

# VILLAGE VOICE

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

SEPTEMBER 2025

## BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
2025

10.30 am to 12.00 noon

at

Brinkley Memorial Hall



Please join us for Tea, Coffee and  
Cake and an opportunity to  
catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Any Queries: Caroline Egar - 01638 507418  
07976 250961

## RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS :

Black bin - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Green & Blue - 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -  
MONDAYS

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Green Lid - 1<sup>st</sup> , 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## 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

## 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.



## JAM JARS

My marmalade and chutney maker has retired so I  
have 30 '1lb' jam jars with lids and mostly still labelled.  
Free to a good home - will deliver.  
Please ring David on 01638 507230.

## BINGO NIGHT WITH CASH PRIZES

### BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM

FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
7pm.

Eyes down 7.30pm.

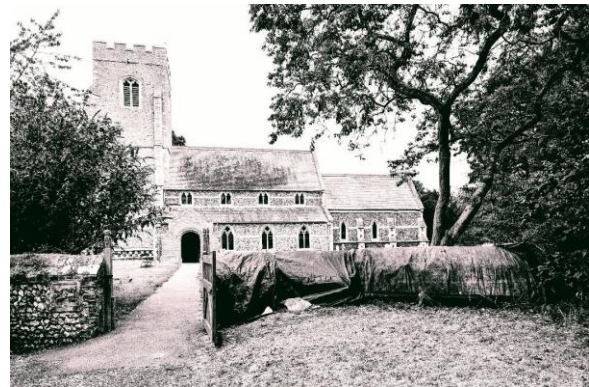
Adults only.

Raffle

BYO drinks and snacks



## 'ANOTHER BRICK IN THE WALL'



Please help us to raise funds to repair part of the  
ancient 16th Century clunch brick and mortar wall at

**St. Mary's church, Brinkley.**

Specialist work is due to start shortly.

Names of donors will be entered into a commemorative  
'Wall' book, along with photographs charting progress of  
the wall restoration for all visitors to see.

For more information please email or call the  
Church Warden, Ros Pates  
Email: rospates@yahoo.co.uk  
Or Mobile: 07368 968412

Donations can be made by cheque,  
or BACS to: Brinkley PCC Sort Code: 60 15 47  
Acct: 44335059  
(Reference: brick followed by your name)

Thank you in advance for your donations, however  
big or small

**YOUR HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED BY  
GENERATIONS TO COME**

### COME AND HELP IN LOWER WOOD.

The Wildlife Trusts' Lower Wood (Weston Colville) monthly working parties begin again on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

It's a chance to volunteer and help maintain the ancient woodland, learn about local wildlife, get some exercise and meet likeminded people. Come along on the last Saturday of the month at 10 am between September and February (New Year date may vary). You'll find us along the main path in the middle of the wood. All welcome, although children should be accompanied by adults. Wear clothing and boots appropriate for the weather and remember you'll warm up as you work. You just need to bring a pair of gardening/DIY gloves. Tools and light refreshments are provided. Most stay until 1pm but you are welcome to work on after a BYO lunch. Looking forward to seeing you there!

For more information or to join the email list please contact the Warden, Duncan Mackay  
([djmbwr@gmail.com](mailto:djmbwr@gmail.com)).

### 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](mailto:denisehrebeniak@yahoo.com)

### A HELPING HAND

Do you need help with decluttering? Have you have been putting off a project due to lack of energy and impetus?

I can help.

Having someone with you, and another pair of capable hands to help you tackle a daunting task, makes a huge difference whether it is clearing out an attic or tidying overflowing cupboards. Do you want to have a wardrobe clear out or are you moving house and can't decide what to keep?

Let me help you decide.

I can also do recycle runs and charity shop drop offs on your behalf. Reasonable hourly rate. Mileage extra if driving involved. Local area only. I live in Brinkley.

Why not ring for a quick chat?

Louise Beamish  
07885 709665



### BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET CLUB

August Update

You may have noticed that we were missing from the last edition of Village Voice, and, given this, there has been a lot of cricket played by the club since our last update.

