

VILLAGE VOICE

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

APRIL 2026



EASTER TEA
GOOD FRIDAY 3rd APRIL
3 - 4.30 pm
BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL
Come and join us
for **TEA - HOT CROSS BUNS**

HOMEMADE EASTER CAKES FOR SALE
GAMES - RAFFLE
***** CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA *****
ALL AGES WELCOME

Free entry
In aid of St. Mary's Church,
Brinkley

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 13th & 27th April 2026
10.30 am to 12.00 noon
at

Brinkley Memorial Hall



We will be giving Postie Carol her retirement gift at the 27th April Coffee morning

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

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS :
Black bin - 1st, 15th & 29th April 2026.
Green and Blue - 8th & 22nd April 2026.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -
Black sacks- **WEDNESDAY 8th & TUESDAY 14th,**
MONDAYS 20th & 27th April.
Blue Lid - **WEDNESDAY 8th , MONDAY 20th April**
Green Lid - **TUESDAY 14th & MONDAY 27th April**

BURROUGH GREEN
CHURCH CARE AND UPKEEP
Saturday 18th April 2025
10 am onwards



Please come and help to keep the church and its surroundings looking welcoming for visitors and ourselves. It is kept during the year by very kind volunteers but we really need help on this day. Jobs inside include cleaning, dusting and polishing. Outside tasks include strimming, pruning, weeding and general clearing.

Any amount of time would help. Please bring your own tools if you have any. We do have some we can lend if not.

Tea/coffee and homemade soup all provided!

If you can't come on Saturday but have a little time to spare another day please get in touch.

Thank you so much

Lucy Talbot 07910 158463

POSTIE - CAROL

Our lovely post lady Carol, who has delivered our post for many years in Brinkley, Willingham Green, Carlton and Westley Waterless is retiring at the end of March. She is always so kind, and helpful, keeps an eye on people and has a friendly word for everyone.

We will be showing our appreciation and presenting her with a gift at the Brinkley Coffee morning on 27th April. All Welcome.

If you would like to contribute, please put a donation in an envelope through my door at Tree Tops, High Street, Brinkley. You can contact me on 01638 507495, or via the Village Voice e-mail - villagevoiceneewsletter@btinternet.com

Trish

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.





EASTER MORNING
SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026
A Short Family Service
at 10.30 am



St Augustine's Church, Burrough Green
 led by Peter Talbot
 followed by refreshments and an
 Easter egg hunt for children
 All very welcome



NOTICE OF BURROUGH GREEN APCM

(Annual Parochial Church meeting)

Thursday 16th April 2026 at 7 pm
 To be held at

St Augustine's Church, Burrough Green

This meeting is for all parishioners of Burrough End and Burrough Green. The primary purpose is to elect churchwardens and members to the Parochial Church-Council (PCC), review the past year's financial accounts, approve reports on church activities, and appoint an independent examiner.

We would really welcome new members, do come along, support your church and find out more.

Enquiries: Lucy Talbot 07910 158463

BRIDGE AFTERNOON and GAMES EVENING

Sheriff's Court in Burrough Green host a Games Evening every Tuesday evening from 7pm.

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

They also hold a Bridge session on a Tuesday afternoon and would love some new players, experienced or wanting to learn to play. (Kathie 07923 526555)

ALL WELCOME

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
 denisehrebenaik@yahoo.com

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Prize Bingo Prize Bingo Prize Bingo
FRIDAY 24TH APRIL
 Doors Open at 7pm Eyes Down at 7.30pm
 Licensed Bar Raffle
 Bring your own snacks

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Do you or anyone you know own a classic car or motorbike?
 If so please come along to our Summer Show on Sunday 5th July
Just email us with the details of the vehicle you would like to bring

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Quiz Night - 22nd May
 Summer Show - Sunday 5th July 12 noon
 Outdoor Live Music Event - August (Date to follow)
 Pudding Club - September 26th
 Christmas Market - Sunday 15th November

More details to follow in the coming months

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk
 Web Site www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk
 Alternatively call us on 01638 508212



Coffee Morning

Friday 24th April 2026

10.00 - 12.00 at

the Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

Help us to raise funds for



PLUS!

Come & **BUY YOUR CONCERT TICKETS:**

Melodies for St. Mary's

Saturday
 30th May, 7.30pm,
 Taylor Hall,
 Dullingham



Look out for posters
 Don't miss it!

Details on website: kitchenchoir.weebly.com

DULLINGHAM COMMUNITY LUNCH

Every first Tuesday of the month, 12 -2pm, at the Taylor Hall, Dullingham.

This is a free lunch, although we do ask for a donation. So come along and meet your neighbours. If you have any allergies or if you want any further information, or would like to volunteer, contact me on 01638 507736 - Ann Johnson

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

We welcome **Greg Veness on Wednesday 15th April** to talk about "Delphiniums". Greg comes from his Front Gardens Nursery at Glemsford and will be bringing plants for sale with him - so be sure to bring your wallets! Greg will accept both card and cash payments and is donating a raffle prize as well. Meet for the talk at 7.30 pm in the Ellesmere Centre.

May is going to be an exciting month with Spring almost certainly well under way. Please keep the weekend of 9th and 10th free for our first two events. The **Plant Sale on Saturday 9th May** is a very popular event and our most successful fund raiser. You can help by donating plants from your own gardens, taking a turn on one of the stalls, and coming along to buy, with your friends and family too.

