

VILLAGE VOICE

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

JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAYS 13th & 27th January 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

~~~~~ 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 approached our first Christmas
grateful for the huge support we have
received over our opening months, and
I would like to thank you all for this.



We have a few events coming up over the next few
weeks as below:

Taco Night - 28th December - This will be available in
the bar from 5pm, no bookings required. We will also
be running our usual offering in the dining room.

New Year's Eve - A special menu for the evening, in a
similar style to our usual offering, we will be open until
01:00, with last orders at 00:30.

Burger Night - date tbc, towards the latter half of
January - please keep an eye on socials or give us a call
in the New Year for more details!

We will continue to operate our usual hours at all other
times through the festive season and January, so hope
to welcome many of you!

From all at the Red Lion, we wish you a Happy New
Year!

01638 650879
~~~~~

### THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



Hope everyone has had a great  
Christmas.

Thank you for all your support last year, it's been  
amazing... and to everyone who has helped us along  
the way pushing us forward.

NEW YEAR'S EVE 11am Til Late  
NEW YEAR'S DAY 11 am -10.30pm

With the new year upon us we have great things  
coming up and look forward to a great spring and  
fantastic summer.

We have a new thing being promoted monthly so pop  
in and see us.

Tina & Danny

01638 476424  
~~~~~

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. Come along in the new year and give your
brain a workout! Tea & biscuits included. £2

ALL WELCOME
~~~~~

### BRINKLEY WINTER FAIR

Many thanks to all who contributed in making the  
Winter Fair a lovely event. Your generosity in donating  
goods, baking cakes, running a stall, providing  
refreshments and coming to enjoy what was on offer,  
all helped to raise £898 towards the upkeep of  
Brinkley Church.

This will go towards the £1910 Church Insurance bill  
for 2025.

Thank you  
Brinkley PCC  
~~~~~

BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2024

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our
village Christmas card this year.

We raised a total of £922.50 for our church,
increased to £1290 with Gift Aid; and £367.50 to
Newmarket Open Door.

A fabulous total.
Thank you.
Brinkley PCC
~~~~~

### MOBILE LIBRARY



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

BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### RECYCLING

**Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS:**

Black bin - 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Green - 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Blue - 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January.

**Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - MONDAYS**

Black sacks weekly. TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> January then Mondays

Blue Lid - 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January.

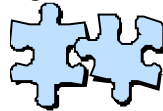
Green Lid - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January.

### 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  
denisehrebniak@yahoo.com

### VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

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

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

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

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

### **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](http://www.raddesley.com)

### **NOTICE**

**To all OIL and LPG users in the village  
AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP  
PRESENTATION**

**Brinkley Memorial Hall,  
High Street, Brinkley, CB8 0SF  
WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

Afternoon: 3:00 - 4:00pm

Evening: 7:00 - 8:00pm

Tea and coffee will be served

There has been a lot of scepticism and misinformation about Heat Pumps so come along and find out:

- Why correct installation is critical and how to avoid a bad job
- Why the Government will pay you £7500 to install a Heat Pump (NB limited availability)
- Why VAT has been removed from Heat Pumps this year, so there's no better time to invest
- How you can keep warm day & night - and still cut your energy bills and carbon

If you cannot make the meeting or would like more information,

please call Neil Holley on:

Office: 01992 641 461

Mobile: 07767 831 76

### *Wildly Preserved*

*Home produced fermented foods, jams  
and marmalades.*

*If you want to purchase or know more  
contact:*

*Phone or text: Jackie on  
07984 655116*

*E mail: [wildlypreserved@yahoo.com](mailto:wildlypreserved@yahoo.com)*

*Facebook: Wildly Preserved*

*Instagram: [wildlypreserve](https://www.instagram.com/wildlypreserve)*

**Food Safety 5\***

## **KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION: THE WORK GOES ON**

It's been a busy month for the Kingsway Solar Community Action (KSCA) group. We hope you've spotted some of us at the public consultations or come across our leaflets. Most importantly, we hope you've submitted your responses to Kingsway. Your opinion matters!

But our work doesn't end here. At the Extraordinary Parish Meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December, at the Balsham Institute, local parish councils came together to discuss working collaboratively on the solar farm development. The meeting was well attended and included a presentation via weblink from Dr Catherine Judkins from Say No to Sunnica group, the Town and Parish Council Alliance and UK Solar Alliance.

