

VILLAGE VOICE

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

JULY 2026

Suffolk Punch Open Day



Sunday 12th July

2pm – 5pm

Adults £2 and Kids under 12 free

Come and meet our beautiful Suffolk punches, enjoy tea and cake, play the prize-winning raffle and have a wander around the house gardens all in aid of the Suffolk horse society, the charity that is dedicated to protecting this critically endangered breed.



Where to find us:

Brettons, church lane, Burrough Green CB8 9NA

Parking available on the Village Green

Dogs welcome, Cash Only

For enquiries please contact—charlotteway123@hotmail.com

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAYS 13th & 27th July 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



RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS :

Black bin - 8th & 22nd July.

Green and Blue - 1st, 15th, & 29th July .

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -

GREEN WEEK : Black bins + Green Bins + Food Caddy

Mondays - 6th & 20th July

BLUE WEEK : Blue Lid + Food Caddy

Mondays 13th & 27th July

OPEN GARDEN

Brinkley House

Brinkley Road, CB8 0RB

Sunday 12th July 2026

11.00 am—4.00 pm

3 acres, walled garden, herbaceous borders, stunning planting, topiary, espaliers, pleached trees, variety of sculptures, water feature and an amazing beehive.

Refreshments

Admission: £5.00

Children free

Parking in field by the house

This is the first opening of this private garden

By kind permission of Teddy and Emma Grimthorpe

In aid of
Our community newsletter * Village Voice *
and St Mary's Church Brinkley

CHURCHYARD TIDY UP.

Brinkley PCC try very hard, along with our 'mower team', to keep Brinkley churchyard looking nice, whilst keeping some areas

more wildlife friendly too.

We are having an extra effort to clear weeds etc from around the base of the church and tidy other areas,

on THURSDAY 16th JULY from 9.30am 'til noon.

We would really appreciate any help that morning for as long as you can spare. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own tools.

Ros 01638 507240



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)

ALL WELCOME

**BURROUGH GREEN FETE,
30TH ANNIVERSARY
THANK YOU**

We are delighted to announce that the fete has made £5,750.

25% will be donated to Burrough Green CofE Primary Academy for their mini bus fund.

The rest goes to the fabric of the church, specifically to maintain this beautiful ancient building.

Thank you to all those who helped with planning, setting up, running stalls and tidying away following the event. Thanks also to all our sponsors and those who kindly donated and to all of you who came to support on the day.

As everyone knows, we were exceptionally lucky with the window of dry weather for which we are so grateful!

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. PLEASE SEAL THE BOXES.

Any questions please email
denishebrebeniak@yahoo.com

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Now the nicer weather is upon us come and check out our fabulous beer gardens. Out the back is just as pretty as the front but with more seclusion. We have a great selection of beers, wines, and ales. We've started some summer specials with a great selection of light bites, as sometimes it's just too hot to eatcheck the board to see what's on for the day.

We would like you to come and meet some of our new staff and welcome them on board please feel free to do so, it would be lovely to see you all.



Speed quizzing is on the first Wednesday of every month, come and have a go it's a great night. The next one is 1st July. Maybe see you there!

Thanks for the support you've all given us over the last 3 years and with your continued support we hope to have many more ahead of us.

Please check out our Facebook page and web page of up and coming events

Danny, Tina and all our staff
01638 476424

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.

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

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LEONARDO DICAPRIO
THE AVIATOR
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Billionaire and aviation tycoon [Howard Hughes](#) (Leonardo di Caprio) is a successful public figure: a director of big-budget Hollywood movies such as "Hell's Angels (1930)", a passionate lover of Hollywood's leading ladies [Katharine Hepburn](#) (Cate Blanchett) and [Ava Gardner](#) (Kate Beckinsale) and an aviation pioneer who helps build TWA into a major airline. In private, Hughes remains tormented, suffering from paralyzing phobias and depression. The higher he rises, the farther he has to fall.
Multi-Award Winning Film

Sat. July 4th
Doors open 7pm

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

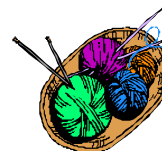
Dave's bar will be open for pre-show drinks and nibbles as normal.

Join the Picture House with annual membership of just £12 or come as a guest member at £3/film show

KNIT & NATTER

Every Monday from 1:30 to 3.30pm

In the Community Room at Sheriff's Court Burrough Green. All knitters or potential knitters are welcome.



Bring your own knitting or we can teach you to make squares for the local neonatal unit or knit for other charities. We have odd bits of wool, patterns and needles etc. There will be a small charge for refreshments.

