

VILLAGE VOICE

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

JULY 2025



BURROUGH GREEN PTA & FRIENDS: SCHOOL FETE

It's that time of year again where we are getting ready for an afternoon of fun at our School Fete! We are fundraising for a Minibus so that the pupils can access more field trip experiences and widen their learning outside the classroom setting.

Please can you help support our fundraising efforts by bringing a bottle to donate into our bottle tombola?

The Fete will operate the same token system as last year and are available to pre-order in advance for collection at the gate on the day.

Tokens are available to purchase either via BACS or with the correct cash at the school office during opening hours from Monday 30th June - Wednesday 9th July.

Pre-ordered Token offer: £5 for 12 tokens, £10 for 25 tokens.

Tokens will be available to purchase at the gate on the day (50p per token)

GAMES EVENINGS

Sheriff's Court in Burrough Green are hosting Games Evenings every Tuesday evening from 7pm.

Come along and play Scrabble, Rummikub, Upwords, Boggle or Mahjong for example. No expertise required. Tea & biscuits included. £2

ALL WELCOME

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAYS 14th & 28th July 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 - 2nd, 16th & 30th July 2025.

Green & Blue Bin - 9th & 23rd July

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -
MONDAYS

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 14th & 28th July

Green Lid - 7th & 21st July

BRINKLEY CHURCHYARD

Please come along on Saturday 5th July from 9.30am

to help with a small working party tidying up the

churchyard. We have a hard working team of mowers - more

help would be good, but a bit of pruning, cleaning out the weeds

around the base of the church etc is needed. Please bring your own tools and stay for however long you can spare.

Refreshments will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE - any benches that are not in good order will be disposed of.

Many thanks BRINKLEY PCC



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.



NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Walking Football

Mondays 7-8pm

Walking Football is a bespoke, non-contact sport for those who feel mainstream football may be a challenge nowadays or who have mobility issues, with age-appropriate and very simple rules designed with health and safety as the paramount consideration.

Contact the office and we can pass on your details

School Holiday Activities

with Prestige Sports every weekday in the school holidays

from 21st July through until 29th August.

Visit their website to book your children onto this.

<https://www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com>



SUMMER SHOW SUNDAY JULY 6th

12noon onwards

**LIVE MUSIC - DOG SHOW - BBQ - BAR -
CRAFT & PRODUCE SHOW**

CLASSIC CARS & MOTOR BIKE SHOW.

If you have a Vintage/Classic Car or Motor Bike, please enter it into the Show.

Ellesmere Centre Minutes Secretary

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Minutes secretary. The role would involve attending monthly meetings, taking minutes, typing up and emailing out to trustees.

This role does not require you to become a Trustee

If you would like more information please contact the office

01638 508212

office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

VJ Day Celebrations

The Ellesmere Centre with support from Stetchworth and Dullingham Parish Councils invite you to

**Celebrate VJ Day at the Ellesmere Centre
on Sunday 17th August.**

There will be Live Music, a Licensed Bar, BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Games and Ice creams

FREE ENTRY

Bring a chair or blanket and feel free to bring a Picnic or buy from our BBQ

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Web Site www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Alternatively call us on 01638 508212

PLAY THE ORGAN 2020 YEAR

Play the organ year is designed to inspire a year-long effort by the whole organ playing community to increase the number of people learning to play the organ.

The organ is a magnificent instrument & fun to play. If anyone of any age would like to find out more about the organ or interested in playing the organ then please contact Josephine Roberts on 07469 730195 or Liz Gibson on 07745 627287

BURROUGH GREEN FETE

We are delighted to announce that our fete this year has made £6,500. 25% will be given to the Burrough Green Playgroup to assist them with replacing outdoor Playground equipment.

Thank you to all those who helped to plan and run stalls and those who came to support.

It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying themselves and the weather held out almost to the end!

Lucy Talbot



BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET CLUB

Burrough Green CC entered June towards the top of a competitive Junior 3 South league, following a home win on

the 31st May against Thriplow. This was thanks to wickets for Peter Bragg, Aslam Khan and Rob Altringham, followed by a run chase led by Chris Palmer, with contributions from captain Matt Ashcroft and the aforementioned Peter Bragg.



