

# VILLAGE VOICE

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

NOVEMBER 2024

## BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD

Every year, it is important to raise as much money as we can for our lovely church, and also for another charity. This year it is Newmarket Open Door. Over the past few years, our Christmas card has raised money for Brinkley Church, for Marie Curie cancer care, Addenbrooke's cancer scanner appeal, East Anglian Air Ambulance, and for Newmarket Open Door. Please sign up and be part of our village Christmas card for 2024. Your name will be printed in the card alongside others who have donated, in place of sending individual cards themselves. You can see the card at the Winter Fair on 30<sup>th</sup> November - it will be the last chance to sign up to be included. This one card in colour will then go to every home in Brinkley in December. For further details, and gift aid forms, please contact Ros on 01638 507240, or 07860 128270

If you have been part of the card previously, your form will be delivered with your village voice.



## BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
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



## 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



## MOBILE LIBRARY



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

BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## WINTER FAIR

SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024  
12noon to 2.30pm

### BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Come along and have Homemade soup,  
Sausage in a bun and more!  
Plus a choice of delicious puddings  
and Helen's homemade ice-cream.  
There will be a Cake stall,  
Gift Stall, Tombola and a Raffle

COME ALONG AND SEE THE BRINKLEY  
CHRISTMAS CARD

Your Last Chance to Get Signed Up

We would be very grateful for items for any of the  
stalls listed, which can be taken to the hall before  
11.00am on 7<sup>th</sup>, be left at Tree Tops, High Street;  
18 Green Park, or can be collected by  
contacting Trish on 01638 507495.

Or Ros 01638 507240

THANK YOU

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS FUND RAISING EVENT  
FOR YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH,  
ST MARY'S, BRINKLEY

## 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



Join The Kitchen Choir  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
9.30 – 12.00

at

The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

for

Coffee Morning  
raising funds for  
East Anglian Air  
Ambulance



And launching sale of tickets for our  
Christmas Concert  
At Granary Barns, Woodditton  
10<sup>th</sup> December

### ~~~~~ RECYCLING

**Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS :**

Black bin - 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Blue & Green - 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November.

**Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - MONDAYS**

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Green Lid - 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November.

### ~~~~~ NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

#### **New Acting Classes**

Every Tuesday

5-6pm for ages 8-11

6-7pm for ages 12-16

Contact Hope at

[hopetamududley@gmail.com](mailto:hopetamududley@gmail.com)

07990 981176

#### **Annual Christmas Market**

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

11-3pm

26 Stalls

Refreshments/Raffle

£1 entry



#### **Festive Wreath Making Workshop**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

7-9.30pm

Contact [oliveandjasminflorals@gmail.com](mailto:oliveandjasminflorals@gmail.com)

Or

Call 07877 675286 for more details or to book

#### **Ellesmere Community Hub**

With the weather turning colder, why not come and join us in the warm, for a free hot drink, a biscuit and some company.

Every Wednesday and Friday Morning  
between 9am and 11am

Everyone Welcome

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter @CentreEllesmere

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

alternatively call us on 01638 508212

### BRINKLEY RED LION

Another month has rapidly gone by, and we have seen the transition to Autumn! - This has brought a few small menu changes, while it will also soon bring open fires to the pub as



the weather begins to turn! That warm autumnal smell of a pub fire will soon be in place to greet you!

We plan to do one steak night in November, so please keep an eye out on socials for a date when it is announced. I will try to put the word around as best possible! Otherwise, we are slowly gearing up to the festive period - Please remember a sample copy of our December menu is now on the website, and we have also opened bookings online. Do call us if you cannot see what you are looking for!

We hope to keep welcoming you to the pub over the coming month!

George & The Red Lion team

**01638 650879**

### ~~~~~ HELEN'S ICE CREAM

Since November I have changed the price of my Ice Cream, due to price rises in general. Thank you to all my customers who have enjoyed my Ice cream over the last two years.



