

VILLAGE VOICE

BRINKLEY.....BURROUGH GREEN.....CARLTON.....WESTLEY WATERLESS

APRIL 2025



EASTER TEA

GOOD FRIDAY 18th APRIL
3 - 5 pm

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Come and join us for

TEA - HOT CROSS BUNS

HOMEMADE CAKES

GAMES

*** CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA ***

CAKE STALL

ALL AGES WELCOME

In aid of St. Mary's Church, Brinkley

KNIT & NATTER

Every Monday from 1:30 to 3.30pm

In the Community Room at Sheriff's Court Burrough Green. All knitters or potential knitters are welcome,

Bring your own knitting or we can teach you to make squares for the local neonatal unit or knit for other charities. We have odd bits of wool, patterns and needles etc. There will be a small charge for refreshments.

Any donations of wool would be greatly appreciated.

ALL WELCOME



GAMES EVENINGS

Sheriff's Court in Burrough Green are hosting Games Evenings every Tuesday evening from 7pm.

Come along and play Scrabble, Rummikub, Upwords, Boggle or Mahjong for example. No expertise required. Tea & biscuits included. £2

ALL WELCOME

Sunday 30th March Mothering Sunday

Benefice Communion Service

10.30 am Westley Waterless

ALL WELCOME

BURROUGH GREEN VILLAGE CHURCH MAINTENANCE

Saturday 26th April 2025

10 am onwards



Please come and help to keep our church and church yard looking welcoming for ourselves and visitors.

There are so many jobs to do, come and take your pick and stay for homemade soup at lunchtime!



We need cleaning and polishing inside the church.

Outside jobs include strimming, pruning, weeding and general clearing.



Any amount of time would help or if anyone has any spare time in general to assist with any upkeep you would be very much appreciated.



Please bring your own tools if you have any, we do have some we can lend if not. If you have any questions, do get in touch

Thank you so much

Lucy Talbot 07910 158463

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 14th & 28th April 2025

10.30 am to 12.00 noon

at

Brinkley Memorial Hall



Please join us for Tea, Coffee and Cake and an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Any Queries: Caroline Egar - 01638 507418
07976 250961

BRIDGE

Do you play Bridge? Are you Interested in Learning to Play Bridge?

Burrough Green has a small, very informal, and friendly Bridge Group and would be very pleased to welcome



more players

and novices. The Group meets on Tuesday afternoon 14.30 - 16.30 at Sheriff's Court in Burrough Green.

If you would like to come along and see if you like us, please call Kathie on 07923 526555



The Passion

This dramatic storytelling of The Passion comes with great reviews so do book early to avoid disappointment. With a small professional cast of actors the story of Holy Week is told through spoken word and song (using only a few props) from the viewpoint of Peter, Mary Magdalene and a Roman Centurion. It is intense, 'you could hear a pin drop', but ultimately joyful.

Tickets available from the Stable, 65 High Street, Newmarket, CB8 8NA, 01638 662311 or 07894 400425 or book them online

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ely-newmarket-methodist-circuit/the-passion/e-molyka>

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS :

Black bin - 2nd, 16th & 30th April

Blue & Green - 9th & 23rd April.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -

MONDAYS except TUESDAY 22nd April

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - Monday 7th, TUESDAY 22nd April.

Green Lid - 14th & 28th April.

ARTICLES FOR MAY VILLAGE VOICE

To

villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

01638 507495

by 20th April 2025 please

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

April 2025

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 24th May

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE VERY TALENTED

Jonno, Johnny & Lee

7.30pm

TICKETS £7.50

Licensed Bar, Snacks and Raffle

Ellesmere Open Meeting

Would you like to know more about what happens at the Ellesmere? Ever considered becoming more involved in your community centre but not sure where to start or who to talk too? Why not come along to our open meeting on 25th April at 7.30pm and find out a bit more or just come along to show your support.

Meet the staff and Trustees and enjoy some Cheese and Wine

Stetchworth Craft and Farmers Market

At The Ellesmere Centre

18th May

27th July

28th September

26th October

30th November

Doors Open 9.30 & close 1pm

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

alternatively call us on 01638 508212

www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk

BRINKLEY ELECTORAL ROLL

Are you a churchgoer? Perhaps once a year, or a regular?

