VILLAGE VOICE

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

FEBRUARY 2025

BURROUGH GREEN FETE Sunday 8th June 2025



Planning meeting Tuesday 7th February at 7.15pm,

At The Hall, Church Lane Home of Lucy and Peter Talbot. All welcome!

Please come and help plan for a very special day again for our village.

25% of proceeds to be donated to Burrough Green Playgroup

We are always looking for new ideas for this event. We will need help with setting up and running stalls on the day and can find a suitable job for anyone willing to help!

If you are unable to attend but can offer any support, please contact Lucy on 07910 158463 or email peterandlucyt@btinternet.com

VILLAGE OIL SYNDICATE



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).



LINTON AND BRINKLEY RANGERS PRESENT

BINGO AND BAKES Friday 28th February 7pm

Eyes down 7:30pm Linton Infant School hall



£7 including 4 games and cakes at half time

To book a spot please email

1stlintonrangerunit@gmail.com
Profit towards international trips in
2025 and 2026

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 10th & 24th February 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

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RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS : Black bin - 5^{th} & 19^{th} February 2025.

Green - 12th February

Blue Bin - 12th & 26th February 2025.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - MONDAYS

Black sacks weekly. Blue Lid -10th & 24th February Green Lid -3rd & 17th February 2025.

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, 14th March 2025 7.00Ppm for 7.30pm start

£12.50 to include supper of cottage pie and sponge

pudding. Vegetarian option available.

Bar and raffle Teams of 6 but come along and join

others if you can't make a six.

A super friendly and fun evening is always had by all.

For catering purposes please phone or text Franca on 07765 435776 to secure your table.

In aid of Brinkley Memorial Hall

A HELPING HAND

Do you need help with decluttering?

Have you have been putting off a project due to lack of energy and impetus?

I can help.

Having someone with you, and another pair of capable hands to help you tackle a daunting task, makes a huge difference whether it is clearing out an attic or tidying overflowing cupboards. Do you want to have a wardrobe clear out or are you moving house and can't decide what to keep?

Let me help you decide.

I can also do recycle runs and charity shop drop offs - all at a time to suit you. Reasonable hourly rate.

Mileage extra if driving involved.

Local area only. I live in Brinkley.

Why not ring for a quick chat? Louise Beamish 07885 709665

KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION: NEXT STEPS

After a hectic December, KSCA had hoped for a well-deserved break over Christmas. However, Kingsway chose to release their Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report (a total of 328 pages plus four appendices) on 17 December, despite advice from the Planning Inspectorate to avoid the holiday period due to reduced capacity for responses. Local councils, including parish councils, had until January 14 to provide feedback on what the report includes. KSCA was pleased to support the parish councils in preparing their responses, which are now available to read and download on the KSCA website.

We are not alone! KSCA has put together a list of all the large solar projects in the pipeline, showing where they are in the planning process. We've also explained how the development process works, so you'll know when you can have your say on the Kingsway project. The next big step is the Statutory Consultation, which Kingsway plans to hold in summer 2025.

There will be an official announcement in local and national media with details about the consultation, including dates, locations (if there are any in-person events), as well as online forums. During this consultation, we'll need support from experts like ecologists and lawyers to make sure our community is properly represented. If you can help, please get in touch!

If you want to get involved or stay updated on everything about the solar farm, visit our website at kingswayaction.org, or follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Together we can be stronger!

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us through our GoFundMe campaign! Your help is greatly appreciated and has been vital in raising awareness. Our work continues.

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

WE NEED YOU TO GET INVOLVED!

There are only 5 Trustees on the Village Hall Committee and two wish to retire after more than 20 year's service. The committee needs new villagers with new ideas to help run events and organise the upkeep of the Hall itself. We are a small village with limited facilities, pub, church and hall and we cannot afford to lose them. The posts of Chairman and Secretary are not in the least time consuming as we only hold meetings 3 times a year and organise 1 or 2 events a year at most.

Even if you cannot commit to one of the posts advertised, please do come along and join us as a Trustee. If you are new to our wonderful village, it's a great way to integrate and meet new people and neighbours. It is so worth giving up a little of your precious time to keep our wonderful village functioning as a welcoming and caring place to live.

If anyone wants to run classes or hold events, we would be more than happy that the Hall is used.
Please contact Franca on 07765 435776

MOBILE LIBRARY



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

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.

