VILLAGE VOICE

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

SEPTEMBER 2024

AUCTION

SATURDAY 28th September 2pm BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL



Antiques: household and garden items: furniture : china : glass : tools: pictures : etc.etc.etc. OVER 100 LOTS

> VIEWING FRIDAY 27th September 5pm – 8pm SATURDAY 28th September 10am – 1pm

Final date for submitting lots Friday 20th September. **Refreshments and lightbites will be available during the viewing session on Saturday morning**.

CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED ON THE DAY IN AID OF BRINKLEY CHURCH



BRINKLEY AUCTION

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 9th & 23rd September 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

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Live Music night With The Two of Us (Performing songs by the Beatles) Saturday 28th September 7.30pm Tickets £5 (Children Free)

The Ellesmere Centre AGM Wednesday 24th September At 7pm

We are looking for people who can help us by joining our board of trustees or just being coopted to help with specific projects such as marketing, fundraising, market research or maybe coming up with new ideas. If committees are not for you, please email us with ideas and suggestions. It would be really lovely to see people on the night even if you do not wish to join us- it would just be nice to have your support.

Date for your diary: -This year's Christmas Market will be on Sunday 17th November. If you would like a stall please contact the office.

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter @CentreEllesmere Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk-alternatively call us on 01638 508212

BRINKLEY ALLOTMENTS.

Would you like to take on an allotment? There are allotments of all sizes available for a keen gardener. Other Brinkley allotment holders are happy to advise you if you want to give it a try.



If you are interested then do get in touch for more information from:- Mark. 07785 534274 <u>markcoley1@btinternet.com</u>

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green – WEDNESDAYS Black bin – 4th & 11th September Blue & Green – 11th & 25th September.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless – MONDAYS Black sacks weekly. Blue Lid – 9th & 23rd September. Green Lid – 2nd, 16th, & 30th September.

WILL YOU HELP?

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As you are probably aware there was a nasty hit and run accident on the Brinkley Road by the phone box near the Westley Waterless turning a few weeks ago. A local family and their dog were quite seriously injured. Thanks to the quick thinking of the mother their young daughter escaped unhurt, but she required major surgery for her injuries and as yet both parents have been unable to return to work. The dog, a 20week old puppy at the time, had to have major surgery at the vet, resulting in a large bill.

Understandably the family are now suffering severe financial hardship through no fault of their own. Is there someone among our lovely friendly villagers who would be willing, with help, to organise some sort of fund-raising event to help this family? In the circumstances they find themselves in they would be very grateful.

Perhaps someone could suggest something on one of the Village Connect Messenger sites to get the ball rolling.



Ride and Stride is the original mass fund raising event linked to the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and has a history dating back some 40 years.

Ride and Stride traditionally involves people being sponsored to walk or cycle to as many churches as possible in one day. But there are other ways you can take part, from travelling on horse or by canoe, to holding an event or spending an afternoon exploring the wildlife in a churchyard and donating money.

The trust hopes that as many Cambridgeshire churches as possible will be open, with welcomers, to greet those visiting their church. Why not get sponsorship for them as well?

Money raised from the Ride & Stride event funds a substantial part of the annual grants budget of the Cambridgeshire Historic Trust helping churches of all denominations across the county with essential repairs and improvements.

Participants are invited to nominate their local church to receive half the money they raise.

All the information and paperwork you need can be found on www.camhct.uk

# 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

# GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN (BY US)

Firstly, we wish to thank all our friends in Brinkley and especially those who contributed to our farewell gift, you know who you are. It was much appreciated and certainly was a surprise. So, Thank you.

To say we are settled in our new home in Balerno, Edinburgh would be an exaggeration, but we are progressing, 3 steps forward 2 back. David thought he knew a bit about technology, but everything in the new house requires internet to function and is run by an app. Just about got the heating working, we had forgotten it is "cooler" up here. We have become Southern softies.

Given time, we will master this and would welcome travellers from the deep South. Our email and mobile numbers are the same so keep in touch.

Best wishes to all, or as they say up here Awrabest

Maggie and David Cumpstey

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 denisehrebeniak@yahoo.com

QUIZ NIGHT & SUPPER BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Quiz starts 7.30pm.



