

Ickford Village website <https://ickfordcommunity.wordpress.com>



**ICKFORD PRE-SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

EASTER FUNDAY

Saturday 25th
March 2017

Children of all ages
come along and have a
hopping good time.
Come in Easter bonnets
to win a fabulous prize.

Activities include...
Name the bunny,
Find the chick &
Decorate the Egg

Ticket prices: £2.00 in
advance (01844338785)
or £2.50 on the door
(per child)

Venue: Ickford
Village Hall
Time: 3-5pm

ICKFORD WI BRINGS YOU...

Are you sitting comfortably?

MULTI-AWARD WINNING MASTER CRAFTSMAN STUART LYFORD TALKS US THROUGH THE INGENUITY, HISTORY AND DESIGN OF CHAIR MAKING!

**THURSDAY
2ND
MARCH
7.30PM
ICKFORD
VILLAGE
HALL**

STUART'S CLIENTS
INCLUDE THE
ROYAL FAMILY,
THE NATIONAL
TRUST, THE V & A
MUSEUM AND
HARRODS!

NEW MEMBERS
ALWAYS
WELCOME
*FIRST MEETING
IS FREE IF YOU
ARE
CONSIDERING
JOINING*

MEN WELCOME AT THIS TALK

St. Nicholas Church Ickford



*Join us as we
celebrate our mums!*

A Special Mothers' Day Family Service.

At 10:00 in the church.

*Make a card, and a gift for Mum,
give her flowers, have some cake.*

*Children, Mums and Dads,
Grandparents, Friends and Villagers
join us and make Mothering Sunday*

EXTRA SPECIAL !

The new email address for the Informer is ourickfordnewsletter@hotmail.com.



The Department for Communities and Local Government and Buckinghamshire County Council are encouraging town and parish councils not only to plan for winter events but also to prepare

A Community Emergency Plan

The aim of this type of plan is to increase resilience within the community before, during and after emergency situations. It concentrates on bad weather, primarily winter snow and ice, but also other adverse weather conditions at any time of the year. In addition it covers other possible, but less likely, disaster situations or major incidents. The plan

- sets out what to do during an emergency with clear roles and responsibilities, including for flood or area wardens;
- lists the actions that allow key activities to continue in difficult circumstances;
- includes a list of the local assets/equipment that can be accessed during an emergency i.e. 4x4 vehicles;
- is clear on how you will identify vulnerable residents that might need extra help in a winter emergency;
- identifies facilities available for rest / welfare centres for residents that have to evacuate their homes due to flooding, power failure or another winter emergency.
- And has an agreed plan for how to inform residents and the community in the event of an emergency affecting the community, especially more vulnerable residents that might need extra help.

Examples of Chedworth Parish Council's leaflet and detailed plan can be found at:-

http://chedworthpc.org.uk/download/emergency/Winter_Emergency_Leaflet.pdf

<http://chedworthpc.org.uk/download/emergency/Community%20Emergency%20Plan%20Version%20%2013-11-14.pdf>

Ickford Community Emergency Plan

Ickford Parish Council has taken on the responsibility to prepare a plan and will start by undertaking a survey of people, equipment and resources within our community.

Area Wardens

One of the key elements of a community emergency plan is to have enough volunteer residents to be Area Wardens. Their role is to cover problems that arise in their part of the village; these will be mainly due to adverse weather conditions but their activities could also include the following:

- Be familiar with their neighbourhood, both the people and any potential hazards.

- Know who the elderly or vulnerable residents are and ensure that they have support.
- Keep an eye on the state of roads/lanes/pathways - including pot holes, blocked drains/gulleys and overhanging trees.
- Replenish the salt/grit bins as necessary from the Parish supply; this salt should only be used for public roads/paths not for private drives.
- Liaise with the Emergency Plan Coordinating Team (see below) and report any problems.
- Encourage/organise a working party of the residents in their area if necessary, to help spread salt and clear any roads of snow or fallen trees etc. or to help vulnerable neighbours.
- Report any fallen electricity cables, broken telephone lines or water leaks to the appropriate utility – if it has not already been done by a householder. Ensure that the Coordinating Team also know in case it affects other parts of the village.
- Be the point of contact for their area in the case of any major disaster - assisting activities, checking where residents are (especially for the vulnerable and/or if the incident is in their own area), supporting residents, helping with food/drink/ shelter provision, liaising with the Coordinating Team at all times.