This win was followed by a heavily rain-affected away match against a strong Helions Bumpstead side, who kept us to 97 all out. We had time for two early wickets, both to Imran Sharif, before weather intervened with Helions on 13-2. This match featured four debutants, with significant changes to our side.

On the 21st June, we had a comfortable win against Audley Wendon, by 5 wickets. With runs for Matt Ashcroft, and 4 wickets apiece for Peter Bragg and Ed Riddell, as we chased down 110 to win.

These results mean we remain towards the top of the table, with promotion a realistic, albeit challenging, aim. We have two consecutive home fixtures, against Barley and Ickleton, before a two week break in the middle of July.

As always, anyone wishing to join the club is more than welcome - please get in contact with any of our committee, whose details are available via our website: burroughgreen.play-cricket.com/home

Upcoming Matches:

28th June - Home v Barley

5th July - Home v Ickleton II

28th July - Away v Thriplow II

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Hi everyone

What great weather we're having now;
let's hope this continues well into next
month and beyond.

We've done loads to the front of the pub; now it's a
very pretty place to sit out and have some good beers,
glass of wine or even a nice cold glass of Pimms which,
I might add, we've got on tap, and enjoy some home
cooked food.

Up and coming events are:-

Speed Quizzing is Wednesday 2nd July. We currently
have PYCR winning pot of £200.00. Come along if you
dare.... Have a go, it's great fun.

Open MIC Night is the 3rd Thursday of the month
which is 17th July. Come and hear some fabulous
artists singing, Check out our Facebook page and
Instagram to see some of the great music which has
been here. If you feel like having a go just turn up, it's
a great evening.

See you all real soon

Danny and Tina

01638 476424



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



CARLTON NEEDS YOU !

Join Carlton Parish Council

Do you want to:

Make a real difference in your community?

Help shape decisions that affect Carlton?

Support local projects and events?

Now's your chance!

Carlton Parish Council is looking for new members. No
experience required - just enthusiasm and a desire to
help the village thrive.

Be part of something meaningful

Get involved in local improvements

Have your say on what matters most

Interested?

Contact us at carltonparishcouncilclerk@gmail.com or
come along to our next meeting on 7th August ,8pm
at St Peter's Church Carlton to find out more.

Your village. Your Voice. Your council.

BRINKLEY

On my way back from the latest Brinkley Parish Council
meeting, I couldn't help thinking about my fellow
Councillors and about the various people who come and
take part in the meetings. Being a Parish Councillor in
a small village is not a power craze. There's no fame in
it, nor fortune, nor medals. Actually, most people don't
know who their Parish Councillors are or what they do.
But the Councillors and the other people in those
meetings have one thing in common: they want to make
a positive difference in the village and for the other
residents. That's why they give their time and
expertise to the Council.

Here are some of the recurring items of the Parish
Council agenda, which illustrate best what is at the
heart of the Councillors:

- make the recreation ground a wonderful place for
children and youngsters and their adults to come and
play
- keep the defibrillator in good order
- acquiring the allotments for perpetuity and enabling
the allotment holders to make them thrive, together
- make sure the village is kept looking nice
- make sure that the footpaths are well maintained
- make sure that nature and wildlife can thrive

I also noticed the care brought by the District and
County councillors who turn up regularly, not just to
deliver their report but to find out what is important
to Brinkley residents. There too, I can see a genuine
desire to make positive change.

It also goes for the volunteers who work hard to build
a community and who come to the meetings to report,
to share information and to ask for the Parish Council's
help - for example the folks behind this wonderful
Village Voice or those from the Ellesmere Centre in
Stetchworth, or the Brinkley allotment holders.

There are many ways to contribute to village life, a
little bit or a lot, occasionally or often - and all are
welcome.

The more people contribute to village life, the better
we all are. So don't be shy.

We look forward to hearing from you !

Agnès Aubert - Brinkley Parish Councillor

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CARLTON CHURCHYARD - AWARD

Carlton churchyard has won a conservation award.

The Cambridgeshire Churchyard Conservation Award
Scheme is run by the Wildlife Trust & the Diocese of
Ely. After a recent inspection they've awarded Carlton
churchyard with a bronze award. Thanks must go to
the Carlton churchyard conservation group in
achieving this. The group has been working on creating
different habitats for fauna & flora over the past
eighteen months.

NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

Enrichment is a core value at Linton Village College. Every June we collapse the timetable for our Enrichment Week. This has been a long-standing fixture in Linton Village College's calendar to enable students to learn outside the classroom.

Our ambition is for all students to experience a weeklong residential in Year 11, a week's work experience in Year 10 and a range of day trips and events in Years 7 and 8. These opportunities enable students to learn in a hands-on way, push themselves out of their comfort zones and build relationships and confidence.

This summer our residential trips included Iceland, Paris, Scotland and the Peak District. Our first trip to Iceland was dubbed 'Fire and Ice'. It lived up to its name with trips to volcanoes, hot springs and glaciers on the itinerary. Paris provided both a variety of cultural sightseeing and a day at Euro Disney. The Scotland and Peak District trips afforded our Year 9s with a more physical set of activities such as bouldering, ridge scrambling, water sports, bushcraft and abseiling to name but a few.

Water sports at Milton Country Park: CSI Day at LVC



Years 7 and 8 enjoyed trips to Chessington, Colchester Zoo, Audley End and Milton Country Park for water sports. Our in-house provision included a 'Cuban Day', a CSI Day', archery, axe throwing and rock climbing. We also hosted a virtual work experience. This included a day of physical activities led by the Army, online learning and the chance to develop a range of life skills.

After an action-packed week, the planning for Enrichment Week 2026 commences!

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**Still looking for a Year 7 place for September?**  
**We still have some spaces available at LVC.**



We are a relatively small secondary school where we develop positive supportive relationships with students and their families. We offer a nurturing and inspiring learning environment in which everyone can thrive and achieve. Still not sure? You're welcome to come and visit.

All enquiries about a late application can be made to the Admissions Team at LVC 01223 891233 or [admissions@lintonvc.org](mailto:admissions@lintonvc.org)

## BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

**Saturday July 5th**

### **BRIDGE on the RIVER KWAI (PG)**

During WW II, allied POWs in a Japanese internment camp are ordered to build a bridge to accommodate the Burma-Siam railway. Their instinct is to sabotage the bridge, but under the leadership of Colonel Nicholson they're persuaded the bridge should be built to help morale, spirit. At first, the prisoners admire Nicholson when he bravely endures torture rather than compromise his principles for the benefit of Japanese Commandant Colonel Saito, but soon they realise it's a monument to Nicholson, himself, as well as a form of collaboration with the enemy. Award winning film starring William Holden, Alec Guinness and Jack Hawkins

**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

### BRINKLEY RED LION

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Summer is fully with us, and we have enjoyed seeing the gardens well used! Recent changes to the menu include a chicken burger which has seen early popularity!



The wine list has also had a little revamp, so do come and try some of the new options. As a few of them are by the bottle only we'll roll these through our wine of the month so you can have a chance to taste them - do keep an eye on socials to keep an eye on what wine we open each month.

Bookings have been getting busier now as well, and our private room is proving popular. We can accommodate up to 12 in our private room, so do call us for further information!

I hope to welcome as many of you as possible over the coming month!

A warm welcome to all in the bar or the restaurant.

Best

George

01638 650879

BOOK AND JIGSAW EXCHANGE - BRINKLEY



Please pop into the church porch to use the book and jigsaw exchange.

Feel free to borrow a book or jigsaw and return it when you have finished or replace it with another.



Donations of clean, readable modern or classic novels and auto/biographies would be greatly appreciated. Complete jigsaws only please.

Any questions please email denisehrebeniak@yahoo.com



SUFFOLK PUNCH OPEN DAY



In aid of The Suffolk Horse Society

Sunday 20th July

2pm – 5pm

Entry: £2 per adult, Children Free

Come and meet our Suffolk Punches, Misty, Gina, Belle, Primrose and our new foal Clem

Enjoy tea and cake, play the prize raffle and have a wander round the house gardens all in support of The Suffolk Horse Society, the leading charity dedicated to protecting this critically endangered breed



Where to find us:
Brettons, Church Lane, Burrough
Green
CB8 9NA
Parking will be available on the Village
Green
Dogs welcome. Cash Only.
For any enquiries please contact:
charlotteway123@hotmail.com

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY BURROUGH GREEN - BURROUGH END SPEEDWATCH TEAM!

