

THE ICKLINGHAM VILLAGER

WINTER 2023

Thank you for reading this article in The Icklingham Villager.

I am the County Councillor for Row Heath Division on Suffolk County Council and have been honoured to represent the village for several years. I know Icklingham well and have lived in the area all my life.

Over that period, I have worked on many projects in the village alongside your hard-working Parish Council. Of course, one of the main issues in the village is traffic and speeding. There is not much we can do about the level of traffic, given that it's the main road from Mildenhall to Bury St. Edmunds. But I lobby that the highways team priorities any work needed in the village given the traffic, and I work with the Parish Council on signage to remind people to slow down when driving through the village. Everyone knows the speed limit is 30mph, but clearly, we have to remind people to slow down.

At the county council, I consistently make the case to keep Council Tax as low as possible, respecting Council Tax is your hard-earned money but at the same time balancing the need to seek improvements to everything from Child Protection Services, how we support older people in our community to repairing our roads.

We recently announced a further £10M investment in road repairs, and through the highways reporting tool, we aim to get these done quicker. If you come across something that needs fixing, the highway reporting tool is the first place to report it, so it goes on the system and is highlighted to the community highway engineer. www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

As winter approaches, the pressure on household bills increases, and if you are struggling, there is help with the Cost of Living, and it is well worth seeing what support is available.

www.suffolk.gov.uk/CostOfLiving

I am also looking for ways to help the village and improve services. As well as deal with problems that might occur with services provided by Suffolk County Council. So, if you have any issues or concerns, you can always call or email me, and I will do my best to help.

That just leaves me to wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Take care,

Colin Noble,

Suffolk County Council Councillor for Row Heath Division.
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In November 'Keep Britain Tidy' launched a new campaign 'Cigarette butts are rubbish'. Advertising highlights to smokers the paradox in their behaviour; while they wouldn't litter a crisp packet, they would litter a cigarette butt.

Cigarette butts are made of plastic and do not biodegrade. Yet, despite only 12% of the population being regular smokers we know that somehow cigarette butts make up an astonishing 66% of all littered items.

If you smoke make sure you put your cigarette butts in a bin or a container, because cigarette butts are rubbish!

The duck in the advertising embodies the smoker's social conscience. This is a humour-driven campaign, with a sharp insight at its heart that has proven highly effective.

'Cigarettes are rubbish' is at the core of this programme to tackle cigarette littering, seeking to establish a shift in culture to change smokers' littering attitudes and behaviours permanently. This high-profile national campaign is underpinned by research and supported through practical behaviour change interventions with a range of businesses and land managers.

However, every day millions more cigarette butts are littered, and every day we don't act millions more will join them - despite the best efforts of local authorities to clear them up.

This problem cannot wait - we need to do this now. Butts should go in bins !

Project St James Event A Christmas Concert with the Soham Brass Band

December 3rd, 3pm, St James Church
£8.00 a ticket for Adults, Under 16's
£4.00

There will be a cake stall, raffle, mulled wine, Cheese straws and mince pies

Please call Sue Marston-01638 712387,
Hazel Russell-01638 714097,
Dorothy Handford-01638 712439
to get reserve a ticket.

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-Whelneatham

5.00-5.20 @Stanningfield

5.30-6.40 @ Lawshall Village Hall

7.00-7.40 @ Horringer

Thursdays

4.30 to 5.40pm @ Cockfield Green

5.50 to 6.30pm @ Felsham Village Hall

6.45 - 8.00 @ Rattlesden Five Bells

Fridays

4.30 - 5.20 @ Icklingham - West Street

5.30 - 6.15 @ Lackford -Old Bury Road
bus stop

6.30 - 7.00 @ Risby Village Hall

7.20 - 8.00 @ Beyton Green

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
and 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

**December 10th Carols and Lessons
at 5.00pm
Refreshments afterwards**

**December 24th Christmas Eve
Holy Communion at 10.00pm**

**ALL WELCOME
Please check Church Notice Board
for more information.**

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

The Suffolk Highways Online Reporting Tool <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

allows you to report a new defect and monitor the status of existing reports, such as; blocked drains, Cycle-lane/tracks & public right of way issues, damaged drain/manhole cover, vegetation and mud on the road, flooding on a road or pavement, missing/damaged barriers or guardrails, missing/damaged or obscured signs, missing/faded road markings, Potholes & Pavement defects, trees/hedges affecting the highways or footways.