Teams of 6 £13.00 a head including Chilli followed by Apple Crumble. There will be a bar but bring your own nibbles! If you don't have a team, then come along and join in with others.

Book your place on <u>villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com</u>. Or call Trish on 01638 507495. Please state if you would like the Vegetarian option. IN AID OF BRINKLEY CHURCH

MAINTENANCE GARDENER REQUIRED

in Carlton Green, CB8 9LE. All tools available. I need 4 hours weekly, all year around. In the summer it will be 6 hours. Please phone Karina on 01223 291455, or email Karinacostin1@gmail.com

### BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET CLUB

This month has seen a mixed bag of results in terms of enjoyment. Firstly we probably had our worst ever



performance against Thriplow being bowled out for 61. It was so bad it's not worth reporting much more.

Jumping to the most recent result which was also a loss to Whittlesford but one which was a much better performance and just beaten by the better team on the day. Notable batting from Major Bragg who scored a good 80 anchoring the innings. These two

losses sandwiched two really fun games against Audley End and fierce local rivals Balsham. The Audley End game was much closer than it should have been but a superb performance from Ed Riddell with a 50 with the bat and 6 wickets pretty



much won it single-handedly. The Balsham game was a stonker as it always is and saw us chase down a big target of 250. Wickets came from renaissance man Paul Lawes, and a man of the match performance from Chris Palmer with an unbeaten century taking his season average to over 150. That all leaves us a solid mid table where we'll end the season. One more report to come next month before a well earned break.

#### BRINKLEY RED LION

Finally the weather has begun to play it's part! - It has been a pleasure to see so many of you enjoying the garden, whether just for drinks, or for a full



meal! A quick reminder that we don't serve food to the rear of the pub, but we do offer the dining menu on the tables at the front.

I have had a few people asking whether we serve coffee - Yes we do! We would love to welcome anyone in for coffee during the day, we might open half an hour earlier, from 11am if there is some demand for this, so do please let us know.

As we settle in to a routine now as well, we have made some changes to the menu, and will also continue having specials on the blackboard whenever possible. Do keep your eye out for these, and also on social media where we will regularly advertise any specials.

In addition to this, we are planning to offer a 'Wine of the month' which will see us opening some of our smarter wines to offer the opportunity to taste a wine we only usually offer by the bottle. Please look out for this in the next few weeks.

We hope to see September proving further opportunity to enjoy our lovely garden.

| Best   |              |
|--------|--------------|
| George | 01638 650879 |
|        |              |

### MOBILE LIBRARY



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

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.

# UPDATE FROM BURROUGH GREEN PARISH

# COUNCIL

Thank you to the residents and members of the school community who came along to join our recent meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

We had a long agenda, but here are the highlights:

**Speeding** - A decision on the current LHI (Local Highway Improvement) application for 40 mph 'Buffer zones' on Bradley Road has been postponed by Cambridgeshire County Council, and is now expected to be made in September. A separate application has been made to the Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund for support with the cost of installing a dedicated MVAS (Mobile Vehicle Activate Sign) on Brinkley Road in Burrough End. As per the fixed timetable for funding decisions, the outcome of this application is due before the end of November.

Village Pond - Quotes to undertake the renovation were reviewed, and contractors selected. The work should take place during August / early September, when the water level is expected to be at it's lowest.

**Footpaths** - The Council is continually working with landowners to try to ensure that all of the local footpaths are well maintained; something which is particularly challenging this year, due the weather conditions. Thank you to landowners who maintain footpath #5 (behind the Church), who have done great work clearing the permissive route around the stud field.

**Primary School** - The Headteacher provided an update on the current status and future plans for Burrough Green Primary School, and actions were discussed on how the Parish Council could support the school.

**Play Area** - It was agreed to fix the broken goal posts and protective matting, both of which have now been completed. The use of non-selective herbicide around equipment and fencing was also discussed, with an alternative approach to be discussed with the contractor.

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

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September in the Reading Room.

# MARSH MAIL - News from Linton Village College

We enjoyed a warm sports day at the end of term with students competing in field and track events to secure House points. Discovery House was the victorious team this year. Students demonstrated great camaraderie, cheering each other along during the races.