Would you like to be on our church electoral roll? You wouldn't be asked to do anything, but you could have a say in how our church is run or maintained.

This year, we have to produce a new roll, so you are all welcome to join it.

Come along to our annual meeting, in the church on May 7th at 7pm and find out what the church council (PCC) does.

If you are interested, please contact Ros on 01638 507240, or email rospates@yahoo.co.uk

Note: The Church Electoral Roll is completely separate from the Government Electoral Roll used for General and Council Elections.

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Hi everyone, spring is upon us and everything is beginning to look lovely at last.

Some up and coming events are :

Speed Quizzing

It's a great success and the next one is 2nd April and to follow each month being the first Wednesday of every month.

Open Mic night has changed dates to now the 3rd Thursday of the month so the next one is 17th April. Come along and enjoy some fabulous singers, they are very talented. If you fancy having a go just come and sing, it's a great night.

Our next **Pizza evening** is the last Friday of the month on 25th April. Wood fired pizzas are amazing.

Easter Sunday roast

This is by bookings only and there are limited spaces so we strongly advise to book on 01638 476424.

We are having some promotional days coming in April check out our Facebook, instagram, pages for what's coming up.

Our web page has finally been made and it's looking nice. Check it out at thebullburroughgreen.com

The outside seating area at the front has had a face lift. Come and have a look.

Looking forward to seeing you all

Tina and Danny

01638 476424

BOOK AND JIGSAW EXCHANGE - BRINKLEY

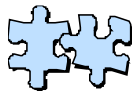


Please pop into the church porch to use the book and jigsaw exchange.

Feel free to borrow a book or jigsaw and return it when you have finished or replace it with another.

Donations of clean, readable modern or classic novels and auto/biographies would be greatly appreciated. Complete jigsaws only please.

Any questions please email
denisehrebieniak@yahoo.com



MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will be at BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 3rd THURSDAY of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm

BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4th THURSDAY of each month between 1.10pm - 1.50pm.

They stock a great selection of books for all ages, plus NHS hearing aid batteries. They can even check and replace the ferrules on walking sticks. Make use of this wonderful resource.

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## DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Unfortunately The Supper Has Had To Be  
Cancelled This Month

THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2025

8pm

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham: CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a Demonstration

By **Verity Marston**

Entitled

'Spring has Sprung'

**\*Easter competition best decorated Easter**

**Bonnet\***

A prize for the most colourful (optional)

**Admission £8** Includes Tea/Coffee and biscuits

**Raffle** The Raffle will include all the arrangements made on the evening

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

**DATE FOR DIARY Next meeting**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## BURROUGH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



**ACT** Multi Academy Trust  
**Agapé, Courage Thankfulness**

Hello everyone and I hope you are well

### Mental Health

Our mental health lead Mrs Chubb has worked incredibly hard on this. All staff and children now proudly wear a yellow pin badge - this represents mental health and is constant reminder for all that we think about this key area all the time. Mrs Chubb also produces a monthly newsletter which can be found on our website under the parents - newsletters tab. This is full of activities and advice for people of all ages.

### Language Leaders and Chinese Day

On 4<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated Chinese Day - Bryan cooked a special lunch and there were different foods for the children to try. We hosted 8 Chinese visitors from King's Ely. English is very much their second language and they came to teach our children about China. They were simply amazing. Every session was very interactive - from Chinese lantern making and understanding why they use the colours they do to paint Chinese symbols. Year 5 and 6 (who were with me) engaged in Chinese conversations with their host - Natalie - as well as understanding about the main regions of China.

The students from Ely were incredible - their confidence, ability to engage children and preparation was something to





truly aspire to. I mentioned last month about oracy and debating and the confidence it creates. It is so true!

At the end of the sessions we went into the hall where 2 of the students sang 2 songs to our students. The children were mesmerised.



Natalie sang a Chinese pop song and the second, Cindy, sang a traditional Chinese song without accompaniment. It was such an aspirational afternoon for our

children. Activities that truly deepen their cultural capital.

Thank you to King's Ely for your organisation and preparation work.

Please see a few photograph from the event below. Others are in the usual place on our website.

