

VILLAGE VOICE

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

JUNE 2025

BURROUGH GREEN GARDEN FETE

Sunday 8th June 2025

BBQ & Beer Tent from 1 pm

Fete opening by

Charlotte Cane MP at 2 pm

Homemade Teas: Plants:

Bric a Brac :Silent Auction : Tombola
and Sideshows galore.

Jacque Jones, Artist attending.

Fun for all the Family in a beautiful garden setting



Please scan the QR code for details of prizes in the
silent auction which will continue to be added,
Childrens Free colouring competition
and other information.

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

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 9th & 23rd June 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



1ST. BRINKLEY GUIDES

FUN, FRIENDSHIP,
ADVENTURE, CHALLENGE, LIFE
SKILLS.



Some of the things we have enjoyed:- Water
activities, Narrow Boat Weekend, Pyjama Party,
Murder Mystery Weekend, Summer Activity Camp,
Climbing, Abseiling, Caving, High Ropes, Archery,
Bushcraft Skills, International opportunities

Open Aged 10-14

Meeting in Brinkley Memorial Hall on Tuesday
evenings

For information or to arrange a taster visit contact
Grace Bristow 01638 713967
grace.bristow@talktalk.net

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS:

Black bin - 11th & 25th June

Green & Blue Bins - 4th & 18th June

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -
MONDAYS

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 2nd, 16th, & 30th June.

Green Lid - 9th & 23rd June

BRIDGE

Do you play Bridge? Are you Interested in
Learning to Play Bridge?

Burrough Green has a small, very informal, and
friendly Bridge Group and would
be very pleased to welcome



more players

and novices. The Group meets on
Tuesday afternoon 14.30 - 16.30 at
Sheriff's Court in Burrough Green.

If you would like to come along and see if you like us,
please call Kathie on 07923 526555



MOBILE LIBRARY



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

BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4th THURSDAY of
each month between 1.10pm - 1.50pm.

They stock a great selection of books for all
ages, plus NHS hearing aid batteries. They
can even check and replace the ferrules on
walking sticks.



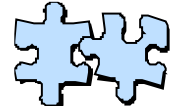
Make use of this wonderful resource.

BOOK AND JIGSAW EXCHANGE - BRINKLEY



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

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



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

Complete jigsaws only please.

Any questions please email
denisehrebieniak@yahoo.com

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

Date for your diary - Sunday July 6th

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

Our New Website

is now live

Please visit us at www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk

You can also follow us on Facebook for all the latest news and information.

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Alternatively call us on 01638 508212

KNIT & NATTER

Every Monday from 1:30 to 3.30pm

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

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

Any donations of wool would be greatly appreciated.

ALL WELCOME



BRINKLEY RED LION

Our opening times are

Monday - Saturday: 11:30 - 23:00

Sunday: 11:30 - 18:00

We are offering our snack menu all day, so do come and see us in the afternoons if you need a light meal or a glass of something with a little nibble to accompany!

Best

George

01638 659879

www.redlionbrinkley.com



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. £2 Tea & biscuits included.

ALL WELCOME

BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET CLUB

Burrough Green CC's fifth season since reforming got underway this May. We have seen a number of changes across the off season including the pitch being re-laid, which should significantly improve the playing surface. Additionally, we've invested in a new roll-on batting cage and, thanks to a very kind donation, we have been able to repair the astro-turf netting on the green. We will be running practice nets on the green every Wednesday evening at 6pm throughout the season, which you are all welcome to join.

We remain in the Junior 3 South League for this season, with 14 games across the season, lasting from May until the end of August.

On the field, we've had a mixed start to the season with convincing wins against Ickleton & Little Shelford, either side of a defeat away at Cambridge Old Monks. This leaves us sitting towards the top of our eight-team league.



Upcoming Matches:

31st May - Home v Thriplow II's

7th June - Away v Helions Bumpstead

21st June - Away v Audley Wendon

28th June - Home v Barley



Also, we would like to thank The Bull Pub for their ongoing support of the club.

As always, any new players, of any ability, would be more than welcome to join us. Please feel free to get in touch with either myself or any of the committee or, as mentioned above, simply join us on a Wednesday evening.

Ed Riddell

Burrough Green CC Secretary

BURROUGH GREEN PRIMARY ACADEMY



Hello everyone and I hope you are all well and rested after the Easter break and have been enjoying your May so far. Here are a few of the things that have gone on at Burrough Green Academy over the last few weeks.