Like many LVC and Abington families, I enjoyed tracking the progress of ex-LVC student Angharad Evans competing in the summer Olympics in Paris. We are very proud of Harri's amazing performances in the 100m women's breaststroke final and 4×100m medley relay heats. Her achievements demonstrate the results of great commitment and discipline.

Meanwhile, at the end of July. thirteen Year 11 students and two teachers embarked on a World Challenge expedition to Morocco. During their two weeks away, the group



visited Marrakech and trekked the Atlas Mountains. They camped at base camp and climbed the Toukbal summit - 4167 metres high! They were also involved in a community project, helping to complete construction work and carpet weaving within a cooperative initiative in Tizi N'Oucheg. The maturity and teamwork displayed by the group was impressive. The trip was an incredible life experience for all involved. I'm grateful to Miss Mayzes and Ms Price for making this possible by supervising the group during their summer break.

Having celebrated GCSE results day with the class of 2024, we welcome a new cohort in September. I have enjoyed reading and responding to Year 7 letters during the summer holiday and wish our youngest students a great start to their time at LVC.

### BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2024

There's still time to take/submit a photo for the front of the Brinkley Christmas Card. Please send to

### rospates@yahoo.co.uk

# THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Hi to everyone

We appreciate all the support everyone has given us. Our driveway is finally finished and is looking great,



We've a new cider on tap 'Thatchers Haze'. It's a great cider and going well. Timothy Taylor 'Golden Best' is also new and going well.

Up and coming event are

Open Mic night on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Speed quizzing is on the 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Our meal deals are going strong ..... Burger and a pint for  $\pounds12.50$  ....and Pie and a Pint Thursdays is  $\pounds10.00$  All the best to all of our customers

Tina and Danny 01638 476424





### PURCELL HANDEL SCHEIN NAUWACH

Fiona Stuart-Wilson Soprano Stefano Rocco Archlute



Silvia Moroni Flute

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Friday, 11 October 2024, 7pm St Augustine's Church, Burrough Green, CB8 9LY

> Tickets: £15 includes a glass of wine To reserve seats - Email: bgchurch24@gmail.com Phone: Lucy Talbot 07001 05865, Shean Brusell 07415 074434

St Augustine's is delighted to present a concert of baroque music on Friday 11 October at 7pm. The concert, which will feature arias, songs and instrumental music by English and German composers including Purcell, Handel, Schein and Nauwach, will be performed by Fiona Stuart-Wilson (soprano), David Pickthall (organ), Stefano Rocco (archlute) and Silvia Moroni (flute).

Fiona performs regularly at concerts and festivals in Spain, Italy and the UK, and David is well-known to us locally as an organist and conductor. We are especially delighted to welcome Stefano Rocco and Silvia Moroni from Italy. Both are distinguished musicians who perform internationally and have recorded widely.

Early booking is advised for this very special event!

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH STETCHWORTH QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth Doors open 7.00 pm - first question 7.30 pm Teams of up to six people £15 per person to include a two course home-cooked meal To book your meal and your team Tel: 01638 507576 or email lilywhymer@gmail.com

Licensed Bar

Raffle

# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL/ CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

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Alan Sharp - ECDC Wooditton Ward & CCC

Since I wrote back in June, we have had the general election, the result of which was disappointing for me. I would like to thank Lucy Frazer for all of her hard work on behalf of her constituents and it has been a privilege working with her.

Highways

I am writing this after a recent meeting with Highways Officers about the delay in getting works done. They have acknowledged the issues, some of which revolve around staffing problems.

Some recruitment is ongoing and changes in the way that the department is managed have been made, as I mentioned last month. I look forward to seeing what effect this has on the output.

Residents need a better service from the County Council and I will continue to hold the ruling administration at New Shire Hall to provide the service that residents expect.

Mill Road Bridge Cambridge

The County Council have abandoned their legal defence against the judicial review on the Mill Road bridge closure. However, they started a new consultation from 16^{th} August running for 5 weeks and I still have huge concerns over the proposal, as they seem to have not learned any of the lessons as to why the proposal was so hated.

Please visit the CCC website and complete the consultation.

Swaffham Heath Road/ A1303 Crossroads

It has now been confirmed that work on redesigning the junction will commence on 9^{th} September after the many delays to this project.

Buses

There has been a delay in decisions on the extra services that were proposed 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.

