

VILLAGE VOICE

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

FEBRUARY 2026

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAYS 9th & 23rd 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 250961

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS :
Black bin - 4th & 18th February 2026.
Green - 11th February
Blue Bin - 11th & 25th February 2026.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - MONDAYS

Black sacks weekly.
Blue Lid -9th & 23rd February 2026
Green Lid - 2nd & 16th February 2026.

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)
COME ALONG IN THE NEW YEAR AND GIVE YOUR
BRAIN A WORKOUT. 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 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.

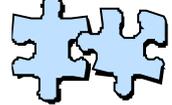
Make use of this wonderful resource.



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 with lids sellotaped on
so no pieces escape.

Any questions please email
denisehbeniak@yahoo.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

JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH TEAM!

Can you spare just one hour a month to make a real
difference in your neighbourhood? If you've ever
thought about volunteering or made it a New Year's
resolution to give back, now is the perfect time!

Our Community Speed Watch program helps keep local
roads safer by monitoring traffic speeds and raising
awareness.

Volunteers will receive full training at the roadside
with myself. It's a great way to meet neighbours while
making your community a safer place to live.

No special skills are needed—just your time,
commitment, and a passion for safety.

Interested?

Please email me pearlsie30@hotmail.com and I'll
explain the process.

VILLAGE OIL SYNDICATE



The next oil syndicate order will
be placed on Friday 20th
February. If you would like to



be included in the delivery, please contact Vicky Cavey
on 07818 231632 or via email
vickycavey@icloud.com no later than Wednesday 18th
February.

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).

STAY UPDATED ON POWER CUTS

UK Power Networks now offers a free text alert service for both planned and live power cuts. Get updates straight to your mobile, so you can plan ahead and stay informed during outages.

Sign up here: ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut/text-updates

No marketing messages—just important updates about your electricity supply.

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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACRE**

**Community energy:** understanding it, getting involved and how your community can make a difference

A STAYING CONNECTED EVENT - part of our series of events aimed at community leaders and members across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

As 2026 gets underway, we're relaunching our Staying Connected series of events. These events aim to keep you abreast of topics of that may be of interest to anyone living or working in the county's rural communities. You will hear from topic experts, with plenty of time for questions and discussion.

**The first of these sessions is taking place online on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026, between 5pm and 6pm.**

We're inviting you to join us for a short introductory session on community energy. Taking no more than an hour of your time, you will learn what community energy is, what it could do for your community and how you can get involved. The session will be delivered by experts from Cambridgeshire County Council's Community Energy team.

By attending you will:

- Learn more about this nationwide movement which is putting people at the heart of delivering the clean power transition.
- Hear how Cambridgeshire County Council can help communities start their own energy projects.
- Understand whether your community has sites that might present opportunities for community energy.

Attending is completely free of charge and you can register to attend by going to

[https://cambisacre.aidecrm.co.uk/booking/community-buildings-event-booking-form?event\\_id=29](https://cambisacre.aidecrm.co.uk/booking/community-buildings-event-booking-form?event_id=29) or e mailing [alison.brown@cambisacre.org.uk](mailto:alison.brown@cambisacre.org.uk)

Please remember to add the event to your calendar; you will receive full joining instructions by email, in the run-up to the event. We really hope you can join us.

*Alison Brown*

*Head of Business Services*

*Cambridgeshire ACRE*  
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ST MARY'S CHURCH BRINKLEY

Annual Church Meeting. Brinkley Church.

7pm Thursday 26th March 2026
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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are delighted that Bishop Dagmar, the Acting Bishop of Ely has announced that **The Revd Virginia Moggridge**, currently Assistant Curate in training, Burwell with Reach Benefice, is to be Rector of our group of Parishes. Bishop Dagmar will institute Virginia on 3 February 2026.

Virginia was ordained in June 2023 after a long career in law (apparently that explains the grey hair - Virginia's words!), and served her curacy first in Burwell with Reach, and then latterly in the 5 churches of the Three Rivers group near her home in Snailwell. Along with her husband Peter and their Labradors, Virginia is very much looking forward to joining the Raddesley benefice, and getting to know the churches, the people, and the communities. We extend a warm welcome to Virginia and Peter (and the labs which no doubt many of you will meet) and we look forward to her joining us in February.