Make a Difference — Help Keep Our Roads Safe
Are you concerned about speeding in our community?
Want to take positive action? Become a Community
Speedwatch Volunteer!

We're looking to set up a new group, within Burrough
Green / End, for local residents to join our
Speedwatch team to:

- ✓ Monitor vehicle speeds in residential areas
- ✓ Promote safer driving habits
- ✓ Work alongside local police and fellow volunteers
- ✓ Receive training and support - no experience needed!

Whether you can spare an hour a week or just want
to help occasionally, your time matters.

📍 Open to all residents aged 18+

📧 Interested? Contact Claire at
pearlsie30@hotmail.com

with your full name and mobile number.

🌐 Visit https://communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-The_Scheme.php to learn more.

ARTICLES FOR AUGUST VILLAGE VOICE

To

villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

before 20th July 2025 please

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

The big event of the season is of course the **Annual Flower and Craft Show on Sunday 6th July**. As always there are classes for all with no need to be a Garden Club member. Entries close at 5 pm Thursday 3rd July and schedules are available in the Ellesmere Centre. Do consider taking part, even if you haven't done so before. And come and support us on the day - it's great fun!

Then looking further ahead, our **BBQ on Wednesday 23rd July** is kindly hosted again by Tim and Jean Gross in Church Lane, Stetchworth. Members will receive a message nearer the time with details of the evening, but please make sure you have the date in your diaries now.

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

At the time of writing we are in a heatwave and as gardeners are looking forward to some rain - but at night would be rather nice, leaving the days dry and sunny. We don't want much do we?!

KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION

KSCA community walk highlights Kingsway Solar farm concerns

A huge thank you to everyone who joined our community walk on Sunday 8 June. Over 130 residents and volunteers came together to explore the West Wrattling countryside as part of a national campaign drawing attention to the spread of industrial-scale solar farms, pylons, and battery storage developments in rural areas.

Afterwards, we gathered at West Wrattling Village Hall for wildlife displays, refreshments, and a talk outlining the plans for Kingsway—what's proposed, why KSCA is opposing it, and how local people can get involved.

You can watch the video of the talk and listen to the audio of the Q&A by visiting the news page on the KSCA website (kingswayaction.org).

Watch out for future community events in Balsham, Weston Colville and West Wickham.

Take our survey

We want to hear your views. Tell us how you think the proposed solar farm could affect your wellbeing, lifestyle, and connection to the local area. Your feedback will help shape our community response to the next stage of consultation.



MP action

Local MP Pippa Heylings recently met the Project Manager, David Vernon, from Kingsway/Downing Renewables to raise concerns about poor community engagement, lack of transparency, battery fire risks and the need for proper consultation over potential community benefits. She has promised to share a full update soon, including with parish councils.

Step into nature – July's focus: Insects!



As part of our Step into Nature campaign, we're asking residents to look out for insects this month. Insects play a vital role in ecosystems—pollinating plants, breaking down waste and providing food for birds and other wildlife.

Please record anything you spot, especially rare or protected species. You can log sightings online at iRecord. Visit the Buglife website to help with insect identification

(<https://www.buglife.org.uk/bugs/identify-a-bug/>).

What you can do

- Complete our **community survey** on the solar farm's impact on you.
- Sign the **national petition** to ban large-scale solar on farmland (<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/703284>).
- Pledge your support for **CPRE's rooftop solar campaign** (<https://www.cpre.org.uk/rooftop-solar/>).
- Become a **KSCA member** to stay involved <https://kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-join-us/>
- Follow **KSCA on Facebook** for real-time updates.
- **Donate via GoFundMe** to support our work (<https://gofund.me/479e0bd8>).

Together, we can protect our countryside and make sure local voices are heard.

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Service looks for people to make a difference as they recruit wholetime firefighters

People seeking a new and exciting career are being urged to come and make a difference as Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service looks to recruit wholetime firefighters.

From July 14, applications will be open for a month for anyone interested in serving their community as a wholetime firefighter. Those successful, after the application and selection process, will be added to a holding list.