Skipping Ninja

In late April, we welcomed the Skipping Ninja. From the light show at the beginning to the excellent sessions he ran with each class, the event was tremendous and just what everyone needed to blow away the Easter chocolate! There were many sore legs the following morning (teachers included). Skipping is such a great exercise and the children loved it; those that were awarded 'Ninja Headbands' wore them proudly. A great start to the term.



May Day

Our Mayday celebrations yesterday went really well. Thank you to all the parents and community members who came to see winter being chased away by the



Whiffler and enjoyed the Maypole dances. The weather was beautiful.

Under Starters Orders...

With the Guineas Festival happening in May horse racing is very much in the community. I'm sure many of our families and Burrough Green residents will be enjoying a day at the races this month.

Teresa Class went to Dalham Hall Stud, where they learnt about the breeding industry. I had never been before and the feeling you get being there is that you are in a 5 star resort. The place is beyond incredible. Dubawi, their main stallion, commands £350,000 for his services - a quick calculation with children showed us that he 'earns' the stud just under half a billion pounds a year (using the average selling price of one of his yearlings of just over a million pounds - he sired 488 foals during the last recorded year). A lucrative business indeed!

So many people in the Newmarket area work in the horse racing industry and there are so many opportunities and different job roles to consider - this 'taster' will hopefully inspire one or two of our children. Dreams and ambitions are easily formulated, but without exposure to these opportunities they can remain dormant. As I've said before, a child's Cultural Capital is so, so important.

The children loved seeing the foals (only a few days old) and the stallions parading for us. Once in the room we were given, all children enjoyed a VR headset experience of being a jockey and a 30-40 second stint on the 'Equisiser' - coached by our host and former jump jockey Ollie McPhail. A wonderful day out.

Governors Meeting 29-04-25

Governors would like the following points from the Full Governor Board Meeting on 29th April to be noted :

- Governors would like to praise all concerned for the very strong and positive safeguarding audit.
- Governors would like to share the excellent progress being made by all cohorts in all subjects
- Governors would like to thank all concerned for the Easter performance at Burrough Green church
- Governors would like to thank the PTA for an excellent Bingo and fish and chip night
- Governors would like to share the news that a recent Pupil Premium Review went very well and the process was both supportive and positive. They noted that the action points raised have already been actioned.

Tennis and Ducks

I was not anticipating putting those 2 words together in a title!

10 of our Year 3 and 4 children went to Linton Village College to take part in a tennis festival. It was a non-competitive event and the children played 7 games that developed their tennis abilities. Some of the

games worked on stance, stroke making and hitting the ball. They had an amazing time and Mrs Brusell and I were very proud of them all.

The ducks. As I type we have 3 hatched ducklings with 2 to go. I'm sure some of you are following this event. The children are beyond excited and are loving seeing them. Such a wonderful experience for them. *Update - all ducks were hatched and although one didn't make it, the other 4 have been rehomed and enjoying their lives.*

That's all from me. Have a great June
David Sandford, Headteacher

MARSH MAIL - News from Linton Village College

In celebration of World Book Day on 6th March this year, Heads of English from Anglian Learning Trust schools launched a competition designed to promote reading for pleasure. As part of the Trust, Linton Village College students were invited to submit a creative entry based on a piece of literature that they had read and enjoyed.

LVC's English department was inundated with beautiful paintings, creative collages, extended writing and animations. We were delighted by the quality and originality of the submissions received and it was difficult to whittle the entries down to a final six.

After some deliberation, we selected winners from year 7, 8 and 9 and awarded highly commended entries in celebration assemblies with Easter chocolate!

We were delighted to receive news that Linton pupil Tony in Year 9 had been selected as overall winner of the Trust competition. Judges praised Tony's 'vivid storytelling that is perfectly evocative of the rich, complex, international and intellectual world of Holmes and Watson.'

We also say congratulations to seven of our students who have successfully been awarded funding from the Henry Morris Award. The award enables students to apply for funding to support independent learning projects. Our students have been



Successful students

From the Henry Morris Award.

successful in gaining funding for a wide variety of projects including a Latin course, filming in Vietnam, research into Polish politics, photography projects and seeing a London show. Enrichment is a core value at LVC. It is great to celebrate and recognise independent learning achievements that demonstrate students' holistic education beyond the classroom.

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



Summer is almost upon us ... what a great year we've had so far.