Any donations of wool would be greatly appreciated.

ALL WELCOME

DULLINGHAM COMMUNITY LUNCH

Every first Tuesday of the month, 12 -2pm, at the Taylor Hall, Dullingham.

This is a free lunch, although we do ask for a donation. So come along and meet your neighbours. If you have any allergies or if you want any further information, or would like to volunteer, contact me on 01638 507736 - Ann Johnson

KSCA JULY NEWSLETTER UPDATE

A significant development

At the eleventh hour, Kingsway Solar wrote to the Planning Inspectorate to state that it was withdrawing its application. The Planning Inspectorate's decision on whether to accept the application for examination was due the following day.

At the time of writing, it is not yet clear whether the project has been withdrawn permanently or whether Kingsway intends to revise and resubmit its application at a later date. Information currently published on the Kingsway website suggests that resubmission may still be under consideration.

We view this as a positive development and, for now, KSCA will be taking a pause while we seek further information and assess the situation. We sincerely hope that this marks the end of the Kingsway Solar proposal and that our work is complete. However, should there be further developments requiring community support, we will be sure to keep everyone informed.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the campaign over the past months. From attending meetings and submitting feedback to volunteering, fundraising and spreading the word, your efforts have made a real difference.

We believe that the campaign has helped shine a light on a number of significant concerns and deficiencies within the Kingsway Solar proposal, and we hope that this scrutiny has contributed to the decision to withdraw the application.

For now, we encourage residents to watch this space for future updates. With any luck, there may also be time for a well-earned break for the KSCA team and all those who have supported the campaign.

BRINKLEY RED LION

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



www.redlionbrinkley.com info@redlionbrinkley.com
redlion_brinkley

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MARSH MAIL News from Linton Village College

LVC has just completed another successful Enrichment Week, a valued part of the school calendar that develops caring and independent learners. While students in Years 7 and 8 enjoy a range of activities and local trips, Year 10 go on work experience, and Year 9 students have the opportunity to travel further afield on residential. For all students, Enrichment Week is an unforgettable highlight,

offering a diverse range of opportunities to broaden horizons and support personal development.

This year students travelled far and wide, from the rugged landscapes of Cornwall to the cultural richness of southern Italy, the dramatic scenery of Iceland and the outdoor adventure of Scotland. Each trip offered a unique blend of learning and challenge beyond the classroom.

In Cornwall, students explored the Eden Project, Tintagel Castle and the Minack Theatre, alongside wildlife encounters and coastal discovery.

Meanwhile, those visiting Scotland embraced outward-bound activities including abseiling, bushcraft and water sports, building resilience and teamwork.



The Iceland trip provided a striking contrast, immersing students in geothermal landscapes, waterfalls and glaciers, while deepening their understanding of geography. In Italy, students experienced history and culture first hand, visiting

Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast and Naples, alongside a memorable pizza making experience. Across all destinations, students developed independence, confidence and connections beyond the classroom. For many, the week will have been truly life changing.



The success of Enrichment Week reflects the tremendous planning, organisation and dedication of staff, whose energy ensured safe and enriching experiences for all. Their commitment is greatly appreciated by students and families alike.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ELLESMERE ARTS presents a Murder Mystery on Saturday, 7th November 2026.

Full details in September newsletter

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

The big event this month is the **34th Annual Flower and Craft Show** which takes place on **Sunday 5th July**. Not much time left to get your entries in - the closing date is **5 pm on Thursday 2 July**. Even if you haven't had the chance to enter, please do come along to admire the entries and enjoy a lovely afternoon out. There will be so much to do from noon onwards - live music and various entertainments on the field to go with the craft and produce show in the hall. And don't forget the Fun Dog Show on the field from 1.30 pm - book in on the day!

Then on Wednesday 15th July we have a visit to Bustlers Cottage, Duxford owned by Jenny Marks, Cambridgeshire County Organiser of the National Gardens Scheme. This is a traditional cottage garden with some formal features extending over an acre, with herbaceous borders, old roses, perennial wildflowers, a vegetable garden and many trees, including several old fruit trees, as well as more recently planted specimens.

We have a time of 7pm confirmed with a charge of £10 pp for tea and cake and this includes a tour by the head gardener Mr Marks. Dogs are also welcome. To give them an idea of numbers please book by contacting Pat on 07810 430804.

On Wednesday 12th August Ruth and John Dennis are kindly hosting our annual BBQ at their home Chestnut Cottage in Upend. This will take the usual format of everyone bringing their own main course to cook and a salad or pudding to share. Members will be getting an email with full details nearer the time.