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HELEN'S ICE CREAM

It is with much sadness that I will not be selling Ice Cream for at least the next year as something has to give. My work at Burrough Green Primary Academy is very exciting and I have been given an opportunity to do a very interesting, fulfilling and intense training course that ends Dec 2027.

Thank You to all my customers. You have been very supportive. I may make a special appearance at Halloween for all you children big and small.

Helen
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**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Brinkley Memorial Hall

**QUIZ NIGHT,**

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

7pm for 7.30 start

£15 per person to include a delicious 2 course meal of cassoulet (sausage casserole), baked potato and veg followed by apple cake and custard.

Bar and Raffle

Book your team(s) of 6 or come along and join another team to make up numbers. It's always a great night out.

To book please contact/text

Franca on 07765 435776.

Susie on [sshuter@btinternet.com](mailto:sshuter@btinternet.com)

IN AID OF BRINKLEY MEORIAL HALL  
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BRINKLEY CHURCHYARD

We really need a volunteer to help keep the grass tidy in Brinkley Churchyard. There is a small team that each mow a section of the churchyard and need another person to join them. Do you have a couple of hours to spare in the cutting season? Please call Martin if you think you could help. 07894 874343 or 01638 507240. Thank you.

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Where has January gone?

One of our new promotions is a new lager. It is on its way due any time now come and take a look



Speed quizzing is fast approaching. It's the first Wednesday of February 4th. PYCR. Kitty now stands £340 come and have a go ... you never know you could win

We've some new specials come up with food. If there's something you would like to try, ask and I'll see if I can source it and put it as a promotion. You never know it could become something that goes on my board permanently....

Sunday roasts are best to be booked on 01638 476424 as there are limited places ... but I am starting to do some walk in's as this is a very popular time.

Check out our web page www.bullburroughgreen.com and/or facebook for up-and-coming events.

See you all soon thank you for your continued support Regards

Tina & Danny

01638 476424

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

THE POST OFFICE UPDATE

Sally Mann has sadly resigned due to ill health. We are currently looking into our options going forward.

THE ELLESMERE CENTRE COMMUNITY SHOP

In the meantime, the shop remains open as usual Monday to Friday from 9 am until 12 noon. Fresh bread, pastries and delicious sausage rolls delivered Tuesdays and Thursdays. Newspapers can be reserved and a good range of groceries and sundries stocked, all served by our friendly volunteer staff.

Why not start the year with a new exercise class, play a sport or maybe join a club to meet new people.

We have:

Pilates, Yoga, Fitsteps, Tai Chi, Chair Based Exercise or Chair Based Yoga, Walking Netball.

Carpet Bowls, Squash, Badminton, Football, Tennis, Table Tennis(over 55's), Dog Training, Garden Club, Kitchen Choir, Healthy Walks or W.I.

For children:

Roller Skating, Irish Dancing, Ballet, Acro, Judo, Kick Boxing, Karate.

Preschool:- Tots of Fun. Moo Music, Ballet.

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

KSCA FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Kingsway Solar Community Action

Just when we thought we could have a break, many of you will have received a leaflet from Kingsway Solar about a Targeted Consultation on six changes and one clarification to its solar farm proposal. This is not a full re-consultation and is not primarily about incorporating feedback from the statutory consultation. It runs from 7th January to 4th February 2026.

Most of the changes result from larger battery storage and substations being required, after these were under-provided in the original design. This has forced changes to solar panel layouts across Areas A, B and C. While no extra land is proposed, the impacts on farmland, wildlife, public rights of way and open space are being shifted into new areas, not removed. Please make your voices heard. If you haven't yet responded to the Targeted Consultation, you have until 4th February to contact Kingsway Solar by email at enquiries@kingswaysolar.co.uk or by post to FREEPOST DOWNING KINGSWAY (no stamp required). If emailing, please copy KSCA at hello@kingswayaction.org.