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

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ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

It is time for our **AGM** which takes place on **Wednesday 12**th **February at 7.30 pm**. This is a short business meeting, but it does need as many members as possible to be there, as we have to elect new officers. Please have a think about whether you could join the committee, and also whether you could put yourself forward as club secretary. Judith will gladly give some overlap training for the role and the rest of the team will warmly welcome you. That is also the time to renew your membership.

After the business is concluded we will have members' presentations. Ruth is kindly organising this and it was a great success when we ran a similar evening once before. Dig out your photos and stories about gardens you've visited which you could share with the rest of us. We really need your input, so please contact our secretary Judith on 07740 100660 or by email at ellesmeregc@gmail.com with your offers, and she can put you in touch with Ruth. Let's make this a fun evening!

On Wednesday 12th March we welcome for the first time Sue and Clive Boase, who will talk to us on the very relevant topic "Climate change, gardening and us". Sue and Clive were instrumental in setting up a Climate Change Day at West Wickham a couple of years ago and the group is flourishing, so it will be very interesting to hear about the latest developments.

Our talks take place in the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30 pm. We always have refreshments and a raffle. All are welcome with no need to be a member, although there are advantages with reduced entry fees and discount at a local garden centre.

Thanks for all the donations of raffle prizes received so far. We now have quite a stock of books but would still welcome other items likely to be of interest to members.

If you have any queries about any of our events or becoming a member you can contact Sandie on 07903 584676.

HAVE YOU SEEN HUMPHREY

Has Humphrey, a very large all black cat, recently moved in with you? He was Joe Mitchel's cat and has lived with us since her death. We think that for some time he was availing himself of the other cat's food as he would often stay away for a day or two and return looking fatter! However since just after the New Year he has not returned. If he is now happily living with you and you with him that is fine by us, we would just like to know that he is happy and well.

Julian & Glynis 07518 792468

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

The Ellesmere Community Sharing Shed

The shed was opened predominately to support local people in need.

Sadly, it has been brought to our attention recently that a small number of people have been abusing the ethos of this project.

Please only TAKE WHAT YOU NEED and GIVE

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WHAT YOU CAN

to enable this this vital amenity to continue supporting our community

Acting Classes

Every Tuesday 5-6pm for ages 8-11 6-7pm for ages 12-16 Contact Hope at hopetamududley@gmail.com 07990 981176

Tai Chi

Come along and give it a try! Tuesdays 11-12pm £9

Suitable for adults of all ages Contact Dave 01638 781705 peacefulwarriortaichi@hotmail.com

Yoga Classes

We now have 3 Yoga classes at the centre Something to suit everyone's needs

Friday Morning - **Chair Yoga** from 10-10.45am Contact Nicole **07508 025941**

Friday Morning - **Yin Yoga** 9.30-11am Contact Lisa **07402** 655556

Thursday Evenings - Hatha Yoga 6.20-7.20pm with Colin colinfordham@btinternet.com

We are currently working on our Web Site and hope to be able to launch it soon! In the meantime, if you have Facebook, please follow us for all the latest news and information.

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.ukalternatively call us on 01638 508212

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The next Ellesmere Arts production will be

'ALLO 'ALLO 2

'The Camembert Caper'

at The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

on Thursday, 1st, Friday, 2nd and
Saturday, 3rd May
Details of ticket sales in the March newsletters

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Welcome everyone; now we are well into 2025 things are going from strength to strength.



I would like to say thank you for everyone's support in 2024. We look forward to a great spring and an eventful summer. We have a number of events planned so watch this space, and check out our Facebook page Tina & Danny

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BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

CAPTAIN PHILLIPS (12) Saturday 1st February 2025

Starring Tom Hanks as Captain Richard Phillips it is based on the true story of the hijacking by Somali pirates in 2009 of the US flagged Maersk Alabama off the East coast of Africa. This was the first time in 200 years that a US vessel had been hijacked and the film is a gripping story of the event and the relationships developed between Phillips and Muse the Somali pirate captain.

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

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

CAMBRIDGE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Take Charge and Be Safe

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has seen an increase in fires involving lithium-ion batteries over the last few years.

Many devices contain lithium-ion batteries. Mobile phones, laptops and games console controllers have these batteries, but so do cordless tools, garden machinery plus e-bikes and e-scooters. These batteries can heat up and cause a fire if not used

You can Take Charge and Be Safe by following a few simple tips:

- Charge batteries when you are awake and alert
- Only use the battery, charger and cables supplied by the manufacturer
- Before you go to bed, check anything still charging is switched off
- Do not overload sockets
- Do not charge e-bikes and e-scooters in escape routes.

