

VILLAGE VOICE

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

MARCH 2025

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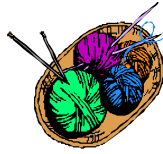
Every Monday from 1:30 to 3.30pm

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



You are invited to

DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 13th March 2025 8pm

The Taylor Hall, Church Close, Dullingham CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a Demonstration by Naomi Wells, Entitled 'Stories'

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 April 2025 - 22nd Anniversary Supper and Demonstration (supper to be pre booked before evening)

BRINKLEY RED LION



Upcoming Events:

27th February - Curry Night

4th March - Shrove Tuesday

14th March - St Patrick's Day

30th March - Mothering Sunday

The days are drawing out again, it's catching us out seeing the back garden with just enough light until 6pm! - Hopefully by the time of reading we might see enough day-time warmth to encourage some bottles of wine in the afternoon sun!

Above is a little reminder of some upcoming dates through March, we will be offering some little specials or deals, so do keep an eye on socials or come in and ask! I do get one or two requests for additional information via email rather than socials, drop me a message if you are similar minded and I am happy to add anyone to a little email list.

Our March wine of the month will see us return to something Red; yet to be chosen as we might soon have a couple of little changes to the list as we look to negotiate the current price increases without passing everything on. The menu has undergone a little freshen up as well as we continue to tweak the ordering. Please note that Sunday's have become an ever increasingly popular day, so we find ourselves fully booked a few days in advance - we do look to hold a small number of roasts back for walk-ins in the bar, first come first served!

I hope to welcome many of you over March
Best, George

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

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES MONDAY 10th & 24th March 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
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THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Open for coffee from 8.30am on weekdays, after 11.00am Sundays.

Check out Facebook for what's on

Tina & Danny 01638 476424



GAMES EVENINGS

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

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

ALL WELCOME

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, 14th March 2025

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

£12.50 to include supper of cottage pie and sponge pudding. Vegetarian option available.

Bar and raffle Teams of 6 but come along and join others if you can't make a six.

A super friendly and fun evening is always had by all.

For catering purposes please phone or text Franca on 07765 435776 to secure your table.

In aid of Brinkley Memorial Hall

Ellesmere Garden Club

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th March when we welcome for the first time Sue and Clive Boase, who will talk to us on the very relevant topic "Climate change, gardening and us". Sue and Clive were instrumental in setting up a Climate Change Day at West Wickham a couple of years ago and the group is flourishing, so it will be very interesting to hear about the latest developments.

No talk in April, but on Wednesday 12th we are visiting Rougham Hall Nurseries at Barrow. We hope by then spring will have well and truly arrived and we can see and hear about all the delights this lovely local family-run nursery has to offer.

There will be no-dig beds to view, and the helpful team will give us advice on growing, potting up and taking cuttings. There will be refreshments, and of course the all-important plants for sale.

Then looking further ahead, Saturday 17th May sees the return of the Plant Sale - hurrah! More details next month.

Our talks take place in the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30 pm. We always have refreshments and a raffle. All are welcome with no need to be a member, although there are advantages with reduced entry fees and discount at a local garden centre.

Thanks for all the donations of raffle prizes received so far. We now have quite a stock of books but would still welcome other items likely to be of interest to members.

If you have any queries about any of our events or becoming a member you can contact Sandie on 07903 584676.

ARTICLES FOR VILLAGE VOICE To

villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

01638 507495

by 26th March 2025 please

The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The next Ellesmere Arts production will be

'ALLO 'ALLO 2

'The Camembert Caper'

on Thursday, 1st, Friday, 2nd and

Saturday, 3rd May

Tickets £12

Saturday 5th April LIVE MUSIC FROM THE TWO OF US Performing songs by the Beatles and other songs from that era 7.30PM TICKETS £7.50 Licensed Bar, Snacks and Raffle

ellesmereartstickets@gmail.com

or from Ellesmere Centre Village Shop

We are currently working on our Web Site and hope to be able to launch it soon! In the meantime, if you have Facebook, please follow us for all the latest news and information. Email:

office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk-

alternatively call us on 01638 508212

Ellesmere Survey

We have included a short survey with this month's News from the Ellesmere. We would be really grateful if you could complete it and return it to the centre. Thank you

WE NEED YOU TO GET INVOLVED!

There are only 5 Trustees on the Village Hall Committee and two wish to retire after more than 20 year's service. The committee needs new villagers with new ideas to help run events and organise the upkeep of the Hall itself. We are a small village with limited facilities, pub, church and hall and we cannot afford to lose them. The posts of Chairman and Secretary are not in the least time consuming as we

only hold meetings 3 times a year and organise 1 or 2 events a year at most.