We've had some mixed results, with good wins over Barley, Helions Bumpstead, Ickleton & Little Shelford, as well as a losses to league leaders Cambridge Old Monks and a strong Thriplow side.



The 2 games left to go in the season, away against Barley on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, with our final game of the season at home on the green on the 30<sup>th</sup> August, against Audley Wenden. Wins in both games would guarantee us promotion from a very competitive Junior 3 South League.

There have been a number of individual strong performers from the team, including from Peter Bragg, who sits second in the league for runs scored, a new highest score for vice-captain Jonny Way, as well as an impressive 4 wicket haul for Zak Khan to seal victory against Helions Bumpstead, that all deserve mentioning.

As always, if there is anyone who wishes to get involved at the club, you are more than welcome. Please contact us, with details for all of the committee members available via the club website:  
<https://burroughgreen.play-cricket.com/home>

Ed Riddell

Club Secretary BGCC

### THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Hi everyone



Autumn is almost upon us and time is ticking by very quickly. Hope this isn't the last of the glorious sun yet ....

We have changed our menu slightly come and have a look at our board there are a few changes.

Up and coming events are :

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** is our Speed Quizzing at 7pm. Come and have an evening of fun and maybe a nice glass of wine and some good home cooked food ... We have another **Car Event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** Come and have a look at the amazing cars from 10am. We would love to see you and have coffee and a chat.

**Open MIC night is back on the 18<sup>th</sup> September** from 7pm. Some fantastic people singing. It's a great evening. Come and listen, or if you want to, come and have a go.

Thanks guys for all the support you've given us over the last 2.5 yrs.

Tina and Danny  
01638 476424

## PLAY THE ORGAN YEAR 2025

Play the organ year is designed to inspire a year-long effort by the whole organ playing community to increase the number of people learning to play the organ.

The organ is a magnificent instrument & fun to play. If anyone of any age would like to find out more about the organ or interested in playing the organ then please contact Josephine Roberts on 07469 730195 or Liz Gibson on 07745 627287

### BRINKLEY RED LION

We have enjoyed seeing so many of you through the pub over the last month, thank you - chicken burgers have certainly been a hit! Lamb sausages are among the upcoming changes on the menu. We have a new cheese offering from the Cambridge Cheese Company - We'll have two cheeses available all the time, with homemade chutney and seeded lavash. When one cheese runs out, we'll get something new - do let us know if you have specific favourites!

On the drinks front, we are currently working on a "Fine reds" list, which will enhance our selection of red wines with some exciting Bordeaux and Burgundy available by the bottle. Do ask us if you are ever interested in these, we have a few decanters behind the bar, which we'd also recommend using for the Fossil Point Cabernet Sauvignon from California. Burger Night will make a return on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Do book your table online or contact us via the email or phone number below!

Look forward to seeing you over the next month.

Best

George 01638 650879 redlion\_brinkley  
[www.redlionbrinkley.com](http://www.redlionbrinkley.com) [info@redlionbrinkley.com](mailto:info@redlionbrinkley.com)

### BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

The film evening is on Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> and will be the story of Richard Burton and his path to worldwide acclaim as an actor. From the producer of The Brutalist and based on a true story.

#### MR BURTON(12)

Starring Toby Jones, Harry Lawtey & Lesley Manville. In the Welsh town of Port Talbot in 1942 the talents of a wayward schoolboy from a struggling family catch the attention of his drama teacher who takes Richard under his wing and with this encouragement he thrives, but as the acting world comes within reach, the burden of his past risks holding him back for ever.

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

### 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

### RIDE AND STRIDE 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025



Discover and support Cambridgeshire's historic churches.

Join us and get sponsored to visit beautiful churches and chapels by bike, foot, horse or whatever way takes your fancy.

All money raised will be shared between the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and your chosen church or chapel of any denomination and will help to repair and maintain these amazing buildings.