New gardens will be amongst those open on **Sunday 10th May** under the **NGS Open Gardens** scheme. This is your chance to enjoy the beauty of our local surroundings and raise funds for the charities the NGS supports. Please do keep these days free and enjoy the wealth of gardening experience and plants at our fingertips. Full details can be found in the yellow booklet "Gardens open for charity Cambridgeshire 2026" available at the Ellesmere Centre, or by visiting ngs.org.uk

As always, everyone is welcome and we hope to see you soon. Any queries about the Garden Club call Sandie on 07903 584676

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



It looks like spring is officially here (let's hope it's going to be a good one).

We would like to take this opportunity to say Happy Easter to all of you. We know it's early this year but let's hope it's the start of something special.

Check us out on the Restaurant Guru - they awarded us with a recommendation for somewhere to eat.

Our speed quizzing is on Wednesday 1st April. It's come round so fast.

The front of the pub is looking superb now all the daffodils are in bloom

Check out our Facebook/web page for up and coming events



Tina and Danny 01638 476424

KSCA APRIL NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Walk event in Weston Colville on 21 March. This has helped the Parish Council Alliance (PCA) raise funds for the legal campaign. During the talk, the KSCA and PCA panel answered questions from the community about what lies ahead and where matters currently stand with the Kingsway Solar proposal. We had originally



been led to believe by Kingsway Solar that the Development Consent Order (DCO) application would be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by the end of March, but this may now be delayed. At the talk, residents were urged to register with the Planning Inspectorate to receive updates. **This is**

the most important thing to do right now. Everyone who registers will be notified once the application is submitted. Once submitted, the Planning Inspectorate has 28 days to decide whether the application is "fit to be accepted".

If accepted, the proposal moves into the Examination phase – the most important stage of the process, as this is the first opportunity for residents to communicate directly with the Planning Inspectorate. Parish councils, community groups and individuals then need to register as Interested Parties and tell the Planning Inspectorate what they think ('submit relevant representations'). We will provide clear guidance on how to do this when the time comes, including workshops and templates. This should be less onerous than writing a full letter during the statutory consultation, but there will only be 30 days to do it. We will be aiming to encourage over 1,000 people to register as Interested Parties.

To receive updates from the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), register here: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/ENO10165>

We also need to support our legal team in appointing independent experts in hydrology, BESS, landscape and related areas. Their evidence will be essential to presenting robust, well-founded arguments during the Examination phase. **Please consider pledging funds** here:

<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/kingswaysolarcommunitylegalaction/>

Please follow the News page at kingswayaction.org to stay up to date and access links to the AGM presentations and campaign video. **Join KSCA at** <https://kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-join-us/>

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

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The CHORAL (12A)
Written by Alan Bennett this is a moving story set in WW1 which received great acclaim and starring Ralph Fiennes as the charismatic Dr Guthrie.
A choral society's male members enlist in World War I, leaving the demanding Dr. Guthrie to recruit teenagers. Together, they experience the joy of singing while the young boys grapple with their impending conscription into the army.

Sat. Apr. 4th Doors open 7pm

Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute

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

BRINKLEY RED LION



Easter is approaching rapidly and will soon be upon us by the time of reading, so do please pick up the phone for any last-minute Easter

Sunday bookings if you'd like to join us. We will have roast lamb to go alongside our usual pork and beef. Equally do come and see us on other days of the week; Sundays are roughly a week in advance at the moment, and we are increasing our booking timings to increase availability and allow bookings through to 15:30 from Sunday 12th April. Other days of the week remain less predictable, so do come and see us any day!

Some of you will have heard (and read) that the pub is going through a few kitchen changes, this does mean that Katie (our head chef) is leaving, but I am delighted to announce there is a new Head Chef, Henry, lined up who joins on the 6th April and is another brilliant chef. I am going to be making a few little tweaks to the pub's offering, so do please come and see me or get in touch if you have specific requests. I am making no promises but am delighted to hear ideas! Our beers and drinks will also be getting a little freshen-up as we approach two years, so again please mention any preferences now if you have any requests.

I hope to welcome as many of you as possible through April.

Best George 01638 650879 redlion_brinkley@redlionbrinkley.com
www.redlionbrinkley.com info@redlionbrinkley.com

BRINKLEY QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to all who came to support the Quiz in Brinkley on Friday 20th March. A big thank you to the quizmaster and those that cooked a splendid two course meal. £1173.72 was raised for Brinkley Memorial Hall funds.

MARSH MAIL News from Linton Village College

Linton Village College celebrates prestigious Platinum Artsmark Award

Linton Village College is delighted to announce that we have been awarded the *Platinum Artsmark Award*, the highest recognition from Arts Council England. This national accolade celebrates schools that embed exceptional arts, cultural and creative learning across their curriculum, and we are proud to share this achievement with our local community.

Over the past two years, staff and students have worked together to develop an ambitious and enriching arts offer. Supported by Goldsmiths, University of London through an immersive professional development programme, we have strengthened creative teaching across the College and expanded opportunities for students to lead and participate in the arts.

Artsmark Assessors commended LVC's "strong, long-term commitment to the transformative power of the arts,"

noting the impact our work is having not only within the school but across the wider area.



Highlights included our thriving student leadership programmes, growing cross-curricular projects, and our successful arts and science partnership with the University of Cambridge. Cultural experiences such as the Drama and History visit to Audley End were also praised as examples of our rich offer.

We're extremely proud to have achieved the Artsmark Platinum Award. This recognition reflects the passion



and creativity of our staff and the inclusive, enriching opportunities our students enjoy at LVC. The arts are central to our

culture and educational experience. We extend our congratulations to our students, whose enthusiasm and creativity have been instrumental in achieving this award.

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