Enjoy your gardens everyone - and make the most of whatever the weather throws at us, rain or shine!

For any general queries about the Garden Club call Sandie on 07903 584676.

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### DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

**8pm**

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham  
CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a Demonstration  
by **Crystal Dyball**

Entitled '**A Hat Occasion**'

**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**

**Next meeting \*\*\*No Meeting in August\*\*\***

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026 - Demonstration by Rachel Boren

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NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

SUMMER SHOW

Sunday 5th July

12pm

*Live music from Around Midnite, Footplant &
Kettlefields School Choir*

BAR & BBQ

Classic Car Show

Irish Dancing Performance

Craft & Produce show

Side Stalls

Dog Show

Face Painting

Pimms Tent

Tea Tent

PLUS MUCH MORE!

OUTDOOR LIVE MUSIC EVENT

With

Jonno's Three Piece Blues Quartet

Saturday 11th July

4-8pm

Tickets £8

Bar & BBQ

Please come along and support our events. If you have any items that we could use for a raffle prize we would be extremely grateful. Donations can be dropped into the office. Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Pudding Club - September 26th

Christmas Market Sunday 15th November

More details to follow in the coming months

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Web Site www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Alternatively call us on 01638 508212

REPORT FROM CHARLOTTE CANE MP

Fighting for better NHS dentistry in Ely and East Cambridgeshire

Access to NHS dentistry has become one of the biggest issues raised with me by local residents. Too many people are unable to find an NHS dentist, parents are struggling to get appointments for their children, and many are being left with no option but to wait until problems become urgent.

The figures locally are deeply worrying. In Cambridgeshire, only 40% of adults have seen an NHS dentist in the past two years, down from 45% in 2019. For children, the situation is just as concerning: only 54% have seen an NHS dentist in the last year, down from 60% in 2019 and now below the national average. The consequences are already visible. In East Cambridgeshire, one in eight children have tooth

decay by the age of five. This is a completely preventable condition, and it should be unacceptable to us all.

That is why I have continued to raise this issue directly in Parliament, including in my recent speech on 15 June. I told the Government that Ely and East Cambridgeshire has become an NHS dental desert, with too few appointments, too many vacancies, and patients unable to get the care they need. In Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, almost one in four NHS general dentist posts are vacant.

I also raised the case of local dentists who have told me they are willing and able to take on more NHS patients, but cannot get the funding needed to do so. That makes no sense when so many residents are desperate for an appointment.

This speech in Parliament is one of a number of actions I have taken to press the Government to deal with the crisis. I have been calling for urgent action to fix the broken NHS dental contract, which is driving dentists away from NHS work, and for a proper workforce plan so we can train, recruit and retain the dentists our communities need. Prevention must also be at the heart of reform, especially for children, with better access to check-ups and early support before dental problems become serious.

I will continue to press Ministers for a clear timetable for reform, proper funding for local NHS dental appointments, and a serious plan to end the dental desert facing our area. If you have struggled to access NHS dentistry, please do get in touch. The more real experiences I can share, the stronger the case I can make to Ministers on behalf of local residents.

If there's ever anything I can help you with, please do get in touch

charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk

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## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Village and Church fete season is in full swing. I've been getting around as much as possible and it has been great to see so much positive community spirit. These sorts of events are so important.

I'm also looking forward to seeing my nephew and his girlfriend at the Bottisham Village College prom. This is such a big event for those young people that have been working so hard for their GCSEs with their families being so proud of them.

### **Quality of Life Survey**

The County Council has launched this year's annual survey, inviting you to share your views on life in Cambridgeshire and the issues that matter most to you and your communities.

Alongside the random sample, all residents are encouraged to take part in the survey which will remain open until 5 August 2026. Responses will then be

analysed and shared with councillors and the public in the autumn.

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey)

## **HIGHWAYS**

Road and footway surface treatments continue to be laid across the area. We have had some delays due to the heavy rain, but I understand the contractors are doing their best to get everything completed as soon as possible.

I have received an update on the more robust surface due to be laid from the King's Head to Eagle Lane in Dullingham. We hope it will be laid, late September. In the meantime, I'm canvassing officers to bring forward patching on the lane nearest the tree line which has continued to deteriorate and hope we see improvements there soon.

Last month I encouraged residents to help by logging poor conditions on our footways. In some areas this has been noticed and where it needs to, work is being ordered to resolve the issues being reported. I believe there are a lot more footways to capture, so let's go at this for another month before we move onto other priorities.