For more information visit [www.camhct.uk](http://www.camhct.uk)  
or email [r-s-treasurer@camhct.uk](mailto:r-s-treasurer@camhct.uk)



### BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2025

It is never too early to be thinking about Christmas. For our Christmas 2025 village card, I would like a new picture (obviously connected to our village)

This picture could be from times past, or a photo of something current. In portrait orientation please.

Please submit your photos to me at [rospates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rospates@yahoo.co.uk), and I will judge which is the best/most appropriate/etc to be the winning entry.

The card which goes to every house in the village will be raising money for Brinkley Church and St Nicholas Hospice this year.

### BRINKLEY CHURCHYARD

Could you spare an hour or so to help with mowing the grass in Brinkley Churchyard? The churchyard is divided into 'mowing areas', so it's only a part that requires a volunteer. We can provide the mower. Please contact Ros, the churchwarden, if you could help. 01638 507240.

Brinkley PCC





**FIRST EXPLORER WITH A DISABILITY TO  
SKI SOLO AND UNSUPPORTED TO THE  
SOUTH POLE.**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 6 pm**  
**Reading Room, Burrough Green**  
Talk 6.45pm - approx. 45 mins + questions

Tickets: Adults £7 Children 16 yrs & under £5

Drinks available to purchase

Jonny Huntington, whilst serving as an officer in the British Army in 2014, had a stroke causing complete paralysis from the neck down on his left side. Following extensive rehabilitation and discharge from the Armed Forces, Jonny entered the world of elite sport as a disabled athlete, competing for Great Britain as a para cross-country skier. In November 2024, Jonny embarked on his greatest challenge yet. Over 46 days, Jonny covered 911km of Antarctic tundra, joining a select group of people who have skied to the South Pole without support. He skied for around 11 hours a day, dragging all his equipment and food in a sled weighing more than 100kg whilst battling temperatures as low as -40°C, high winds, crevasses and relentless 24hr daylight.

Come and hear Jonny tell us all about his adventure  
He will be taking questions at the end.

To reserve tickets, email Lucy Talbot  
[peterandlucyt@btinternet.com](mailto:peterandlucyt@btinternet.com)

Payment details will be provided in due course.

All funds raised will go towards a mini bus for  
Burrough Green C of E Primary Academy

**ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB**

After the unprecedented heatwaves of this summer, we will be back in the Ellesmere Centre for our autumn season of talks. We start on **3<sup>rd</sup> September** to hear Geoff Hodges talking on **"Winter colour - beating the winter blues"**. Sorry to mention winter so soon after that summer we've had, but we probably need Geoff's insight!

The following meeting will be a practical session on 8th October - "Autumn Tubs and Baskets". This is the return of the popular "bulbs, bangers and booze", so you know what to expect if you've been to this session before! There will be an array of seasonal plants and bulbs to purchase, and a small amount of compost for top ups, so bring along your own container and compost and have fun constructing your display. These meetings start at 7.30 pm, and there will be the usual raffle and refreshments. Any prizes for future raffles would be very welcome please - bring them along to the meeting.

Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you soon. Any queries about the Garden Club call Sandie on 07903 584676 or speak to someone at a meeting.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

**Take Charge and Be Safe - BATTERIES**

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has seen an increase in fires involving lithium-ion batteries over the last few years.

Many devices contain lithium-ion batteries. Mobile phones, laptops and games console controllers have these batteries, but so do cordless tools, garden machinery plus e-bikes and e-scooters. These batteries can heat up and cause a fire if not used correctly. You can Take Charge and Be Safe by following a few simple tips:

- Charge batteries when you are awake and alert.
- Only use the battery, charger and cables supplied by the manufacturer.
- Before you go to bed, check anything still charging is switched off.
- Do not overload sockets.
- Do not charge e-bikes and e-scooters in escape routes.

Batteries can be a fire hazard if they are not disposed of properly. They should **never** be put in household rubbish or recycling bins.

During the processing of waste or recycling, a battery can be compacted and damaged, which can lead to ignition of the highly reactive lithium, leading to a fire starting.

Any kind of battery can cause a fire if not disposed of correctly and safely. This includes vapes or other e-cigarettes as well as standard batteries.