Interested? Then please use the enclosed leaflet to advise of equipment, resources and /or register interest helping out as an Area Warden. The form can be returned, confidentially, to the Parish Clerk, Nikki Dawson, by either using the collection box in the village shop or posting the form directly to 4 Bridge Road.

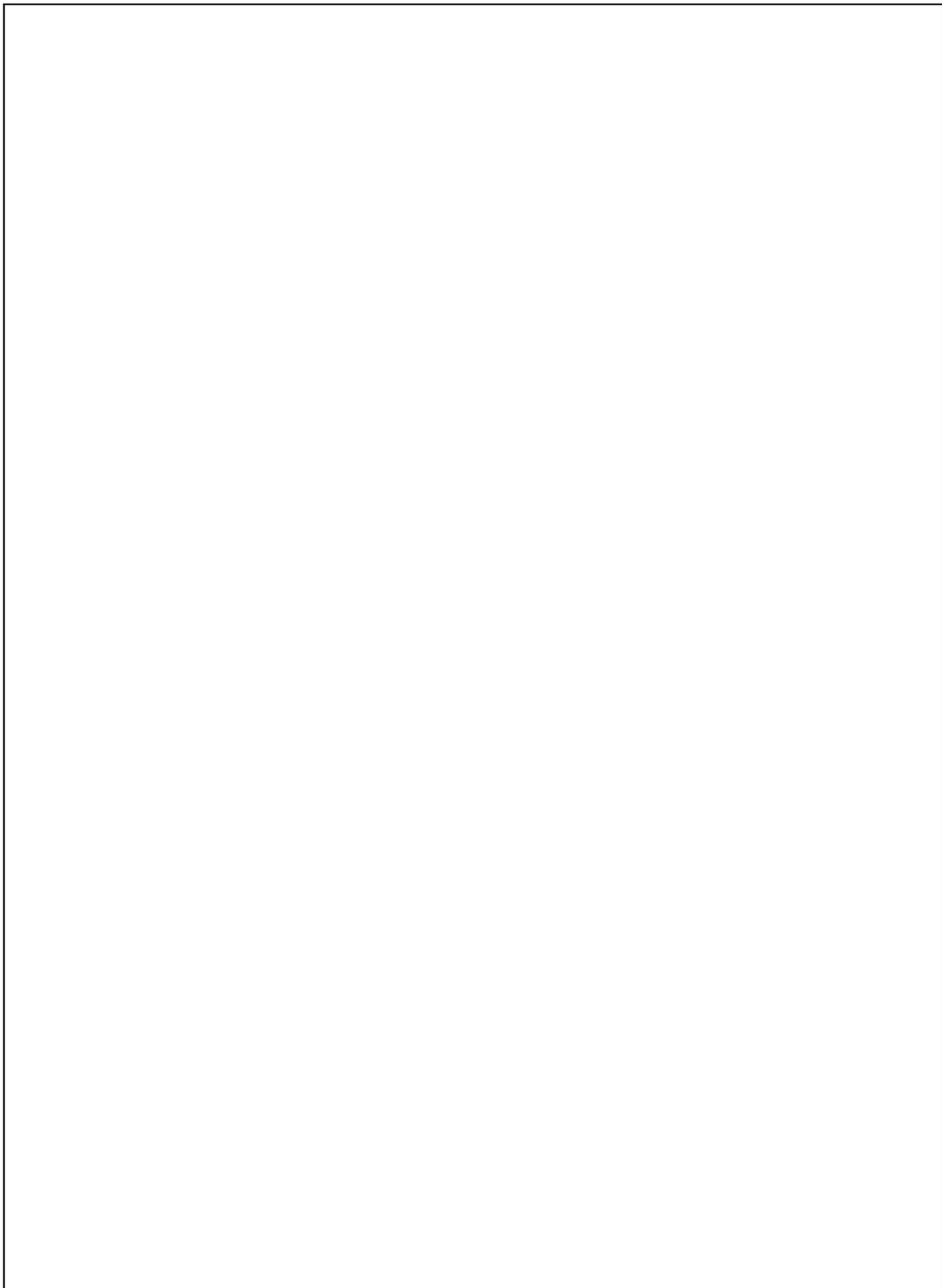
Emergency Plan Coordinating Team

Once the survey has been completed the Parish Council is hoping that there will be enough Area Wardens so that we will be able to set up a small team to lead the implementation of the plan and to coordinate all activities. This Emergency Plan Coordinating Team will consist of Parish Councillor(s) and other key volunteers from the community. Some, but not all of the Coordinating Team activities will include

