VILLAGE VOICE

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

AUGUST 2025

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 11th & 25th August 2025



10.30 am to 12.00 noon

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

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RECYCLING

Apologies for leading Carlton astray last month with the wrong dates.

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS : Black bin - 6th & 20th August Green & Blue Bin - 13th & 27th August

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - MONDAYS

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - Monday 11^{th} & TUESDAY 26^{th} August Green Lid - 4^{th} & 18^{th} August

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

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 4^{th} 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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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 denisehrebeniak@yahoo.com

VILLAGE OIL SYNDICATE



The next oil syndicate order will be placed on Friday 15th August. If you would like to be



included in the delivery, please contact Vicky Cavey on 07818 231632 or via email <u>vickycavey@icloud.com</u> no later than **Tuesday 12th August**.

Please provide details of your order ensuring all requests are accompanied by a house name/number, postcode, telephone number and quantity of oil required (500ltrs minimum).

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

The sun has been amazing the last couple of weeks let's hope it continues for a few more.



Why don't you come and try out our new Pimm's on tap? This is certainly the best weather for it having a nice glass of cool Pimm's sitting on one of our lovely tables outside catching the best of the summer sunshine till early evening.

Our up-and-coming events for August

Wednesday 6th - we have our speed quizzing this has become a very popular evening, why don't you spoil yourself come a little early and have a bite to eat first all our food is cooked to order and always fresh.

Sunday 10th August - we're having an event for retro, modified & modern classic cars from 10am why don't you come and have a look Tea, coffee and and chat. We would love to see you... if you've a car to show bring it along we would love to see that too!

Thursday 21st August - Our open mic night. We have some very talented people who come along and play/sing if you're interested come and join us or even just come along and listen, have some food a nice cool beer or glass of wine, or even a Pimm's just sit back listen and enjoy the music

Check out our Facebook page for up-and-coming events too! There are some fantastic things coming.

Love to see you all! Tina and Danny

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

On an extremely hot weekend in July, 42 of our Year 10 students completed a weekend expedition to the Peak District as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award is designed for young people aged 14 and above. Completing the Bronze Award typically takes a minimum of six months and requires dedication and commitment. At LVC, we run our own assessment of the Award, providing coaching, leadership and verification of the qualification.



The scheme has been run at LVC by Mr Barton for the past 15 years and hundreds of our students have benefited from taking part. We are proud that nearly a third of our Year 10 cohort are registered for the programme. It offers an important opportunity for personal development and community involvement through four components: volunteering, physical recreation, skills and an expedition.

Volunteering involves participants engaging in community service activities, fostering a sense of responsibility and empathy. This could range from helping at local charities to participating in local conservation projects.

Physical recreation aims to improve health and fitness and the skills element focuses on developing new talents or honing existing ones. This is about exploring interests and passions, whether it is learning a musical instrument, cooking or even coding.

Our trip to the Peak District for the expedition is perhaps the most exciting part of the Bronze Award. Participants plan, train for and undertake this journey in a group. This section is designed to build teamwork, resilience and a sense of adventure. Our students went on two day-long hikes and then spent the nights camping and cooking their own food.

We have recently been awarded a certificate from the scheme praising the 429 voluntary hours that our students have given to the local community this year. Well done to all of you!

KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION

Find out what Kingsway Solar Farm could mean for our villages

This August, we're holding a series of public talks about the proposed large-scale solar development and how local residents can get involved to challenge it. Everyone is welcome.

Come along to one of these events:

- 6th August The Reading Room, Weston Colville, 7:30pm
- 11th August Memorial Hall, Brinkley, 7:30pm
- 14th August Sports Pavilion, Balsham, 7:30pm
- 18th August West Wickham Village Hall, 7:30pm

The Statutory Consultation for the Kingsway Solar Farm is likely to begin in September and will be open for public comment for six weeks. This is our one and only opportunity to respond to Kingsway's plans, raise concerns and give feedback. Your voice matters: join us to see how you can take a stand and help stop this development.



Have Your Say - Updated Survey Link

Apologies if the QR code didn't work for you last month. This has now been fixed. We're extending the survey to make sure everyone has the chance to share their views (note this is different from the earlier

survey circulated by the Parish Council).

Tell us how the proposed Kingsway Solar Farm could affect your wellbeing, lifestyle and connection to the area. Your feedback will help shape our community's response. (http://bit.ly/3IFWA40)

New NSIP solar initiative

KSCA is set to join a new initiative, **Stop Oversized Solar (SOS)**, alongside other groups campaigning against large-scale solar projects that fall under the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) planning rules. The initiative aims to meet parliamentarians in July to highlight concerns about industrial-scale solar developments. We've contacted Pippa Heylings to urge her to take part.

