

VILLAGE VOICE

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

APRIL 2023

EASTER BREAKFAST
on Saturday 8th April
9.30 - 11.00.
The Reading Room
Burrough Green
An Eggcellent Full English
£6 adults and £4 for children 11 and under.

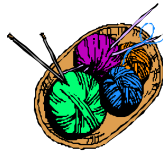


KNIT & NATTER

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. Any donations of wool would be greatly appreciated. There will be a small charge for refreshments. ALL WELCOME



ANNUAL MAINTENANCE DAY

ST. AUGUSTINE'S
CHURCH, BURROUGH
GREEN

SATURDAY 22nd April from
10.00 am

If you are able to offer an hour or two of your time to help with the annual cleaning and

maintenance of St Augustine's, we'd be very grateful. It's good fun and we always have time for

tea and biscuits and some homemade soup for lunch.

Do join us and help preserve this wonderful historic building and churchyard.

Thank you.

Contact Church warden: Lucy Talbot: 01638 507060



LITTER PICKING

I am a year 10 student and for my Duke of Edinburgh's Award I am litter picking around the local area. If you know of anywhere that you would like me to go, please contact me at 19sbr@lvcstudents.org or 07415074434.



BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET

Burrough Green Cricket starts again in May with our promotion to a new league. We look forward to visiting new grounds and meeting new opponents across Cambridgeshire. As ever if anyone wishes to play or help out in any way please contact burroughgreencricket@gmail.com. Anyone over 14yrs old can play. We are also looking for sponsors for new kit, so if you're interested in that aspect, please contact the same email. We look forward to seeing people on Saturday afternoons throughout the summer.



VILLAGE OIL SYNDICATE

The next oil syndicate order will be placed on Friday 28th April. If you would like to be included in the delivery, please contact Vicky Cavey on 07818 231632 or via email vickycavey@icloud.com no later than Monday 24th April.

Please provide details of your order ensuring all requests are accompanied by a house name/number, postcode, telephone number and quantity of oil required (500ltrs minimum). This will be the last order until August.



BURROUGH GREEN CHURCH FETE
Sunday 11th June 2023

25% of Proceeds to Burrough
Green School



Next Meeting at The Hall,
home of Lucy and Peter Talbot on
Wednesday 12th April at 7pm

Plans for the fete are well under way, however to make it a success we really need your help. Please come and join us at the meeting or get in touch. If you can manage a stall on the day, we would provide everything you need!

New this year will be a 'Man's Treasure Trove'. If you have any old tools from your workshop or garden shed you no longer want, we would love them! We need donations for the silent auction so if you can offer anything for this we would also be very grateful.

Thank you, Lucy on 07910 158463

email peterandlucy@btinternet.com

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Saturday 22nd April

Please join us on from 7.30pm for the return of this very popular evening £3 entrance payable on the door Anyone wishing to book a slot to perform please contact the office on 01638 508212



ROLLER SKATING

Term time sessions run on a Tuesday Evenings from 3.30pm-5.30pm.

For Holiday session times please see our Facebook page.

Starting in the Easter holidays, We are going to be running 2 skating sessions; the First session will be calmer with less sensory overload such as the disco lights and loud music.

We will also be running a 30 minute Roller Skating lesson for beginners - times to follow.

The Tuck Shop will be open for all sessions and Hot Drinks for Adults are available.

WARM HUB

Our warm hub is staying open every Monday and Wednesday during April from 9am-12pm.

We have Hot Drinks, Homemade Soup and Biscuits every week (all free of charge).

You can also now watch the Blue tits starting to nest on our live NEST CAM

Everyone Welcome

Please see our Facebook for more details

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter @CentreEllesmere

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk-alternatively call us on 01638 508212

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4th THURSDAY of each month between 1.10 - 1.50pm on

27th April.

BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 3rd THURSDAY of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm. 20th April.



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.

WANTED

I have recently moved into the Brinkley area and am looking for pasture to rent for my two horses. If you may be able to help, please contact samanthabuck89@gmail.com or 07876 800748.



THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



IS REOPENING

ON MONDAY 27th MARCH 2023

We will start by opening at 08.30am each day to serve teas/coffee all day and running the pub during pub opening hours until late.

