

VILLAGE VOICE

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

JANUARY 2026

Happy New Year

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAYS 12th & 26th January 2026
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

NEW RECTOR FOR OUR PARISHES

The acting Bishop of Ely is pleased to
announce that the Revd Virginia
Moggridge, currently Assistant Curate in
training, Burwell with Reach Benefice, is
to be Rector of Raddesley group of parishes.
Bishop Dagmar will institute Virginia on 3 February,
2026.



her 1st service as Rector will be Sunday, 1st March
2026, when she will be taking our 9 o'clock Holy
Communion service at Brinkley Church.

DULLINGHAM COMMUNITY LUNCH

Starting on Tuesday 6th January and continuing
throughout the year on the first Tuesday of each
month, there will be a community lunch in the Taylor
Hall, Dullingham, Time 12-3pm. All Welcome.

If you need help with transport or if you have any
special dietary needs and would like to come please
contact Ann Johnson on 01638 507736.



Burrough Green Christmas Fayre 2025

Thank you to all the individuals who help and
supported this event

I was able to donate £200 to the Haverhill Stroke
Support Group

RECYCLING

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -
Black sacks - WEDNESDAY 7th, TUESDAY 13th,
MONDAYS 19th & 26th January 2026

Green - WEDNESDAY 7th MONDAY 19th January
Blue - TUESDAY 13th, MONDAY 26th January 2026

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS:

Black bin - 7th & 21st January 2026 .

Blue Lid - 14th & 28th January 2026 J.

Green Lid - 14th January 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

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 £850 towards the upkeep of
Brinkley Church.

This will go towards the £1943 Church Insurance bill
for 2026.

Thank you, Brinkley PCC,

BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2025

We hope you enjoyed receiving you Christmas card.
A big thank you to everyone who contributed. We
raised a total of £1002 for our church, increased to
£1250 with Gift Aid; and £605 to St Nicholas
Hospice.

A fabulous total. Thank you. *Brinkley PCC*

The Garden Companion

Rose Pruning Workshop

with Lucy

Friday February 6th 2026

10am - 12.30pm

Westley Waterless CB8 ORL

£45pp



Workshop includes:

- Expert guidance on correct pruning techniques
- A comprehensive rose care handout
- Hands-on practice with secateurs on real roses.
- Light lunch to warm up!

FOR DETAILS AND BOOKING:

visit www.thegardencompanion.co.uk
or email gardencompanion.me@gmail.com

Celebrating
25 Years!

THE ELLESMERE DEVILS' PANTOMIME SOCIETY

proudly presents

Sleeping Beauty

28th Jan 2026 6:30pm

29th & 30th Jan 2026 7:30pm

31st Jan 2026 2pm & 7:30pm

ADULTS £12* / CHILD £6*

*Prices are subject to booking fee

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

ONLINE: www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps

CALL: 0333 666 4466

IN PERSON: The Hub, The Ellesmere Centre (Wed & Fri)

NEW!
Child Ticket
Prices



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.



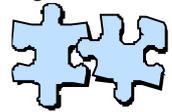
Make use of this wonderful resource.

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.

Any questions please email denisehrebaniak@yahoo.com

VILLAGE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

BURROUGH END AND BURROUGH GREEN

I'm pleased to report that we have now secured our hand-held speed detection device and signage.

We currently have nine volunteers signed up, covering both the Burrough End and Burrough Green locations.

Our first roadside training session took place at



Burrough End on Saturday 13th December 2025, during which four vehicles were recorded travelling at speeds in excess of 45mph.

Interested in volunteering?

Please email me at pearlsie30@hotmail.com and I'll be happy to explain the process. It's very straightforward, and I can provide roadside training.

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/>

GARDENING HELP NEEDED

Is there someone who would help with a few hours gardening from Spring onwards, please. Mrs Drury, Fern Cottage, Brinkley Road . 01638 507571

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

THE POST OFFICE

The Post Office remains closed.