Step into Nature: Bats and owls matter

As part of our Step into Nature campaign, we're



shifting focus from July's Bug
Hunt to bats and owls this
August. Our local area is home
to a rich bat population,
including the rare and
protected Western
Barbastelle. We also have a
healthy population of tawny
owls and barn owls in the area.

Interestingly, Kingsway's surveys haven't recorded any

owl activity so far, making your observations even more important.

Please log any sightings on iRecord to build a clearer picture. Even if you're unsure of the species of bat, all records are useful. There's a special page on the website giving further details if you'd like to upload audio recordings (kingswayaction.org: see the news section).

Together we are stronger

- * Become a **KSCA member** to stay involved https://kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-ioin-us/
- * Follow KSCA on Facebook for real-time updates.
- * **Donate via GoFundMe** to support our work (https://gofund.me/479e0bd8).

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday August 2nd

BRIDGET JONES MAD ABOUT THE BOY (15) Starring Renee Zellweger as Bridget Jones and including Colin Firth and Hugh Grant.

Bridget is the romantic heroine for the ages and is now a single mother and having to juggle work, parenthood and romance! With the help of her loyal friends Bridget navigates encounters with a younger man- and a series of awkward interactions with her son's science teacher as she strives to forge a new path toward life and love.

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

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

Our Coach trip this year is to Bressingham Gardens on Wednesday 13th August leaving the Ellesmere Centre at 10am and returning at 4.30 - there will be the Steam Experience, Dad's Army Collection, Gallopers Roundabout plus the beautiful Gardens. Price is £35 pp including entry to the gardens.

Please email Pat to book your seat: ellesmeregc@gmail.com.

September sees the beginning of the season for indoor meetings. We start with a talk from Nigel Slater on 10th September entitled "Getting to grips with pruning". So we will be back in the Ellesmere Centre for a 7.30 pm start, with the usual raffle and refreshments. Any prizes for future raffles would be very welcome please - bring them along to the meeting. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you soon.

Any queries about the Garden Club call Sandie on 07903 584676 or speak to someone at a meeting.

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

BRINKLEY RED LION

We hit the summer holidays with the recent rain hopefully giving the garden a little green boost! The perfect spot to enjoy some new



wines from our revamped list! Do ask us for more information if you would like guidance on these, we will be introducing them gradually on our socials over the next 6 weeks. Also on our socials are a few of our recommended suggestions for lunch enjoying a snack and a side - please don't feel you must have a main course, some of the starters are a good size for a meal at lunch!

One or two people have recently asked about watching the racing or rugby on our TV in the private room - do please ask and if it is available you are welcome up there.

I look forward to seeing you over the next month! Best

George

www.redlionbrinkley.com info@redlionbrinkley.com A warm welcome to all in the bar or the restaurant 01638 650879

LEFT TO THEIR OWN DEVICES

Editor's note

I have been sent information on the following courses available to parents from an organisation called Care For The Family.

Tech-savvy kids and how to raise them. Left to their own devices

It is aimed at providing parents with practical skills and knowledge to stay ahead of the curve and help children navigate the online world safely and to their advantage.

Cff.org.uk/owndevices.

AUGUST UPDATE FROM CHARLOTTE CANE MP

It's been a year since I was elected to represent Ely and East Cambridgeshire, and I'm proud of what we've achieved together so far. From tackling local issues to standing up for our community in Westminster, I've been working hard to deliver real change.

Key priorities this year have included:

- Supporting residents through the cost-of-living crisis.
- Campaigning for better access to NHS dentists.
- Demanding action on sewage pollution in our rivers.
- Pushing for more resources to tackle rural crime.

I'm also continuing to fight for fairer funding for Cambridgeshire councils, especially for SEND services and road maintenance. And I remain committed to securing investment in the Ely Junction rail upgrade — a vital project for our region's growth.

Standing Up for Fairness:

I voted against the Government's Welfare Bill, which would have cut vital support for carers and vulnerable people. I'll keep campaigning for a fair, compassionate welfare system that protects dignity and independence.

Backing Local Pharmacies:

Rural and community pharmacies are under pressure. I've urged the Health Minister to ensure they receive the funding and staffing they need to continue delivering essential services.

Listening to Farmers:

After meeting local farmers at an NFU event, I raised their concerns — including hare coursing and machinery theft — with the Policing Minister, and discussed how the rural crime strategy can better support our communities.

SEND Reform:

Many parents have shared their concerns about the Government's proposed Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) reforms. I'm backing the Liberal Democrats' five principles for reform, which focus on putting children and families first, boosting capacity, and ensuring fair funding.

At home in the Constituency:

With Parliament in recess, I'm enjoying attending events across our beautiful area — like Burwell Carnival, where I got to sit in Burwell Print's "Formula 1" car! Community events are a lovely way for me to meet residents and hear your concerns.