Over the next month or so, as we settle in, there will be more information about our menu.

Danny and Tina welcome you to The Bull at Burrough Green.

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :

Black bin - Monday 3rd & Tuesday 18th April.

Blue & Green - Wednesday 12th & Monday 24th April.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless Mondays

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - TUESDAY 11th April, Monday 24th April

Green Lid - SATURDAY 1st April, Monday 17th April.

Ink Cartridges The Opportunity Group which meets at the Ellesmere Centre would be very grateful for your old ink cartridges to help with fund raising. Please drop them in the box on the gate at White Hart Cottage, High Street Brinkley or in the box at the Ellesmere Centre. Thank you.

(The Opportunity Group provides one to one care for children with special needs and their siblings, also provides respite for their parents/guardians.)

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY

We would like to offer you a Bottle and a Burger for £10 at any time during the entire month of April. A bottle of Peroni (or a soft drink), cheeseburger (or sweet potato quinoa burger with cheese) and some skinny fries.



Saturday 15th we will be doing our American fried chicken in the evening.

Please book if you would like to join us and know it will take around 30 minutes cooking time.

We now have twelve loose leaf teas from the multi-award-winning Wee Team Company. If you enjoy good tea, please come and try one and we'll pop a few mini cookies in the oven for you.

Gwyn & Morris

01638 508707

ARTICLES FOR MAY VILLAGE VOICE

To

villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

01638 507495

by 22nd April 2023 please

CARLTON CHURCH has no service scheduled for the Easter weekend, but we're pleased to report that we'll be holding this Choral Evensong on the Sunday following Easter 16th April.

Do please come and join us for this very special service which will feature a large choir of singers, and which will be led by Rev Tom Ambrose.

Choral Evensong at Carlton Church

A small village church located in
South Cambridgeshire
CB8 9JZ



Sunday 16th April at 6pm

Introit ~ Mozart Ave Verum
Preces & Responses ~ William Smith
Psalm 84 ~ Parry in E
Evening Canticles ~ Walmisley in D Minor
Anthem ~ Wood ~ This Joyful Eastertide
Easter Hymns

Light refreshments served after the service

BRINKLEY NEEDS YOU!

There will be elections for Parish Councillors in May. We are seeking at least one new volunteer prepared to stand as a Councillor and to help facilitate succession within the Council, ensuring new ideas come forward and that succession can take place bearing in mind many of the Councillors have served for a number of years.

The responsibilities are not onerous but going forward we are intending to ensure that all Councillors have an allocated area of responsibility.

The sort of subjects are the play area, the allotments, the village footpaths, the website, highways, finance, environment and planning. Whilst we would not expect new Councillors to take on responsibilities from the start, we hope we can attract people who have an interest or experience in one or more of these subjects. We have around four formal meetings per year in the Memorial Hall.

Any interested parties are asked to email the clerk brinkleyclerk@gmail.com. Alternatively a confidential discussion with the Chair Ian Monks

(ian.monks@ebmagri.com) or Vice Chair Nick Beamish (nickbeamish@hotmail.co.uk) can be arranged by contacting either of them by email in the first instance.

Brinkley is a great village, and the Parish Council should be representative and vibrant to keep it that way. We need you!

VILLAGE HALLS

Brinkley, Burrough Green and Westley Waterless have excellent village halls, all beautifully refurbished over the last few years; and all available for hire at reasonable rates.

Information on their facilities and availability can be found by contacting them on:

Brinkley Memorial Hall - Contact: Susie Shuter on
01638 508729 : 07836 656643

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

E mailing bgreadingroom@yahoo.com

www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk

Westley Waterless Village Hall - For more
information please go to

www.westleywaterless.com/hall

**BURROUGH GREEN
PLAYGROUP
ENROLLING NOW
FOR
SEPTEMBER 2023**

Email - burroughgreenplaygroup@gmail.com
Website - burroughgreenplaygroup.weebly.com
Telephone - 01638 506003

OPENING
TIMES
MON-FRI
08:45-15:15
TERM TIME

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Learn.
GROW!