We will post updates on the Ellesmere Facebook page as soon as we have any information.

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.

NEW GENTLE PILATES CLASS

Starting January

**FREE TASTER SESSION THURSDAY 8
JANUARY 2-3PM**

Contact gentlepilatesclasses@gmail.com
Or Contact Charlotte on 07889 679945

**NEW - IRISH DANCING CLASS FOR
BEGINNERS**

Starts on 7th January at 4.30-5.30pm

Contact Sam Speed

Sjspeed35@hotmail.com

The Staff and Trustees would like to wish you
all a
Happy New Year

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Web Site www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Alternatively call us on 01638 508212

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**BRINKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council meets five times a year and manages or coordinates many issues of local interest. Full details, minutes, agendas and other notices are all on the Parish Council website

<http://www.brinkleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> December meeting the following were discussed or voted on:

'Red Lion Junction': We have accepted a proposal from East Cambs for improvements on more signage and new road markings which will help ensure that drivers arriving from Six Mile Bottom are aware that they must give way at the junction to reduce the number of accidents and near misses that have been occurring.

Developments: We heard from Jonny Edge from East Cambs that the proposal for a substantial number of new houses at Six Mile Bottom has not been taken

forward in this round of development. It is also worth noting that the widely reported proposal for a massive "Forest City" development of 400,000 homes in the area which has been worrying some residents is, as someone familiar with the process described it, "just not going to happen".

Kingsway Area Parish Council Alliance (KAPCA):

The Parish council voted to join the aforementioned. Whilst it would be useful to have a Parish Councillor who is able to regularly attend the KAPCA meetings, none is available currently to do this. If any Brinkley resident is sufficiently motivated by the issue to consider becoming a Parish Councillor and attend these meetings on behalf of the village, we still have a vacancy on the PC.

Kingsway Donation: Note also that the £250 donation to the KSCA towards the costs of banners that was agreed last meeting would contravene the financial rules because it is managed through an individual's bank account and such payments are not allowed for reasons of accountability. The sum will instead be given to West Wrattling PC to support their work on a legal challenge to the scheme.

Brinkley Community Orchard: As is widely known, we purchased the allotment land this year from the Edge family (which they kindly provided at a discounted price) using a grant secured by the Parish Council from East Cambs District council to provide stability and security of the amenity for the future. We are continuing to find ways to improve the site for the benefit of the wider community as well as the plot holders. In the light of this we have successfully applied to East Cambs for a number of fruit trees to put on the allotment site. This will create an amenity open to the whole community.

Vacant Allotment Plots: For any keen gardeners the following partial allotment plots are available: one is 1/2 a plot at £12.50 a year and one is 1/3 of a plot at £8 a year, Contact Mark Coley to register your interest - see the PC website above for contact details.

Funding: The Precept which funds the Parish Council has not been increased for many years. It is a small part of the council tax bills that we all pay. In light of the financial pressure on the budget next year, we have been forced to increase it by a total of around £1,800 - this equates to just under £1 per month extra for residents in the typical band D properties.

Call for New Councillors: As mentioned above we have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you have an interest in either because you want to help out with the running of the village, or perhaps because you want to ensure that you have a say in the decision making process that affects us all, please contact our engagement lead, Agnès Aubert on 01638 507407.

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THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Hi everyone

We would like to say a happy new year to all of you and hope you all have had a great time over Christmas.



New year with new beginnings. Our menu has changed slightly: check out our web page for updates, A number of events are planned for this year roll on spring Let's hope it's a good one with a great summer to follow - watch this space you'll be surprised.

Speed quizzing is on the 7th Jan, which is the first Wednesday of the week. Our *Play Your Cards Right* has now reached £320.00. Come and give us a try it's worth it.

Sunday roasts are still available, booking is advised as we get sold out. I have now kept some spaces for walk-ins but they are limited, so book to avoid disappointment.

Check out our Facebook page if you want to know what's going on during the week

Happy New Year to All.