The CPCA have started a consultation on bus franchising, which runs until November. Please visit the CPCA website and give your views on this. I have concerns about the funding of this and how much will be increased by the mayor as his share of the Council Tax.

Education

I have written before about the shortage of school places in some parts of the County, especially at secondary level.

The Ruling administration at the County Council seem to be doing nothing about addressing the issue, especially with the numerous new builds which are happening around Cambridge. With the announcement by the new government about VAT on private school fees, this will have an effect on school places.

This is an issue that will develop over the coming months.

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 East Cambridgeshire District Councillor/ Cambridgeshire County Councillor

Tel: 01638 476812 Tel: 07794292941

E-Mail: <u>alan.sharp@cambridgeshire.gov.uk</u> <u>alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk</u>

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Cllrs Charlotte Cane and John Trapp -Bottisham Ward Full Council

The Full Council meeting took place on Thursday 25 July. Unfortunately, due to a fatality on the rail line, Charlotte was unable to travel to the meeting from London.

# Corporate Plan Action Plan

John joined the rest of our political group on the Council in abstaining on the Administration's proposed Corporate Plan action plan. There were some elements we supported, such as the work on inclusive play, which we had initiated. But some elements did not go far enough, some were unevidenced, and some such as the Mepal crematorium we continue to oppose.

• The Plan said the Council would be 'engaging' with the Combined Authority's ongoing bus reform work'—just days after the Leader of the Council had abstained on it at a Combined Authority Board meeting.

• And the 'Road Safety Volunteer Scheme' that Conservative Councillors have pressed the police into taking on was mooted in the autumn of 2021 and three years later there is nothing to show for it.

• A few priorities were identified, but had no actions associated with them.

It was not clear what the Action Plan would do to address the challenges the report identified such as the cost of living, and recruitment and retention of staff. Meanwhile it complained about priority and capacity concerns at the Combined Authority, but not those at East Cambridgeshire District Council for which it is directly responsible.

### Neighbourhood Plans

Council 'made' the two Neighbourhood Plans for Mepal and Sutton, so they now form part of ECDC's Planning Policies.

Neighbourhood Plans play a vital role in the planning process. They are not just a means to forestall inappropriate development. They give an opportunity for local people to consider and discuss what makes their community work, what is needed to meet the challenges of the future, what most needs protecting and enhancing, and where appropriate development can provide the right sort of housing and amenities for current and future residents.

# Changes To National Planning Policy Framework

The Government has launched a consultation on plans to amend the National Planning Policy Framework and other planning reforms (link below).

Many of the changes will primarily affect District Councils as local planning authorities in their local plan and development management functions.

Some of the main changes proposed are as follows.

1. The new method will include a stronger affordability ratio driver and the removal of the clause about previous oversupply in an area - to give a combined national target of 370,000 new dwellings per year.

2. The need for Councils, Housing Associations and other providers to deliver genuinely affordable homes—changes will be delivered through increased Government investment, changes to borrowing rules and rent stability.

This will have obvious implications for East Cambridgeshire, whose Local Plan is now nine years old, and where the building of affordable homes has been below what is needed for many years. (4,548 dwellings have been completed in the last twelve years, of which fewer than 18% have been affordable.)

Background information:

# Written statements - Written questions, answers and statements - UK Parliament

Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

# **Bus Franchising Consultation**

The CPCA will be engaged in a consultation on bus franchising which may provide the County with an opportunity for a strategic bus policy, and to provide new routes.

### **District Council Surgeries**

We are resuming our face-to-face surgeries and the next one will be at Bottisham Sports and Social Club on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from half past six until half past seven in the evening.

You are always welcome to contact us directly, either by email or telephone.

<u>charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk</u> 07976 607512, john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk</u> 07942 685599

# ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

I can scarcely believe that I'm writing about autumn already - where did summer go? We hope you enjoyed all the summer activities organised for your delight and are ready for our autumn programme.

The first meeting is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September -"Companion Planting for a Balanced Garden" by Dr Ian Bedford, an independent entomologist. Ian offers advice in the development and use of non-chemical plant protection products and supporting wildlifefriendly home gardening.

Then on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October we will hear about "Schrodinger's Gardening for Wellness". It is sure to be fascinating to discover our brains' perceive gardens, and how gardening and gardens can enhance our mental and physical wellbeing. All set, remarkably, against the findings of Erwin Schrodinger's "cat" experiment!