15 & 30 HOURS
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AVAILABLE
FOR 2-5 YEAR
OLDS

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

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

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**DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

8pm

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE

**Come & Celebrate**

**our 20th Anniversary**

**with**

**Supper and Guest Speaker**

Admission £18

to include 2 Course Supper and Coffee/Tea

Raffle

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

(BOOKING IS NECESSARY)

**DATE FOR DIARY**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Demonstration by Vicki Hease

Entitled 'Alfresco Summer'

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ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

What a fascinating talk we had on snowdrops last month! Despite the awful weather many members turned out, and it was an interesting exercise squeezing us all into the Gredley Room as the small hall was double booked! Many thanks for your patience, which was well rewarded by an excellent speaker.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday 19th April** is a members' evening at which some folks will show their own photographs of gardens which they have visited, at home or abroad. Come and enjoy "**Gardens of the World**", an enjoyable and sociable evening event in good company. Meet at the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30pm as usual.

The following month we have a talk "**Gardening in the shade**" by **Jim Paine of Walnut Tree Nursery**. This will be on **Wednesday 10th May** at 7.30 pm in the Ellesmere Centre. This is shortly followed by the annual **Plant Sale on Saturday 13th May**, about which much more next month. But mark your calendars now.

Members and visitors are equally welcome to our meetings and events, and if you have any queries about the club, please contact either our Chairman Sandie, phone 07903 584676, or our Secretary Judith, phone 07740 100660.

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**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL/  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Congestion Charging & Newmarket Road Access**

We await the result of the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) consultation on implementing a £5 congestion charge between 7am and 7pm on weekdays across the Greater Cambridge area, which is due to be released in the middle of the year.

The GCP are currently consulting on another proposal in terms of Newmarket Road access and widening bus lanes and footpaths with more bus lanes, which will restrict the road for vehicles.

Additionally, the consultation includes moving the Newmarket Road Park & Ride from its current site to a location on the left just before the Airport Way roundabout, which is the first roundabout that you come to after leaving the A14. Please go on to the GCP website and look at the consultation.

I have asked questions of the GCP as to what modelling has been done on the effect on traffic, if Newmarket Road access is restricted and Mill Road bridge is closed, which comes to Highways & Transport Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> March, especially along Coldham's Lane and Cherry Hinton Road..

**County Council Budget**

The ruling administration on the County Council voted through a 4.99% for Council Tax from April 2023. This was made up of 2% ringfenced for adult social care and a general increase of 2.99%.

This increase is imposed despite cutting winter gritting budgets, verge cutting and weed killing on verges and maintaining the highways maintenance budget at the same level, despite the huge increases in construction costs, which means that is a cut to services.

We opposed those cuts and proposed a smaller increase of 4% and maintaining the winter gritting and verge cutting budgets, together with using available reserves to put more money into highways maintenance, but this was voted down.

**Highways**

Please continue to report potholes online. However, if you are unable to report online or repairs seem not to be happening, then please contact me and I will get the issue reported and repairs actioned as soon as possible.

**East Cambridgeshire District Council**

**Budget**

The Conservative controlled East Cambs District Council at its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February, agreed a nil increase in their part of the Council Tax, which is the tenth year that there has been no increase, which is a record for any council at District Council level. The District Council has a balanced budget for the next two years and in the current climate, we feel that is important.

I am elected to represent residents and I will continue to do that to the best of my ability, but if there is



anything that concerns you, please contact me and I will try to fix it.

If any resident wants to meet me or call to discuss a particular issue, then please feel free to contact me. I want to hear comments from everyone, as that is the only way that I can truly represent you.

Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton Division

East Cambridgeshire District Councillor

Tel: 01638 507485/ 07794 292941

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

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

### BOTTISHAM WARD

Elections for Parish Councils and East Cambs District Council will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

The Government has changed the rules and you will need photographic ID to vote in person at these elections - that's a passport or photographic driving licence or other options listed at -

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id>. People without the necessary ID can get a Voter Authority Certificate from the Council, by applying at - <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate>.

If you can't use on-line forms, please contact the Council on 01353 665555. If you cannot show photographic ID when you go to vote, you will not be given a ballot paper.