I have sourced the most natural flavours and ingredients I can and use biodegradable food safe pots. All Vegetarian flavours.

#### **Flavours**

Two new flavours. Biscoff, Coconut and Chocolate (n) and a Dairy Free Raspberry .

With Christmas around the corner, I am making a Christmas Pudding flavour available soon (contains a small amount of alcohol).

**New Prices -** 4oz Pot £2.25 : 8oz Pot £3.50

Supplied with wooden spoon. Large, no longer available. I can cater for Children / Adult parties if ordered in advance.

Visit me at 44 Green Park, Brinkley. If the sign is out on the gravel, I should be in. Please feel free to phone or text if you are not local enough to see if the sign is out. Normally open Weekends, Evenings and School Holidays.

P.S. To the man who turned up in a van with his two young children I over charged you, free ice cream when you visit again so sorry.

9.00am – 21.00pm

Helen Brown 07470 950631

### ~~~~~ FOR SALE

**CAST IRON BLACK FIRE GRATE**

**16" size**

**EXCELLENT CONDITION**

**£30**

**Bena 07599 621095**

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### PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST AWARD 2024

We are pleased to report that the Trust presented the 2024 award of £1000 to Benjamin Clarke, from Brinkley. Ben is now at Oxford University undertaking a master's degree in Biochemistry. Well done Ben!

As always it was a pleasure for the trustees to meet such enthusiastic and interesting young people from our locality during the selection process. If you, or one of your children are going to University in September 2025 - watch out next month for how to apply to the Peter and Ruth Lloyd Trust or email the secretary for more details:

[peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com](mailto:peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com)



### THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

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

Good choice of food available every day.

Check out Facebook for what's on .

Tina & Danny

**01638 476424**



### BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

will be the terrifying mystery

**A HAUNTING IN VENICE (12)**

Hercule Poirot (Kenneth Branagh) now retired and living in Venice reluctantly attends a seance where a murdered guest thrusts the detective into a sinister shadowy world.

**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.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Home Alone (PG).

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



### MARSH MAIL - News from Linton Village College

Our Open Evening at the end of September was a huge success, despite the torrential rain. It was a great opportunity to showcase the school to prospective Year 6 families. I was impressed by how many LVC students volunteered to be helpers and tour guides on the evening and by the passion and personal insights shared by our student leaders during the presentations.

Our Head Student, Kuba, also demonstrated great independence and initiative through his successful application to the Henry Morris Memorial Trust Fund. Kuba was fortunate to receive funding to embark on a trip to the Isle of Man. Having always been interested in the Celtic history of the Isle, Kuba used the trip as an opportunity to find out more about the island's politics, history and geography. As part of this project, Kuba met His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Sir John Lorimer at Government House and discussed with him various topics, including the role of the Lieutenant Governor, Crown Dependencies and Manx Culture. Kuba also met virtually the Chief Minister and spoke with him about education on the island. Kuba, who has future aspirations in International Diplomacy, was awarded the "Lieutenant's Governor's Award for Outstanding Effort and Dedication to Duty" for his project and interview.

Other successes include our MFL trips to Spain and France this month. These trips are a great opportunity for our GCSE language students to experience both speaking and the culture of the language they have chosen to study. The students in Spain were also lucky enough to experience some glorious Autumn sunshine.



### **IN NEED OF A TRUSTWORTHY HOUSESITTER?**

Look no further!

- Katy Enschede -

I work remotely so can easily work from any home.

I have experience with dogs, cats, and other animals.

I hold a full DBS check for your peace of mind.

Competitive rates on request.

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07768957778.





## **BURROUGH GREEN C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY**

### **ACT Multi-Academy Trust**

As some of you will know, we have joined ACT Multi-Academy Trust. There are 4 schools in ACT Multi-Academy Trust at present - Buckden Primary, St Michael's (in Peterborough), Gt Wilbraham and us. Geographically, Gt Wilbraham is very near to us and we will be working closely with them in the future.

