ICKLETON LION NEWS

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STOP PRESS!

The Lionhearted team have decided to extend our share offer for two more weeks, so you now have until 15th September to invest

Thanks to some fantastic publicity by the <u>BBC</u>, <u>Saffron Walden</u> <u>Reporter</u> and lots of engagement on social media, the total has really started to climb this week. We have been overwhelmed by your generous support.

But we aren't quite there yet.

So please, please invest what you can. Time really is of the essence and we would love to reach our target before the 15th!



CAMPAIGN UPDATE!

A HUGE thank you for your support for our campaign so far. We now have over 300 members and are 80% of the way to our £450,000 target!

Earlier this month we were delighted to have been awarded £45,000 funding from <u>Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority</u> as part of its Market Towns Programme. The CPCA has partnered with Plunkett UK, to help community groups across the region take ownership and operation of local pubs and assets that are vacant or at risk of closure.

Both Plunkett UK & the CPCA have provided invaluable support for our campaign. Whilst this grant award does not reduce the amount of money we need to raise through the share offer, it is a very welcome contribution to the funds we will need to purchase and revitalise the Lion.

EVENT ROUND UP

A big thank you to everyone who came along to support our afternoon tea - what a lovely village vibe!

Special thanks to our MP Pippa Heylings and Councillor Peter McDonald for taking the time to join us. We look forward to welcoming you back when we reach our target.

A great deal of work goes on behind the scenes to make events like this a success, so thanks also to all those who baked, lent us teapots and helped to set up and wash up. Not to mention whoever organised the perfect weather!





With all the excitment of the share offer going on, please don't forget to buy your tickets for our curry night on 6th September - they are selling fast!

We are planning a great menu with lots of choice and all your favourite dishes. Plenty of vegetarian and vegan options - please let us know in advance if you have any dietary requirements.

Tickets priced at £20 are available from Ickleton Costcutter, or you can buy them online via the events page on our website. If you don't want to eat, please feel free to pop in for a pint or two of great local beer from <u>Milton Brewery</u> and <u>Wylde Sky Brewing</u>. Bar opens at 7!

DID YOU KNOW THAT BY BUYING SHARES IN THE ICKLETON LION, YOU HAVE BOUGHT A PIECE OF TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR HISTORY?



John Ripsher (1840-1907) was the 1st President of the Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. His parents were Henry Ripsher (1811-1868) and Jane Ripsher (nee Loader) (1808-1856). Henry was born in Ickleton and was employed as a railway clerk hence moving to London where he married and settled.

Henry's parents were Swann Ripsher (1766-1847) and Swann's 2nd wife, Margaret Ripsher (nee Andrews) (1778-1837). Swann was an Ickletonian. Margaret was from Hinxton. Swann was a farmer. Swann's 1st wife was Mary Ripsher (nee Simperingham) (1766-1801) from Sawston. One of their children was William Ripsher (1787-1860), who married Rebecca Ripsher (nee Brown) (1797-1858). Both of them Ickletonians and both publicans of Ickleton Lion.

Therefore, this makes John Ripsher the half nephew of the publicans of the Ickleton Lion!!!!!

Thank you to our members, Jan (who is William Ripsher's 3x great granddaughter) and Emma, for highlighting the connection with Spurs and providing the text above.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our website and facebook page for regular updates!

You may enjoy the video on our homepage – a quick skip through 300 years of the Lion's history. Thank you to several lckletonians and the fabulous lckleton Society archive for all the memories.

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