Intrigued? Then do come along. All are welcome to our meetings which are held at 7.30 pm in the Ellesmere Centre

We always have a raffle and refreshments, but the stock of raffle prizes is dwindling, so if you have anything to offer, please bring it along to the first of these meetings if possible.

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

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# BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

ONE LOVE (12). The acclaimed biopic of the Jamaican Reggae artist

Bob Marley and the story of the Wailers. Celebrate the life and music of an icon whose journey behind his revolutionary music changed the world.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October we will screen THE BOOK THIEF(12) - a film made in 2013 and starring Geoffrey Rush and based on the bestselling book - a girl, Liesel, transforms the lives of those around her in WW2 in Germany. Adopted but illiterate she is taught to read and befriends Max, a Jew also adopted and eventually they escape from the horrors around them.

Normal start time of doors open at 7pm and both films at 7.30 in the Balsham Church Institute, Church Lane, Dave's bar will be open for pre-show drinks and nibbles as normal.

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

# 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.

#### 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 <u>bgreadingroom@yahoo.com</u> <u>www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk</u>

Westley Waterless Village Hall - For more information please go to www.westleywaterless.com/hall

#### DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 8pm The Taylor Hall, Dullingham CB8 9XE Come & enjoy a fun evening with a demonstration by Clare Thompson Entitled 'Off the Cuff' Admission £8 (includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits) Raffle. The raffle will include all the arrangements that are made on the evening Contact Lesley Bird Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

### DATE FOR DIARY

Next Meeting – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Demonstration by Jennifer Allen-Thompson

# TIM PHILLIPS & Co Ltd Accountants

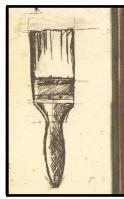
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# SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2024 - All Welcome

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 14th After Trinity

9.00 am Holy Communion Carlton 10.30 am Family Service Burrough Green Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 James 1: 17 - end Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

# Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 15th After Trinity

9.00 am Family Communion Stetchworth 10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham Proverbs 22:1-2, 8 9, 22,23 James 2: 1-10(11-13) 14-17 Mark 7: 24-end

# Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 16th After Trinity

9.00 am Family CommunionBurrough Green10.30 am Morning PrayerBrinkley

Proverbs 1: 20-33 James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-end

# Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 17th After Trinity

10.30 am Family Communion Dullingham 6.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth Proverbs 31: 10 - end James 3: 13- 4: 3, 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37

# Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September Michael and All Angels

10.30am Benefice Communion Westley Waterless

Genesis 28: 10-17 Revelation 12; 7-12 John 1: 47-end

In the Raddesley benefice we have three churches dedicated to St. Mary, Brinkley, Dullingham and Westley Waterless.

There are five days in the church's year set aside to commemorate the Blessed Virgin Mary and the events in her life.

These are:

September 8 Birth of Mary

December 8 Conception of Mary

February 2 Purification of Mary

March 25 Annunciation to Mary

August 15 Assumption of Mary (Dormition)

We are most familiar with the story of Mary taking Jesus to the Temple, Purification (Luke 2:22-40) and the Angel Gabriel announcing she was to be the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:28-39,46-55).

What do we learn about Mary and motherhood? She is the greatest mother, totally dedicated to Jesus throughout his life.

Mothers are selfless people and reflecting upon the Virgin Mary is an opportunity to give thanks for those who are bringing up children.

Go well

Patrick

The Reverend Patrick McEune

FOOTNOTE: We do have three churches dedicated to St. Mary but I will mention (before Westley people point this out) that the Church at Westley Waterless is dedicated to St. Mary the Less

Lily Whymer

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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; <u>www.raddesley.com</u>

# RECTOR

**Revnd Patrick McEune** email address: frmceune@btinternet.com Telephone number: 07411 761883

#### CHURCHWARDENS:

Burrough Green: Lucy Talbot Tel: 01638 507060, email: <u>peterandlucyt@btinternet.com</u> Westley Waterless: Ms. Deborah O'Riordan, Tel: 01638 507741, email <u>d.a.oriordan@btinternet.com</u> and Mrs Liz Gibson, Tel: 01638 508600, <u>lizgibson@me.com</u> Brinkley: Ros Pates 01638 507240 rospates@yahoo.co.uk Carlton: Stephen Roberts 01223 290372 or Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com.