As always, I'm here to support you:

If there is a private matter you need help with, please do book an appointment at one of my MP advice surgeries which are held across the constituency and also online. Book here: bit.ly/bookasurgery

Alternatively, phone my office on 02073 621601 or email me at *charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk*

Warm wishes, Charlotte, MP for Ely and East Cambridgeshire

ECDC COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

County Councillor for the Woodditton division Local government reorganisation

Proposals for new 'unitary' councils to replace our existing county and district councils have been narrowed down to three options. All three divide Cambridgeshire & Peterborough into just two councils, as follows.

Option A

- Cambridge City, East Cambridgeshire and South Cambridgeshire
- Fenland, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough
 Option B
- Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire
- East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough

Option C

- Cambridge City, Huntingdonshire, and South Cambridgeshire
- East Cambridgeshire, Fenland and Peterborough

Option A is the only one retaining links with Cambridge, where a huge proportion of our residents' work, study, obtain health care, and travel for leisure and entertainment.

I've been encouraging all Parish councils to give their voice to these proposals on your behalf. I'll make sure more opportunities to do so reach the wider community before the end of November when existing Cambridgeshire & Peterborough councils write to Government, who will ultimately decide to choose or amend any of the above proposals or even substitute them with a proposal of their own.

Council recognised for climate leadership

Cambridgeshire County Council has been ranked as one of the top-performing councils in the country for the action it has taken towards Net Zero. The Climate Action Scorecards published by Climate Emergency UK, placed Cambridgeshire second among all comparable local authorities in England. It was also one of the most improved.

The Scorecard assesses more than 400 councils and combined authorities against a broad range of climate criteria, including transport, buildings and heating, biodiversity, planning, governance, waste, and community engagement.

Highways

I'm sure many will have seen the newly laid road past Stetchworth Hall Farm up to the July Course. This road was always planned to be relaid this year but was brought forward due to irreparable heat damage making it unsafe.

Further good news is that following further inspection the road between The King's Head and Eagle Lane, it will now be relayed in the autumn rather than next year. It was accepted the original planned method was no longer viable due to the rate of deterioration of the road.

Cllr Jonny Edge, 07974 348141, jonny.edge@cambridgshire.gov.uk

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#### DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

#### **Bottisham Ward**

A very busy month for committees Licensing Committee 18 June

The draft revised version of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy (which must be reviewed every five years) was approved, and is now going out to consultation. The major change was the Promotion of Equality, in a paragraph introduced to set out the Council's commitment to equality matters.

#### Operational Services Committee 23 June

- i. Proposed changes to planning committees by central government were considered to be not helpful, and the Council has formed a small group that will respond to the consultation and potential changes.
- ii. It was resolved to note the content of the report, and the progress made towards the implementation of the new waste and recycling collection service.
- iii. The Citizens Advice West Suffolk (CAWS) report was noted, and it showed that many residents of the Bottisham Ward were using this service.

#### Finance and Assets Committee 26 June

- i. The Climate and Nature Monitoring Report mentioned that progress was being made in some of the items in the Action Plan, but that many had not been started. The Council was encouraging households to improve energy efficiency through ECO 4 and a more flexible arrangement agreed with contractors. Mention was made of working with residents to create an accessible one-acre woodland in Bottisham.
- ii. A sum of £102,245 has been set aside towards Inclusive Play and Open Spaces improvements and creation following the Inclusive Play Audit.
- iii. The Council was given grants from UK Shared Prosperity and Rural England Prosperity Business Grant Funds to help small businesses expand and train new staff. It was agreed that the Business Growth Fund will open on the 7 July 2025 and close no later than 23:59 on 5 September 2025, with all projects to be completed by 31 March 2026, and that the Rural England Prosperity Business grant fund will open early autumn 2025 and be completed by 31st March 2026. Further details from the Economic Development Manager at ECDC. Parish Councils will be notified as they may be aware of small businesses in their patch that would qualify for these grants.

# Surgery

There will be no surgery this month, and we shall resume holding surgeries in September.

Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp

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Wood Ditton Ward

Highways

Residents will be aware of the resurfacing of Bradley Road to the County Boundary that was in the Capital programme, that I voted for back in March 2025.

There is still some renewal of signage at Burrough Green Primary, which is due in this financial year.

If there is any work that you believe requires work, please contact me and I will raise this with Highways and try to get it done.

Council Reorganisation

The response to the Government's imposed Council reorganisation continues to develop.

The three options being considered that I mentioned last month continue to be worked on, although there is an additional option being pushed by Labour MPs close to Peterborough, namely what is effectively a Greater Peterborough proposal. This would involve the current Peterborough Unitary authority together with the northern parts of Fenland and Huntingdonshire. The remainder of Cambridgeshire would form a southern unitary authority.