Batteries can be a fire hazard if they are not disposed of properly. They should never be put in household rubbish or recycling bins.

During the processing of waste or recycling, a battery can be compacted and damaged, which can lead to ignition of the highly reactive lithium, leading to a fire

Any kind of battery can cause a fire if not disposed of correctly and safely. This includes vapes or other ecigarettes as well as standard batteries.

Fires involving batteries cause damage to refuse vehicles and roads, as well as significant delays to bin collections and road closures.

How to dispose of batteries

There are many places to safely dispose of batteries. As well as local recycling centres, many shops around the county have collection bins in-store.

To find your nearest battery collection bin, visit either https://www.recyclenow.com or

https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk to check where your closest location is.

Help keep your home and family fire safe - complete our online home safety check

You can carry out your own home fire safety check online by visiting the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service website.

The online home safety check helps you carry out your own fire risk assessment and is a simple way to help reduce risks and keep your home safe from fire. It takes you through some simple questions about you and your home, then provides an action plan that you can download and print. You can fill it in for yourself or a member of your family that might need help.

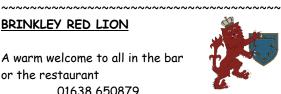
Visit https://bit.ly/Home_Safety_Check to find out more and start your online home safety check.

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

BRINKLEY RED LION

A warm welcome to all in the bar or the restaurant

01638 650879



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 - *C*ontact: Susie Shuter on 01638 508729 : 07836 656643

Burrough Green Reading Room - Please contact Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888 E mailing <u>bgreadingroom@yahoo.com</u> www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk

Westley Waterless Village Hall - For more information please go to www.westleywaterless.com/hall

NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

We were very honoured to welcome author and poet Michael in January. Michael Rosen is a British children's author, poet, presenter and academic and is now a professor of children's literature in the Department of Educational Studies at Goldsmiths, University of London. He has also served as Children's Laureate.



This was our second visit from Michael. This time he conducted a series of workshops to a range of different year groups.

Michael gave a poetry workshop to the whole of Year 7 where he told stories of his family's experiences during the Second World War and the students worked together to create some very moving poetry on themes of family, home, flight, empathy for others and compassion. After lots of book signing and interactions with students and staff, he worked with LVC dance company to plan a collaboration for a concert in June and he finished the day writing protest song lyrics with GCSE musicians. At the end

of the day, very unexpectedly, we had a visit from ITV who filmed an interview with Michael Rosen performing his poems in our library with the homework club looking on silently. This was broadcast on ITV Evening News on the same day.

As well as our visit from Michael, the cast of 'We Will Rock You' (our latest school production) were lucky enough to be given an all-day workshop from Richard



'Woody' Woodford, alumnus of LVC and West End singer/actor/dancer at the start of term. As well as directing and giving feedback to the cast, he spoke about his career and in particular, the path he has taken since leaving LVC. Thanks to the Friends of LVC for funding this opportunity. 'We Will Rock You' runs at LVC from 6-8 Feb - tickets are now on sale.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Not much has happened at the Council in December. Extraordinary Council on 11th December 2024 Due to equal numbers on both political Groups, it was resolved that the four main Committees (Finance & Assets, Licensing, Operational Services, and Planning) would have 12 members with six from each Group, and that other committees would be increased by one to make the membership even numbered.

The four main Committees have almost half the number of ECDC members, and both Charlotte and John supported the motion that was seconded by the Independent that the membership ought to be only ten. With the ruling that members of the F&A Committee cannot be members or substitutes on the Audit Committee, it means that all 14 members of each group are members or substitutes on these two committees.

Furthermore, it was resolved that the Chairs and Vicechairs of each Committee would be elected at the special Council meeting in May, as is done by other Councils in Cambridgeshire.

The Ward Surgery will be at Fassage Hall, Lode, on Wednesday 26th February 2025 from 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

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EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL/ CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

I hope that everyone had a good break and wish you all a happy, prosperous and safe 2025.

Kingsway Solar Farm

Further to my comments last month, the application for one of the largest solar farms in Europe and the largest in the UK, covering in excess of 3,700 acres of farmland surrounding the villages of Weston Colville and West Wratting continues. The planned development borders on the village of Brinkley. The electricity would be sent to the grid at Burwell using a ten mile stretch of overhead pylons, which will come across farmland to the south of the Swaffham Bulbeck village. The loss of prime agricultural land is, in my opinon, unacceptable and if these schemes on prime agricultural land are placed across the country, then it will endanger the UK's food security.