Some up-and-coming events are Speed Quizzing the first Wednesday of each month; also the 3rd Thursday is a great Open Mic night ... come along and have some fun if you fancy singing, everyone is welcome ... or just sit back relax listen and enjoy some fabulous beers, a glass of wine and some amazing home cooked food

Check us out on our web page
www.thebullburroughgreen.com

There are going to be some changes in the menu coming soon. Follow on Facebook to see what we've been up to.

It's a great little pub come and have some fun

Danny and Tina
01638 476424

KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION

Following our AGM in April 2025, we're pleased to report a rise in membership—reflecting the growing concern within our community.

To keep everyone informed and connected, we've launched a members' WhatsApp Announcements Channel to complement our regular updates on Facebook and it allows us to share important information quickly and directly.

Recent developments in Weston Colville

Several residents in Weston Colville have contacted us after receiving letters from agents acting on behalf of the Kingsway Solar project. Where appropriate, we have encouraged landowners to consider granting access, especially when it supports informed decision-making for ecological surveys.

However, we are also aware that certain residents have been issued with a Notice under Section 172, compelling access to their land. This has understandably caused concern. These issues have been raised with local planning and with Pippa Heylings, and we are awaiting further clarification and guidance. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as more information becomes available. If you've received similar correspondence or have concerns, please get in touch—we're currently gathering all related information.

Step into Nature: June's Call to Action - Butterflies!

Thank you to everyone who's taken part in our Step into Nature campaign so far. For June, we're asking you to look out for butterflies, which are important indicators of a healthy environment.



Please keep recording your sightings—especially anything unusual, rare, or protected. You can log them via iRecord to help us gather vital data within a 2km radius of the proposed Kingsway Solar site. Let's keep showing how much our local wildlife matters!

**Join the National Community Walk
Say No to Kingsway Solar
Sunday 8th June, 10am**

Meet at West Wratting Rec Ground Car Park, Bull Lane, West Wratting CB21 5NP

KSCA is joining a nationwide walk to raise awareness of the impact of large-scale solar farms like Kingsway Solar. Our local walk in West Wratting features a 2.25-mile route (or 1-mile option), passing through areas directly threatened by the proposed development.

After the walk, enjoy tea, cake, and a short talk about the solar farm at the Village Hall.

Why it matters: Over 1,500 hectares of farmland and countryside could be lost.

BBC coverage expected – let's make our voices heard!

Volunteers needed for marshalling and refreshments—please contact us if you can help.

Stay connected with KSCA

If you've signed up as a KSCA member – thank you! You can also keep up with the latest news and developments by visiting our website: kingswayaction.org And don't forget to follow us on Facebook for real-time updates, event info, and ways to get involved.

Support KSCA

Donations are gratefully received via GoFundMe (<https://gofund.me/479e0bd8>) to support our ongoing work in opposing the Kingsway Solar development.

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday June 7th MARIA (12)

Angelina Jolie stars as Maria Callas in this glamorous moving story of the iconic opera singer in Paris in 1977. Once the world's greatest soprano Callas now hides in an apartment having lost her voice and retreated from the world. She dreams of returning to the stage but can her body and mind take the pressure?

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

**ARTICLES FOR JULY VILLAGE VOICE
To**

villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

before 20th June 2025 please

DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 12th June 2025

8pm

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a Demonstration

By **Jennifer Allan -Thompson**

Entitled

'Flowers in Rhyme'

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 10th July 2025

Demonstration by Brenda Tubb

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

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

Our next event is a visit to **Porters Lodge on Wednesday 25th June**. This is an exquisite working garden and tearoom on the outskirts of the village of Cavenham. Our private visit is booked for 6.30 pm and the cost to include tea and cake is £10 per person. For catering purposes please let Pat know by 16th June if you intend to come: ellesmeregc@gmail.com

Meet at the Ellesmere Centre at 6pm to share lifts.

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.

Here's looking forward to some lovely summer weather to match that of our beautiful spring!