The Council approved a budget with no increase in Council Tax. Charlotte seconded an amendment to the budget which also would not have increased the Council tax but included funding for:

- a new Local Plan, to protect our towns and villages from inappropriate development;
- implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement;
- doubling the Environment Fund; and
- setting up a small grant fund for parish councils and community groups to mark the coronation.

But this amendment was lost.

Our next Councillors' Surgery will be on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm at Swaffham Bulbeck Pavilion. Or you can always contact us directly

[john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk) 01223 812120,  
[charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk) 07976 607512.

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BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday, April 1st

The Banshees of Inisherin (15)

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

The acclaimed and award nominated film set in the 1920's on the West Coast of Ireland starring Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson. Padraic Farrell and Colm (Gleeson) have been lifelong friends but find themselves in an impasse when that friendship is

abruptly severed and this brings alarming consequences for both of them.

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

Advance notice for our May evening

Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (PG)

Saturday May 6th 2023

Enchanting film follows Ada Harris's dream of owning a Dior gown and tells the story of the London housecleaner who travels to Paris and becomes involved and possible saviour of The House of Dior.

This film is being shown at the end of the day of celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III and to contribute to the day the Picture House will be offering Cake and Bubbly on the House to all picture goers!

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

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### GIRLGUIDING LINTON DISTRICT

This year is the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of The Trefoil Guild. An organisation that runs guiding for anyone over 18. Anyone can join and meetings are usually held once a month.



Linton Trefoil Guild run theirs on the second Thursday of the month from 7.30 until 9 pm. It is amazing to think it has been going for eighty years and Guiding for 113 years. It is said that Sir Winston Churchill said to Queen Elizabeth II that "the further back you look the further forward you can see." I wonder if those first Scouts on Brownsea Island in 1909 thought that, since then Girls would join. let alone be represented in 152 countries around the world.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> February Girlguiding think of all our girls and young women around the world and hold celebrations in units, Districts, Divisions and Counties as well as at our five world centres. It is celebrated this day as both Lord and Lady Baden Powell had their birthdays on that day.

In our Local guild, Linton Trefoil Guild, messages came to our members from all corners of the globe. Amazing to think how many friends we make and how many adventures we have in Guiding. From our youngest Rainbow to our oldest Trefoil member. We sing, we laugh, we have tasted whisky and we have visited fire stations, but sadly no pole to slide down! We also have adventures that can take you around the world.

This is the family of Guiding. Come and see us and join in the fun. There is something for everyone at every age. Imagine what we could be doing in the next 80 - 113 years.

Today Tomorrow Together

@lintondistrict [www.girlguiding.org.uk/intersted](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/intersted)  
Louisa 07711 614328 [lintondistrict@gmail.com](mailto:lintondistrict@gmail.com)

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FOOD BANK UPDATE

Everything donated is very gratefully received, but here's an update on what they really, really need right now:

Small bags of sugar, Weetabix, long-life milk (full cream and semi-skimmed but not skimmed), toilet rolls. A multi-pack can be split up so the most economical size is just fine.



Items can be left any day in the box in Dullingham church porch, Brinkley Church porch or at the Ellesmere Centre. Many thanks.

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**EXAM INVIGILATORS - Linton Village College**

We are looking to expand our team of Exam Invigilators who assist with both internal and external examinations throughout the academic year. We are looking for confident, flexible individuals with effective verbal and written communication skills, who will be able to offer a reassuring presence to students in exam rooms.

Duties include setting up the examination room, distributing and collecting scripts, supervising students during examinations, whilst working in accordance with set procedures at all times.

Full training will be provided. No experience is necessary, however invigilators should:

- Have effective communication skills
- Be able to relate to academic staff and students
- Be able to work under pressure and to tight deadlines
- Have a flexible approach to work
- Have accuracy and attention to detail

These positions are on a casual, as and when required basis, throughout the academic year with the main exam season in May and June. However, we also have mock exams in November and February and invigilators are required for these as well. Hours worked will usually be between 8.30am and 4pm with an 8.30am or 12.15/12.45pm start.

