticks, if you like), and crystallised ginger. Will keep well in an airtight container for five days.

#### 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 calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons. Payments shall be made on receipt of an individual application and 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 30th November. 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.



The Old School Hall Icklingham Available for hire Meetings – Parties – Clubs Rates variable to suit. From £12 to £20 per hour, £50 half day – £90 full day. Contact David on 07484 828555 or phone 01284 728768 email david.a.fisher@btinternet.com

GARDENING TIPS FOR DECEMBER

1. Remove decaying leaves and plants from ponds.

2. Check for broken branches and prune back to healthy wood to prevent further damage.

3. Plan next year's garden - browse through Books and magazines for inspiration.

4. Send the mower off for servicing and check and repair hand tools

5. Clear out any accumulated mess, surplus pots and seed trays. .

6. Water sparingly early in the day and ventilate on mild days to keep the atmosphere dry.

7. Check heating is working efficiently if you are keeping frost-tender plants in the greenhouse.

8. Check to ensure gutters and downpipes aren't blocked by fallen leaves and debris.

9. Cover empty beds with fleece or clear (not black) plastic, which will warm the soil so it is easier to work.

10. Spread compost or well-rotted manure over the beds. Learn how make nutritious compost.

11. Check greenhouse plants for pests and remove any yellow or diseased leaves.

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ST. JAMES CHURCH

FAMILY CAROL SERVICE 2nd DECEMBER 6.00pm with Mulled Wine ↓ Mince Pies

THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WILL START AT 10.00pm For other Church services please check the notice board at St James Church or contact the Church

Dorothy Handford 712439 \*\*\*\*\*

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Happy Birthday Anthony for the 13th December. Now a teenager, where have those years gone? Have a lovely time, Love Mummy, Daddy & Posh Nanny and Grandad. Xxxx

**COFFEE MORNINGS at ST JAMES CHURCH** There will not be a Coffee Morning in December or January. The next date will be in the February 2019 edition of The Villager

**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