There is a website for ACT where you can learn more about their vision - see the link below.

<https://www.act-academytrust.com>

### **Governors**

#### **Points for Parents and the Community**

Our board of governors met last night and agreed on these points to share with parents and the community:

- Governors are pleased that the school joined the ACT Academy Trust on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, and look forward to the opportunities and support it will provide. We thank all those who supported the process, especially during the summer holiday.
- Before term started, staff and Governors spent an informative day meeting staff and Governors from members of the ACT family.
- Governors are encouraged by the growing pupil numbers and welcome new parents and pupils to our school community
- Governors have planned their monitoring visits for this term and look forward to coming into the school to hear more of the pupils' activities that have taken place in the first half term of the year
- Governors wish to thank the Clerk for her hard work and commitment to the Governing Body over the past 5 years as she steps down due to other professional commitments

#### **Open Days for New Prospective Parents**

This year our second open day is on 13<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm. You will get a presentation from the headteacher and students (the best bit!), a chance to sample our fabulous freshly made food (our chef is amazing - see our website for more information!) and to visit the Early Years setting during lessons to see what happens on a day-to-day basis. Governors will be available for you to talk too.

### **Fundraising**

#### **Macmillan Afternoon Tea**

This event always holds a special place for me personally. My mum had cancer and spent her last days in a Macmillan Hospice. This year's event raised a total of over £160 - an incredible effort for such a small school! Thank you everyone.

#### **Jeans for Genes**

Thank you for your donations to the Jeans for Genes charity. The Jeans for Genes campaign raises

awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. We raised a total of £58. Again, thank you everyone!

### **Harvest Festival**

We celebrated our Harvest Festival on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October in St Augustine's Church, Burrough Green. We asked for food donations to be shared with 'Reach Community Projects'. Thank you everyone who donated.

### **West Stow Trip**

I had the pleasure of taking Year 4, 5 and 6 to West Stow early October. Accompanied by Mrs Harrison, Mrs Brusell and a brave parent, we braved the 'atmospheric' weather to immerse ourselves in all things Anglo-Saxon.

### **Mental Health Day/Safeguarding**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrated and recognised Mental Health Day and children were encouraged to wear yellow (or a splash of yellow). We had Pokémon outfits, yellow cheeks and yellow cycling shorts - so many children joined in. Our Mental Health Lead, Mrs Chubb, delivered an excellent assembly explaining exactly what the children are recognising. The chosen charity - YoungMinds - has an excellent website and it is well worth exploring.

The children raised £23 for the charity. If you look online there is a further link if you wish to donate to this incredible charity.

Take care,

David Sandford : Headteacher

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### **BURROUGH GREEN PTA NEWS**

We have had a great start this term and are looking forward to the build up to Christmas!

Firstly, apologies for a belated update on the summer Fete - We raised a MASSIVE £1514.50!!!! This was our first Fete for many years, and we all enjoyed the fun day that we had and most of all seeing the children enjoy the fun, games, food and of course soaking Mr Sandford! A huge thank you to all of you who came, and supported the event, and contributed in any way to make it the success it was!

### **Asda Cashpot for Schools!**

You may have seen our posts on line about the Asda Cashpot scheme. The cash pot for school has been steadily filling up - but we need your help!! Even if you don't shop at Asda, you can help us earn £1 every time someone new signs up, and if you do a shop, Asda will back us further with an additional £50.

Please follow this link below for the instructions to sign up and choose Burrough Green Primary School to make sure Your donation counts! Deadline for this scheme is end of November so please sign up to help us out.

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

### **Clothes Recycling Scheme**

Many of you have regularly supported the school by donating bags to our Bags 2 School events. We are looking into making sure we can maximise our fundraising well through these events so please keep a look out here and online for news! We truly appreciate your ongoing support!