Important update

This update follows an important decision by the National Energy System Operator for Great Britain (NESO).

There is intense competition for grid capacity, with far more solar and battery projects proposed than the network can accommodate. In its December 2025 review of projects seeking 2030 connections, NESO confirmed that while Kingsway Solar has passed Gate 1, it has not secured a confirmed grid connection at Gate 2. As a result, access to the national grid is not guaranteed and battery storage now appears less likely.

Despite this uncertainty, Kingsway Solar has said it still intends to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application in spring 2026. Without a confirmed grid connection, this raises reasonable questions about whether continuing through the NSIP process is a good use of resources, given that the potential local and environmental impacts remain unchanged.

AGM and next steps

We will be holding our **AGM on 11th February**, from **7-8pm** at the **Reading Room in Weston Colville**. Please come along to hear the latest updates on our community and legal campaigns. We have some committee vacancies, so do consider putting yourself forward if you would like to get involved.

We are also planning a further walk-and-talk in March, timed to coincide with the lead-up to the DCO application. We will again be asking for donations to the KSCA community fund. We have a new target of £55,000 by the end of March for the Parish Council Alliance legal fund, which will allow us to continue our

work and ensure expert support is available to provide evidence for our concerns.

Useful links

- Become a KSCA member:
kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-join-us
- Request a sticker: hello@kingswayaction.org
- Support our community campaign fund:
gofund.me/no-to-kingsway-solar-farm
- Contribute to legal funds:
crowdjustice.com/case/kingswaysolarcommunitylegalaction
- Follow us on Facebook & Instagram:
[#kingswaysolaraction](#)
Kathy Day

MARSH MAIL from LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

Linton Village College is proud to be recognised as a Trinity Champion Centre for 2025/26, celebrating our successful delivery of Arts Award qualifications.

Trinity College London is an international exam board and education charity specialising in music, drama, combined arts and English language. At LVC, the Arts Award is embedded in our curriculum, with all Year 7 students completing the Bronze Award. This achievement was recently highlighted in an Arts Award case study. Beyond Bronze, students can progress to Silver and Gold through extra-curricular opportunities led by trained staff. The Gold Award, usually offered by post-16 providers, carries 16 UCAS points, a fantastic way for us to stretch and challenge learners.

Arts Award encourages students to explore their creativity in areas such as dance, music and art. They also develop leadership skills by planning and running an arts-based activity for a chosen audience, building confidence in communication, organisation and problem-solving.

Continuing the celebration of the arts, we are thrilled to share the success of Mia in Year 11. On 18 December, Mia conducted O Come All Ye Faithful at Anna Lapwood's Christmas Concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Performing in front of 6,000 people with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Mia rose to the challenge and was even gifted the conductor's baton, an unforgettable experience.



At Linton Village College, we are always committed to nurturing creativity and ambition, ensuring every student has the opportunity to explore the arts and develop leadership skills that open doors to exciting future pathways.

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

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday February 7th

DOWNTON ABBEY THE GRAND FINALE

written by Julian Fellowes

Cinematic return of the Crawley family as they enter the 1930s. When Mary (Michelle Dockery) finds herself the centre of a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the entire household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawleys must embrace change with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future.

Stars include Hugh Bonneville, Jim Carter, Michelle Dockery

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EASTER TEA

GOOD FRIDAY - 3rd APRIL. 3-4.30pm

Easter egg fun and games in Brinkley Memorial Hall. In aid of Brinkley church funds.

The next Ellesmere Arts production will be

'ALLO 'ALLO 2

'The Camembert Caper'

at The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

Thursday 14th, Friday 15th

and Saturday 16th May

Tickets will go on sale on 1st March.

DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 12th February at 8pm

Taylor Hall. Dullingham CB8 9XE

A Demonstration by

Lorraine Gagen

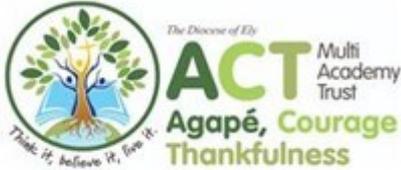
Sweet Memories

Admission £8 and Raffle. Includes Tea/Coffee and biscuits

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

BURROUGH GREEN C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY



A Positive Start to the Spring Term

The children have returned with great enthusiasm, and it has been wonderful to see classrooms buzzing with energy and curiosity. Our focus this term is on consistency, stability, and high-quality learning experiences for every child. We know how important routines and continuity are and we are committed to ensuring this across all classes.