Fires involving batteries cause damage to refuse vehicles and roads, as well as significant delays to bin collections and road closures.

**How to dispose of batteries**

There are many places to safely dispose of batteries. As well as local recycling centres, many shops around the county have collection bins in-store.

Find out more on our website:

<https://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/home-afety/disposing-of-batteries-safely/>.

**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.

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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## LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

Sport at LVC is central to our curriculum and extra-curricular offer. Physical education plays a vital role in students experiencing a well-rounded experience of school and is integral to their adoption of a healthy lifestyle and competition.

Throughout the school year, we participate in a wide range of local sports fixtures and activities. This summer, over fifty of our talented athletes represented LVC at the annual district sports competition, competing in both track and field events against schools across Cambridgeshire. Many students achieved personal bests, and several won their respective events. We are incredibly proud to have been placed first overall, earning the prestigious 'Olympic Cup' a remarkable achievement for our school. The LVC Sports Department offers programmes that foster leadership, confidence, and community engagement. Our 'Sports Leaders' initiative gives Year 9 and 10 students the opportunity to organise and lead events, such as the primary school sports festival in the summer term. Over 100 Year 3 and 4 pupils from our cluster schools including Linton Heights, Castle Camps, Burrough Green, and Great Abington attended. Feedback praised our students for their outstanding communication and empathy.

This autumn, we're also excited to be appointing Sports Prefects - a new leadership opportunity for younger students. These prefects will support clubs, fixtures, and events, gaining valuable experience in organisation and teamwork.

At LVC, sport is more than just physical activity, it's a platform for achievement, leadership, and community spirit. Our school values of ambition, inclusion and enrichment are at the heart of our PE provision.



LVC's proud 'Olympic Cup' winners.

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## KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION

### **Taking part in the Statutory Consultation**

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent events to learn more about the impact of the proposed Kingsway Solar Farm and to prepare for the Statutory Consultation expected this September. If you missed the events, you can find further information on our website or Facebook page, and the presentation is available to download.

### **Community action**

We are stepping up efforts to protect our villages. Current activities include printing campaign signs,



posters and banners for gardens, hedges, and other privately owned prominent locations, as well as building a life-size mock-up to show the true scale of the proposed solar panels. If you would like to display a sign or to support any of these initiatives, please complete the **Sign Request Form** or donate via our **GoFundMe page** (links below).

We also need to raise significant funds for the legal process, which could cost over £200,000. This will be ring-fenced from other campaign funds. If you can make a substantial contribution (£500+), please email [ello@kingswayaction.org](mailto:ello@kingswayaction.org) to arrange a private discussion.

### **Step Into Nature in September**

As part of our *Step Into Nature* campaign, we're focusing on deer recordings this September. Please log any sightings on iRecord to help build valuable local data, track the routes deer use and assess how solar farm fencing may affect their movement. And do keep recording other species too!

The public consultation for the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy runs until **11 September 2025**. Help shape the future of nature in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough by taking part in the survey at:

<https://yourvoice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lnrs/consultation/>

### **Useful links**

-Become a **KSCA member** to stay involved  
<https://kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-join-us/>

-Request a **No Way Kingsway sign**  
<https://forms.gle/mZH5aGseUVm3yRuq9>

-Donate via **GoFundMe** to support our work  
[www.gofundme.com/f/no-to-kingsway-solar-farm](https://www.gofundme.com/f/no-to-kingsway-solar-farm)

-Follow **KSCA on Facebook** for real-time updates.