# RURAL DEAN

Rev'd Canon Dr. Eleanor Williams Vicar of Burwell with Reach Rural Dean of Fordham and Quy Deanery The Vicarage, 22 Isaacson Road Burwell, CB25 OAF

Telephone 01638 741262 email: <u>vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk</u>

# 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/

# ARTICLES FOR OCTOBER VILLAGE VOICE

villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

01638 507495 by 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 please

# VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ACTION EAST CAMBS (VCAEC)

VCAEC have been awarded some funding which is aimed at residents living in East Cambridgeshire who reside in the villages just south of Newmarket. The funding is to enable these residents to get access to the social car scheme we run. They are also keen to recruit new volunteer drivers in the area.

# EAST CAMBS SOCIAL CAR SCHEME

Supported by



# This scheme is operated <u>entirely</u> by volunteers 01353 666553

# Email: <u>carscheme@vcaec.org.uk</u>

# Drivers we need YOU!

to help us provide transport for people who are unable to use conventional public transport. **Do you:** 

- ✓ have access to a roadworthy car?
- ✓ like helping people?
- ✓ have a few hours to spare on a regular basis?
- ✓ hold a full driving licence?
- ✓ Willing to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

# What we can offer you:

- ✓ a mileage allowance of 45p per mile plus 5p per mile per passenger.
- That good feeling you get from helping others.

If you are interested in becoming one of our drivers please contact <u>angela@vcaec.org.uk</u> or 01353 666166 **Background** 

The scheme started in 1998.

On average we travel 81,000 miles per annum.

# Who are we?

We have volunteer drivers who offer door to door transport to people who are unable to use conventional public transport. All our drivers have an Enhanced DBS Check & use their own cars.

The <u>drivers provide transport</u> <u>only</u> they are <u>not</u> <u>carers</u> and cannot assist with the pushing of wheelchairs.

# Who can use the service?

If you live in East Cambs and find it difficult to use conventional public transport.

We **do not** have access to wheelchair accessible vehicles therefore you should be able to get in and out of a car unaided and be able to walk unaided.

In busy periods priority is given to medical appointments.

# How can I arrange my journey?

When booking a journey please give as much notice as possible.

Please bear with us as it may take us some time to find a suitable driver available to undertake your journey. If your appointment is cancelled please can you notify us as soon as possible to avoid an unnecessary journey. If we are not notified you will be charged for any mileage the driver has undertaken.

You will not be expected to share the car with strangers. Although there may, on rare occasions (for instance if a driver is ill), where this may happen, you will be asked for your permission first.

# Where can I go?

It's not just the Hospital you can go to. We can provide an opportunity for you to go to:

shopping, opticians, chiropodists, vets, hearing/ sight tests,

visit friends & relatives who are in hospital or care homes.

# What questions will I be asked?

We will need to ascertain that you are eligible for the service and may need to ask you some questions about your needs.

We will need to ask why you need to travel ie the nature of your appointment and any additional needs you may have (such as your need for a walker), so that we can arrange for a suitable vehicle/ driver for you. What we will not cover.

We are <u>not</u> a cheap taxi service. Our services are for those individuals who are unable to use conventional transport.

We are also unable to assist with subsidised transport for appointments which are outside the border of Cambridgeshire. The only **exception** to this rule applies to residents of parishes that look to surrounding towns or facilities and services (i.e. health), just outside of Cambridgeshire, for example the Queen Elizabeth II hospital at King's Lynn which is in Norfolk.

# How much does it cost?

Passengers make a contribution towards the drivers costs using the current HMRC rates. These are paid direct to the driver at the time of travel. This contribution is:

- 45p a mile calculated from the drivers home to you & back.
- There is then an additional 5p per mile which is calculated from your home to your appointment for each passenger.
- £1 booking fee.

We will always endeavor to find a driver as close to your home as possible. If we cannot do this you will be informed first.

**PLEASE NOTE** there is a minimum contribution of  $\pounds 7$  plus a  $\pounds 1$  booking fee.

# **Data Protection**

Please note that by using this service you agree to your details being kept on our database. This information will not be shared with any others.