We should be looking at getting solar panels on more buildings, looking at wind power, especially offshore, and nuclear power. The panels for the proposed development will be manufactured in China, who are opening over 40 new coal fired power stations and currently have nearly 1,200 working coal powered plants, so this is not helping the world in the fight to stop the effect of climate change across the world. I will keep you updated but welcome your views on the scheme.

Brinkley Junction

I was pleased to be able to support the Parish Council's bid for improved signage at the junction near the Red Lion in Brinkley. Members of the Parish Council have already met a member of the County Council team responsible for getting the work planned. I look forward to seeing the end result, which will help to reduce accidents at that junction.

Council Reorganisation

There has been a large amount of press coverage around the proposed white paper issued by the Government.

It is true that there are too many layers of local government, with the Combined Authority, County Council, District Councils, Parish Councils and Cambridge has the GCP as well. It seems inevitable that one layer will go, with it likely that two unitary authorities set up across Cambridgeshire.

As Cambridgeshire already has a mayor, it is unlikely that they will be in the first wave, so the County Council elections in 2025 will go ahead, but changes will likely come into place in 2028 over the next few years, with the GCP becoming part of the Combined Authority jurisdiction.

These changes are being made at great speed with no public consultation.

Whilst reducing the bureaucracy and unnecessary administration is welcome, the proposed changes will result in local government becoming more remote from local communities and rather than devolving power will

mean that central Government has a greater control, which is not what residents want nor what the Government is painting the move as.

Like a lot of things that have been introduced by the new Government, the proposals were not included in their manifesto and are just being imposed.

Conservative Motion on tax on Family Farms

At the County Council meeting on 10th December, a Conservative motion asking the Council to support writing to Government expressing their disagreement with the measures proposed received majority support, except for Labour members of Council. Whilst this will do little to persuade Government of the error that they have made, it does demonstrate the feeling in what is a rural county.

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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DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 13th February 2025 8pm

The Taylor Hall, , Dullingham. CB8 9XE Come & enjoy a Valentine Demonstration

by **Debbie Bull**Entitled

'All we need is Love'

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

ARTICLES FOR MARCH VILLAGE VOICE

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before 20th FEBRUARY 2025 please

SERVICES

Sunday 2nd February

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley
10.30 Family Service Burrough Green
Mal 3: 1-5. Heb 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40

Sunday 9th February 4th Sunday before Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Carlton
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham
Isaiah 6: 1-8 1 Cor 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11

Sunday 16th February 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley

Jer 17: 5-10 1 Cor 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26

Sunday 23rd February 2nd Sunday before Lent

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham
3.00 pm Service to celebrate the completion of the
work on Chancel and Tower
Stetchworth

The Ven. Alex Hughes
Gen 2: 4b-9, 15-end Rev Chap 4 Luke 8: 22-25

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The year is going quickly, and it does not seem very long ago since we were thinking of Jesus's birth, the visits of the Shepherds and the Kings. They gave gifts to the newborn child and his family which were of great significance. Life has moved on and Jesus is taken by Mary and Joseph to the Temple to be dedicated to God, to Simeon, the elderly priest and Anna the widow who lived in the Temple. This story tells us that we must live our lives in faith, in trust and in thanksgiving for all that God does for us.

Let us pray, with Simeon, that Jesus, 'a light to lighten the Gentiles and be the glory of thy people Israel' words from the Nunc Dimittis. Jesus is the Messiah so let us look forward and welcome the light of Christ, rejoicing that the Holy Spirit is always with us strengthening, supporting and driving us until the end of our lives when we can say with Simeon - 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,' (Luke 2:29).

As the church calendar is turning towards Lent, and we prepare to walk with Jesus towards the suffering he will endure let us not lose sight of the end, the cross and grave but there are signs of spring and the light that will come again into our world, the snowdrops gladden our hearts as we reflect on God's glorious creation.

Go well Patrick

RADDESLEY BENEFICE WEBSITE

On the website you can find out more about our churches, services, what's on and useful information about baptisms, funerals and weddings; www.raddesley.com

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lizgibson@me.com

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rospates@yahoo.co.uk

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Telephone 01638 741262

email: vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk

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/

VILLAGE WEBSITES

www.westleywaterless.com www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk 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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