In sharing her experiences with the room, she described the five-year process for the Sunnica solar farm. She emphasized the importance of persistence, saying *"You do need to stick with it and work through it, because it is a process that you do need to engage with"* and added, *"Think of it as working in waves—some periods will need more engagement than others."* At the meeting, KSCA emphasized the need for strong representation, saying, *"We need voices who can negotiate on behalf of the communities to achieve the best outcome."*

We met with Pippa Heylings, MP, who is pushing for a Land Use Framework to improve decision-making on large-scale solar projects. The meeting included a good mix of people from KSCA, the Parish Councils, and the District Council, showing how we're working together.

KSCA also met with David Vernon from Kingsway to discuss our concerns and objections to the solar farm (more details to follow). As we move forward, we'll need to involve experts, from ecologists to lawyers, to ensure we have strong evidence and representation.

**To keep up to date with the work of the KSCA and to get involved**, please visit our website ([kingswayaction.org](http://kingswayaction.org)), or find us on Facebook or Instagram.

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.

*Deadline for Kingsway responses was 12 December 2024*

## **ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB**

In the New Year we return to a talk (we hope!) On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Annie Godfrey will give a talk entitled 'Good in bed'. You'll have to come along to find out what that is all about!

Then it is time for our AGM which takes place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our talks take place in the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30pm. 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 and 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.

## **CHRISTMAS AT LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE**

The lead up to the Christmas holidays provided us with opportunities to celebrate together as a community.

We were excited to revive our Carol Concert at the Holy Trinity Church in Balsham. Thanks to Reverend McColl's support, students had the privilege of performing in beautiful surroundings befitting the heartwarming programmes of classical and contemporary music. Over a hundred LVC students took part in the event.

The concert started with traditional carols accompanied by the Symphonic Wind Orchestra and an ethereal solo performance of 'Once In Royal David's City' by Katie in Year 9. The Concert went on to showcase our choir, The Linton Voices, The Tuesday lunchtime Jam Club and a range of musical ensemble groups led by our team of peripatetic teachers. The evening ended with a blessing and the Year 7 Massed Choir whose beautiful sea of voices sang 'The Greatest Gift'. It was a poignant festive moment.

During the month of December, LVC students also showed their community spirit by engaging in events to raise money and share donations for charity. 'Reverse Advent' has become a long standing LVC initiative where tutor groups collect toiletries and groceries to present as Christmas hampers for Jimmy's in Cambridge. Jimmy's is a community-based charity providing both support and housing to people who are rough sleeping. Another Charity the school supports on our Christmas Jumper Day, is Tom's Trust. Tom's Trust is the UK's only charity dedicated to providing mental health support to children with brain tumours, and their families.

## BURROUGH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



Hello everyone.

It has been an action-packed end of term and I have just returned from a nativity practice at Burrough Green Church. The children were superb and I cannot wait to see it with the children all in their costumes. They are doing two performances.

I attended the village Christmas Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December. It was a truly magnificent event and great to see the church full. I was asked to read a beautiful poem about the shepherds.

At our Christmas lunch the children enjoyed turkey (a real one!) and all the trimmings. Our PTA brought every single one of our students a Burrough Green water bottle - I can say they are all being treasured by the children, Thank you to the PTA.

It leaves me to wish you all a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Thank you to the whole community for your continuous support, trust and belief.

David Sandford and the BG Team

### UPDATE FROM BURROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to those who joined our November meeting. Here are the highlights and recent updates:

Speeding - We've very pleased to let you know that our application for grant funding from the Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund has been successful. The money will be used to cover the cost of installing a dedicated MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activate Sign) on Brinkley Road in Burrough End.

Village Pond - The final phase of the refurbishment will start soon but will take a few months to complete. We're planning to install a fence at the edge nearest the cricket pavilion, to prevent access and protect a small patch of land for wildlife. We're also looking at adding a hedgehog house and some new plants.

School Update - The Head Teacher joined the meeting to provide an update on many of exciting new things that have been happening recently, as well as some of the plans for the near future at Burrough Green C of E Primary Academy.

Full meeting minutes can be found on the parish website: [www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk)

The first Parish Council meeting of the year will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6:30pm in the Reading Room.

