

VILLAGE VOICE

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

JUNE 2026

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAYS 8th & 22nd June 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.

ALL WELCOME

Any Queries: Caroline Egar - 01638 507418
07976 250961

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS :
Black bin - 10th & 24th June 2026.
Green and Blue - 3rd & 17th June

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -
MONDAYS

REMEMBER TO START USING YOUR NEW BIN
REGIME STRAIGHT AFTER THE COLLECTION OF
BLACK SACKS AND GREEN BINS ON TUESDAY
26th MAY.

FROM MONDAY 1ST JUNE FOLLOW THE NEW
RULES.

MONDAYS

Grey Food Caddy - Every Monday

Black bin - 8th & 22nd June

Green Lid - 8th & 22nd June

Blue Lid - 1st, 15th, 29th June

REMEMBER -

GREY CADDY - Food waste only - no liquids or oils.

GREEN - Garden waste only - no food.

BLUE - All dry recyclables- no batteries, textiles or
crisp packets,

Westley Waterless Open Gardens



Sunday 21st June | 12 - 5pm

- ✿ Church Lane House
- ✿ Church View
- ✿ 41 Main Street



Flower farm | Plant sale | Tea & cakes



BURROUGH GREEN GARDEN FETE

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026

BBQ and Beer Tent open from 1 pm

Fete opening at 2 pm
by Rev Virginia Moggridge

Homemade Teas, Plants & Bric a Brac
Silent Auction, Tombola, Raffle
and Sideshows galore

Fun for all the Family
In a beautiful garden setting

Please scan QR code for details of updates
including items for the Silent Auction,
children's free Colouring Competition,
Stalls and other information.

If you have any enquiries or can offer any support,
please contact Lucy Talbot 07910 158463 or
email peterandlucy@btinternet.com



BG COLOUR RUN

LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS!

Come and take part in the BG Colour Run around
the beautiful village green and enjoy a fun, family-
friendly run filled with laughter, music and clouds of
colour. Coffee, BBQ and ice creams too!

Saturday 27th June

Scan the QR code below to launch the event website!

Ticket sales close 1st June, but if you miss the deadline and
want take part please contact Jess on 07821055426.



HELP NEEDED PLEASE!



Burrough Green Fete

Sunday 7th June



We are looking for donations of
homemade cakes, plants, bric a brac
and bottles for the tombola.

We need help to run some side shows
eg. Ping pong ball game, Striking golf
balls into tyres, Shearing Dolly the
sheep, Milking Daisy the cow and
many more.

We provide the prizes, we just need
your time on the day.

Please contact Lucy 07910 158463 if
you can help or for more information.

Thank you!



NOW OPEN!

COSY COTTAGE AT THE READING ROOM

Hello Neighbours,

We're excited to introduce ourselves as the new local
coffee shop in the heart of Burrough Green.

Our aim is simple: great coffee, fresh homemade food,
and a warm, welcoming place for everyone to enjoy —
whether you're catching up with friends, stopping by
after the school run, meeting for a walk, or treating
yourself to a quiet coffee and cake.

We'll be serving:

Freshly brewed barista coffee (hot and iced!)

Teas, hot chocolate, and cold drinks

Homemade cakes and bakes

Brunch - both hot and cold options

Takeaway available

We're proud to be a local, independent business and
can't wait to become part of the community.

**At The Reading Room, Burrough Green,
CB8 9NH**

**Opening Hours: Friday, Saturday and Sunday
08.30 - 14.00**

Please come and say hello — we'd love to meet you.
Holly and The Cosy Cottage Team

FREE OIL TANK

1350 litre Harlequin bunded oil tank free if you can
take it away from Brinkley. There is about 100 litres
of oil left in it. Call Julian on 07528 792468

POSTIE CAROL

I would like to say how overwhelmed and humbled I
have been with the outpouring of love and well wishes
from so many of my customers, since letting them
know I would be retiring at the end of March.