Option 1 splits the area, west and east, with Huntingdonshire, South Cambs and Cambridge City in the west and Peterborough, Fenland and East Cambridgeshire in the East.

Option 2 has South Cambs and Cambridge City together, with Peterborough, Huntingdonshire, Fenland and East Cambridgeshire as the other unitary. Option 3 has the area split north/ south, with Peterborough, Fenland and Hunts in the North and South Cambs, Cambridge City and East Cambs in the south.

The response to Government stating that the final decision from the councils is required by 28th November and there is still a lot of difference of opinion on the preferred model.

A lot of the work being done is not around the best geographical fit, but financial and operational considerations, due to the heavy debts that some Councils have.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has no external borrowing and pride itself on strong financial management.

I am the Chairman of the Finance & Assets Committee at East Cambs, so know how vital looking after your money is to residents. In my opinion, whilst geographically it looks sensible, Option 3 would put East Cambs in with a debt-ridden Cambridge City, as well as South Cambs, who have a 4 day week policy, where staff are paid for a full week's work, but only work 4 days. That cannot be a good use of your money. Indeed, only last week the Lib Dem controlled South Cambs Council debated the benefits of the 4-day week policy highlighting an "independent report" written by a supporter of such policies. Hardly Independent!

Whilst I agree that there was a need for a reorganisation, this has been imposed by Government

with little discussion and no opportunity for residents to comment.

I will continue to keep you updated, but welcome your feedback or comments.

If there is anything concerning you, please contact me. I am here to help on any matter over which you have concerns. I have not done surgeries previously, because I am able to visit residents or meet them, wherever is suitable for them, rather than making residents come to me. I am available to all.

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

RADDESLEY BENEFICE WEBSITE

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Jude Simpson is a Spoken Word artist who combines poetry, wordplay and song to entertain and delight audiences. The result is a warm, witty and uplifting act, with wide appeal and a strong feel-good factor. Jude has been entertaining general audiences for many years, and has performed at the Edinburgh Fringe, Glastonbury, Latitude and many other theatres and festivals. "A Noise Annoys" is her first family show touring the UK. And anyone who loves Michael Rosen will appreciate Jude's expressive performance style and clever, yet accessible way with words. She has performed with the former children's laureate, and he had this to say about her: "Jude Simpson is funny, sharp, emotional in her work and is a terrific performer. She needs to be seen and heard wherever possible." - Michael Rosen

Tickets are available at the Stable 01638 662311 or thestable@btinternet.com. Adult £8 and children £5. Family group £23. Or can be purchased online on ticketsource https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thestable-cafe-community-space

ARTICLES FOR SEPTEMBER VILLAGE VOICE

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before 20th AUGUST 2025 please

CAMBRIDGE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Stay fire safe while enjoying the summer weather! Staying safe outside is just as important as keeping your family safe from fire in your home.

As the Summer weather hopefully continues and the school holidays 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.

Don't be tempted to swim in open water!

When the weather is hot and sunny it might tempt people into swimming in open water.

It might nice and warm, but the water temperature can still be very cold, which could cause cold water shock making it difficult to swim to safety. The water might also be deeper than it looks, with hidden dangers under the surface.

We know water is tempting when it's warm outside and as friends gather looking for something to do it can seem great fun. But the fun can quickly turn to tragedy and that is what we are trying to prevent by ensuring everyone understands the risks and hidden dangers.

As much as we discourage people from doing so, we are aware that people will decide to swim in open water. If you get into difficulty, you should "Float to Live", by leaning back, using your arms and legs to stay afloat, and try and control your breathing. Once calm, either call for help or try and swim to safety.

Also a really useful tip to help pinpoint your location is giving us a what3words reference. This is easy to do by downloading the app before heading out and encouraging everyone in your group to do the same, making a note of where you're swimming. The app is free and available to download on any mobile device.

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

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/

SERVICES

Sunday 3rd August 7th Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am Communion Brinkley
10.30 am Family Service Burrough Green
Hosea 11: 1-11 Colossians 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21

Sunday 10th August 8th Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am Communion Stetchworth

Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer

10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham

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Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20 Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40

Sunday 17th August 9th Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am Family Communion Burrough Green

Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer

10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley

Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer

Isaiah 5: 1-7 Hebrews 11: 29-12:2 Luke 12: 49-56

Sunday 24th August Bartholomew the Apostle

10.30 am Communion Dullingham

Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty

Isaiah 43: 8-13 Acts 5: 12-16 Luke 22: 24-30

Sunday 31st August 11th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 am Benefice Communion Westley Waterless

Jeremiah 2: 4-13 Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15, 16 Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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