## CHARLOTTE CANE MP - NEWSLETTER

As Christmas approaches, it has been a season of celebration and hard work, with a busy schedule in Westminster and across our constituency.

One recent highlight was visiting the Repair Café at Littleport Village Hall. This inspiring initiative brings people together to fix household items, share skills, and reduce waste. It was heartening to see the dedication of volunteers who give their time and expertise to support others. Projects like this not only foster community spirit but also champion sustainability, reminding us of the practical ways we can care for our environment while connecting with one another.

Amid these uplifting moments, my work continues to focus on issues affecting our area. Rising employer National Insurance contributions have been a recurring theme in discussions with local businesses. I recently met GPs at Staploe Medical Centre to hear how these costs are straining surgeries, and I welcomed East Cambridgeshire farmers to Parliament to discuss their impact on agriculture. Supporting those who provide healthcare and food is vital for our community's future.

Agriculture, the backbone of our local economy, has been a focus. Joining the 'Traditional Fenland Celery' harvest near Ely and visiting a sugar beet farm in Stetchworth underscored the dedication of our farmers. They face mounting challenges, and I remain committed to advocating for the support they need to thrive.

Infrastructure is another priority. The Ely Area Capacity Enhancement scheme (the proposal to upgrade the railway to allow more trains to run through Ely) is crucial for our region's future, promising growth and improved connectivity. Its omission from the Autumn Budget was disappointing, but I've raised the issue directly with the Secretary of State for Transport and will continue to push for action.

In Parliament, I faced one of my most difficult decisions: how to vote on the Assisted Dying Bill. After listening to all sides and reflecting deeply, I chose to support it at its second reading. This decision was not taken lightly, and I will continue to engage with constituents and experts as the bill progresses.

Closer to home, concerns about shoplifting have been prominent in conversations with shopworkers across East Cambridgeshire. I've urged the government to provide our overstretched police with the resources they need. Meanwhile, the ever-present flood risk in our region requires urgent, long-term planning, which I emphasised in a recent parliamentary debate.

It's been a pleasure meeting so many local residents. Opening The Edmund Trust's new respite service in Milton was a particularly meaningful moment, and thanking our hardworking posties at the Royal Mail delivery office in Ely was another highlight.



Education is the foundation of a healthy democracy, and my visits to Bottisham Village College and Robert Arkenstall Primary School in Haddenham offered an inspiring glimpse of the creativity and ambition shaping our future.

My team and I are here to help. If you need assistance or would like to attend one of my surgeries, please get in touch via [charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk).

*Wishing you all a joyful festive season,  
Charlotte Cane MP*

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT TO PARISH COUNCILS**

### **Operational Services Committee 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Nothing much to report from this committee:

1. The collection of waste and re-cycling is improving, but still not quite on target.
2. Street cleansing is efficient, but there was no data on how many streets have been cleaned.
3. An operating deficit of approximately £325,000 partly due to lower numbers of planning applications and building inspections.
4. The Air Quality Strategy plan for the District was presented; mostly aspirational, and few concrete strategies for improving air quality. Perhaps the new Local Plan can incorporate some measures (e.g. no chimneys in new buildings) to improve air quality.

### **Finance & Assets Committee 28<sup>th</sup> November**

This was also light on startling items:

1. The annual review of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) for the 2025/26 year is to be unchanged for next year. LCTRS is for those residents who are on Universal Credit and Council Tax support. John argued that the Local Council Tax should be reduced to zero and not 8.5% as it is now, to help households struggling with the cost-of-living crisis, but the Administration thought that all households should pay even a minimum sum.
2. Changes to the exemption from Council Tax for second houses that are empty and for sale or under probate was extended from one to two years which seemed to favour those who had second dwellings or were landlords.
3. That this Committee has a projected year-end underspend of £746,000 when compared to its approved revenue budget of £7,016,768. Some of this underspend occurs because vacant posts are not filled quickly.
4. Water fountains had been installed in the public conveniences in Ely and that this would be extended to other public conveniences in the District.

### **Extraordinary Council on 11<sup>th</sup> December**

The Independent on the Council has formed a group with the Lib Dems, so that this new group and the Conservative group have an equal number of members. According to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, there needs to be equal representation on each

of the committees, and this will be resolved at this Council meeting.