Having completed 22-years service with Royal Mail,
nearly 20 of these were delivering to the wonderful
residents of Westley Waterless, Burrough End,
Brinkley and Carlton. I have made so many friends
including those with four legs. Enough happy memories
to last a lifetime.

The huge number of cards and gifts I received in my
final few days, along with those which I was presented
with yesterday morning at the Village Hall, quite simply
blew me away. Knowing that so many people
appreciated the service I provided, really means
something to me.

Please would you share my love and appreciation to
everybody, in the next newsletter.

Sincere best wishes

Carol (Purdy) x

MULINO CAMBRIDGE KITCHEN

Hello from Chiara and Sasha!

We're so happy to welcome you to our open-bakery in
the beautiful village of Burrough Green.

Every Saturday from 9:30am until 2:30pm,

you'll find us, Mulino Cambridge Kitchen,

at The Running Horse site, CB8 9NE,

**Baking fresh and preparing everything by hand for
our local community.**

Our bakery was created from a shared love of good
food, traditional baking, and bringing people together.
Everything we sell is made right here on site using
care, quality ingredients, and plenty of passion. From
our artisanal breads and freshly baked buns to
homemade cakes and sweet treats, we put our heart
into every loaf and bake.

Alongside our bakery goods, we also offer local honey,
handmade jams, fresh local eggs, and freshly brewed
coffee.

Although we don't have indoor seating, during the
summer months you're very welcome to enjoy our
outdoor space, sit in the sunshine, and take a little
time to slow down with a coffee and something
delicious.

For us, this bakery is more than just a business, it's
something personal. We love being part of the local
community and meeting both familiar and new faces
each weekend. Whether you're popping in for your
weekly bread, picking up cakes for the family, or
simply stopping by for a chat, we're always delighted
to see you.

We can't wait to welcome you to our bakery.

See you on Saturday!

Chiara & Sasha

Mulino Cambridge Kitchen

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.

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

We hope everyone enjoyed the busy plant sale, which was great fun and raised valuable funds for the club, helping to pay for hall hire and speakers. These indoor sessions will start up again in September, but for the next few months we take advantage of the lovely long days, with hopefully decent weather for visits.

On **Wednesday 10th June** we have a visit to **Columbine Hall Gardens at Stowupland**. The gardens of Columbine Hall have been extensively featured in *The English Garden*, *Country Life* and *Gardens Illustrated*. They have also been awarded a star by the *Good Gardens Guide*. The beautiful 14th century moated manor has been lovingly restored over the past 30-plus years.

Meet at the Ellesmere Centre at 6pm to share lifts. Entry will be £12 which includes tea/coffee and a guided tour by Kate Elliott, head gardener, who turned the mud and a moat into a five-acre garden surrounding the hall. Please book with Pat on 07810 430804.

Unfortunately lack of numbers has meant the planned coach trip to Gardeners World at the NEC has been cancelled.

But looking ahead, the 34th Annual Flower and Craft Show takes place on Sunday 5th July. Make sure you have your schedules and get ready for action - remember the Show is open to members and non-members alike, and we'd love to have a good turnout. Schedules are available at the Ellesmere Centre, and more details next month.

Later, 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 and a vegetable garden. Also many trees, including several old fruit trees, as well as more recently planted specimens. More details about timings and booking next month.

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

KSCA JUNE NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Kingsway Solar: How much do you know?

Thank you to everyone who visited the KSCA stand at the Balsham Red Balloon Sale on 17 May and took part in our "Did You Know?" quiz. It was a pleasure to speak with so many local residents about the proposed Kingsway Solar Farm and what it could mean for our local communities.

If you missed us, our "Did You Know?" series will continue over the coming weeks on Facebook,

Instagram and the members' WhatsApp

group. We'll be sharing key facts, updates and myth-



busting information about the proposal. To stay informed, you can request email updates here: tinyurl.com/KSCAemails, or become a member here: <https://kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-join-us/>

What happens now?

Last month we reported that Kingsway was expected to submit its planning application to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) by the end of April. This did not happen.