Even if you cannot commit to one of the posts advertised, please do come along and join us as a Trustee. If you are new to our wonderful village, it's a great way to integrate and meet new people and neighbours. It is so worth giving up a little of your precious time to keep our wonderful village functioning as a welcoming and caring place to live. If anyone wants to run classes or hold events, we would be more than happy that the Hall is used. Please contact Franca on 07765 435776

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

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.

Record player

Does anyone have a record player with speakers that they no longer use. Happy to buy (or donate to a chosen charity) for a working model. Thank you Louise Beamish 07885 709665

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS :
Black bin - 5th 19th March
Blue & Green - 12th 26th March

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - MONDAYS

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 10th 24th March

Green Lid - 3rd 17th 31st March

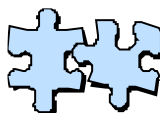
BOOK AND JIGSAW EXCHANGE - BRINKLEY



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

BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM

BURROUGH GREEN COFE PRIMARY ACADEMY PTA

TERRARIUM WORKSHOP

COME ALONG TO OUR EXCITING NEW TERRARIUM WORKSHOP. BE GUIDED STEP BY STEP TO MAKE YOUR OWN BEAUTIFUL BOTANICAL CREATION.



8TH MARCH 2025
BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM
13:00 - 15:00
ALL AGES WELCOME

What you will learn:

- INTRODUCTION INTO THE HISTORY AND SCIENCE OF TERRARIUMS
- DEMONSTRATION AND CARE TIPS
- TIME TO CREATE YOUR VERY OWN TERRARIUM
- REFRESHMENTS

£30 ENTRY

Scan to Pay



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BURROUGH GREEN COFE PRIMARY ACADEMY

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

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

Saturday March 1st THE CRITIC (15) is a dark and sharp-witted thriller set in 1930s London theatreland. The feared and vicious critic Jimmy Erskine (Ian McKellen) finds himself in the crosshairs of the Daily Chronicle's new owner, David Brooke and strikes a sinister pact with struggling actress Nina Land (Gemma Arterton) desperate to win his favour.

Saturday April 5th CONCLAVE (12A) Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) is tasked with running this covert process after the unexpected death of the

beloved Pope. Once the Catholic Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope's wake--secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church. *Award winning film acclaimed as one of the best films of 2024*

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

Balsham Church Institute, Church Lane, BALSHAM
Join the Picture House with annual membership of just £12 or come as a guest member at £3/film show

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### **Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service**

Help your local community - become an on-call firefighter!

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit more on-call firefighters to help local communities by responding to emergencies.

On-call firefighters are a vital part of your fire and rescue service. They respond to a wide range of incidents, from fighting fires and attending road traffic collisions to rescuing people and animals in need. They also respond to medical emergencies.

In addition to responding to emergency incidents, on-call firefighters support their communities by providing a range of safety advice helping people to keep safe in their homes.

Being an on-call firefighter has many benefits. As well as being paid an annual wage and for the time spent at incidents or training, there are also opportunities to develop first aid skills and heavy good vehicle driving qualifications.

Find out more about becoming an on-call firefighter by visiting our website: <https://bit.ly/CFRSONcall>

Help keep your home and family fire safe - complete our online home safety check

You can carry out your own home fire safety check online by visiting the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service website.

The online home safety check helps you carry out your own fire risk assessment and is a simple way to help reduce risks and keep your home safe from fire.

It takes you through some simple questions about you and your home, then provides an action plan that you can download and print. You can fill it in for yourself or a member of your family that might need help.

Visit [https://bit.ly/Home\\_Safety\\_Check](https://bit.ly/Home_Safety_Check) to find out more and start your online home safety check.

Consider where you park!

Motorists are urged to take care when parking their vehicles so they do not prevent our fire engines from attending potentially life-threatening emergencies.

There are some areas around the county that are notorious for motorists parking down both sides of a narrow street and there have been times when fire engines haven't been able to get past at all. This of course can cause us a significant delay in responding to emergencies where someone's life could be at risk and our attendance time is crucial.

This is a growing problem due in part to increasing car ownership, reduced or unused resident parking areas, traffic calming schemes and thoughtless parking by some motorists. The problem can be compounded at night and during the school pick-up and drop-off times.

The average fire engine is 2.6 metres (nine feet) wide and 8 metres (26 feet) long - when you park your vehicle in a narrow street, always check you have left enough room for a fire engine to get past.