Year 6

Refreshed from not only a fabulous residential but also a Christmas holiday, Year 6 have been doing Mock SATs this week. They have been incredible and I have been impressed by their application and willingness to succeed. They have shown such resilience and tenacity - great values to display. I am proud of every single one of them.

Teresa Class visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge

On Friday, Mr Sandford and Mrs Pizey took Teresa Class to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. The



purpose of the visit was twofold - firstly to study our current history topic of the Ancient Greeks and secondly to reinforce



learning from our topic during the first half term - Ancient Egypt. As has become usual, our children were complimented on their behaviour and manners throughout the day which was lovely to hear. Some of the knowledge displayed by the children was superb - Mrs Chubb would have been very proud of you all.

Together, we can make this a successful and positive term for every child. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

David Sandford and the BG Team

ARTICLES FOR MARCH VILLAGE VOICE

To

villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

before 20th FEBRUARY 2026 please

01638 507495

BRINKLEY RED LION



A warm welcome to all in the bar or the restaurant. We offer hearty British food from our bar menu all day, alongside reservations for our dining menu at lunch and dinner. Sample menus on our website .

George

www.redlionbrinkley.com info@redlionbrinkley.com
redlion_brinkley 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 - Contact: Susie Shuter on
01638 508729 : 07836 656643

Burrough Green Reading Room - Please contact
Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888

E mailing bgreadingroom@yahoo.com

Westley Waterless Village Hall - For more
information please go to

www.westleywaterless.com/hall

VILLAGE WEBSITES

www.westleywaterless.com

www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk

www.brinkleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

carltoncumwillinghampc.org.uk

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

We were fortunate to have such an entertaining talk on "Dahlias" by Kim O'Brien in January, which certainly helped to lift the seasonal blues!

Next is our AGM which takes place on Wednesday 11th February at 7.30 pm, followed this year by a talk. We are very pleased that Simon Crisp, who lives locally, has agreed to give us the benefit of his wisdom on "Small Garden Designs". Please come and let your opinions about the club be known and help to shape future meetings with your suggestions. Anyone who would like to join the committee please contact Sandie beforehand.

Then in March we have a talk by Fiona Rose on "William Morris in the Garden". Please note the change of date of this meeting to Wednesday 4th March because of room availability in the Ellesmere Centre.

There will be the usual raffle and refreshments at the meetings, and any prizes for future raffles would be very welcome please - bring them along.

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

CHARLOTTE CANE'S NEWSLETTER

In early 2025 I set up a new network bringing together publicans and people working across our local hospitality sector. Ever since, I've been raising concerns about the pressures they face - and listening closely to what's really happening on the ground.

Pubs, cafés, restaurants and small venues aren't just businesses. In villages and market towns, they are community hubs: places where people meet, celebrate, and look out for one another. When a rural pub closes, something far bigger than a balance sheet is lost. Yet many are now operating on wafer-thin margins, hit by rising energy costs, staff shortages, falling footfall and a cost-of-living crisis that has priced too many people out of life's small joys.

That's why I've been calling for urgent action to support hospitality and high streets. Together with colleagues, I've urged the Chancellor to cut VAT for pubs, restaurants, accommodation and attractions from 20% to 15%, helping businesses survive. We're also calling for the main levy on household energy bills to be removed and funded through a windfall tax on big banks. Together, this £12bn package would put around £270 back into families' pockets to spend locally.

While the Chancellor ignored these calls at the Budget, there are signs the Government may be preparing a climbdown on planned business rates rises specifically for pubs. From the unsustainable jobs tax to spiralling energy bills, too many local publicans hold shared their concerns that they could be facing closure if relief does not come soon.