We have just had a successful AGM and have a great team again this year, so are excitedly planning events to invite our local community to join in and support the school, so watch this space!

We have had requests from school for items to purchase using the money raised from last year, as well as proudly continuing to support the wonderful Forest School development in the school grounds too.

If you would like to become a supporter of the school and contributing to the fundraising we do in the PTA, you can donate a gift or set up a standing order to become a regular contributor!

BACS Details:

BG PTA & Friends : A/C no: 55628305 :

Sort: 09-01-51

Thank You!

Hannah Wilson

PTA Chair Burrough Green Primary School

### **BURROUGH GREEN EVENTS – thank you**

#### **Baroque Concert**

This was a wonderful evening. The Church looked so pretty with laser lights lighting it up outside. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and amazingly warm! As one attendee commented, 'The music was really glorious to listen to in the magnificent ethereal environment of the ancient church'. There was a lot of chat afterwards with a glass of wine and some delicious canapes. We are very grateful to the musicians and all those who helped to make the evening a success raising £750 for the Church.

#### **Applefest**

Children and families had fun creating marble and apple pictures, making birdfeeders, icing biscuits, and sampling apple fritters whilst trying their hand at the word search. Everyone enjoyed this community event. Thank you to everyone who contributed and came to this event making this a very enjoyable afternoon. This event is free and we hope to do it again next year. If anyone has any ideas or would like to be involved, please get in touch. Lucy Talbot 07910 158463

### **UPDATE FROM BURROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Thank you to the residents who joined our September meeting.

Here are the highlights and recent updates:

**Speeding** - We're very pleased to let you know that our LHI (Local Highway Improvement) application for two 40 mph 'Buffer zones' on Bradley Road (one at each

end of Burrough Green) has been successful. As soon as we have a timetable for the installation, we'll publish the information. By the end of November, we hope to have heard the outcome of our separate application for grant funding towards the cost of installing a dedicated MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activate Sign) on Brinkley Road in Burrough End.

**Village Pond** - Two phases of the restoration work are now complete. Trees and overgrowth have been cut back, and the pond has been dredged of debris and sludge. The clay lining has been repaired, which we hope will prevent the pond from drying up during future hot summers, and in-turn allow more wildlife to flourish. Funds allowing, the final phase will look at other things we can do to encourage wildlife, such as installing bat boxes. A special 'thank you' to Peter Read for his help with disposing of the sludge.

**Footpaths & Hedges** - Now that the growing season is largely over, please can households who have hedges that face onto the public footpaths, ensure that their hedges are cut fully back. It's hugely important that footpaths are kept accessible and safe for all users. Thank you to those who have already done this!

**Play Area** - Sadly there has been a level of vandalism and equipment misuse recently, with sections of the fence being broken and repairs required to the basket swing. These have been fixed now, but if anyone witnesses damage taking place, or use by children over 12 years old, then please let the Clerk know by emailing [clerk@burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk), or speak to one of the Councillors.

Full meeting minutes can be found on the parish website: [www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk)

The last Parish Council meeting of the year will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm in the Reading Room.

Karen Peck Clerk to Burrough Green Parish Council  
[clerk@burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk)

### **CAMBRIDGE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

#### **Remember, remember to celebrate safely!**

Bonfire Night is a very popular fixture in the calendar where people come together to enjoy fireworks. While it can be fun for all of the family to enjoy, there are lots of potential hazards so it's really important to keep you and your family safe. Help support your local community this year and go to an organised firework display instead of holding one at home.

While most people enjoy fireworks responsibly, in the wrong hands they can cause injury and damage to property. Fireworks are explosives and as such should be treated with respect and only used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the firework safety code.

Also lighting bonfires in back gardens presents significant risks to residents, so would encourage residents across the county to think twice before having their own displays and lighting bonfires.