Take a few photos on your mobile phone as you walk around the village

Note the exact location (e.g. using what3words)

Report it at:

<https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/en-gb>

## **FOREST CITY**

Charlotte has been doing some excellent work standing up for our communities on the threat of Forest City. After communication with ministers, it is currently clear the only avenue the group have is through local planning procedures. They have still not engaged with any of our local authorities and are unlikely to be received positively when and if they do. The group are still using their media links to try to disrupt, but please do not be concerned by this. If matters change, we will let you know and we will be ready.

### **KINGSWAY - See the latest news from KSCA**

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

Since the last report we have had only a Full Council meeting.

Cllr Pettit was re-elected as Chair, and Cllr Horgan as Vice-Chair.

The most significant change has been the defection of one member of the Lib Dems to the Conservatives, so the two groups are now thirteen and fifteen members. No longer are decisions made on the casting vote of the Chair, but on simple majority on all Committees.

The Administration put up a motion, *Future of the A10*, on dualling the A10 throughout its length between Ely

and the A14; although it would make a difference it was impractical and very unlikely since the Combined Authority would have to provide 15% of the cost, and the Lib Dems argued that the real bottleneck was the junction of the A10 with the A14 which should be the priority and a more realistic solution that could be achieved quicker than a full dualling. One of our two motions was on *High Street Bank Closures and Financial Inclusion in East Cambs* that was reduced to meaningless platitudes by an amendment; the other, proposed by Cllr Cane MP on *Fair access to employment for care-experienced and disabled applicants*, was rejected with some Tories citing arguments that clearly demonstrated that they had not fully appreciated what was in the motion; its total rejection was a surprise, and in anticipation of the rejection, Charlotte asked for a recorded vote. The debate can be viewed on YouTube.

There is no surgery scheduled for July, but you can contact us by email or telephone.

Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP

(charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk) 07976 607512 and

John Trapp (john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk) 07942 685599

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#### **Wood Ditton Ward**

This month there are just updates on ongoing news and issues.

#### **Waste Services**

As I write this, we are three weeks into the new waste collection service. Without being complacent, the new service has gone as well as we could have hoped. We had a breakdown with one of the new food caddy collection vehicles on the first day, which meant that some villages were a day late for collection of the food caddies. The take up of using the food caddies has been more than 90%, which is better than expected.

That first week meant that our crews needed strong stomachs, because some residents had started using the caddies from when they were received, rather than using them from the last week in May. However, that is a one-off, as the caddies are on weekly collection.

A thank you to all residents, but if there are any issues or queries, please contact the waste team on 01638 665555 or send me a message.

#### **Highways**

If you believe there is a pothole or road defect that requires work, please contact me and I will raise this with highways.

#### **Council Reorganisation**

Still awaiting the decision from Government.

#### **The Ellesmere Centre Post Office**

The likely outcome for the Post Office is one of a community Post Office. The work on achieving this continues, and as I mentioned last month, this requires a considerable amount of work for the working group

of trustees of the Centre. Trustees are working on how we can strengthen the governance of the trustees going forward, as we enter into a commercial arrangement for running the Post Office. This will involve significant legal expenses, which the Trustees are searching for funding avenues to offset some of these costs.

#### **Forest City**

No new update on this.

#### **Kingsway Solar**

The application for proposed solar farm that would have covered 3,700 acres around Weston Colville and West Wrattling has been withdrawn. However, I do not believe that this has gone away.

The applicants have not provided information required by East Cambridgeshire District Council and as I explained on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire twice over the last three weeks, we need to be vigilant for residents in respect of the proposal that borders on our district with a 10-kilometre length of overhead pylons across farmland and studland. I will update accordingly in the coming months.

Please contact me if there is any issue concerning you. I have not done surgeries previously, because I am able to visit residents or meet them, wherever is suitable for them, rather than making residents come to me. I am available to all.

Alan Sharp

East Cambridgeshire District Councillor - Woodditton Ward

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Telephone: 07794 292941

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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

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# RIDE + STRIDE for Churches

**RIDE AND STRIDE**  
**12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026**



We hope you will be willing to take part in this year's Ride & Stride and help Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (CHCT) support churches of all denominations in the county with their repair and improvement costs. Half the money you raise will go towards your nominated church.

There are numerous ways you can do this:

- Bike, walk or ride around the beautiful Cambridgeshire countryside, stopping off at as many churches and chapels as you can along the way. Be imaginative in your mode of transport.

- Be a 'church welcomer'.