- To liaise with each other to ensure that at least one member of the team is always available, especially during bad weather and/or when it is forecast.
- To coordinate with external agencies (BCC Highways, AVDC, Emergency Services) and utility companies (Thames Water, Southern Electric, BT) as necessary.
- To ensure that the Parish Teams, Area Wardens, local services and householders are kept informed as appropriate.
- The priorities will be to ensure the provision of shelter, medical care and food/water.
- If any Area Wardens, local services or any other volunteers help with any emergency, it is important that they do not undertake any activities which place them in danger.
- The Coordinating Team will maintain a record of events and actions in order to facilitate decisions and for subsequent analysis.
- To gather any feedback and ensure that it is passed back to the Parish Council for discussion/ incorporation at the next Plan review.

Throughout this article and with the enclosed leaflet the emphasis has been on planning. Of course our hope is that this type of plan will not have to be used however, just in case, we'd better get our act together - please register an interest, particularly for the role of Area Warden, using the enclosed registration form.

Andrew Brunet on behalf of Ickford Parish Council



News from the Parish Council

Here is a brief summary of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th February 2017:

Surface Water Drains on Worminghall Road

With regards to the ongoing surface water drainage problem on Worminghall Road (at the corner of Golders Close) Transport for Bucks have informed us that “the system we have in place with the capital drainage budget that we manage is run on a priority system ranging from 10 high to 1 low priority with Worminghall Road being a 6. We are currently working on priority 7 works that will take the budget up to the end of this financial year but we also have funds for investigations that will allow us to prepare works to go on the ground in the new financial year straight away, Worminghall Road being one of those.” The Parish Council will continue to chase for this work to be completed.

Damaged Lamppost in Golders Close

The Parish Council agreed to replace the lamppost that has been damaged by a growing tree in Golders Close. We hope that the new lamppost will be installed soon.

Grit Bins

We are happy to report that the new grit bins have now been delivered, one by the bridges on Bridge Road, the other on the corner of Sheldon Road opposite the duck pond.

Potential Housing Development

We have been approached by a development company (Land & Partners) who are interested in developing the land behind Turnfields. They would like to hold a public meeting to explain their plans to the residents of Ickford, and answer any questions. A date for this meeting will be advertised when known. This has not been instigated or endorsed by the Parish Council, we have simply been made aware of their interest.



Full minutes of the meeting are available on the village website:
ickfordcommunity.wordpress.com .

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **14th March 2017**, all are very welcome to attend.

To contact the Parish Council please email us at ickfordpcclerk@gmail.com

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan Update

Due to the publication of the government's Housing White Paper in early February, the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan has again been delayed whilst AVDC work out the implications of this White Paper on the development of the Plan, and whether they will need to increase the amount of housing that Aylesbury Vale has to accommodate. They will publish an updated timetable of the publication of the plan as soon as they are able to.

For more information, please visit <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/section/vale-aylesbury-local-plan-valp>

Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Version 4

The Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) shows the availability and suitability of land for development and is one of the many supporting evidence documents that have been published to aid the preparation of the Local Plan.

In this latest version of the document, published in early February, it shows that 12 sites in Ickford have now been assessed for their suitability for development, 6 more sites than the previous version. These 6 additional sites have also been deemed as 'unsuitable' for both housing and economic development. However, one of original sites, ICK004 (the land off Turnfields) which had previously been listed as unsuitable, had been incorrectly assessed according to the official HELAA methodology, and in this latest, corrected version of the HELAA, the site is listed as suitable for housing development for around 20 units.

To view the HELAA document and find out more, please go to <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/supporting-evidence> (it is a large document in many sections, the section that includes the assessed sites in Ickford is Part 4).

Ickford Village Show

Plans for the newest village event, Ickford Village Show, are coming along well and the date has been set for 16th September – keep the date free!

We are planning a traditional country show with produce and baking competitions (best wonky veg anyone?), dog show, mini sports day, beer tent, tea and cake stand and many more. It promises to be a great fun day for the whole community.