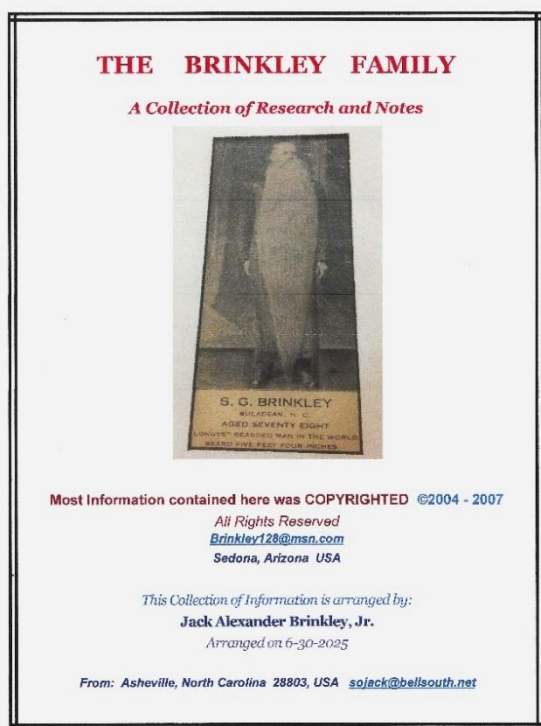
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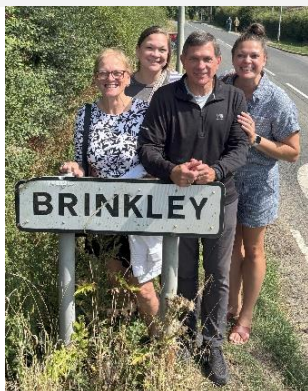


## **BRINKLEY FAMILY**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August Brinkley was visited by a family from North Carolina. Their surname is Brinkley and they had come to the UK with the sole intention of visiting the Village of Brinkley. Jack Brinkley had done a tremendous amount of research on the history of the name Brinkley, including his family history. and presented us with a book of all the information he had discovered. A fascinating study.



The family, Jack & Diana with their daughters Bekha and Anna joined us at Coffee Morning in the hall after visiting the church, and then enjoyed lunch at The Red Lion after a walk through the village. It was a delight to meet the lovely family and



make them welcome on their day in Brinkley. We have had several e mails from them since returning home, saying how much they had enjoyed their visit. The book and all the photos taken that day will be available to look at in Brinkley Memorial Hall at future Coffee Mornings.

## **DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

**8pm**

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE  
Come & enjoy a fun evening with a Demonstration  
by

**David Wright**

Entitled

**'Kaleidoscope 25'**

**Admission £8**

Includes Tea/Coffee and biscuits

**Raffle** - The Raffle will include all the arrangements made on the evening

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

## **DATE FOR DIARY**

**Next meeting**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Demonstration by Brenda Tubb

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **ST. PETER'S CHURCH STETCHWORTH**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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](mailto:lilywhymer@gmail.com)

Licensed Bar

Raffle

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Brinkley Memorial Hall

Doors open 7.00 pm - first question 7.30 pm

Teams of up to six people

£14 per person to include a two course home-cooked meal

To book your meal and your team call Trish on

Tel: 01638 507495

or email [trish.bull50@btinternet.com](mailto:trish.bull50@btinternet.com)

### **IN AID OF BRINKLEY CHURCH**

### **ARTICLES FOR OCTOBER VILLAGE VOICE**

To

[villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com)

**before 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 please**

## **NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE**

We would like to thank everyone that took the time to complete the questionnaire we sent out earlier this year.

Your suggestions have been noted and your kind words about the centre were really appreciated.

In response to some comments, we would like to let you know about the following classes and activities we already have running at the centre.

**Fitsteps**                      **Wednesday**  
9.30-10.30am      Anne Catchpole   07799 644053

**Fitsteps (low impact)**      **Wednesdays**  
11am-12pm           Anne Catchpole   07799 644053

**Healthy Walks**      **All welcome**              **Thursdays**  
2pm-3pm from      Ellesmere Centre

**Little Kickers**      **Mondays**  
9.30am onwards      18mths-4yrs  
Ashley 07928 765121

**Moo Music**              **Fridays**  
10am-10.40am      0-4yrs  
<https://moo-music.co.uk/areas/en/>

**All adult and children's classes are available to see on our website [www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk](http://www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk) or copies can be found in the foyer.**

### **Minutes Secretary**

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Minutes secretary. The role would involve attending monthly meetings, taking minutes, typing up and emailing out to trustees.