Following direct contact with Kingsway, we understand submission is now expected in the first half of 2026 — possibly as late as June — although no confirmed date has been provided.

Once submitted, PINS has up to 28 days to decide whether to accept the application for examination. This is an important milestone, but it does *not* mean the project has been approved. It simply marks the start of the formal national planning process and the first opportunity for residents, parish councils and community groups to put their views directly to decision-makers.

There will then be a 30-day window to register as an Interested Party and submit comments, known as Relevant Representations. KSCA will provide clear guidance, workshops and templates to help make this as straightforward as possible when the time comes.

In the meantime, residents can register with the Planning Inspectorate to receive direct updates as soon as the application is submitted:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/ENO10165>

Our legal work continues — we need your support

KSCA continues to work with the Parish Council Alliance to appoint legal advisers and independent experts in key technical areas including hydrology, battery energy storage and landscape and visual

impact. This expert evidence will be essential as the process moves forward and will help ensure local concerns are properly and rigorously represented. If you are able to support this work, please consider contributing here:

<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/kingswaysolarcommunitylegalaction/>

Volunteers make a real difference

We are also looking for volunteers to help with leafleting, social media and upcoming community events and information sessions. If you can spare a few hours, please contact: hello@kingswayaction.org Together, we can make sure our community is informed, prepared and heard.

BOOK AND JIGSAW EXCHANGE - BRINKLEY



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

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

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

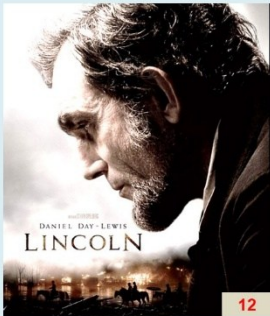
Complete jigsaws only please.

Any questions please email denisehrebniak@yahoo.com



BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE



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Lincoln (Daniel Day-Lewis) recounts President Abraham Lincoln's efforts, during January 1865, to obtain passage for the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution in the United States House of Representatives, which would formally abolish slavery in the country.

Expecting the Civil War to end within a month but concerned that his 1863 Emancipation Proclamation may be discarded by the courts once the war has concluded and the 13th Amendment defeated by the returning slave states, Lincoln feels it is imperative to pass the amendment by the end of January.

Sat. June 6th
Doors open 7pm

The film for June 2026 is the highly acclaimed award winning Spielberg film LINCOLN (12) starring Daniel Day-Lewis in an OSCAR winning performance as the American president Abraham Lincoln in the last turbulent months of the American Civil War in 1863 striving to ensure the passage of his bill through Congress to abolish slavery - this is a film you will never forget!

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

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

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

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



Were having BBQ's during June .

Look out for our board on the green out the front for information .

Hope everyone is keeping safe in this crazy weather We've new wines in, come and try.

Speed quizzing here the first Wednesday on 3rd June.

Happy sunshine everyone.

From The Bull Burrough Green
Danny, Tina and all our staff

01638 476424

JOIN YOUR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH TEAM!

Can you spare just one hour a month? Our friendly Community Speed Watch group of local volunteers helps keep local roads safer by monitoring traffic speeds and raising awareness.

You'll receive full roadside training on how to use the device, and it's a great way to meet neighbours while helping make your community a safer place to live.

Interested? Please email Claire (Burrough Green & Burrough End, Community Speed Watch Coordinator) For further information contact pearlsie30@hotmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

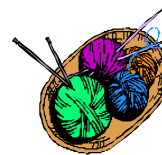
By kind permission of Teddy and Emma Grimthorpe

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

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. **ALL WELCOME**

Any donations of wool would be greatly appreciated.

MARSH MAIL - News From Linton Village College

At LVC, developing independence, one of our core school values, is central to preparing students for life beyond the classroom. Through leadership, mentoring and enrichment opportunities, we empower students to grow in confidence, take responsibility and thrive. Our highly successful Year 10 Sports Leaders programme enables students to take ownership of sporting events. Following a competitive application process and focused training, students plan and deliver sessions both in school and with local primary pupils. Their impact was evident at a recent tennis tournament for Year 3 and 4 pupils, where their professionalism and leadership were so highly regarded that they have been invited back to support future events.