However, we can't do this alone! If you would like to join the organising committee, or you are able to run a stall or provide other help on the day, please get in touch:

ickfordvillageshow@gmail.com . Our next organising committee meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd March, 8pm, in the Rising Sun.

WHO NEEDS THE GRAND NATIONAL WHEN YOU HAVE ICKFORD RACES?

It might not be Ascot, Cheltenham or indeed Glorious Goodwood but we had a sell out at Ickford.

After an early frost, the stewards declared the course safe and the turnstiles were soon spinning around as the punters were desperate to get the best seats on the course.

Evening racing is great fun and we were entertained with 8 races, 64 horses and jockeys avidly followed by 88 punters. Cash was flowing either into the bar, buying the horses and jockeys or via the tote.

Sadly the readers of the Racing Post were not getting much advice and relied on race previews from Clare Balding or a simple random pick between numbers 1 to 8... the noise was deafening as we cheered on our horses and the winners smugly collected their winnings whilst the losers ripped up their tote tickets and retired to the bar (again).

Fortunately after the fourth race we were allowed a breather or more importantly to check how the funds were going and refill the glasses. True to Village Hall tradition we were served a wonderful homemade Cottage Pie served with Red Cabbage followed by a selection of excellent cheeses. (Thanks must go to Maureen, Sheila, Julia and Karen for being such wonderful cooks!)

Back we went for the last 4 races where the crowd really got going and in the final race we auctioned all the horses and jockeys - this was the big one and the winning horse was owned by Guy and his team and the winning Jockey by the Catering Ladies.

Thanks must
but sadly none
enough to

And thanks
who ran a
technical
ran the tote
again a big
the evening,
very hard to

Another sell
and we made just over £2000 - so thanks to everyone for taking part.

These nights are about getting Ickford Villagers together and having fun and from all your feedback - I think we succeeded.

Looking forward to the next one!! - keep October 28th free.....



go to the Race Sponsors
of them were lucky
win...

also go to Paul and Jayne
fantastic bar, Gary our
director and Andy who
with his helpers. But once
thanks to Paul F who ran
organised us and tried
keep us under control!

out, great food and wine

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Women are super skilled at multi-tasking; juggling all sorts of roles - work, children, home life and more besides.

Weekends we look forward to as a time of relaxation, time to spend with family and friends.

Football, swimming, dancing, friends, volunteering, decorating, trips to various places, shopping.

Relaxation, recuperation, reflection - no time for that!

Or, maybe you are left with a weekend which is a void to fill.

Well, here's a thought.

Get up early (before the football frenzy!), sneak out (mind that creaky step) and come join us for a lovely buffet style breakfast, inspirational speaker and the opportunity to meet with other women.

Catch up with friends, make new friends or bring someone who would not like to come alone. And be home before anyone realises you've been out.

We are launching a Women's breakfast in Ickford, Worminghall, Shabbington and Oakley.

The first breakfast will be held on Saturday 4th March from 8am to 9.30 am at Ickford Church.

We hope that this will become a regular event. Women of all ages welcome.

If you would like to join us we need to know as we need numbers to plan (venue and food). Contact Anita Tansley on 01844 339952 or email Catherine at kaboleh@gmx.co.uk or leave a message on 01844 338839 (Vicar's contact number).

We will ask for a voluntary contribution of a minimum of £3 to cover costs (basket by door).

If you feel unable to come because of lack of transport, mobility issues or caring responsibilities please let us know and we will try to help.

Neither should cost be an issue. If you cannot afford a contribution, please still come.

Catherine Kaboleh

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

CHURCH SERVICES

The times and dates of all services in St Nicholas Church are published every month and placed on the noticeboard outside the church and in the noticeboard on the wall outside the village shop.

JILLIAN MARY WOODBURY

6th November 1938-23rd ~January 2017

The funeral took place in St Nicholas Church of Mrs Jill Woodbury, the mother of Jane Baker, of Bulls Lane, Little Ickford. The service was taken by Rev'd. David Kaboleh and was attended by a large number of her family and friends. We offer our condolences to Jane and her family.

CAKE SERVICE-SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

The theme of our cafe service at the beginning of February was LOST AND FOUND. The adults started with a family time for coffee, cake and chat while the children made spy glasses for all those present and helped to make and bake shortbread shapes (which were cooked in the oven later on and given to the children in paper bags to take home). Then Anita told the story of the lost sheep and the lost coin and the children searched round the church for the sheep and the coin, using their spy glasses. We finished with a praise time, singing two songs and reciting the Lord's Prayer and the families went home clutching their paper bags.