Do you run a local business - in hospitality or otherwise? I want to hear from you. Email me at charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk

Backing local businesses means tackling the cost of living, supporting innovation, and standing up for the places that hold our communities together.

Warm wishes,
Charlotte

P.S. This is just a snippet - to keep up with everything I'm doing, Sign up to my newsletter at bit.ly/newsfromcharlotte

Charlotte Cane, MP for Ely & East Cambridgeshire
charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk | 020 7362 1601

REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

As we progress through winter, many will be navigating the cost of living as their fuel bills increase - please refer back to my previous articles for advice and support. This is also the worst time of the year for our roads as weather conditions add to existing road quality. There have understandably been many news programmes on this, as well as a new government rating system placing Cambridgeshire along with most areas as 'amber'.

The drive of the council administration is to move Cambridgeshire back to a preventative, rather than a reactive state and within the scoring system we are 'green' on the funding we are putting in to achieve this. The funding gap is though still considerable, so it will take a bit of time to move and we along with other areas continue to push government for better funding. For those wanting a wider understanding on this, please refer to <https://substack.com/home/post/p-178301363>

What can I do?

Although we have a council officer inspecting our roads weekly, please don't assume they can identify every last pothole. If you see a concern on roads or pavements, please use the 'Report It' site to make sure it is not missed. This only takes a few minutes but be sure to take a photo and capture the location. <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/en-gb>

Kingsway

A new targeted consultation is open until 4 February, which I will continue to engage with in support of our local environment and communities <https://kingswaysolarfarm.co.uk/>

Public health strategic plan

The plan for the next five years outlines how the council will help to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and ensure people receive the support they need; including offering the best start in life, making Cambridgeshire a healthy place to live and work, addressing complex needs, and prioritising the prevention of ill-health.

Some of the key areas of work led by Public Health will include:

- Mobilising the Healthy Schools service to deliver health improvement education and interventions for school-aged children and young people.
- Working with partners and planners to improve road safety, increase active travel, and improve access to services for rural communities.
- Equipping professionals and the public with the skills and knowledge to prevent suicide and improve suicide bereavement support services.
- Addressing barriers to employment and developing workplace programmes to engage employers and increase access to work across the county, targeting areas with high levels of low pay and low skilled jobs.

Developing an alcohol harm prevention strategy and strengthening prevention and early support.

Please do continue to message me with any issues you may need my help with.

Cllr Jonny Edge, 07974 348141

jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Bottisham Ward

Safe Disposal Of Batteries

East Cambridgeshire District Council is launching a campaign to remind the public not to discard batteries in recycling or black bags, after a bin lorry caught fire. While it is not known exactly what caused the blaze the crews suspect a discarded battery is to blame. Every year over 1,200 fires are caused nationally by hidden and loose batteries being thrown in with general rubbish and recycling. As well as loose batteries, many are hidden inside everyday electricals, like children's toys, alarm clocks, vapes and electric toothbrushes.

If disposed of in this way, batteries can get crushed or punctured in the bin lorries. This releases chemicals which come into contact with the air and can start a serious fire. Battery fires are particularly dangerous as the lithium in them releases its own oxygen. This intensifies the fire and makes it more difficult to extinguish.

Sadly, nearly half of UK adults are unaware this can lead to fires. As well as endangering lives, the fires can cause air pollution spikes, disrupt bin collection rounds and cause damage to lorries which can be expensive to repair.

Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be reused or recycled - including the plugs, batteries and cables themselves. If possible, remove batteries from electricals and recycle them separately. If this is not possible, recycle the whole electrical at your nearest electrical recycling point.

Search *Recycle Your Electricals* to find all your local electrical and battery drop off points www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk.

Surgeries

Wednesday 25th February 2026 from 6.30 - 7.30pm at Bottisham Sports and Social Club, Downing Court followed by socialising at the Bell in the same village.

Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP

(charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk) and

John Trapp (john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk)

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**Woodditton Ward**

This is the first report of the New Year, and I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas.

**Highways**

Further to my report at the end of November, the repairs to the B1061 on the hill coming out of Dullingham have been done.