Create your own event such as a 'Hymnalong' or 'Readathon' or something quite new and seek sponsorship through it. We have now drafted a sponsor form option for this.

- Be a virtual visitor - if you aren't able to physically visit churches, try using the National Churches Trust's explorer website to visit some virtually <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/church/find-a-church>

- You could set yourself a challenge, for instance, 10 minutes to visit as many different dedications (church names) as possible.

- Finally, and most important of all, be sponsored for your visits or for your time spent volunteering or simply make a donation to the CHCT. Remember that you can split the funds you raise 50/50 with CHCT and a church of your choice, or donate all you raise to CHCT.

All the information and paperwork you need will be available to download from our website. <https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/>.

## **VILLAGE WEBSITES**

They contain information on the facilities of each village and back issues of Village Voice newsletter

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

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

[www.brinkleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.brinkleyparishcouncil.gov.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.

## **HAVE YOUR SAY ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOCAL BUS SERVICES**

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is inviting residents to share their views on proposed changes to local bus services across the region.

The proposals aim to make bus services more reliable, better connected and better value for money. Depending on where you live, this could include changes to routes, new connections and improvements to existing services.

The proposals cover the following services in your area:

- 13B: Castle Camps - Linton
- 16A: Cambridge to Great Thurlow
- 19: Burrough Green to Haverhill
- 18: Newmarket Park and Ride - The Wilbrahams - Newmarket
- 47: Brinkley - Newmarket
- 203: Isleham to Newmarket
- 204: Isleham to Newmarket
- 900's Newmarket circulars

No decisions have been made, and your feedback will help inform any future changes.

Residents can review the proposals for their area and complete a short survey online.

The engagement is open until **5pm on Tuesday 28 July**.

Find out more and take part:

<https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-network-review-engagement/>



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ARTICLES FOR AUGUST VILLAGE VOICE

To

villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

before 21st July 2026 please

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## SERVICES FOR JULY

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July                      5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 am Communion                      Brinkley  
10.30 am Family service                      Burrough Green  
*Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58 - end    Romans 7: 15 - 25a*  
*Matthew 11: 16 - 19, 25 - end*

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July                      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 am Communion                      Stetchworth  
10.30 am Morning Prayer                      Dullingham  
*Genesis 25: 19 - end    Romans 8:1 - 11*  
*Matthew 13: 1 - 9,18 - 23*

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July                      7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 am Communion                      Burrough Green  
10.30 am Morning Prayer                      Brinkley  
*Genesis 28: 10 - 19a    Romans 8: 12 - 25*  
*Matthew 13: 24 - 30*

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July                      8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.30 am Communion                      Dullingham  
6.00 pm Evensong                      Stetchworth  
*Genesis 29:15 - 28    Romans 8: 26 - end*  
*Matthew 13: 31 - 33, 44 - 52.*

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### **Rector's Letter**

Are you gripped by football fever this month? Many are, and I know the World Cup brings great enjoyment (mostly!) to many this summer, but I have to confess that I am not one of them! Instead, my sporting highlight comes when the strawberries are ready and the distinctive sound of ball on racket is heard in South West London - as I write, Wimbledon is approaching. For some, especially here in Dullingham and around the villages it is the sound of leather on willow, as the cricket season is in full swing, quite literally! Whatever your sporting joy, whether to participate or watch or simply to be aware of as a marker of the season, there can be little doubt that supporting others in their endeavours brings a real sense of community and togetherness. We can all understand the feeling of wanting someone to succeed, whether individually or as part of a team, and we can all empathise with the keen sense of disappointment when it doesn't go the way we hoped. Pope Francis said that sport is a great metaphor for life, with its ups and downs, wins and losses, joys and despair. He also likened it to following the Christian faith, as both endeavours require a degree of discipline and motivation, whether to excel at one's chosen sport or to follow Christ. But what has struck me about this summer of sport is that no matter what the outcome, in sport as in life, it is how we deal with the losses and disappointment that can define us. For Christians, we lean on the love and grace of God,

through His Son Jesus Christ, to hold and sustain us. When our lives seem to be falling apart, or when we suffer a loss or a blow which seems to be unbearable, that is when we most need to hold fast to our call to faith. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'when you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you'. So whatever the summer holds for you, may your hopes remain high, and your sense of community and togetherness with those around you nourish and sustain you, in this season and always.

*With my prayers and blessings*

*Reverend Virginia*

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### **RECTOR**

*Reverend Virginia Moggridge*

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### **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, [lizgibson@me.com](mailto:lizgibson@me.com)

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