### **Pancakes!!!**

On 4<sup>th</sup> March, Mrs Chubb organised an amazing experience for the children. She put a lot of thought into the event and the children had an incredible time. Please see a few photographs from the race below. Others are in the usual place on our website.



### **Phonics Mornings**

Mrs Leadbeter has organised and delivered 2 sessions this week on phonics (amazing work - thank you). These sessions are key to understanding how to help develop your child's reading ability at home. Sessions are delivered whenever children move from phase to phase - a wonderful commitment from our staff. Please see a photos of the event.



### **Make Do and Mend Day - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help, many hands will make light work!

We have had the most responses for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We are looking to start at 9am. All help will be most appreciated. If anyone else is able to pitch in with laying bark, painting a shed and building another, you are most welcome to join us.

### **ALL ARE WELCOME**

Please see that the final service on 4<sup>th</sup> April is for the whole community. If you would like to celebrate Easter the Burrough Green way, please come to our church at 2.15pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> April.

This term we had/have 28 planned activities for parents to come into our beautiful school to work with and enjoy experiences with their children. From live lessons to reading drop-ins to parent information sessions we offer a huge program for our parents. We are more than a school - we are part of the wider community.

### **Speaking and Listening**

I am moving away from my 'conversation starters' - sorry to those that enjoyed them. Instead I am offering a debate topic every week.

### **Should you be fined for wasting food?**

I want to promote oracy and develop everybody's ability to speak, argue and listen.

I will be contacting schools in the summer and looking for opportunities to 'debate' various topics. In the past, I have judged debates between schools and the level of confidence, oracy and ability on show has always been a joy to watch. I want that here.

Look out for a debating club starting during the summer term!

*That's all from me.*

David Sandford

### **VILLAGE HALLS**

Brinkley, Burrough Green and Westley Waterless have excellent village halls, all beautifully refurbished over the last few years; and all available for hire at reasonable rates.

Information on their facilities and availability can be found by contacting them on:

**Brinkley Memorial Hall** - Contact: Susie Shuter on  
01638 508729 : 07836 656643

**Burrough Green Reading Room** - Please contact  
Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888  
E mailing [bgreadingroom@yahoo.com](mailto:bgreadingroom@yahoo.com)  
[www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Westley Waterless Village Hall** - For more  
information please go to  
[www.westleywaterless.com/hall](http://www.westleywaterless.com/hall)

### **BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE**

**Saturday April 5th  
CONCLAVE (12A)**

Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) is tasked with running this covert process after the unexpected death of the beloved Pope. Once the Catholic Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope's wake--secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church. Award winning film acclaimed as one of the best films of 2024

**Normal start time of doors open at 7pm and both  
films at 7.30 in the Balsham Church Institute,  
Church Lane, BALSHAM**

Balsham Picture House is now in its 9th Year of showing newly released films every month and has built up a huge library of Blu-Rays which are available for any member to borrow to show again at home for a small donation - please see Nigel Clark or myself for

details when you come. Dave's bar will be open for pre-show drinks and nibbles as normal.

Join the Picture House with annual membership of just £12 or come as a guest member at £3/film show.

**May Picture House** showing will be Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

**A Complete Unknown (15)** - the story of Bob Dylan's arrival on the music scene in the early 60s

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ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

Our talk in March on Gardening with Climate Change was fascinating and very well attended. If you missed it but are interested in the topic you can take a look at the website: <https://climatechangegardening.org/> Now it's time to get outside! Our talks in the Ellesmere Centre are paused and on **Wednesday 12th April** we are visiting **Rougham Hall Nurseries at Barrow**. We hope by then spring will have well and truly arrived and we can see and hear about all the delights this lovely local family-run nursery has to offer.



There will be no-dig beds to view, and the helpful team will give us advice on growing, potting up and taking cuttings. There will be refreshments, and of course the all-important plants for sale.

Then looking further ahead, **Saturday 17th May** sees the return of the **Plant Sale** from 10am to midday in the Ellesmere Centre.

Come along for bargains in bedding plants, vegetables, perennials and plants grown by members - so an exciting variety. Always a fine display on offer and some bric-a-brac to browse through. As usual we will have a raffle, and delicious cakes and coffee, so take the opportunity to relax after making your purchases. Come early to get the best choices!