SPRING REPORT FROM CHARLOTTE CANE MP

It's hard to believe, but it's now been over ten months since I was elected as your Member of Parliament—and what an honour it continues to be. I'm delighted to have spent that time fighting as your local champion and standing up for our communities in Parliament. My team and I have now closed over 4,300 cases—each one representing someone who reached out for help, advice or support. Every case matters, and I remain committed to making sure your voice is heard and your concerns are taken seriously. Healthcare continues to be one of my top priorities. I recently spoke in Parliament about the challenges facing the NHS, including how hard it is for people to see a GP or dentist, and the difficulties local practices face in getting the resources they need. While we don't have a major hospital in Ely and East Cambridgeshire, we rely on others nearby—and it's vital that our own Princess of Wales Hospital is properly maintained. I've spoken with some of our local pharmacists, who are under huge financial pressure, and I've called on the government to give them the support they need and stop the wave of pharmacy closures affecting so many communities. I'm also pressing the government for greater investment in rural public transport. Too many of our villages have no bus service at all, while others have infrequent services and nothing on Sundays. Our rural communities are fantastic places to live—but they must be accessible for everyone.

With proposals for large-scale battery storage sites across our constituency, I'm concerned that current fire safety regulations don't do enough to protect residents or the environment. These sites are crucial for supporting renewable energy—but safety must come first. I've raised the issue in Parliament and written to the Secretary of State, but so far there has been no satisfactory response. That's why I've launched a public petition calling on the Government to urgently strengthen safety regulations for large-scale battery storage sites, including requiring local fire services to be consulted during planning stages. It is possible to sign the petition here: bit.ly/batterystoragesafety

This spring I enjoyed visiting many local events and villages in the area, and I've hosted Community Meetings with residents and councillors in Waterbeach, Sutton, Soham and Ely. The next is in Cheveley on 7th June —get in touch to book your place.

My team and I are here to help. If you need advice or support, or to book a place on my in-person or online advice surgery, please get in touch by email at charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk or call 0207 362 1601. Appointments can also be booked online: bit.ly/bookasurgery.

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## **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Because of pre-election period restrictions due to the imminent County Council elections, there was no significant activity by the Council since the last report. ECDC remains evenly balanced with fourteen each of Conservatives and the Lib Dem & Independent Group.

### **Sanctuary Housing**

Members have had a seminar from Sanctuary Housing, and it was reported that many more houses have been renovated and now, occupied. If any one is aware of unoccupied Sanctuary Houses, please let us know so that we can check with Sanctuary. Sometimes major renovations must be done after a tenant leaves a house, particularly when they have been in residence for a long time.

### **Community Policing**

Members have also had a seminar with the Police about Community policing, and John is discussing with the Area Police sergeant some of the problems that villages in this ward are facing. Please direct any further concerns or matters about policing to John.

### **Ward surgery**

From 6.30pm - 7.30pm at Swaffham Prior Village Hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June, followed by socialising at the Red Lion in the same village.

*Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp*

*ECDC Bottisham Ward*

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

This is my last report as your County Councillor, and I am very sad to be leaving that role.

Congratulations to my successor and I wish him well, as he grapples with the various issues that will face him.

Sadly, a lot of voters voted along national lines, rather than on local issues, but this is the democracy that we have, and I believe passionately in our democracy, even if it kicks you in the teeth from time to time.

I am still your East Cambridgeshire District Councillor and a senior member of the ruling administration of ECDC, so will have a lot of work to do on behalf of residents.

I summarise the events that have happened over the last year.

Highways

Capital Maintenance of roads programme

The County Council has introduced a new system for the major resurfacing works which uses a scoring matrix to assess the roads most in need of major work. That sounds a good idea, but I believe that the scoring matrix is very biased towards urban areas, leaving an unlevel playing field.

The normal pothole repairs come out of the revenue budget, but there needs to be better workmanship on those repairs than currently is the case.

The resurfacing work along Bradley Road from Burrough Green is a result of this scoring system, so

it has helped on that road. However, Bradley Road was in such a mess that it needed urgent work, which I have been trying to get for many months.

Brinkley/ Six Mile Bottom Junction

Working with Brinkley Parish Council, I obtained funding to improve the junction in Brinkley that has seen a number of collisions.

We won a bid to the Local Highways Improvement scheme of County Council and improved signage will be installed, reminding drivers of the junction layout.

Discussions are ongoing with County Council officers to design the road layout are ongoing.

Kingsway Solar

The application 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.

ECDC Waste Services

The system of collection will change from April 2026 to a four-bin system of different sizes.

Part of this has been determined by Government legislation, which demands that general waste is put in a bin, rather than the bag system that ECDC uses and the weekly collection of food waste, which currently goes into the green bin.

More details will be shared of these changes later in the year to prepare residents.