Do not report a highways problem online if it poses an immediate danger to public safety call 0345 606 6171
Or if it's on a trunk road in Suffolk call the National Highways Information Line on 0300 123 5000

Dog Fouling in the Play Area

Recently dog fouling on the playing field and near the play area, has started to become an issue. I am sure that all residents that own dogs will assist us by ensuring they collect their dog's waste and dispose of it in the Dog Waste Bin provided at the playing field (not the Green bin, as this is not suitable for dog waste). Dog Waste can be very hazardous to children, causing blindness (Toxocariasis).

Under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 in England and Wales, a person who doesn't clean up after their dog may face an on-the-spot fine of up to £80. These fines are known as fixed penalty notices. If a person refuses to pay, they can be taken to the local Magistrates Court for the dog fouling offence and fined up to £1,000. The Parish Council hope that this notice will encourage all dog owners to act responsibly, and to improve the problem without the need to introduce fines for offenders.

Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour:-

Anti-social behaviour can be rowdy, noisy behaviour in otherwise quiet neighbourhoods
night-time noise from houses or gardens, especially between 11pm and 7am
threatening, drunken or 'yobbish' behaviour - vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting - dealing or buying drugs on the street - litter and fly-tipping rubbish - aggressive begging - drinking in the street - setting off fireworks late at night - vehicle-related nuisance

Report anti-social behaviour to your local district or borough council. Each local council tackle ASB in Suffolk by following a set of principles set by the Home Office to ensure a consistent approach across the county: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/community/crime_and_safety/antisocialbehaviourandnuisance or call 101, your local police force's non-emergency number. To report online to your local police: www.suffolk.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/

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 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 15th December 2023.

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.

Icklingham Parish Council

www.icklingham.onesuffolk.net

Clerk: Vicky Bright, CiLCA

Tel: 07712 232920

Email: icklinghampc@gmail.com

Parish Office: 3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall, IP28 7LT
(Appointment only)

Any parishioners wishing to raise an issue or add an item to the agenda, should contact the Parish Clerk; Monday-Friday 9:30am to 2:30pm, & Monday evenings 6-7pm. *Please be aware the Clerk does not work on a Tuesday!*

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

**NEXT MEETING: Monday 15th January 2024
at 7:30pm**

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

LIBRARY VAN DATES

The Mobile Library will visit on the 9th December, 6th January, 3rd February.
4th & 30th March.

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

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SAVE YOUR PENNIES.
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Taking place this January, Buy Nothing New Month is an opportunity to save your pennies by not buying any new goods. (That's not including essentials like food and medicine of course!)

Throughout the month, we'll be highlighting how small changes to our buying habits don't just protect our purses, they can protect our future too. sign up now, and throughout January, we'll be sharing tips on cherishing the things we already have, repairing things rather than sending them to landfill, and finding happy new homes for those things we no longer need. From the water and energy used in manufacture, to the fossil fuels used in transport, every new item that we buy carries an environmental price tag.

Black Friday alone is estimated to be responsible for the release of around 400,000 tonnes of CO2 as people buy new stuff !

That's why we're issuing a challenge: can you buy nothing new, for just one month?

**Join us for Buy Nothing New Month
this January**

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LAST BUT NOT LEAST have 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!

COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST. JAMES CHURCH
Cake stall, Refreshments, Raffle
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Thanks for reading, wishing you all a very Happy Christmas,
Beverley Curtis, Editor.

Please note there will not be a newsletter until March 2024

**SAVE THE DATE - The 135th South Suffolk
show will be on 12th May 2024**