### **Reminder**

All ECDC Council and Committee meetings are live-streamed and can be viewed either live or retrospectively. Details can be found on the Council website by searching for the committee of interest by date:

[https://eastcambs.gov.uk/calendar-field\\_meeting\\_date](https://eastcambs.gov.uk/calendar-field_meeting_date)

### **Surgery**

The next surgery will be at Swaffham Prior Village Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 at 6.30pm-7.30pm.

*Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp*

## **BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE**

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

The film choice for January to lift our spirits after Christmas is the perennial favourite for all the family

**The Greatest Showman (PG)**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

We will show this classic story of the visionary PT Barnum and the birth of show business with Hugh Jackman heading up an all-star cast. 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.

## **VILLAGE HALLS**

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

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLES FOR FEBRUARY VILLAGE VOICE  
To**

[villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com)

**01638 507495  
by 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 please**

## JANUARY SERVICES

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January      Epiphany**

9.00 am Holy Communion      Brinkley  
10.30 am Family Service      Burrough Green  
*Isaiah 60: 1-6   Ephesians 3: 1-12   Matthew 2: 1-12*

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January      Baptism of Christ**

9.00 am Holy Communion      Stetchworth  
10.30 am Morning Prayer      Dullingham  
*Isaiah 43: 1-7   Acts 8: 14-17   Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22*

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January      2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

9.00 am Holy Communion      Burrough Green  
10.30 Morning Prayer      Brinkley  
*Isaiah 62: 1-5   1 Cor 12: 1-11   John 2: 1-11*

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January      3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

10.30 am Holy Communion      Dullingham  
3.00 pm Evensong      Stetchworth  
*Neh. 8: 1-3,5,6, 8-10   1 Cor 12: 12-31a   Luke 4: 14-21*

\*\*\*\*\*

## **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](http://www.raddesley.com)

\*\*\*\*\*

## **RECTOR**

Revnd Patrick McEune  
email address: [frpatrick@btinternet.com](mailto:frpatrick@btinternet.com)  
Telephone number: 07411 761883

## **CHURCHWARDENS:**

**Burrough Green:** Lucy Talbot Tel: 01638 507060,  
email: [peterandlucyt@btinternet.com](mailto:peterandlucyt@btinternet.com)

**Westley Waterless:** Ms. Deborah O'Riordan, Tel: 01638 507741, email [d.a.oriordan@btinternet.com](mailto:d.a.oriordan@btinternet.com)  
and Mrs Liz Gibson, Tel: 01638 508600,  
Email: [lizgibson@me.com](mailto:lizgibson@me.com)

**Brinkley:** Ros Pates. Tel: 01638 507240

Email : [rospates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rospates@yahoo.co.uk)

**Carlton:** Stephen Roberts. Tel : 01223 290372 or  
email : [Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com](mailto:Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com).

## **RURAL DEAN**

Rev'd Canon Dr. Eleanor Williams  
Vicar of Burwell with Reach  
Rural Dean of Fordham and Quy Deanery  
The Vicarage, 22 Isaacson Road  
Burwell, CB25 0AF  
Telephone 01638 741262  
email: [vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk](mailto: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/>



Boiler servicing and repairs  
All plumbing work undertaken

**07468 515 899**

**01440 718310**



[onestop-heating@outlook.com](mailto:onestop-heating@outlook.com)



**Paul Nicholson**  
Internal/External Painting & Decorating.  
Reliable, Friendly & Efficient.

**Telephone 01638 508227**

**Mobile      07890 118021**

18 Sheriff's Court  
Burrough Green  
Newmarket. CB8 9NJ

## **TIM PHILLIPS & Co Ltd** **Accountants**

Independent, specialist service for:  
**Small Businesses & Companies**  
**Self Assessment & Personal Taxation**  
*EASY, FREE PARKING*

Copley Hill Business Park, A1307 Babraham  
**Tel: 01223 830044. [www.TPaccounts.co.uk](http://www.TPaccounts.co.uk)**





**The Garden Companion**

Garden Consultant and Tutor  
Your personal guide to curating the perfect garden.

**07908 622292**

Suffolk/Cambridgeshire  
[gardencompanion.mes@gmail.com](mailto:gardencompanion.mes@gmail.com)  
[www.thegardencompanion.co.uk](http://www.thegardencompanion.co.uk)