If you are, or you know of someone who might be interested please email Pauline Kenning, Exams Officer on [pkenning@lintonvc.org](mailto:pkenning@lintonvc.org) for further information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Pauline Kenning  
Examinations Officer; Linton Village College  
01223 891233 ext 389

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Brinkley Memorial Hall
SPRING CLEAR OUT/TABLE TOP SALE



SATURDAY, 20TH MAY 2023
11 am to 3 pm

Come along Start Spring with a good old sort out and book your table(s). If the weather is good we will spill out into the car park.

Small table £3 Big table £5

Come along for some bargains .Refreshments available. Phone or text Franca on 07765 435776 to book your table.

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FLOWERS shrubs VEGETABLES herbs

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**WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

**PLANT SALE**

*Something for everyone  
Friendly people & expert advice*

**SATURDAY 20 MAY**

**10.30 - 12.00**

*at*

**WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL**

*Payment by cash or cheque only*

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ELLESMERE ARTS

Date for your diary.

Summer production on - Thursday 15th June, Friday 16th June and Saturday 17th June.
Further details in May newsletter.

Murder Mystery on Saturday 7th October.

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**BRINKLEY SUMMER EVENT**  
**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

More details next month

**GARDENING WITH CLIMATE CHANGE  
WHAT WE CAN DO !**

12<sup>th</sup> August 2023

West Wickham Village Hall, CB21 4ES

This is a unique opportunity to find out how climate change is impacting our gardening, and how we can adapt.

Speakers \* Plant sales \* Discussions \* Exhibits \*  
Wildlife demonstrations \* Book sales \*  
Children's activities \* Refreshments \* Lots more.

The day is being jointly organised by local gardening clubs in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Essex. Everyone is invited, admission is free, so save the date, and we look forward to seeing you in August!

More details to be announced shortly.

Gardening and Climate Change - Planning Group

Contact email: [sueboase@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sueboase@hotmail.co.uk)

**MARSH MAIL \_ News from Linton Village college**

On secondary school offer day, it was great to find out that we are over-subscribed at LVC for Year 7 places in September. We have a waiting list, despite low numbers of 11-year olds in our catchment area. We look forward to meeting our newest recruits on Year 6 move up days in the summer term.

Current LVC students have engaged brilliantly with sustainable environmental initiatives over the last month. Our Eco Council has planted a mini orchard with fruit trees gifted from the Young Tree Champions Programme

and World Book Day was celebrated with a successful book swap in the library. Meanwhile students have made use of refillable bottles with our new



'Generation Juice' machine in the canteen to cut down on single use plastic and waste.

Other enrichment highlights have included a dissection and a range of explosive experiments during Science Week and a Comic Relief lunchtime concert, involving a range of comedy performances plus live poetry readings and music, which raised over £700 for charity. Our first ever Heritage Festival enabled students to learn about the different cultures that make up LVC, sharing music, activities and food from a range of cultural traditions. Our annual dance show showcased a fabulous range of talent with songs from the movies.

We've also celebrated a number of extra-curricular student successes including students' involvement in

dance competitions and Crufts 2023. LVC students' achievements have also been recognised through certificates at the Roy Burrell Sports Awards and Haverhill Rotary Club Young Citizens Awards.



Helena Marsh

**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)

**CHURCHWARDENS:**

**Burrough Green:** Lucy Talbot Tel: 01638 507060, email: [peterandlucyt@btinternet.com](mailto:peterandlucyt@btinternet.com)

**Westley Waterless:** Ms. Deborah O'Riordan, Tel: 01638 507741, email [d.a.oriordan@btinternet.com](mailto:d.a.oriordan@btinternet.com) and Mrs Liz Gibson, Tel: 01638 508600, [lizgibson@me.com](mailto:lizgibson@me.com)

**Brinkley:** Ros Pates 01638 507240 [rospates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rospates@yahoo.co.uk)

**Carlton:** Stephen Roberts 01223 290372 or [Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com](mailto:Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com).

**NOTICE OF BURROUGH GREEN APCM  
(Annual Parochial Church meeting)**

to be held on  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
at 7 pm

Venue: St Augustine's Church, Burrough Green  
All welcome.