This role does not require you to become a Trustee  
If you would like more information, please contact the office on 01638 508212  
[office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk](mailto:office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk)

### **AGM & GENERAL MEETING** **16<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

We are pleased to invite you to the Annual General Meeting of The Ellesmere Centre. This is an opportunity for you to hear about our achievements over the past year and our plans for the future.

**Your voice and participation matters!**

Join us from 7pm

We look forward to seeing you there

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

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

Alternatively call us on 01638 508212

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## **REPORT FROM CHARLOTTE CANE MP**

As your MP, I've been out across Ely and East Cambridgeshire, meeting residents, visiting local businesses, and listening to your concerns. Recently, I joined paramedics at Ely Ambulance Station, witnessing firsthand the dedication of our emergency services and the challenges they face. I continue to press ministers on the growing NHS dental crisis—our area is a 'dental desert'—and the lack of access to GP appointments, a concern raised by many constituents. With numerous renewable energy projects underway, I continue to raise concerns about large-scale battery storage facilities planned nearby. I've pressed ministers in Westminster on battery safety and launched a petition demanding stronger regulations and mandatory consultation with local fire services. Please sign and share: [bit.ly/batterystoragesafety](https://bit.ly/batterystoragesafety)

On education, I'm advocating for urgent reform in SEND funding. My colleagues and I propose capping profits for private SEND providers at 8%, following research showing some firms making tens of millions with profit margins over 20%. These profits often go to offshore firms while families struggle for support. Funding meant for SEND children must be spent on their education—not shareholder profits.

Supporting local businesses remains a priority. I visited Harry Specters chocolate factory in Ely, whose founder was awarded an MBE for employing autistic people and promoting independence. I also met Tiger's Eye in Milton, a start-up improving women's performance and breast health, including developing a high-performance bra for women in combat roles.

To help businesses connect and thrive, I've launched a local business network, with our first roundtable held in July and more events planned. I've also started a publicans' network, recognising the vital role pubs play in our communities. At our first meeting in Haddenham, issues raised included VAT relief on food, rising business rates, and employer national insurance contributions. If we want our pubs to survive, we must support them—use them or lose them.

My team and I have now closed over 6,000 constituent cases. If you need help or want to book an advice surgery appointment, please email [charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk) or call 020 7362 1601.

I've recently been back on the doorsteps in Sutton, Burwell, and Stretham, listening to residents. With Parliament in recess, I'm continuing visits across Ely and East Cambs. If you run a local group or business and would like to meet, please get in touch—I'd love to hear from you.

P.S. Keep up to date with my work for Ely & East Cambridgeshire by signing up to my newsletter here: [bit.ly/newsfromcharlotte](https://bit.ly/newsfromcharlotte)

*With best wishes,*

*Charlotte Cane : MP for Ely & East Cambridgeshire*  
[charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk) 020 7362 1601

## **EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

### **Highways**

Residents will be aware of the resurfacing of Hall Farm Road, which was included in the schedule to be done in this financial year. However, the decision to pick this road before the B1061 out of Dullingham up to Eagle Lane seems strange. I understand that the repairs to the B1061 are being brought forward in the programme to be done this year. This is very welcome, but it does blow out of the water that the decisions have been made on data obtained on all of the roads in Cambridgeshire, rather than the whims of Highways Officers.

I asked officers at the Highways & Transport Committee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March this year to bring forward the repair to this road else it would be damaged to an even more dangerous level than it is already. Perhaps, they have finally listened.

If there is any work that you believe requires work, please contact me and I will raise this with Highways and try to get it done.

### **Council Reorganisation**

The response to the Government's imposed Council reorganisation continues to develop.

The three options being considered that I mentioned last month continue to be worked on, although there is an additional option being pushed by Labour MPs close to Peterborough, namely what is effectively a Greater Peterborough proposal. This would involve the current Peterborough Unitary authority together with the northern parts of Fenland and Huntingdonshire. The remainder of Cambridgeshire would form a southern unitary authority.