### Firework safety tips

- Only buy fireworks with a CE mark
  - Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper, stand well back and never go back to a lit firework
  - Never throw fireworks or put them in your pockets or clothing
  - Light sparklers one at a time wearing gloves, and place used sparklers in a bucket of water
  - Never give sparklers to children under five
  - Keep your pets indoors throughout the evening
  - It is illegal to sell fireworks to someone under the age of 18 or to light fireworks in a public place
  - Respect your neighbours - don't let off fireworks late at night and remember there are laws to follow.
- Visit our website to see what organised fireworks displays are happening around the county.

### Bonfire safety

We would urge people to think twice about having a bonfire.

Lighting a bonfire in a garden presents significant risks to residents if they get out of hand. Not only this, but the smoke can also aggravate neighbours with respiratory problems.

If you do decide to have a bonfire, please follow our top five tips:

- Build your bonfire well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges
- Never use flammable liquids to start a bonfire, and --never burn dangerous items such as aerosol cans, paint tins, foam furniture, or batteries
- Don't leave bonfires unattended. An adult should supervise it until it has burnt out. If it has to be left, damp it down with plenty of water
- Always keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe nearby in case of fire
- Check the weather - avoid lighting bonfires in high winds.

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

### St. Peter's Church Stetchworth CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
2.00 - 4.30 pm

Come and see the Christmas Trees that have been decorated by Community Groups  
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies  
Raffle, Cake and Jam stall  
Entertainment from the Kettlefields choir and Kitchen Choir

### UNDER 25?

Live in  
Brinkley?

DO YOU NEED UP TO  
£500 FOR A PROJECT?

The **Elizabeth March Charity** helps young people like you fund projects for school, college, apprenticeships or university.

We consider all sorts of projects, but they need to have some **educational** purpose.

For example:

- pay for a class trip
- buy special learning equipment and materials such as books and IT
- help you with course fees
- fund your transition to college or university

This is how it works:

- **You email us** and explain what you would like the money for - give us details.
- **We decide** if we can support you and how much we can afford to give you. This could be up to a maximum of £500.
- If your project matches the aims of the charity, we give you the funds and **you complete your project**.
- **You send us details of how you spent the money** - we expect you to show evidence of what you did with it.

Not sure if your idea is suitable? Have any questions? Before you apply, just email the Charity's Trustees (Belinda Hull, Judith Haste, Marina Ballard and Agnès Aubert) at [elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com).

We can consider applications at any time.

Email us your idea now:

[elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com)

### EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL/CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

#### Highways

I continue to wait for details of the new Highways reporting system. It is hoped that this system will be more user friendly than the current system, producing more information for residents, councillors and Highways staff. I have concerns that the new system will be in place for April 2025.

#### Brinkley Road Junction

Further to the on-site meeting with residents on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September, I can confirm that the Parish Council's bid was scored high enough to be accepted as part of the Local Highways Improvement scheme. I hope that this will bring the much needed safety improvements to the junction near the Red Lion.

Work will hopefully start on this junction in the New Year and I will keep residents updated.

#### **Swaffham Heath Road/ A1303 Crossroads**

Work on site commenced on site on 16<sup>th</sup> September and will continue for an expected 15 weeks.

#### **Buses**

There has been a delay in decisions on the extra services that were promised by the Combined Authority (CPCA).

Ongoing discussions with bus companies are currently happening, but it is frustrating that there has been such a delay in taking us to the next stage of the new provision.

Please visit the CPCA website and give your views on this.

#### **Waste**

I have previously mentioned about changes to the waste collections.

The Full Council of East Cambridgeshire District agreed to implement the scheme probably from April 2026.

The changes are due for 2026 and involve the introduction of a black bin for general waste instead of black bags and a smaller food caddy for food waste. The blue and green bins will continue to be collected as normal.

These changes are part of Government standardising the way in which waste is collected.

East Cambridgeshire District Council will continue to collect green waste free of charge, unlike some other local councils.

I am here to represent you, so if there are any issues that concern you, please contact me.