We welcome applications from everyone in our community that meets these entry requirements:

- Aged 18 or over (on January 1, 2026)
- Eligible to work in the UK
- Hold a full UK manual driving licence (or be due to pass before employment)
- Have five GCSEs (grades A-C / 4-9) including English and Maths, or equivalent
- Meet the required standards for fitness, eyesight, and colour vision
- Be a confident swimmer
- Be comfortable working at height, in heat, and in enclosed spaces
- Willing to work shifts, including weekends and nights.

Full details about becoming a wholetime firefighter and the selection process, can be found in the Careers section of our website.

Stay fire safe in your kitchen

More than half the fires our crews attend in the home start in the kitchen. This can be down to a number of things.

Below are some simple safety tips to help you stay fire safe in the kitchen:

Cooking safely

- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe.
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothing - this can easily catch fire.
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- Double check the cooker is off when you've finished cooking.
- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking, take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk.
- Make sure saucepan handles don't stick out - so they don't get knocked off the stove.
- Keep electrics (leads and appliances) away from water.
- Check toasters are clean and placed away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- Keep the oven, hob and grill clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.

Don't let a garden spring clean lead to fire.

Staying safe outside is just as important as keeping your family safe from fire in your home.

As the Summertime weather (hopefully) begins to arrive, many will take the opportunity to get out in the garden and give it a tidy.

There are a few simple things to do which will help reduce the risk of having a fire:

- Dispose of garden waste using either a local waste pick up service or take it to a local recycling centre. Do not light a bonfire!
- Ensure cigarettes are completely out
- Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground - the sun's rays refract through the glass and can start a fire

If you are planning to have a BBQ:

- Use barbeques on a hard, flat surface away from grass, shrubs or fencing
- Put disposable barbeques on bricks, do not place directly on grass.

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

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**KNITTED BIBLE:** This will be displayed in Stetchworth church from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

The pictures give you an idea of the scenes. The church is open every day from 9.30 am until 5.30 pm if you would like to go and view the display. If you would like to have a coffee and piece of cake while you look,



I will be serving coffee/tea and cake on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 10.00 am to 12 noon and

on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July, I will serve tea/coffee and cake from 2.30 pm - 4.30 pm.



### CAMBRIDGE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

#### *Wood Ditton Ward*

Over the past month I have been settling in and getting to know the Parish Councils and other groups and organisations in the division. Village/Church fete season is well underway. I have already enjoyed many and look forward to attending those to come.

The County Council held its annual meeting on Tuesday 20 May. Lucy Nethsingha was re-elected as Leader of the Council, and Lorna Dupré is now Deputy Leader of the Council.

The meeting appointed Chairs and Vice Chairs of its committees. I am now Vice Chair of the council's Children and Young Peoples Committee and will also be sitting on the Highways and Transport Committee, where I will make sure the voice of rural communities like ours are heard.

Speaking after the meeting, Cllr Nethsingha drew attention to the 'extraordinary challenges' of the rising number of older people needing social care and of children with special needs and disabilities. She said the new Liberal Democrat administration will 'make sure our council continues to be more caring, better connected and that Cambridgeshire continues to be a wonderful environment for all to thrive'.

#### **Quality of Life survey**

As reported last month, this survey remains open until Monday, 21 July. The aim is to obtain views on a range of topics that impact our local communities. I would encourage all that can to take part in the survey to make sure our division is strongly represented. It is available at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey)

#### **Find your family in the library**

Did you know that Cambridgeshire Libraries give you access to Ancestry, the database where you can search millions of historical documents and genealogy resources, including the 1921 census? Ancestry is available at the County Council's 33 libraries and is free to access with your library card.

#### **Highways**

I recently met and toured a large section of the division with our Local Highways Officer. It was a good opportunity for me to better understand the management of maintenance and to make the case for some sites that need more urgent maintenance than they were previously scheduled for. I am confident as a result that some of the more notorious locations such as the B1061 on the edge of Dullingham will be addressed this year rather than waiting for 2026/27. We also looked at the deteriorating speed bumps in Brinkley.

As a member of the Highways committee, I will work to make sure we see improvements in the reporting and progress of defects. There are already planned improvements to the online reporting site, which will need scrutiny from both councillors and residents. Regardless of these improvements, the most

important thing to make sure our roads, pavements, lines and signs are maintained is to report issues via <https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>.