BISHOP ALAN'S VISIT TO ST. NICHOLAS

We were very fortunate in having the Bishop of Buckingham to visit St Nicholas on Friday evening, 10th February. Members of the congregation and PCCs of all four Benefice churches attended to hear Bishop Alan's illustrated address on "The Future of Churches". This was of particular interest to the four churches who are all experiencing issues in their communities, ageing congregations and the meeting of increasing costs of maintaining ancient listed buildings. The Bishop opened by putting falling church attendance nationally in an historical context, dispelling the assumption that, in showing reasons the past, church attendance was booming. Statistics showed that attendances at services was pretty much the same as it is today-nationwide graphs also illustrated that attendance at other Christian denomination churches displayed the same downward trend, along with other faiths, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu etc.

Attention moved to a graph showing reasons given in a survey for non attendance at church, ranging from lack of relevance to modern living, social involvements, non belief and the perceived establishment attitude to women and the gay community. The presentation reflected initiatives of many churches to embrace the wider community in regular events such as lunches, concerts etc. One church (a large one in West Hampstead) housed a Post Office and a children's soft play area, while keeping the chancel sacred and apart for worship. The Bishop indicated that the church is increasingly open to projects enabling parish churches to make their buildings suitable for wide community use. A head teacher of a Cop E multi cultural, multi faith school said that the school belonged to all the children regardless of background and this ownership extended to the community served by the local church.

Throughout, the Bishop was positive and optimistic for the future of the church. He was upbeat and encouraging for local churches to widen their horizons to follow Jesus's commission to his disciples and reach out to their communities.

issues

The Bishop ended by inviting questions and comments from the floor which ranged from Benefice Services, how to improve church attendance, church income and the burden of meeting the parish share, to the barriers to reordering buildings for life in C21 presented by the Diocesan Advisory Committee to awarding a faculty (permission).

It is impossible to encapsulate all that the Bishop talked about in his fascinating presentation but merely to highlight some of the main points. He is crucially aware of the issues faced by local rural parishes and as his address was more global in pitch, it only touched on these. We are grateful to the Bishop for leaving us with the feeling of encouragement to think outside the box in our worship and witness of hope for the future of our village churches and courage to undertake the challenges and changes necessary to effect that future.

THE MITE SCHEME

In February each year I add up the number of 5p's collected for the Mite Scheme, organised by UNICEF to provide the sugar solution in sachets which prevents dehydration. Last year we had a rise to £115 and this year I am very pleased to notice that our donations have risen again to £170. Please keep saving those 5p's-they are so important.

THE WINTER QUIZ

This year the winter quiz entitled "Find the Lady" was won by Jan and Paul of the Rising Sun in Ickford They got 93 correct answers. 74 copies of the quiz were sold.

After the prize money was deducted from the takings, the remaining £54 has been paid into Church Funds. Thank you to all those who bought copies of the quiz. There will be another quiz later in the year

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The annual church garden fete will be held on **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29TH MAY.** Mrs Betty Baxter has very kindly agreed to let us use her beautiful garden in Church Road for this event. If we are unlucky and it's a wet day the event will be held in the Village Hall.

Village Contacts		
After school club	Helen Harris(manager)	338785
Allotments	Natalie Morton	339358
Bernwode News	Janet Noyce	
Breakfast Club	Helen Harris	338785
Church Warden	Claire Hennessey	339564
Church Warden	Anita Tansley	339952
Darby & Joan	Maureen Parker-Farrell	339417
Fish scheme	Helen Woodham	339683
Friends of St.Nicholas	Andrew Osborne	07952 536456
Ickford Informer	Barbara and Ruth	ourickfordnewsletter@hotmail.com
Ickford Parish Council	Nikki Dawson (clerk)	ickfordpcclerk@gmail.com
Ickford Pre school	Helen Harris	338785
Ickford Pre school PTA		
Ickford School PTA	Emily Davis	
Ickford Stores & Post Office	Vina Parmer	339256
Ickford School	John Ronane (headteacher)	339261
Ickford WI	Ruth Baker (secretary)	339502
Little Stars	Gill Rippin	338807
Photographic Club	Peter Kolbert	338851
Rector – St.Nicholas Church	Rev. David Kaboleh	338839
Rendezvous	Gill and Garry Rippin	338807
Tennis Club	Will Richards	339705
The Rising Sun		339238
Tug of War teams	Tom Ilsley	
Village Shop Association	Paul Farrell (chairperson)	339417
Village Hall Bookings	Maureen Parker Farrell	339417

Spring 2017

Thame Museum Newsletter



Collections News

“Elizabeth” on display in the main gallery

A Victorian doll was recently donated to the Museum with a small leather trunk containing clothes and accessories.