**NOTICE OF BRINKLEY ST MARY APCM  
(Annual Parochial Church meeting)**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**  
at 7pm in the church.  
All welcome.

**23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2003**

**In loving memory of George Jaggard  
A dear brother-in-law**

**Still sadly missed  
Love Bet**

## LETTER FROM ROSEMARY

By the time you get to read this article, the period of Lent will be a distant memory. But hopefully the period of Holy Week will have made some kind of an impact on us before we reach Easter.

Holy week starts with Palm Sunday, where we think of the bravery of Jesus, knowing full well of the Horrors of the Crucifixion that awaited Him in Jerusalem. We are told that Jesus set His face towards Jerusalem, towards His destiny.

Jesus was to go there with His Disciples to celebrate one of the most important Jewish festivals of the year, that being the Passover. When the Jewish nation remembered the time when the Egyptian pharaoh eventually decided to let their nation go from their captivity as slaves in Egypt. So that they could follow their God into freedom and eventually arrive in their new-home being the 'promised land'.

Jesus used this very public arrival to Jerusalem, to make a bold statement.

Word had now got out that Jesus was the longed for Messiah. The Jewish people were expecting some kind of a climax to his ministry. They were hoping for a military leader who would lead them into another Exodus. This leadership would enable them to be rid of the Romans so they could enjoy the delights of the promised land as a free nation.

Jesus was indeed coming to Jerusalem for a big show down. The atmosphere must have been electric. The crowds would have expected Jesus to arrive in a carriage or on horseback or some mode of transport befitting a leader. Instead, He arrived on a lowly foal of a donkey. Interestingly enough the irony seemed to escape the crowd as they were just so excited to see Him. There was an incredible amount of joyful noise, shouts of Hosanna and much open demonstrations of love by people waving palm branches and throwing their cloaks on the ground in front of the young donkey.

Sadly, the joy of Palm Sunday turns to the agony of Good Friday.

But where all hope seemed to be lost from the pain and death of Jesus and fear and grief took over those who had faithfully stayed with Jesus at Golgotha. A great darkness overed the land. But just as Easter morning arrived like the early spring mornings we are experiencing at the moment with the sunrise and the dawn chorus. So the slow realisation that death appears is not the end. The Resurrection happens and the despair and disbelief, turn to amazement and ecstatic joy.

Jesus came to earth as a leader. The main role of a leader is to show the way forward for everyone.

Yes life can be difficult and yes we do have to face suffering and death. But in the same way Jesus showed us there will always be an Easter Morning for us all, we too can be part of our own resurrection.

Hallelujah. *Rosemary Rycraft*

## APRIL SERVICES

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April PALM SUNDAY**

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley

*Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty*

10.30 am Family Service including Baptism

Burrough Green

*Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty*

*Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a Philipians 2: 5 - 11  
Matthew 21: 1 - 11*

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Monday in Holy week**

7.00 pm Compline Dullingham

*Mr. Peter Allan*

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April Tuesday in Holy week**

7.00 pm Compline Dullingham

*Mr. Peter Allan*

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday in Holy week**

7.00 pm Compline Dullingham

*Mr. Peter Allan*

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday**

7.00 pm Compline Dullingham

*Mr. Peter Allan*

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April GOOD FRIDAY**

7.00 pm Ecumenical Good Friday service

*Rev'd Liz Caswell*

Stetchworth URC

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April EASTER SUNDAY**

10.00 am Benefice Communion Stetchworth

*The Ven Alex Hughes*

*Jeremiah 31: 1-6 Acts 10: 34-43 John 20: 1-18*

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2nd Sunday of Easter**

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green

*Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer*

10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley

*Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer*

6.00 pm Choral Evensong Carlton

*Rev'd Tom Ambrose*

*Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19 - end*

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 3rd Sunday of Easter**

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham

*Rev'd Andrew Rycraft*

4.00 pm St. George's Day service Stetchworth

*Alastair France*

*Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35*

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 4th Sunday of Easter**

10.30 am Benefice Communion Westley Waterless

*Rev'd Andrew Rycraft*

*Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft*

*Acts 2: 42 - end 1 Peter 2 19-end John 10: 1-10*

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