Tina & Danny

01638 476424

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**PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST - AWARD 2026**

Yes, incredibly another year has flown past!

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2026. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year to the amount of £1000.

Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following: - Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Education, Medicine, Nursing and Veterinary Medicine. But all will be considered.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wrattling Common airfield - Great & Little Thurlow, West Wickham, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wrattling, Weston Colville and Withersfield. The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc. The final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level results & University offer are confirmed. For further information about the trust and the award please contact: Jonathan Drury -01223 290087 For an application form please apply via email to: [peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com](mailto:peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com).

The application form & supporting documents must be received at the latest by 5th April 2026

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NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

Music at LVC

Music is an important part of life at Linton Village College. It is central to our curriculum and gives students opportunities to learn, perform and be creative. Led by Mrs Juckes, the music department is a busy and welcoming space, with students often visiting outside of lessons.

Music at LVC offers a wide range of opportunities beyond classroom learning or GCSE courses. Students can join

ensembles such as jazz band, orchestras and choirs to perform together, including



'Linton Voices', led by Mrs Brown. Lunchtimes are active, with open sessions like 'Jam Club' for anyone who wants to play. In addition, nine professional musicians provide one-to-one tuition, helping students develop their skills and confidence as part of our peripatetic music team. Students have also been involved in events beyond the classroom. Our Jazz Band performed alongside other Village College musicians for the School Big Band Concert as part of the Cambridge Jazz Festival in November. 120 students took part in our Carol Concert at The Church of the Holy Trinity, Balsham last month. It was a great community occasion attended by parents, governors and former staff.

Another highlight was a trip for 40 students to watch the world-famous King's College Choir rehearse for their carol concert, which is seen by millions on TV on Christmas Eve.

Music at LVC is about more than lessons - it is about experiences, confidence and community. We are proud of what our students achieve and look forward to more opportunities in the year ahead.

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**BRINKLEY RED LION**



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

Between Christmas and the New Year, we would encourage all who would like to join us on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December for **Taco Night** to pop in on the night. There is no need to book, but you are welcome to book if you'd like to. We will have more information about this on socials soon. **New Year's Eve** will run in a similar way to last year, with a bespoke menu for the evening, continuing in our usual manner, but also having a few more special dishes for the evening. Do come and see us for more information or keep an eye on our Instagram and Facebook. Cocktails have been a great success so far, and I have enjoyed some feedback as to what else you might like to see in the future. Please keep it coming!

I wish you all the best and hope to see you soon in the New Year!

Best

George

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KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION

KSCA January Newsletter Update

As we welcome the new year, many of you are asking: "Is there anything else we can do?"

You've written letters, attended meetings, responded to each consultation, and shared your concerns widely. Thank you—your collective effort continues to make a real impact.

While the formal process is in a quieter phase, a great deal is happening behind the scenes. KSCA is now working closely with others through a newly formed legal steering committee to review options for legal representation and ensure the community's concerns are strongly and expertly presented as we move into the next stages of the NSIP process.

We're also developing our public relations plan and setting out the next steps of the campaign—so please keep an eye out for further updates.

Where we are in the NSIP process

We are still in the pre-application stage, and we hope Kingsway are actively considering the letters, feedback, and concerns the community has raised. The next key milestone is expected around March 2026, when Kingsway may submit its planning application. After that, residents will be able to register as Interested Parties, take part in the Examination and submit evidence. The final stages carry no active community role, though judicial review may be considered.

KSCA needs a new communications lead

With Roz relocating to Wales, we are now looking for someone local to help keep our community informed and engaged throughout the next stages of the campaign.

Ideally that person will be:

- Enthusiastic and community-minded
- Comfortable coordinating a small comms subcommittee
- Willing to sit on the KSCA main committee
- Happy to support local outreach—social posts, press, leaflets and updates.