The doll was damaged and so we had to send it away for repair. It was beautifully restored by Gill Richards, an award winning doll maker and restorer from Bristol.



Information included with the doll leads us to believe that it was used by a travelling salesman working for John Noble Ltd of Manchester. John Noble was a Victorian costumier and the doll's clothes would have been exquisite miniature samples made to scale.

The doll and the collection of clothes had been owned locally, and were passed down through

the family before donation to the Museum. We have named the doll Elizabeth after the donor.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday Talks

- 23 February 2017 @ 7.30
Henrietta Ward
Derek Turner
- 16 March 2017 @ 7.30
William Gill - Victorian Explorer
Tony Hadland
- 6 April 2017 @ 7.30
The Rational Dress Movement
Katherine Bradley
- 11 May 2017 @ 7.30
The Pursuit of Pleasure
Victorian and Edwardian Leisure
Simon Wenham
- 22 June 2017 @ 7.30
Oxfordshire & the Spanish Civil War
Liz Woolley

Exhibitions

- 5 November 2016 to 29 Mar 2017
Derek Brown's photographs
- 1 April 2017 to 29 June 2017 (the)
Art Exhibition - Peregrine Heathcote

Events

- 14 February 2017
Museum re-opens
 - 25 February 2017
Tudor room project - workshop
10.20am - 1.30pm (free)
Antony Buxton
 - 19 - 23 May 2017
Thame Remembers Battlefield Tour
David Bretherton - Mike Dyer
 - 1st July 2017
Summer day trip
Peter & Diana Gulland
- For more information see
www.thamemuseum.org
www.thamemembers.org

The 110 Bus service

This bus rattles through our village from time to time with very few passengers. I recently tried to find out the timetable for buses and it seems that it is mainly for the use of students going to school as it has "Oxon /Bucks schooldays only" at the bottom of the timetable.

The times the bus leaves Ickford are as follows;

Ickford primary school	07:19	09:19	11:30	17:10
Thame Town Hall	07:39	09:43	11:55	17:31

The bus goes via Shabbington and Long Crendon, round that scary narrow corner going up to the Oakley Road.

Coming back doesn't seem to be that simple. Ickford isn't on the timetable at all but presumably will come via Ickford and stop if there are any passengers still on at Worminghall refusing to get off!

The buses from Thame seem to be;

Thame Town Hall	06:52	11:00	13:10	16:42
Worminghall	07:13	11:24	13:34	17:04.

Perhaps regular users could let us know more about this service and whether it still runs in the school holidays.

The Saturday service is even more sparse.

Ickford primary school	09:22	15:37
Thame town Hall	09:45	16:00

Don't get on in the afternoon if you want to get back before Monday.

Thame Town hall	08:55	15:10
Worminghall	09:15	15:31

If you want to go to Aylesbury I would recommend getting off in Thame and getting the 280 service or X8 unless you enjoy ambling round Long Crendon (again), Chearsley and Cuddington.

There is a 110 service back from Aylesbury to Worminghall at

10:25 12:35 16:05 and takes about an hour.

It is difficult to know why the service isn't used more!

Dogs, get your owners ready for the Great Ickford Show.

I know you Ickford dogs are smart. How often do you get a chance to show off and have a bit of fun on the Play Area?

Well, on 16th September, at the Great Ickford Village Show you need to get your family to make you a fancy dress costume. (You've seen the Amazon advert for a pirate costume). Fancy being Darth Vader or an angel? And how about practising weaving in and out of sticks, running through the tunnel and jumping over (or under) the finishing line? Can you pass a plate of sausages or squeaky balls without even stopping to sniff? And have you got the biggest smile and the waggiest tail? There are rosettes to be won to make your owner think they are really smart too.



Get your family to write the date down now. See you there.