For more information log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

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UPDATE FROM BURROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to those who joined our January meeting, and especially to Paul for volunteering to join the Council. Here are the highlights and recent updates:

Kingsway Solar Farm - The Council submitted a response to the recent first round of consultations, which expressed our concerns regarding the impact that the development would have.

Speeding - Funding was approved to cover the installation costs for the new MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activate Sign) on Brinkley Road, Burrough End.

The Parish Council would like thank Paul and Carla for the fabulous ongoing support they provide to Burrough Green. They voluntarily give their time to regularly move the MVAS sign, and to ensure the battery is always charged up. Thank You!

Village Pond - Funding was approved to install the fence at the edge nearest the cricket pavilion, to prevent access and protect a small patch of land for wildlife. We're continuing to look at options for plants, and possibly a new bench.

Maintenance & Footpaths - Various maintenance tasks have been completed on the playpark and book exchange. The Council is investigating the maintenance responsibilities for the footpath along Green Lane.

Full meeting minutes can be found on the parish website: www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 17th March at 6:30pm in the Reading Room.

Karen Peck

Clerk to Burrough Green Parish Council
clerk@burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk

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## **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT MARCH 2025**

Finance and Assets Committee on 30 January 2025

At this meeting, the following decisions were made:

1. The first draft of the 2025/26 Budget was discussed. The Director Finance recommended that the District Council Tax should increase by £5 (for a Band D property), but the Conservatives' amendment to have no increase in Council Tax was agreed.
2. The Crematorium project has now moved from RIBA stage 3 to RIBA stage 4, after the original design was value-engineered, and the outcome will be brought to Full Council in May.
3. The draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy 2025-2028 was formally adopted.

Local Government re-organisation

The Government has launched a review of Local Government Authorities with a view to improving efficiency. There is little time for constructive consultation and submission to the Government, but there will be a discussion among ECDC members as to what would be of most benefit to our residents. There is ongoing discussion with the other Local Government Authorities in the county. Parish Councils will remain, and may have more voice in local matters. Sunnica

It is not expected that there will be any formal submission of plans until late 2026. ECDC, CCC and West Suffolk DC will be liaising with each other on this matter. Once the plans have been submitted then there will be eight weeks for the Councils to respond. We shall be engaging with communities affected by the infrastructure, and individuals or groups can submit comments by email to: [sunnica@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:sunnica@eastcambs.gov.uk)

The next ward surgery will be at the pavilion on The Denny in Swaffham Bulbeck from half past six to half past seven on Thursday 20 March 2025, followed by a social meeting at The Black Horse in the same village.

Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp

## **BURROUGH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS**



Hello everyone and I hope you are well

I always enjoy January and February, especially the weather it brings and we have certainly had our fair share over the last 4 weeks.

## **School Trip to Kingfishers Bridge Nature Reserve**

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, the whole school braved the weather to visit a nature reserve. We will be visiting the same place in the summer and then twice a year

every 2 years to study Geography. Our first visit was to familiarise ourselves with the site (and the beautiful water buffalo). In the morning, we all enjoyed a 2 mile walk around the perimeter of the reserve, which helped all children with their mapping activities.

After lunch Children studied ponds, trees and plants. It was wonderful to see them all enjoy the outdoors. Some of them revelled in the extremely muddy conditions and came back wearing half of the reserve. Some of the children said that they have never had so much fun walking!

## **Lisa - Larks and Owls**

It is with huge regret that we announce the moving on of Lisa our wrap around assistant. She has been incredible in the role and has ensured that many of our children have a good start and finish to the day. She has gained employment in the playgroup, so she won't be far away. Everyone here would like to wish her the very best for the future.

## **Should internet access be a basic human right?**

I want to promote oracy and develop everybody's ability to speak, argue and listen.

In the past, I have judged debates between schools and the level of confidence, oracy and ability on show has always been a joy to watch. I want that here at our school.

David Sandford, Headteacher

## **NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE**

At Linton Village College we are passionate about our students learning about the world of work and one of the most valuable programmes we afford our pupils is having exposure to future careers and next steps opportunities after their time here at LVC. The 'Future Careers and Pathways' department works hard to ensure students of all year groups are well informed about their future.

In Year 7, students spend a day listening to external speakers from 'Form the Future', a Cambridge consortium that help young people find their route through education into employment. Additionally, 'Form the Future' provides employers with access to their future talent. Students are given talks by a series of professionals in a 'What's my Line' format, guessing what each of the professions might be.