You won't be doing this alone. We already have a friendly team of volunteers and plenty of templates and materials ready to use. If you enjoy generating ideas, pitching in, and helping keep neighbours up to date, we'd love to hear from you. If you're curious and would like to explore the role further, please get in touch by email or speak to one of the committee.

Step into Nature campaign continues

We encourage everyone to keep recording what you see and hear on your walks—birds, mammals, insects, plants. These observations are especially valuable in highlighting gaps or deficiencies in the surveys carried out by Kingsway, particularly in areas where partial or no surveys have been undertaken, such as along the proposed grid connection corridor. Every record helps—so please keep observing and keep noting what you find on iRecord.

Useful links

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

WADLOW WIND FARM COMMUNITY FUND **SUPPORTING LOCAL PROJECTS**

Did you know? Local groups and organisations within 5 miles of Wadlow Wind Farm can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to support community projects!

Recent grants have helped:

- Great Wilbraham Over 60s enjoy excursions including a boat trip and festive celebration (£4,500).
 - West Wrattling Village Hall improved acoustics with a new damping system (£4,574.40).
 - Meadow Primary School PTA replaced unsafe playground equipment for younger children (£9,426).
- If you're part of a non-profit group in Balsham, Brinkley, Carlton, Fulbourn, Great Wilbraham, Little Wilbraham, Six Mile Bottom, Weston Colville, or West Wrattling, your project could be next!

□ Next deadline: 1 February 2026

□ Apply online: www.cambscf.org.uk/funds

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

In the New Year we have an uplifting talk on "Dahlias" by Kim O'Brien on Wednesday 14th January. There will be the usual raffle and refreshments at the meeting, which starts at 7.30 pm. Any prizes for future raffles would be very welcome please - bring them along.

The following month our AGM takes place on Wednesday 11th February, followed directly by a quiz. 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.

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.

REPORT FROM CHARLOTTE CANE MP

As we welcome 2026, it's a pleasure to wish you all a very happy New Year. This moment of renewal always reminds me how fortunate we are to live in such a vibrant and caring part of the country. Across Ely and East Cambridgeshire, our communities show extraordinary kindness and resilience — supporting neighbours, celebrating local life, and stepping up when challenges arise. Whether catching up with residents at winter events or speaking with you on the

doorstep, I'm continually encouraged by the ideas and experiences you share with me.

In Parliament, I recently led a debate on the long-awaited upgrade to Ely Junction. This is a rail project with clear economic, environmental, and transport benefits: increasing rail capacity, reducing delays, and removing tens of thousands of lorry journeys from our roads each year. Although the Autumn Budget again failed to provide funding, Ministers have now agreed to meet with me and key stakeholders. I will continue pressing for the clarity and investment our region deserves.

I was also disappointed that the Chancellor again refused to introduce a 5% VAT cut for hospitality. At a recent meeting of my Publicans' Network — hosted by the brilliant team at the Black Horse in Rampton — landlords shared their concerns about rising costs and the lack of targeted support. Pubs are at the heart of rural life, and I will keep campaigning for policies that allow them to thrive.

It was equally valuable to meet local farmers for a festive cuppa, where we discussed issues ranging from the impact of the Family Farm Tax and the closure of the Fruit & Veg Aid Scheme to ensuring farmers receive a fair price from supermarkets. We also talked about improving health outcomes for those working in agriculture and the importance of helping children learn where their food comes from. Our farmers are the backbone of our food security and rural economy, and I'll keep fighting for fair treatment and meaningful support in Parliament.

Engaging with young people has been another highlight this winter — from hosting Student Question Time for local schools, hosted by Soham Village College, to joining the Dullingham and Stetchworth Scouts for lively debates during the recent UK Parliament Week. Their insight and enthusiasm give me great optimism for the future of our democracy.

Since being elected, I've now closed over 10,000 cases where residents have come to me for help or advice. Whether at surgeries, community events, or on the doorstep, I'm always here to listen and support you.

Wishing you all a peaceful start to 2026,
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 02073 621601

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### **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

With all our best wishes for the New Year.