PS. Get them to smarten up their wheelbarrows and oil them up for the wheelbarrow slalom.

The Friends of St Nicholas Open garden event Sunday 21st May.

After the successful open gardens of 2015 we are planning to hold the event again this spring so please make a note in your diary.

We would also be very pleased to hear from anyone who is willing to open their garden for others to visit. You don't have to have a large and immaculate garden, we are hoping to get a whole variety, big, small, neat or not so tidy! If you would like to show your

garden
please call
Andrew on
07952
536456.



Reporting Potholes

Anyone can report potholes. You don't need to be a Parish Councillor. Go onto the web site;

Transport for Bucks/ report a problem.

You will be asked to show the location of the pothole and it will then go on to ask you where in the road it is. It also asks you to estimate how deep it is in inches, (although the box in which you submit your estimate asks for it in centimetres.) if you can send a photo that is even better.

Easy! Transport for Bucks try to fill in the holes in order of a graduated system of very large to small.

Unfortunately, it seems that it is not economically viable to fill in the small holes nearby.

RB



St Nicholas Church Services for March

Wednesday 1st	Ash Wednesday Benefice Service Ickford	7.00 pm
Sunday 5 th	Morning Praise	10.00 am
Sunday 12 th	Morning Worship	10.00 am
Sunday 19 th	Quiet Communion Praise Be	9.00 am 10.00 am
Sunday 26 th	Mothering Sunday Service	10.00 am
Sunday 2 nd	Morning Praise	10.00 am

OTHER EVENTS

Rendezvous coffee morning Tuesdays 10.30 - 12.30

Little Stars Toddler Group Fridays 10.00 - 11.30

Saturday 4th March Women's Breakfast Ickford
8.00 am - 9.30 am



in Ickford

At our meeting last month our speaker was Dr. Jacqueline Makris who came to talk to us about Women's Health. She began by talking about alcohol tolerances to a room of ladies each with a glass of wine in their hands. She was very interesting and answered lots of questions.

Our next speaker is Stuart Lyford. He is a master chair maker, an excellent and entertaining speaker. He has lots of stories about the famous, including Royalty.

Because of the subject matter, men and any non members are invited to come and join in the evening in the Village Hall. Arrive at about 8 pm, find yourselves some refreshments and sit back and enjoy the wonderful chairs.

RB

Ickford Pre-School



Spring is round the corner and the children have started planting seeds and beans in pots (some are hoping to emulate Jack and grow runner beans to the sky!) This term we are looking at Fairytales and Traditional Stories as we celebrate World Book Day on March 2nd (in our case World Book Week!) Be prepared to see Pre-School staff and children dressed up as their favourite book characters all week! We will definitely have Snow White and a Ladybird amongst the staff and maybe a Grumpy dwarf.... We look forward to seeing what the children come as!



We have welcomed Lilly, Beatrice and Aiden to the setting this half term and we hope they will enjoy their sessions very much. We also have two new African snails which the children chose names for (Blaize and Turbo) and Mrs Wallace has kindly donated stick insects and we will be democratically choosing their names too!

We have several fundraising events on the horizon - an Easter Funday on Saturday 25th March (3pm-5pm) in the Village Hall - all are welcome - see posters around the village, and a quiz night for adults on Friday 12th May - more details to follow!

We welcome visits to the Pre-School, so you can see what we do. Don't forget we are open from 7.45am for Breakfast Club and 3.30pm-6pm for After School Club too (ages 2-11 years)!

Helen Harris (PGCE Primary) Manager

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PHOTO CLUB

Our January meeting saw us expanding on our low key work but concentrating on shining narrow light beams (a torch with a toilet roll stuck on the end ! Doesn't sound quite so exciting .) through and onto things. Our resultant images with light going through vintage wine glasses made of deep cherry red glass were rather disappointing but reflected light onto a large 4" shell produced some fabulous images.

This months meeting went in the complete opposite direction using a full studio flash set up to shoot high key portraits (where the overpowering flash illuminating the background gives a pure white background). We also spent time reviewing our own images with the title " half and half " . The challenge for next month is photos of snowdrops. We are also trying to visit the Photographic show at the NEC in Birmingham which is on between 18th to 21st of March, if you fancy coming just ring me on 338851 and we can try to fill a car between us.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th March at 7.30. Whatever camera or smart phone you have come and have a chat, we would love to see you.

Peter Kolbert