Supporting younger students is at the heart of our 8M8s mentoring programme. Recently, our current Year 7 students were selected to become Year 8 mentors through an application and interview process. They play a vital role in supporting Year 6 pupils during the transition process this July, helping them feel settled and reassured. This support continues when students start in September. Many mentors draw on their own experiences, developing empathy, confidence and responsibility.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award further strengthens independence. Students build practical skills such as cooking and navigation, volunteer in the local community and take part in expeditions. A practice expedition around Saffron Walden this weekend will prepare them for their Peak District expedition later in the academic year.



Across all programmes, students are supported to lead, contribute and grow together, developing the independence and skills to shape their futures.

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 RED LION



Many of you have been in since the arrival of our new kitchen team, and I have heard some great feedback thank you. It is a real help to us with any feedback, and if you do have time to do a little review on google or anywhere following any positive experience at the pub, I am always grateful. Friday 22nd May saw our 2nd Birthday celebrated with a fun BBQ - It was a pleasure to see so many familiar faces, and great the weather supported us!

June will be another busy month, and we are pleased to be announcing that we will be doing a themed evening based on Pizza on either the 17th or 24th June. We will confirm on socials asap, so do keep your eyes peeled, or let me know if you aren't on socials and would like to know a date when it is fixed. Fingers crossed for another month of warm weather (Though some overnight rain wouldn't go down badly)!

Best

George

www.redlionbrinkley.com info@redlionbrinkley.com

01638 650 879 redlion_brinkley

A warm welcome to all in the bar or the restaurant

01638 650879

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## DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**8pm**

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a Demonstration

by

**Bernice Rhodes**

Entitled

**'Blooming Perfect'**

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

Demonstration by Crystal Dyball

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ARTICLES FOR JULY VILLAGE VOICE

To

villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

before 22nd JUNE 2026 please

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## NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

### SUMMER SHOW

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**12 noon onwards**

**Live music from Around Midnite, Footplant &**

**Kettlefields School Choir**

**BAR & BBQ**

**Irish Dancing Performance**

**Pony Rides**

**Classic Car Show**

**Craft & Produce show**

**Side Stalls**

**PLUS MUCH MORE!**

### SUMMER ACTIVITIES

As you may be aware, Prestige Sports will no longer be holding sports camps at the centre during the holidays. In light of this we are working hard to arrange some new and exciting activities for your children to attend including Junk Modelling, Bug Box making, Miniature Gardens, Soft Play, Roller Skating and Stay and Play. These will be approx. 2 hour fun sessions

What this Space for More details

### DIGITAL CHAMPION

Does the online world feel scary to you? Would you like to be able to access essential services but not sure where to start?

We now have a Digital champion at the centre who can help you with getting the confidence to engage with the online World.

We can offer direct support working one-on-one or in small group training sessions.

We can give you the confidence to access services such as on line banking, health care apps, contacting family members or help with online shopping. Please Speak to the office if you would like some help.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Summer Show - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 12 noon**

**Outdoor Live Music Event - 11<sup>th</sup> July 4-8pm**

**Pudding Club - September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Market Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

More details to follow in the coming months

Email: [office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk](mailto:office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk)

Web Site [www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk](http://www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk)

Alternatively call us on 01638 508212

## **REPORT FROM CHARLOTTE CANE MP**

On 29 April, Parliament was prorogued, bringing the first parliamentary session since the 2024 General Election to a close. As we begin the new session, the King's Speech has set out the Government's priorities for the year ahead.

Among the measures announced were plans my Lib Dem colleagues and I have been pushing for: to break the link between gas and electricity prices to bring prices down; to invest in homegrown renewable energy; to tackle sewage pollution and water company failures; and to end unfair residential leaseholds for new properties. While these steps are welcome, we urgently need to see more ambition and action from the Government, particularly on protecting consumers, cleaning up our waterways, and extending leasehold reform to existing homeowners.