Operational Services Committee resolved to approve the draft Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to address Vehicle Related Anti-Social Behaviour (e.g. racing around car parks, or down public roads) and to approve the proposals for public consultation on the draft PSPO.

Licensing Committee agreed an increase in taxi fares of approximately 20%, following a consultation which was broadly supported by the trade, and recognising the increase in vehicle costs.

Full Council agreed to develop a new Empty Homes Strategy by July 2026, replacing the 2006 and 2022 documents, with clear targets, resourcing, and an annual public report. This strategy is to reduce long-term empty homes and return them into use, and to list the full range of fiscal levers, including council tax premium rates, published local exemptions and deferrals for active renovation.

### **Local Government Reorganisation**

- The Council voted for Option B (with East Cambs joining Fenland, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough) for the Local Government Re-organisation and this proposal and the business case will be submitted to the Minister for Local Government.

- Many parishes did not want to be aligned with this Option, and have voted for Option A (with East Cambs joining Cambridge City and South Cambs), despite the exhortations of the Leader.

- The Lib Dem and Independent group is sending an alternative letter to the Minister, supporting Option A. (Should you like to see the letter, please contact one of us.)

- The Government will be deciding on which options to pursue for the public consultation in the Spring.

### **Finance and Assets Committee**

- Approval was given to the transfer of some ECDC assets (car park, Public Conveniences, an adjoining green space) to Littleport for a nominal sum of £1 with a restrictive covenant on its future use. It was felt more appropriate to transfer these assets to the local community, rather than hand them over to the new unitary authority that may want to sell them to the highest bidder.

- Other ECDC assets could similarly be transferred to Parish Councils, and we shall be compiling a list of assets in your parish that the PC might consider taking over from the District Council.

- An additional CIL contribution of £190,000 was given to a community project that had gone over budget by £570,000.

- The Government has withdrawn match funding for Neighbourhood Plans, and it was agreed that ECDC would fund the creation or renewal of Neighbourhood Plans by match funding of up to £5000 to Parishes.

### **Surgery**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 6.30-7.30pm at Reach Village Hall, followed by socialising at the Dyke's End in the same village.

*Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP*

*([charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk)) and*

*John Trapp ([john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk))*

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REPORT FROM JONNY EDGE

County Councillor for the Woodditton division

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you have all managed to find some rest over the Christmas period and are looking forward to a positive year ahead.

#BeWinterWise

I would like to remind those needing support over the winter months to make use of the support and advice provided by the County Council. The link provided delivers practical advice and local support to stay safe, warm, and healthy throughout the colder months.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/support-with-the-cost-of-living>

Christmas celebrations

It was delightful to visit so many of the village events leading up to Christmas, with church and parish groups pulling you together to raise money for charity, share their crafts, partaking in fun quizzes, singing a few songs and bringing the Christmas spirit to everyone in our communities.

If you were involved in organising anything, thank you. If you joined an event, I hope you enjoyed it. If you stayed out of the wet and cold, I don't blame you, but it is really worth joining in as much as you can next time. Bringing our communities together is so important at the moment.

What will 2026 bring?

We are sure to be hearing more about Local Government reorganisation and should have a public consultation shortly, once the government have decided which options they want to be considered. When this comes out, please do make every effort to engage. Talking to so many about this, we really need to be sure our area remains connected to Cambridge and its surrounding towns and villages, so we are at the table to influence the things that impact our lives. I will let you know more when we have news from central government.

I will no doubt have many more highways issues to help you resolve. In the past 6 months we have made headway, but the winter months will no doubt add to the managed decline our roads faced over so many decades. We will get there, but please do play your part. Reporting road, pavement and signage issues via the counties Report It site really does help. <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/en-gb>

When not looking after local issues, I will be focusing a lot of my time in the coming year helping to improve the counties Education and Child Care services. The past 5 years have seen spiralling costs nationally for both schools and local councils. This means change is needed to make sure our children and young people are receiving the benefits, not private companies.