As I said in November, this was not a full resurfacing but patching of the road to make it safer, with full resurfacing taking place in financial year 2026/2027, per the schedule agreed by Highways in March 2025, which I contested at the time, saying an earlier resolution was needed.

However, some of the work undertaken is very poor, with large potholes on the side of the road and it is still dangerous and I have had residents contacting me about the continuing poor road surface.

I will continue to raise the issue with the County Council administration, as this is not the standard that residents deserve.

If there is any work that you believe requires work, please contact me and I will raise this with Highways and aim to get it done to address the neglect that has happened over the last 5 years.

**Council Reorganisation**

Submissions on each of the options have been submitted and we are currently awaiting the next move from Government on this subject, which we think will happen in the Spring.

I will update with more details, once they are known.

**Kingsway Solar**

The company submitting the application have sent out a targeted consultation, requiring a response by 4th February. The consultation appears to be aimed at those who have expressed concerns about the original submissions by the applicant. There will be a lot more to run on this issue, and I will publish my comments on the latest consultation next month.

**Buses**

I am a member of the Combined Authority for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Transport Committee and there has been a lot of work undertaken over buses.

At the meeting on 14th January, a proposal was discussed around direct the current buses in the villages south of Newmarket, namely the 901/2/3/4, to merge several routes and form two new routes.

Those two routes are proposed to include destinations such as Newmarket Tesco and Addenbrookes, but the detailed timetable has yet to be disclosed, so there is a lot of work to be done. An engagement with residents in the coming months will take place and I will keep residents informed and fight to get the best service possible for residents.

It would be good to get a better service into our villages.

Please contact me if there is any issue concerning you. 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.

*Alan Sharp*

*East Cambridgeshire District Councillor - Woodditton Ward*

*E-Mail: alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk*

*Telephone: 07794292941*

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SERVICES - ALL WELCOME

Sunday 1st February 4th Sunday of Epiphany

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley
Canon Dr. Malcolm Brown
10.30 Family Service Burrough Green
Canon Dr. Malcolm Brown
1 Kings 17: 8-16 1 Corinthians 1 18-end John 2: 1-11

Sunday 8th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth
TheVen Alex Hughes
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham
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Genesis 1: 1-23 Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 25-end

Sunday 15th February Sunday next before Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green
Rev'd Keith Morrison
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley
Rev'd Keith Morrison
Exodus 24: 12-end 2 Peter 1: 16-end Matthew 17: 1-9

Wednesday 18th February Ash Wednesday

7.00 pm Ash Wednesday service Carlton
Rev'd Virginia Moggridge

Sunday 22nd February 1st Sunday of Lent

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer
No evensong this month
Gen 2: 15-17; 3:1-7 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11

As a new year begins, many of us take stock of our lives. Whilst we may set resolutions, identify habits we want to change, we should also pause with gratitude for the blessings of the past months and look forward with hope to what the coming months might hold,

February is the month where the days are beginning to feel a little lighter and longer and the first signs of spring are beginning to break forth

In the Christian church, February is primarily associated with purification, with observances dating back to ancient Roman traditions and key events in the life of the Holy Family. Early in February we celebrate Candlemas (February 2). This significant feast day, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, falls 40 days after Christmas. It commemorates the day Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus in the Temple, where he was recognized as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles". This year February also marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday (18th), preceded by Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday, 17th). Many of you may also be looking forward to the more secular celebration of Valentines Day (14th).

However, in our Benefice, February 2026 marks a very personal celebration for our churches and communities. Following interviews and due procedures, The Reverend Virginia Moggridge, has been appointed to serve as our Rector. She is currently Assistant Curate in training, Burwell with Reach Benefice. Bishop Dagmar will institute Virginia on 3 February 2026 at St Mary's, Dullingham. As Virginia prepares to join us, please include her in your prayers. We wish her great joy as she shares her ministry with us all.

May our prayer be one of love shared generously, peace nurtured faithfully, and joy discovered in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments of parish life. Let us continue to celebrate the traditions that root us, while embracing new opportunities to grow and serve.

Anthea Kenna, Churchwarden, St Mary's, Dullingham

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