There were also several areas I was disappointed not to see included in the King's Speech. In particular, I believe we urgently need action to address the social care crisis, and a Good Food Bill to strengthen food security and back British farmers.

As the new parliamentary session begins, I am continuing to press for the improvements our area urgently needs: fairer funding for Cambridgeshire's SEND provision, rural policing and highways (especially those affected by peat soil as we see here in our region), and long-overdue investment in Ely Junction which would drive national growth.

In the last session of Parliament, I opposed a number of Government decisions which I believe risk harming vulnerable people and local services, including reductions to winter fuel support, pressures on disability assistance, and tax and National Insurance changes affecting GPs, hospices and family farms.

The concerns residents raise with me are often deeply personal: families struggling to secure support for children with special educational needs, older people unable to access care, tenants facing unacceptable housing conditions, and ongoing delays within the Home Office immigration system.

My Liberal Democrat colleagues in Parliament and I will continue holding the Government to account and pushing for action on the issues that matter most to people: tackling the cost-of-living crisis, protecting nature, rebuilding our NHS, and ensuring rural communities receive the attention and investment they deserve.

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

via [charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk) or +44 20 7362 1601. I am always happy to assist wherever we can.

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COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

I've been attending Annual Parish Meetings across the Woodditton division over the past month, supporting my 12 amazing and hardworking parish councils as they engage their local communities in what we have all been doing over the past year.

This has been my first full year representing you, and while demanding, it has been both rewarding and a privilege. I have now settled into balancing my (now part-time) day job with my local responsibilities. Thank you to everyone who has engaged with me this year. I look forward to meeting and supporting more of you in the year ahead.

HIGHWAYS

Over the past month, we've begun to see surface treatments and local road improvements, with some completed and others in preparation. The same work is starting on some footways. This marks the beginning of a year-on-year improvement to our highways, but it won't happen overnight. With a historic budget backlog, work must be carefully managed and prioritised across Cambridgeshire. As a result, some roads will still need reactive pothole repairs for a few years to come, although we are moving towards a more preventative approach.

Brinkley Road in Dullingham (from the King's Head to Eagle) was not included in the April/May schedule. However, this is positive: campaign efforts from myself and residents led to the council agreeing the original surface would not last, so a more durable treatment is now planned for later this year.

Work will take place in two stages, starting with preparation. I will share dates as they become clearer and am pushing to bring the first stage forward given current conditions.

Over the coming months, I'd like us to focus locally on two areas: - Footways : Signs and lines

Many of you already support our highways teams by reporting potholes, which is vital—please don't assume someone else will report an issue you've noticed.

Across our area, I've been pressing the council to improve more footways. Last year, this was difficult due to low reporting levels, despite known issues. The council has also been too slow to respond to footway repairs, and I will continue to hold them to account. Recently, two older residents were hospitalised in separate incidents, which must not happen again.

How you can help:

Over the next month, please report any unsafe footways—especially where tarmac has broken up or roots are pushing through. I'll provide an update next month before we shift focus to signs and lines. This is the best approach:

- Take a few photos on your mobile phone as you walk around the village
- Note the exact location (e.g. using what3words)
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Report it at:

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

FOREST CITY

I have deliberately avoided writing about Forest City, as the group behind the proposal is essentially a "think tank" seeking to disrupt national development thinking, regardless of the location, and giving it credibility is not in our local interests.

However, I recognise that many residents feel anxious, so please be reassured that we are monitoring developments closely. If the proposals become a genuine risk, we will challenge them robustly and keep you informed.

KINGSWAY

Kingsway were due to have submitted their full solar farm application but are currently delayed. When it is submitted, I will continue to represent the interests of the local community. There will be a 28-day period to respond to the application submission.

Cllr Jonny Edge, 07974 348141,

jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Bottisham Ward

There has been nothing noteworthy happening in the District.