*Cllr Jonny Edge, 07974 348141,  
[jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)*

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Bottisham Ward

Seminar on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Councillors were presented with the work so far done on LGR; three options had been selected as being the most sensible from the six that were first proposed.

The three options are:

1. Peterborough City, Huntingdon and Fenland DCs form one unitary, and Cambridge City with South Cambs and East Cambs DCs form another unitary; *East-West*
2. Peterborough City, Huntingdon, East Cambs and Fenland DCs form one unitary, and Cambridge City with South Cambs DC form another unitary; *horseshoe*
3. Peterborough City, East Cambs and Fenland DCs form one unitary, and Cambridge City with South Cambs and Huntingdon DCs form another unitary; *North-South*

Options 1 and 3 would be about equal in terms of population, whereas Option 2 would be unbalanced in terms of population, but might be acceptable soon since the area surrounding Cambridge is deemed to increase rapidly in size.

Parishes will be consulted as to their preference, once more detail is provided.

Ward surgery

A surgery at the Pavilion on the Denny at Swaffham Bulbeck on Thursday 24 July from half past six for an hour, followed by socialising at the Black Horse in the same village.

Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp

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### *Woodditton Ward*

*Alan Sharp, the councillor for the Woodditton ward reports the same information on the LGR options as in the report above, but adds the following comments*

Business Cases are being worked up by the various councils on the three options and will be considered later in the year.

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

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

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

I am the Chairman of the Finance & Assets Committee at East Cambs, so know how vital looking after your money is to residents.

Whilst I agree that there was a need for a reorganisation, this has been imposed by Government with little discussion and no opportunity for residents to comment.

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

#### **Kingsway Solar**

I joined many local people on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June in walking around some of the fields that will be lost to food production if this monstrosity goes ahead. It is in totally the wrong position, and I will continue to push for a decision that thinks about residents rather than those of opportunistic applicants.

If there is anything concerning you, please contact me.

I am here to help on any matter over which you have concerns.

I have not done surgeries previously, because I am able to visit residents or meet them, wherever is suitable for them, rather than making residents come to me.

I am available to all.

*Alan Sharp*

*East Cambridgeshire District Councillor - Woodditton Ward*

*E-Mail: [alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk)*

*Telephone: 07794 292941*

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CHARLOTTE CANE MP'S COMMUNITY UPDATE

As a Member of Parliament, my role is to represent your interests in Westminster and to support our community here at home. Whether it's speaking in Commons debates or helping with local issues, I'm here to tackle the challenges we face and to be a strong voice for Ely and East Cambridgeshire.

Leading the Debate on Renewable Energy Safety

Large-scale battery energy storage sites in Ely and East Cambs will be vital for hitting our net zero goals—but safety must come first. I've raised this in Parliament and launched a petition for tougher regulations and mandatory consultation with fire services. My petition can be signed online here: bit.ly/batterystoragesafety

Respecting Rights in Gender Self-ID Debate

Many of you have shared your experiences, fears and views on gender self-identification. I spoke in a Westminster Hall debate to urge Ministers to work with women's and LGBTQ+ groups to provide guidance that respects the rights of all and keeps trans people safe.

Tackling Flooding & Drought

I chaired the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Flood and Drought, and I'm pushing for sustainable solutions like rainwater harvesting on new-build developments. Locally, I chaired the Cottenham Flood

Forum where we discussed drainage and development concerns.

Ely Junction Upgrade Still in Limbo

Despite rail's huge potential to ease congestion and boost freight capacity, the Ely Area Capacity Enhancement (EACE) programme was again overlooked in the Government's Spending Review. I'm pressing the Chancellor to fund this long-overdue upgrade to Ely Junction.

Protecting Developer Funds for Local Needs

I've written to the Secretary of State over concerns that East Cambs District Council is directing developer contributions to a commercial crematorium project in Mepal. These funds could instead provide vital infrastructure such as children's play areas, cycle paths, pavements, sports facilities, GP surgery upgrades, and school improvements.