Membership fees are now due, so if you haven't yet renewed make sure to do so to get your discount card. *If you have any queries about any of our events or becoming a member you can contact Sandie on 07903 584676.*

KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION

 **Walk. Record. Protect.** 

Last month, we launched our **Step into Nature** campaign to stand up to Kingsway Solar's plans. In March, we asked you to **spot hares** to help protect their habitat.

This April, we're asking you to do the same—but also to **listen for skylarks**. These threatened birds nest in our fields, and we need to show how much they depend on farmland to survive.

Scientists from the RSPB and the University of Cambridge recently found that small-scale solar farms supported more farmland bird species and a higher bird abundance than arable farmland when managed with mixed habitats.

However, while woodpigeons favoured solar farms, skylarks were more common on arable land. This isn't surprising, as skylarks need long, open sightlines—something solar farms can't provide.

You can record your sightings on *iRecord*, which allows us to gather data within a 2km area around the proposed solar farm. You can also use the *Merlin* app to help identify skylarks by their song. Use the Merlin app to identify skylarks and take a screenshot. Then, upload it when recording your sighting on iRecord.

Every sighting counts. Let's join forces to protect our farmland!

Working towards a better, greener solution

MPs are currently discussing large-scale solar farms. In March, KSCA attended a roundtable meeting at the Houses of Parliament to discuss how to present our case, alongside many other campaign groups. This meeting was valuable for networking and sharing insights from other campaigns.

We need your help!

If you're interested in helping us with publicity, fundraising, or if you have expertise to help strengthen our opposition, please get in touch.

Visit the KSCA website for campaign news and updates at kingswayaction.org, or connect with us on Facebook and Instagram.

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#### **VILLAGE WEBSITES**

[www.westleywaterless.com](http://www.westleywaterless.com)

[www.burroughsgreenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.burroughsgreenparishcouncil.org.uk)

[www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk)

[carltoncumwillinghampc.org.uk](http://carltoncumwillinghampc.org.uk)

Information on the facilities of each village and also back issues of Village Voice newsletter and the adverts.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Here is some safety information to publish in your next magazine. Please feel free to get in touch if you need any further information.

Stay fire safe in your kitchen

More than half the fires our crews attend in the home start in the kitchen. This can be down to a number of things.

Below are some simple safety tips to help you stay fire safe in the kitchen:

Cooking safely

- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe.
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothing - this can easily catch fire.
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- Double check the cooker is off when you've finished cooking.
- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking, take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk.
- Make sure saucepan handles don't stick out - so they don't get knocked off the stove.

- Keep electrics (leads and appliances) away from water.
- Check toasters are clean and placed away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- Keep the oven, hob and grill clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.

Don't let a garden spring clean lead to fire
Staying safe outside is just as important as keeping your family safe from fire in your home.
As the Spring time weather (hopefully) begins to arrive, many will take the opportunity to get out in the garden and give it a tidy.

There are a few simple things to do which will help reduce the risk of having a fire:

- Dispose of garden waste using either a local waste pick up service, or take it to a local recycling centre. Do not light a bonfire!
- Ensure cigarettes are completely out
- Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground - the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire

If you are planning to have a BBQ:

- Use barbeques on a hard, flat surface away from grass, shrubs or fencing
- Put disposable barbeques on bricks, do not place directly on grass

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

BRINKLEY RED LION



Lots going on. Follow us on Facebook

01638 650879
info@redlionbrinkley.com

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH BURROUGH GREEN

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 at 7.15 pm

Venue: St Augustine's Church, Church Lane,
Burrough Green CB8 9LY

All are welcome to join us for the meeting.

If you are interested in joining the Electoral Roll or want to find out more about the Church do please get in touch with Sheena Brusell (Electoral Roll officer) 07415 074434 or Lucy Talbot (Church Warden) 07910 158463

ST MARY'S CHURCH BRINKLEY

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7.00 pm

Brinkley Church

All are welcome to join us for the meeting

ST-MARY-THE-LESS : WESTLEY WATERLESS

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

All Westley residents are welcome to attend
the AGM for our village church on

Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm

at the Church

Refreshments will be provided.

**** REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS ****

If anyone is able to spare a few hours in just one month of the year to help keep the Church looking lovely for its visitors, then we would be grateful to hear from you. Rota duties include mowing the lawn or very light cleaning and providing some flowers for the vases.

Please DM/Call on 07786 734542.

CATHOLIC PARISH SERVICES:

Newmarket: Saturdays 6pm & Sundays 11am

Kirtling: Sunday 9am.

For a full list of weekday services, the newsletter & other information please visit the website.
<http://www.olise.co.uk/wordpress/>

PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST AWARD 2025

The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc. For further information about the trust and the award please contact: Jonathan Drury (01223 290087). For an application form (for pupils starting university in September 2025) please apply via email to: peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com The application form and supporting documents must be received at the latest by 5th April 2025.

Jonathan Drury

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

To celebrate Science Week, LVC holds a week-long series of events that are designed to inspire and engage our students. Science week has been a long-standing occurrence in the school's calendar.

British Science Week is a 10-day celebration of science and innovation and is an initiative run by the British Science Association. The BSA believes that its remit is to continue to invest in and position the UK as a leader in undertaking research and development in a way that benefits all of society.

Events that took place during LVC's Science Week in March included dissections, 'Shock and Awe' chemistry, a forensic investigation, a Science Fayre, a dance/science collaboration and a trip to Sizewell B Power Station. There were also a series of assemblies

aimed at inspiring students to think about how they might change the world and how science can have an impact on that change.

Alongside this, we entered eight of our top Mathematicians in Year 10 into the Cambridgeshire Maths Feast, hosted at LVC. The event comprised problem solving, geometry and algebra. Out of twenty-one teams from twelve schools across Cambridgeshire, LVC was placed 8th and 10th.

We are enormously proud of our students and their curiosity and academic rigour. As our school is on the doorstep to Cambridge, a city brimming with scientific innovators, pioneers and thought leaders, we continue to inspire the next generation of scientists and STEM industry personnel.

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### **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

#### **Bottisham Ward**

Full Council 25 February 2025

Unfortunately, one of the members of the Lib Dem & Independent was unable to be present as his wife had to be taken to hospital after breaking her wrist, and so the effect of the parity of political groups at the Council was not tested,

1. In view of the impending Local Government Reorganisation, it was resolved to cease work on the Local Plan (that sets out the development envelopes and planning guidelines for the District) since the new Unitary authority would revise this anyway.

2. It was decided that the District Council Tax for 2025/26 would be the same as the last twelve years; this was supported by both sides of the chamber. The Lib Dem & Independent group proposed a budget that: increased funding for tourism and the arts to boost the local economy, increased the Council's actions on climate and the environment, used funding from the abandoned Local Plan review to prepare for proper parking enforcement across East Cambridgeshire which is sadly lacking. This budget was defeated.

3. Later in the meeting, however, when the allocation of CIL money was the agenda item, Conservative councillors voted to block a further amendment from the Liberal Democrat & Independent Group from being debated. This amendment would have ceased spending on the Conservatives' very expensive and unwanted crematorium at Mepal.

An Extraordinary Council Meeting is to be held on 20 March to debate the response from this Council on the Local Government Reorganisation proposal.

The next ward surgery will be at the Bottisham Sports and Social Club, Downing Close, CB25 9DD, from half past six to half past seven on Tuesday 22 April 2025, followed by a social meeting at The Bell in the same village.

*Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp*

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EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL-

Woodditton Ward

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Reorganisation

Further to my comments last month, there has been a lot of work undertaken by the political leaders and Chief executives of the District Councils and County Council together with Peterborough City Council.

All Councils are holding meetings in the week beginning 17th March, with the County Council meeting on 18th March and East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) meeting on 20th March.

Government has asked that Councils submit a response to the proposals by 21st March. The councils, excluding Fenland have drafted a letter to respond to Government, the contents of which are very much a holding response.

In the likelihood that the sending of this letter of all of the constituent councils is agreed, then work will continue on the proposals, with Government requiring a final response by 28th November.

It is very disappointing that the Government are imposing Local Government reorganisation with no public consultation. Councillors are representatives of residents and to that end, ECDC have circulated a survey to pick up residents' comments on the proposals.