Council Tax – Nil Increase

For the eleventh year running, the ECDC portion of the Council tax bill has been frozen, and this is managed with no external borrowing, which is a testament to the way that the Council's finances are managed.

If there is anything concerning you, please contact me. I am here to help.

Alan Sharp

East Cambridgeshire District Councillor – Woodditton Ward

E-Mail: alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk

Telephone: 07794 292941

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#### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

I am delighted to have been elected to represent the residents of the Woodditton Division and really look forward to supporting this diverse set of communities, from Lode in the northwest to Kirtling & Upend in the southeast.

Firstly, a huge thank you to Alan Sharp, for 4 years working hard as your county councillor. There are so many that will appreciate everything he has done to support them. He is still around as your District Councillor and will continue to work hard for you in that role.

I have met many residents over the past few months and look forward to meeting more of you moving forward. I am very approachable, so please do stop me for a chat if you see me in the village.

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

The County Council's third annual countywide Quality of Life survey has launched this month. It will help the council understand and track residents' views across Cambridgeshire.

The survey asks residents about their views on topics such as life and community, transport, health and wellbeing, children and young people, and the council and its services.

The information gathered will inform the council's Business Plan and Budget processes. This year there are two questions to help introduce the concept of Local Government Reorganisation to residents and provide an early indication of awareness.

Even if you are not one of the 1,100 people in this district contacted by the market research company, I would like to encourage as many responses as possible from our area to still take part. The survey is available at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/quality-of-life-survey) until Monday 21st July. The responses will then be collated and published to councillors and the public in the autumn.

#### **Buses**

From 27 May, the Tiger Bus Network will be delivering two new services. Though unfortunately these do not directly support our immediate area, they will provide some onward options from Newmarket.

Tiger 4 (Newmarket to Addenbrookes) and Tiger 5 (Soham to Cambridge). For those wanting to take a look online here is the link <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/tiger-bus-routes/>.

#### **Highways**

Some work was recently undertaken on Bradley Road in Burrough Green. There is also some scheduled resurfacing work to Station Road in Dullingham on 27<sup>th</sup> May after the bank holiday.

I have recently been selected for the Highways committee at council and will use this position to better understand how we can get better outcomes for the worst bits of road in our area, such as the B1061 leaving Dullingham towards Newmarket. I will also work with local parish councils to help resolve concerns about speed and the safety of junctions.

*Cllr Jonny Edge, 07974 348141,*

*[jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)*

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CAMBRIDGE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Safety reminder as charging batteries cause several fires

Charging batteries have already caused several fires in homes across the county so far this year.

Firefighters have been called to fires involving batteries being over charged, resulting in thermal runaway from the lithium-ion contained in them and causing significant damage to people's homes.

Crews from Wisbech and March, along with crews from Norfolk, recently attended a well-developed house fire in Wisbech. They arrived to find the battery from a DIY home conversion e-bike kit had exploded, with the fire spreading throughout the property causing significant damage. One of the residents was treated for burns at the scene.

At the start of April crews from Cambridge attended a fire on the ground floor of a house in the Chesterton area of the city. They arrived to find an e-scooter, as well as several other items including power tools, on charge in the living room, with one of the batteries having exploded. Luckily the residents closed the doors while evacuating the property, which limited the damage.

At the end of March crews from Ely and Burwell, along with Newmarket from neighbouring Suffolk, attended a fire in Soham. They arrived to find a fire in the kitchen resulting from two devices being charged, a games console controller and a portable power bank.

A matter of days later the Peterborough Volunteer Fire Brigade and a crew from Yaxley attended a fire in Orton Malborne in Peterborough. This again involved a battery used in a DIY home conversion e-bike kit, bought in an online market place. One of the residents sustained burns that required hospital treatment.

Both of these fires caused significant damage to the properties.

Station Commander Gareth Boyd, one of the Service's community risk managers, said: "These incidents highlight the potential risks that lithium-ion batteries can pose and how it is vital for people to be alert when charging any kind of device. Last year firefighters attended around 20 fires involving batteries charging in homes, with more occurring already in 2025.

"Electrical devices are a key part to everyday life for most people. Mobile phones, tablets, laptops and games console controllers, as well as vehicles like e-bikes and scooters are used daily and need to be powered to do so.