This new proposal was being discussed by a Full Council meeting of Peterborough City Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and Peterborough are pressing ahead with this proposal.

*(Details in August VV)*

The response to Government stating that the final decision from the councils is required by 28<sup>th</sup> November but there is still a lot of difference of opinion on the preferred model. A lot of the work being done is not around the best geographical fit, but financial and operational considerations, due to the heavy debts that some Councils have. East Cambridgeshire District Council has no external borrowing and pride itself on strong financial management.

I am the Chairman of the Finance & Assets Committee at East Cambs, so know how vital looking after your money is to residents. In my opinion, whilst geographically it looks sensible, Option 3 would put East Cambs in with a debt-ridden Cambridge City, as well as South Cambs, who have a 4 day week policy, where staff are paid for a full week's work, but only work 4 days. That cannot be a good use of your money. Indeed, only recently the Lib Dem controlled South Cambs Council debated the benefits of the 4-day week

policy highlighting an "independent report" written by a supporter of such policies. Hardly Independent!

Whilst I agree that there was a need for a reorganisation, this has been imposed by Government with little discussion and no opportunity for residents to comment.

The whole process now seems to be driven by various political priorities, especially in Peterborough, Cambridge City Council and the County Council.

It should be about what is best for delivering quality services to residents.

I will continue to keep you updated, but welcome any feedback or comments.

### **Kingsway Solar**

Kingsway Solar is the 3,700-acre proposed solar farm, which will start next to Brinkley and encircle West Wrattling and Weston Colville.

It will take prime agricultural land out of food production and will destroy communities. This cannot be right.

The power generated will then be taken by overhead pylons to the substation at Burwell, a distance of over 10 miles.

The statutory consultation is due to start in September, so please look out for it and share your view. There will be some public engagement meetings, so please take the opportunity to attend those.

I will keep you updated.

If there is anything concerning you, please contact me. I am here to help on any matter over which you have concerns. I have not done surgeries previously, because I am able to visit residents or meet them, wherever is suitable for them, rather than making residents come to me. I am available to all.

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### **STOP PRESS**

*All being well the work to improve the carriageway between Station Road and Eagle Lane, Dullingham, is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

*Cllr Jonny Edge*

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### **CATHOLIC PARISH SERVICES:**

Newmarket: Saturdays 6pm & Sundays 11am

Kirtling: Sunday 9am.

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

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

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## SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER - all welcome

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 12th After Trinity**

9.00 Holy Communion Brinkley  
10.30 am Family Service Burrough Green  
*Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Philemon 1 -21 Luke 14: 25-33*

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 13th after Trinity**

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham  
*Numbers 21: 4-9 Phillippians 2: 6-11 John 3: 13-17*

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 14th After Trinity**

9.00 am Holy Communion Carlton  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley  
*Jeremiah 8: 18 - 9:1 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13*

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 15th After Trinity**

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham  
6.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth  
*Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15 1 Timothy 6: 6-19  
Luke 16: 19-end*

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The summer holiday season is nearly over, and the children are now back at school for a new academic year. Some will be starting new schools both primary and secondary. Others will be preparing for college and university and work after having received their examination results in August.

It is a time of new beginnings and Jesus is always ready for us to start again in many of the situations we face in our lives.

At every service we have an opportunity for a new start because in the Lord's Prayer are the words 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

This means there is always a new start. In the gospel of St. Luke we read the Lord's Prayer in about 37 words 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' (Luke 11:2-5).

Using this prayer on a regular basis reminds us there is always a new start available.

*Go well*

*Rev'd Patrick 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)

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## **FESTAL EVENSONG**

Come and celebrate the completion of essential work at St George's Church, Six Mile Bottom, with a Festal Evensong service and rededication of the restored church by the Archdeacon of Cambridge.

Anthem: Bruckner's *Locua iste*.

**31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 at 6pm**



St George's Church is the second turn on the left after the railway crossing on Brinkley Road, with ample parking on the grass in the churchyard.

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