If I am not aware of an issue, I am not able to solve it.

**Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton Division**

**East Cambridgeshire District Councillor-Woodditton Ward**

Tel: 07794 292941 ; 01638 476812

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

[Alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:Alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk)

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Operational Services Committee agreed that the Council implements the Waste Collection and Street Cleansing proposals, to wit:

1. collect food waste in a separate container, on a weekly basis by 31 March 2026,
2. the collection of residual waste in a 180lt wheeled bin fortnightly,
3. a free fortnightly garden waste collection service and the possibility of a second garden waste bin for free,
4. fortnightly collection of recycling as at present,

The aim is to increase the re-cycling by residents; we pay for waste taken to the waste depot but receive a

rebate for that which is re-cycled. Exceptions will be made for larger households and those houses that have no storage facilities which will be given coloured bags as for now. Provision has been built into the budget to pay for the extra bins. Comprehensive information will be disseminated to all residents well in advance to help with a smooth transition.

It was also agreed to retain the current street cleansing service specification, and review it in one year's time, and to proceed with using East Cambs Street Scene Ltd (ECSS) even though it was still not performing to target.

#### **Finance & Assets Committee**

The following decisions were made at the meeting on Thursday 26 September:

1. introduction of a £70 fine for misdeclaration of Council Tax discounts,
2. Net Zero Villages Grant Scheme was approved; £150,000 to be allocated to villages for improving community premises; applications for up to £30,000 to be sent in by the end of the year,
3. Council Officers now predict an 'overall increase in costs' for the planned crematorium at Mepal, and an attempt by Liberal Democrats on the committee to refer the cost rises to a Full Council meeting next month was rejected by a block vote of Conservative Councillors; the details of the increased costs were in a confidential report, but the published papers state that the rise is 'largely made up of a gap in the projects contingency budget and an increase in build costs'; the escalating costs for the crematorium, already predicted to cost over £9 million, have substantial implications for the project, and further work is being undertaken and further costs are being incurred without this coming back to the Full Council for consideration of the new information; Charlotte pointed out that the tight timescale and restricted times of year for working on a biodiverse site would also lead to cost increases; John said that changing the scheme to keep it within the budget would not deliver the graceful project the Council had approved. At the forthcoming Council meeting the creation of the new Local Plan (the document that defines where new housing, industrial and recreational buildings can be built within the District) is proposed. Our current Local Plan is almost ten years old, and it must be replaced by an up-to-date version within two years.

**The East Cambridgeshire Community Fund** will be open to applications between the 28 October to 9 December 2024. The aim of this small community grants scheme is to support local community groups to provide new or develop existing community services and initiatives that improve the quality of life for residents living in East Cambridgeshire. For further information, on the link below.

[East Cambridgeshire Community Fund | East Cambridgeshire District Council \(eastcambs.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk)

*Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp*



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# A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens

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This Christmas, audiences are invited to celebrate the festive season as critically acclaimed theatre company This Is My Theatre brings Charles Dickens' classic tale A Christmas Carol to life in a stunning one-act adaptation.

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 07732 253311

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## A CHRISTMAS CAROL

At Soul Space St Mary's Church, Weston Colville.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

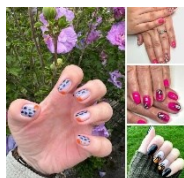
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## ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

It was such a shame that our October meeting was cancelled because the speaker's car broke down. Unfortunately, he was coming from too far away to be able to travel by any other means, and short notice prevented us from organising an alternative. However, we hope to rebook this talk for next year.

For our next meeting we welcome back Tom Cole who will give his talk on "Interior plants: right plant, right place in the home". Tom had to postpone this talk as

he moved away last year for a while, but he is now back in our area. So please join us on

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November.**

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.