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

Volunteers needed



Are you interested in Primary & Secondary School Education?

- Do you have excellent listening skills?
- Are you able to make balanced decisions?

Parents/carers have the right to appeal if their child is not offered a place in their preferred school. We coordinate an Independent Panel to review a school's decision to refuse a school place and determine whether one should be offered, or not.

We **urgently** need volunteers to be part of this professional panel - **Please Apply Today!** - Full training will be given.

Please contact me if you would like to join our team of volunteers.

Clare.Cronk@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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
www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk

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

ARTICLES FOR FEBRUARY VILLAGE VOICE
To villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

01638 507495
by 20TH JANUARY 2026 please

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday Jan 10th 2026

THE PENGUIN LESSONS (12)

Our January Film will be the Steve Coogan comedy following an Englishman's personal and political awakening after he adopts a penguin in Argentina, and based on a true story

A disillusioned Englishman (Steve Coogan) who goes to work in a school in a divided Argentina in 1976 finds his life transformed when he rescues an orphaned penguin from the beach.

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

BURROUGH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



Hello everyone, and welcome to another round-up of events and activities from as all at Burrough Green Primary.

Whole School trip to Ely Cathedral

The whole school visited Ely Cathedral, where the children explored the Stained-Glass Museum and learned about Christian symbols through time. They took part in a session with a pilgrim, including drama activities about local saints such as St Wendreda. The visit ended with a seven-stop trail around the cathedral, linking the days of Creation to modern eco-friendly behaviours. The children showed excellent knowledge and engagement throughout.



Pyjama Day

The children enjoyed a wonderful pyjama day at school, and each brought in a raffle prize for the Christmas raffle. To round off the day, the PTA hosted a Hot Chocolate station after school — a lovely way to end our cosy



celebrations. A huge thank you to Plumb Dairies for kindly supplying the milk.



Flatford Residential

Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic week at Flatford Field Studies Centre from 9th -12th December. The children thoroughly enjoyed their "dip" into independence, making their own beds and taking responsibility for themselves. They took part in pond dipping, observed their findings and produced detailed drawings of the invertebrates they discovered. The week also included den building, which the children greatly enjoyed.



Burrough Green Christmas day - Elfridges, Christmas dinner and Christingle Service

The children enjoyed choosing and buying gifts for their families before having great fun wrapping their presents. This was followed by a delicious Christmas dinner cooked by Bryan Brasnett and Alison Brewin. The day concluded with an online Christingle Service from Ely Cathedral.



Thank you very much to Bryan Jaggard for donating a Christmas tree to the school for the hall

September 2026

Closing date for Reception 2026 is Thursday 15th January 2026

Applications must be submitted to Cambridgeshire Admission Team

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/primary-reception-junior-or-middle-school>

If your child is starting school in September 2026, we'd love to welcome you into our school family! It's not too late to come for a chat and a tour to see how we work together to support every child and build a strong community.

Please contact the school office - 01638 507236 or email office@bg.act-academytrust.org

David Sandford

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

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JANUARY SERVICES

Sunday 4th January Epiphany

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley
Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty
10.30 am Family Service Burrough Green
Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty
Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Mtthew 2: 1-12

Sunday 11th January Baptism of Christ

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth
The Ven. Alex Hughes
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham
The Ven. Alex Hughes
Isaiah 42: 1-9 Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 3: 13-end

Sunday 18th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green
Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley
Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty
Isaiah 49: 1-7 1 Cor 1: 1-9 John1: 29-42

Sunday 25th January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

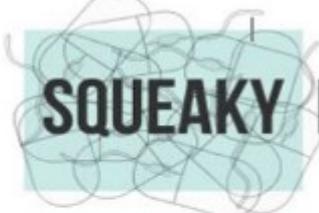
10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham
Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty
No Evensong this month
Isaiah 9: 1-4 1 Cor 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23



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