In the Community

- Cheveley Community Meeting: Great discussions on AI, solar farms, road safety, and more with residents and councillors.
- NFU Farmers' Surgery: Rural crime was raised as a key concern, and I followed this up at a meeting with the Minister for Policing to push for action.
- Business Roundtable: Leaders of firms on Cambridge Science Park explained their need for more skilled workers and local affordable housing to enable local businesses to grow.
- Charlotte's Chippy Championship: Huge thanks to everyone who voted for their hardworking local businesses, and congratulations to the winners, Rumbles Fish Bar Sutton.
- Fêtes, Fairs and Feasts: Our traditional events are in full swing around the constituency and I've enjoyed meeting residents in communities such as Burrough Green, Cheveley, Soham, Stretham, Swaffham Prior and Waterbeach - entering tombolas and testing my aim on the coconut shy!

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

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

Warm wishes,

Charlotte

MP for Ely and East Cambridgeshire

DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 10th July 2025

8pm

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a Demonstration

By **Brenda Tubbs**

Entitled

'Just Another Day'

Admission £8

Includes Tea/Coffee and biscuits

Raffle

The Raffle will include all the arrangements made on the evening

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

DATE FOR DIARY

****No Meeting in August****

Next meeting

Thursday 11th September 2025

Demonstration by David Wright



BURROUGH GREEN C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

Hello everyone. This is my final submission of this academic year.

It has been an amazing journey for me. 2 years ago, I was a new head teacher eager for the challenge and now I have almost completed my second year. The school has definitely moved forwards and many things have changed. The one constant though has been the incredible children that come to Burrough Green - from Day 1, they have been simply amazing. From September 2025, I will be the Executive Headteacher of Burrough Green and Great Wilbraham - this means that both schools will be working very closely together, and this alone opens up huge possibilities for

all of our children – for example, Gt Wibraham Primary have recently become national (yes national!) tag rugby champions. An incredible achievement in a small school. The advantage of a small school is the family feel an environment like this creates. Nurtured properly, it can lead to heightened moral structures and increased acceptance of others. I have to say, the children in both schools display these qualities in abundance and I am so proud to be leading here.

Burrough Green Academy Library goes public

The library was a huge success. Those that came were able to borrow up to 3 books. We are open on Fridays (only to current parents at the moment) Please drop in and see us. We are open from 3.30pm to 4.00pm. The appointed librarians worked so hard. This is another great service the school is offering parents. Thank you.

Trips – Newmarket and Cambridge

This week there have been 2 school trips. On Tuesday, Teresa Class went for the second of three trips on horseracing. The trips are organised by the Jockey Club. The second trip was to the National Horse Racing Museum. Mrs Chubb organised this trip and the children had an amazing time. The third trip in the series is to the races and to look 'behind the scenes' at Newmarket racecourse.



At the end of May, the whole school went to Cambridge to visit 2 truly inspiring venues. Our first stop was Cambridge Mosque on Mill Road. It was so interesting listening to our guide explain everything to us. The architects were given the brief to 'build a British mosque' and they have given the design so much thought – down to the stained-glass windows, calligraphy, geometric designs and plants in the garden. The mosque has a coffee shop to the right as you face it, and it is open to the general public all year round. If you are ever down Mill Road, please visit.



After this we went to the Computing Museum, where we learnt about the history of computing. Children did programming (on an old BBC computer!), programmed robots, sent Morse code and played on the tens of retro games that were available. I settled at the MarioKart console and took on all-comers (and please, please...no one mention to Mrs Harrison the 15-4

drubbing she got at a 1977 version of Pong!). Interestingly, the children commented afterwards how the older games are more fun!



Forest Schools

Hattie (our Larks and Owls lead) has successfully trained as a forest schools lead. She is currently



finishing her course by teaching 10-12 hours of forest schools to Malala class on a Friday. We have made sure she has all the equipment she needs and once this block of time is complete, we will be looking to roll this out across the school so everyone can benefit from this amazing opportunity.



No Outsiders

Teresa class took part in their half-termly No Outsiders lesson earlier this week. The book we used was called Introducing Teddy. Children worked hard on the underlying theme of acceptance and not judging people on appearances. 5 parents attended and were also fully immersed in the learning.



Have an amazing summer everyone – My column will be back in October!

David Sandford Headteacher

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