ECDC have frozen their portion of the Council Tax for the twelfth year running and are debt free unlike a number of other councils within Cambridgeshire, so our responsible financial management could be undone. There is no ability within this reorganisation to look at the County boundary issues that we face in this part of the County. A massive opportunity missed.

Highways & Transport

At a meeting held on 4th March, the capital highways maintenance for 2025/2026 was confirmed by the ruling administration. It is based on a scoring matrix that does not favour the rural areas. I will continue to push for better funding for our roads.

Having worked hard with County Council officers and the Parish Council, I am delighted that the measures recommended by the Road Safety team at the High Street/ Six Mile Bottom Road junction in Brinkley are nearing implementation, which I hope will be a positive step to improve the safety at that junction.

The A1303/ Swaffham Heath Road crossroads appears to be working well and having worked hard with County officers to get this implemented, the improvements in safety are currently very satisfying. I am aware of only one accident at the junction since the new layout, but we must not be complacent.

Anglesey Abbey Traffic & Parking

Those residents who visited Anglesey Abbey over the weekend of 8th and 9th March, may be aware of parking issues that caused problems for residents.

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I have held two meetings with County officers and Anglesey Abbey to improve the situation for residents, whilst ensuring that Anglesey Abbey provided a good experience for residents.

I will continue to work to ensure that the issues are resolved for the benefit of everyone.

I hope that the issues did not inconvenience any residents.

Kingsway Solar

I took the opportunity, as one of the local members affected by the development, to express my concerns over the development at the recent Environment Committee of the County Council. I was the only one to take the opportunity to express my concerns on behalf of residents. I will continue to oppose what is a development in totally the wrong place. The next stage is a statutory consultation to be held this summer. I will update once more details are known.

I am here to represent you, so if there are any issues that concern you, please contact me.

If I am not aware of an issue, I am not able to solve it.

Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton Division

East Cambridgeshire District Councillor - Woodditton Ward

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[www.thegardencompanion.co.uk](http://www.thegardencompanion.co.uk)

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## APRIL SERVICES

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April**                      **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
9.00 am Holy Communion              Brinkley  
10.30 am Family Service              Burrough Green  
*Isaiah 43: 16-21 Phil 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**                      **Palm Sunday**  
9.00 am Holy Communion              Stetchworth  
10.30 am Morning Prayer              Dullingham  
*Isaiah 50 4-9a Phil 2: 5-11 Luke 22: 14 - end of 23*

### Holy Week Services

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**  
7.00 pm Compline                      Dullingham

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
7.00 pm                                      Dullingham

**18<sup>th</sup> April**

**Good Friday**  
7.00 pm Ecumenical Service              Stetchworth

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**                      **Easter Sunday**  
10.30 am Benefice Communion      Carlton  
10.30 am Lay led Family service      Burrough Green  
*Isaiah 65: 17-end 1 Cor 15: 19-26 John 20: 1-18*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**                      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
10.30 am Holy Communion              Dullingham  
6.00 pm Evensong                      Stetchworth  
*Acts 5: 27-32 Revelation 1: 4-8 John 20: 19-end*  
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This year Easter as is almost as late as it can be due to the lunar calendar. This means that we are well into Spring and the days are longer and lighter. Easter is a time for hope, for renewal and celebration of Jesus's resurrection. During Lent there has been time for reflection, looking at our faith and how we live. Reflection on attitudes and how we react to people who are different from us, remembering we live in a multi-cultural society alongside those of other religions and races and we have to try to overcome our prejudices and accept others whilst not being able to agree with their beliefs or outlook on life.

Easter is a new beginning, a time of joy, of God's power for life and lives being cast into a new perspective. God is present in all creation and the resurrection creates hope for the present and the future, changes the way we live.

As Easter is celebrated it is belief in God as the creator source of all life and the words spoken by the men in white: 'Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here He is risen! (Luke 14:5-6).

We live a life in the risen Christ, full of joy and hope. Happy Easter.

Go well

Patrick

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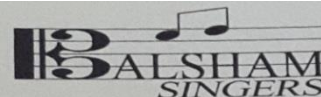
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**30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR – 2025**

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 7.30 p.m.**

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BALSHAM, CB21 4DS**

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