Changes to Bin collection.

Delivery of the new bins is proceeding, and you should have received, or about to receive, two bins: one for general waste and the other for food waste.

Full information will be given with the arrival of the new bins. Information can also be sought from the Council web-site.

Waste food will now be collected every week in the food caddy, and not in the green bin.

Surgery

On Wednesday 24th June at the Memorial Hall, Brinkley, from 6.30pm - 7.30pm, and to be followed by socialising at The Red Lion Brinkley.

Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP

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

John Trapp (john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk) 0794 268 5599

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#### ***Woodditton Ward***

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

#### **Waste Services**

From 1<sup>st</sup> June, the way that waste is collected changes. Black Bins replace black bags and will be collected fortnightly. Food waste will be collected weekly in separate food caddies. You should have already started using the bins ready for collection in that first week of June.

### **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**

We still await 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. I will update each month with news of the progress.

### **Forest City**

This proposal that has been floated across social media of a new city of 400,000 houses between Newmarket and Haverhill continues to cause concern amongst some residents.

The two individuals behind the proposal have recently published an 85-page document, which has many illogical plans within it. I will continue to oppose this opportunistic proposal and will update residents with any news that I receive.

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 EC District Councillor - Woodditton Ward**

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

**Telephone: 07794 292941**

### **VILLAGE HALLS**

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

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

#### **Brinkley Memorial Hall**

Contact: Susie Shuter on 01638 508729 : 07836 656643

#### **Burrough Green Reading Room**

Please contact Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888

E mailing [bgreadingroom@yahoo.com](mailto:bgreadingroom@yahoo.com)

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

#### **Westley Waterless Village Hall**

For more information please go to

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

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SERVICES FOR JUNE - ALL WELCOME

Sunday 7th June 1st Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am Communion Brinkley

10.30 Family Service Burrough Green

Genesis 12: 1 - 9 Romans 4: 13 - end

Matthew 9: 9 - 13, 18 - 36

Sunday 14th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am Communion Stetchworth

10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham

Genesis 18: 1 - 15 Romans 5: 1 - 8

Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8

Sunday 21st June 3rd Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am Communion Burrough Green

10.30 Morning Prayer Brinkley

Genesis 12: 89 - 21 Romans 6: 1b - 11

Matthew 10: 24 - 39

Sunday 28th June 4th Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am Communion Dullingham

6.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth

Genesis 22: 1 - 14 Romans 6: 12 - end

Matthew 10: 40 - end

What a busy time of year! There is so much happening in the villages and round about, as we all emerge from the (somewhat cool) early Spring. Here in Dullingham I've been enjoying watching the swifts and swallows overhead, a wonderful sight, and hearing the cricketers playing across in the sports field. The recent plant sale in Stetchworth, together with the huge success of Open Gardens, were a reminder of the joys of nature, God's incredible world all around us, as we are so fortunate to live in this lovely area. Celebration in this season is mirrored in the church year too; as we come to the end of Eastertide we have celebrated the mystery and wonder of Christ's Ascension, and this week marks Pentecost, when God sent the Holy Spirit to enable those early Christians to share the amazing news of the Gospel. Although we don't 'speak in tongues' as the Bible puts it, we still share that good news with those around us, and it's always a great privilege to do so. The Holy Spirit was sent 2,000 years ago to enable people to connect, and that sense of connection is so vital in our world, more so today than ever as a failure to communicate well can have such dreadful consequences, globally, nationally and of course within our own lives.

As the days continue to lengthen, perhaps you might like to share time with others, keep connected, however that works best for you. Pick up the phone, call in to see someone, send a text or a WhatsApp - I keep in touch with my sister in Australia partly through WhatsApp voice notes, often done as I am walking round the garden! For Christians the coming of the Holy Spirit was and remains a vital part of our relationship with God, through His Son Jesus Christ.

I pray that you will find that same sense of connection and relationship in your lives, and that the glory of God and his creation will abound for you.

With my prayers and blessings

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

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

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