From Years 8 to 10, students enjoy Enterprise Days, Apprenticeship talks and mock interviews. In Year 11, students are carefully guided through the post-16 process, where students choose what their next steps might be.

We are always looking for motivational and inspirational speakers that might evoke the notion that life is an 'ocean of possibilities' for our students. You may not have rowed the Atlantic, or climbed

Everest, but may have completed other equally inspiring challenges, obstacles, adventures, overcome adversity etc. If you know of someone, be it yourself, a friend or family member, who would be interested in sharing their story with our students, please let us know - we would love to hear from you.

Mrs Scally

CEIAG (Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance) Lead Email: [Nscally@lintonvc.org](mailto:Nscally@lintonvc.org)

#### **KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION**

Chancellor Rachel Reeves recently set out her vision for fast-tracking economic growth, stating, "Focus on getting things built and stop worrying about the bats and the newts." Her speech reinforced the government's push for major infrastructure projects. But at what cost?

Brian Eversham, CEO of the Beds, Cambs, and Northants Wildlife Trust, believes in responsible development—one that doesn't just squeeze wildlife into whatever space is left but actively protects and restores nature.

This is why KCSA is standing against large-scale solar developments that threaten our rural landscapes and wildlife. We support renewable energy but believe there's a better way. In the coming weeks, you'll see posters raising awareness about the 500 MW Kingsway Solar Farm plus battery storage and its impact on our local footpaths and wildlife. In March, we need your help to record local brown hares. They were left out of the scoping report but should be in the Environmental Impact Assessment.

Meanwhile, the government's much-anticipated Land Use Framework (LUF) has launched with a 12-week consultation period. It aims to balance housing, energy, agriculture and nature—but will it deliver?

📣 Have your say! Visit the KCSA website for the consultation link, project timeline, and updates: [kingswayaction.org](http://kingswayaction.org) or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

#### **SERVICES**

##### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Sunday next before Lent**

9.00 Holy Communion Brinkley  
10.30 Family Service Burrough Green  
Exod. 24: 29-end . 2 Cor 3: 12-4:2.  
Luke 9: 28-36 (37 - 43a)

##### **5<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday**

7.00 pm Communion Service Brinkley

##### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham  
Deut. 26: 1-11 Rom 10: 8b-13 Luke 4: 1-13

##### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley  
Gen 15: 1-12, 17,18 Phil 3: 17-4:1 Luke 13: 31-end

##### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham  
3.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth  
Isaiah 55: 1-9 1 Cor 10: 1-13 Luke 13: 1-9

The church year is about to turn to Lent. It starts on Ash Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup> March). The day before Shrove Tuesday was a time to use some food that would not be eaten in Lent, like milk and eggs.

Lent is a time for reflection, prayer and thinking about our journey of faith.

In the Raddesley Benefice there is a Lent group which you are all welcome to join to discover more about what it means to be a Christian in the current world. They will be held at The Rectory starting on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> April 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am

One of our churches, Stetchworth has had work culminating in a celebration and rededication service. The Archdeacon of Cambridge, Venerable Alex Hughes, was the preacher.

This service was an opportunity for a new start in the life of the village to renew a commitment and become involved in the worshipping life. As the church is called St. Peter, who was one of Jesus' Apostles and nicknamed 'the Rock'. 'Jesus says: I tell you, you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church.' (Matthew 16:18).

As this church is now rededicated some questions arise for you to think about which are applicable to all the village churches in the group. Each village church is the Rock upon which the Christian community is built therefore for all the communities some questions arise to consider the church in your village.

Is it a time to reappraise what the building means to the village?

Is it a place where all are welcome?

Is it a place for quiet reflection and prayer and a part of village life?

Is it felt to be a place that is separate from the village?

Is the church in your village going to become the 'Rock' of your community and build a strong Christian and religious presence for all?

Or is it just a nice old building of year gone by to maintain

**The Reverend Patrick J McEune**

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#### **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](http://www.raddesley.com)

#### **RECTOR**

**Revnd Patrick McEune**

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#### **RURAL DEAN**

Rev'd Canon Dr. Eleanor Williams

Vicar of Burwell with Reach

Rural Dean of Fordham and Quy Deanery

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Telephone 01638 741262

email: [vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk)

#### **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/>

Please remove all Christmas wreaths from your loved ones' graves by the beginning of March.

Please note that Ely Diocese do not permit artificial flowers in our churchyard, please dispose of these in the black bin. All natural foliage should be put into the green or brown bins.

Thank you.

Ros Pates, Churchwarden

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