"Most devices come with safety features to ensure they do not overheat when being charged. Using the charging packs, cables and plugs provided by the manufacturers, rather than cheaper versions will help charge devices safely. Replica replacement chargers sometimes don't have these features and can end up overcharging the battery, which causes thermal runaway leading to explosions and rapidly intense fires."

"We have seen items for sale, at car boot sales as well as online, that people can use to convert a standard bike into an e-bike. These whilst seemingly a cheap alternative can be highly dangerous and do not conform to the required standards to be sold in the UK."

Take Charge and Be Safe, remembering some simple tips to help keep you and your families safe.

Most new items come with a suitable battery and charger, however if you are looking to purchase additional ones then make sure they are the right voltage and are fully compatible. Other things like charging a mobile phone while you are awake and alert, rather than while sleeping, means the device won't be overcharged and risk overheating the battery. This can be the same for any device.

The Service is encouraging people to plan a good bedtime routine. Things like making sure all internal doors are closed, electrical sockets are switched off, any candles or heating appliances are off and keeping hallways and stairs clear of obstructions. This will not only help prevent a fire from happening but also ensure an easy escape if one does.

Gareth said: "Many fires in the home start at night while people are asleep. This can be down to a number of different causes but can be easily avoided by following a few simple tips, as well as having working smoke alarms on each floor of your home. A bedtime routine is a great way to help you and your family stay fire safe in your home. By following a few simple tips before heading to bed for the night, you can prevent a fire from happening or, if one does break out, stop it from spreading."

Residents can also use our online home safety check to carry out their own fire risk assessment of their home. This simple to use tool goes through each area of a property and generates a safety plan for the occupants to follow. The check can be carried out on behalf of a vulnerable family member.

More information and safety tips on how to Take Charge and Be Safe can be found in the Community Safety section of our website.

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

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## **CATHOLIC PARISH SERVICES:**

Newmarket: Saturdays 6pm & Sundays 11am

Kirtling: Sunday 9am.

For a full list of weekday services, the newsletter & other information please visit the website.

<http://www.olise.co.uk/wordpress/>

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SERVICES - All Welcome

Sunday 1st June 7th Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension

9.00 am Communion BANNIS Brinkley
10.30 Family Service BANNIS Burrough Green

*Acts 16: 16 - 34 Revelation 22: 12 - 14, 16, 17, 20 - end
John 17: 20 - end*

Sunday 8th June Pentecost/Whit Sunday

9.00 am Communion Stetchworth
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham

Acts 2: 1 - 21 Romans 8: 14 - 17 John 14: 8 - 17

Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday

9.00 am Communion BANNIS Burrough Green
10.30 Morning Prayer BANNIS Brinkley

Proverbs 8: 1 - 4, 22 - 31 Romans 5: 1 - 5 John 16: 12 - 15

Sunday 22nd June 1st Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am Communion Dullingham
6.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth

*1 Luke 12: 13-21 Kings 19: 1-4, (5-7) 8-15a Galations 3:
23-end Luke 8: 26-39*

Sunday 29th June Peter and Paul apostles

10.30 am Benefice Communion Westley Waterless
*Zechariah 4: 1-6a, 10b - end Acts 12: 1-11
Matthew 16: 13-19*

At this time of the year the longest day is not far off. It is a time of examinations for many young people as they near the end of their school or university days. Also there is great anticipation for the main holiday season when school term has ended and the days seem to be long and sunny.

There are a few notable saints days as well. St. Etheldreda, the Abbess of Ely, is remembered on June 23rd and then on June 29th St. Peter and St. Paul are commemorated. St. Peter was one of Jesus's apostles and was called out from his work as a fisherman to be one of the disciples. Peter was one of the first disciples Jesus called. He was washing the fishing nets with James and John after a night's fishing when Jesus told him to go out in the boat again. Peter grumbled about going out again but obeyed Jesus. They caught so many fish the boat began to sink. Not completely understanding Jesus instruction to leave their boats and follow Him they obeyed and spent the next few years with Jesus. Peter became the ROCK upon which the church was built because he understood Jesus was the Messiah (Matthew 16:18).

St. Peter is at the heart of the Roman Catholic church because he was buried in Rome.

He was the first Bishop of Rome and his tomb is in St. Peter's Basilica.

He is also the patron saint of shipbuilders, fishermen, bakers and harvesters as well as several other professions.

Go well

Patrick

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

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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
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Burrough Green Reading Room - Please contact
Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888

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Westley Waterless Village Hall - For more
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www.westleywaterless.com/hall

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