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December we hold our Christmas party, this year at the Red Lion in Soham. Members will already have had an email with the menu and request to book and pay by 24<sup>th</sup> November. There will be an optional Secret Santa, so to take part bring a wrapped present to the value of around £6. Family and friends are also welcome, so if you haven't had an invitation contact our secretary Judith at [ellesmeregc@gmail.com](mailto:ellesmeregc@gmail.com).

Thanks for all the donations of raffle prizes received so far. We now have quite a stock of books and 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.

## DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024

8pm

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening  
and Demonstration  
by **David Wright**  
entitled

**'I have a dream'**

**\*\*There will be music during the evening. If you would like to wear something that sparkles or an ABBA outfit that would add to the merriment of the evening\*\***

Admission £8

(includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits) Raffle

The raffle will include all the arrangements that are made on the evening.

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

## VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

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

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

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

Information on the facilities of each village and also back issues of Village Voice newsletter and the adverts.

## 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)



**Candlelit Service  
of  
Carols & Readings**  
St Augustine's, Burrough Green  
Sunday, 15th December, 6 pm  
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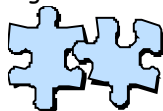
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**BOOK AND JIGSAW EXCHANGE - BRINKLEY**



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Complete jigsaws only please.

Any questions please email  
[denisehrebeniak@yahoo.com](mailto:denisehrebeniak@yahoo.com)

**VILLAGE HALLS**

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 - All Welcome

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November All Saints Day**

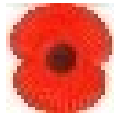
9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley  
10.30 am Family service Burrough Green  
6.00 pm All Souls' Memorial service Westley

Waterless

*Wisdom 3: 1-9 Revelation 21: 1-6a John 11: 32-44*

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Remembrance Day Services at



10.55 am Dullingham

10.55 am Brinkley

(Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer)

3.00 pm Carlton

*Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 Hebrews 9: 24-end Mark 1: 14-20*

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2nd Sunday before Advent**

9.00 am Family Communion Burrough Green

10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley

*Daniel 12: 1-3 Hebrews 10: 11-14(15-18) 19-25*

*Mark 13: 1-8*

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November Christ the King**

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham

3.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth

*Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37*

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The Autumn is well advanced and the trees have changed colour and dropped their leaves ready for the Winter. As we enter November All Saints 1<sup>st</sup> November is celebrated when we remember we are linked to God through the angels and there is a little piece of a saint in all of us. The day after All Saints is All Souls, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, when we remember those who have died. It is a time to reflect upon our families, those who influenced our lives, the memories we treasure and in many churches there is a service commemorating the departed.

A few days later, 11<sup>th</sup> November, comes Remembrance Day. It is the day when at 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month 1918 the First World War ended. We gather round village War Memorials, in the church and with the community to remember the war dead of both World Wars, 1914-1918 and 1939-1945.

Conflict and war is still going on even though we pray for peace and justice. Therefore to remember those who gave their lives in war for our peace is important and should not be forgotten.

'They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,' words from Laurence Binyon's poem, *For the Fallen*, written near the beginning of World War 1 in 1914, are very familiar words with which to reflect upon the men, women who gave their lives in service to their country.

*The Reverend Patrick J McEune*

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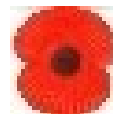
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## **R.A.F. WRATTING COMMON**

### **Remembrance Sunday**



**There will be a short Service at the  
Memorial on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November  
2024 at 12 noon.**

The Memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville, CB21 5NR. We hope to be joined by some of the Veterans who served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. Also, Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade. Wreaths will be laid in memory of all those who served here and throughout the world, especially those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. Attendees are invited to lay wreaths or crosses for those they wish to remember, and anyone is welcome to attend.

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

*Dan Heath. for Friends of Wratting Common*

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We are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with the Airfield Memorial. With just two services per year to arrange, as well as year-round general maintenance, this is not an onerous project to assist with but is very rewarding. It is hoped that, with the continued support of people in the locality, this important memorial to our community's war effort will survive for many generations

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