

VILLAGE VOICE

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

APRIL 2024

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

Monday 8th & 22nd April 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.

ALL WELCOME

Any Queries: Caroline Egar - 01638 507418
07976 250961



Burrough Green Church Fete

Sunday 9th June 2024

Next Planning Meeting -
Wednesday 17th April at 7pm
At The Hall, Church Lane,
home of Lucy and Peter Talbot

PLEASE come and help plan if you have any thoughts or ideas. We are always trying to think of new games and side shows and everyone is welcome!

25% will be donated to the Scouts who will come to the fete and help us.

Do join us at the meeting or get in touch if you can manage a stall on the day, we provide everything you need!

We really 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 peterandlucyt@btinternet.com

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.

£2 Tea & biscuits included.
ALL WELCOME.

CHURCH BELL RINGING

Have you ever wanted to try bell ringing? Brinkley, Weston Colville and West Wrattling are all looking for new ringers to join their bands and so we have scheduled an open morning for any potential new ringers:

When: Saturday 20th April - 10am to 12 noon
Where: Brinkley Church

There will be the opportunity to chat to ringers, turn a bell over (with support), tour the tower and see the bells and grab a tea, coffee and piece of cake! There will also be a ringing demonstration during the morning.



It's not as easy as just pulling a rope so come and find out what its all about! Bell ringing is an ancient tradition and we're a friendly bunch - there is a commitment involved when learning to be safe but you'll be gaining a great hobby and be transported into a whole new world of ringing.

If you'd like a chat, the various Tower Captains are listed below:

Brinkley: Liz Gibson (07745 627287)
Weston Colville: Ian Ashbridge (07870 636019)
West Wrattling: Mike Rowland (01223 290788)

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL AUCTION

Due to unforeseen circumstances the auction due to take place on Saturday 13th April has been postponed. We hope to be able to organise another auction in the future to continue this traditional Brinkley event.

THE RED LION BRINKLEY

I am excited to announce, as many of you already know, that I am taking on the Red Lion. We are looking to revive the Red Lion as a village pub, welcoming locals as well as those further afield for drinks and food depending on what takes your fancy! We hope to open the doors in time for summer, and I will get further updates out there as soon as I can!

For now, there is an Instagram @redlion_brinkley and a website: www.redlionbrinkley.com - All major updates will be announced on these when possible, and perhaps some pictures of renovations on Instagram!

Thank you to all those who have been in touch with warm words of support already.

I look forward to welcoming you, with Katie - my Head Chef, when we are open.

George Talbot

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Hi everyone, thank you for supporting us over this last year. We have now had our door opened for 1 year, it was the 27th March last year we opened... just look how far we've come



Roast dinners are going down really well, the next time is the last Sunday of the month. If it continues to be doing well then I will increase to fortnightly so watch this space....

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

Don't forget the next Speed Quizzing is on the 17th April

We would again like to say a big thank you everyone.
Tina & Danny

01638 476424

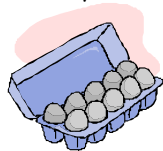
HEN HOUSE HAPPENINGS

Well, our human mum was clucking to one of our biggest fans last month about why some homemade eggs are well, shall we say a little messy straight from the nest box.



It's very interesting, when we lay an egg we naturally wrap it for you with what we call **bloom** a plastic free environmentally friendly coating and at first it is a little tacky so bedding and sometimes the dirt from our feet (mum hasn't got the wellies we have asked for yet) will stick, mum and we hens would rather not wash the eggs, mum gives them a little rub with a dry cloth.

At room temperature, unwashed eggs will last for about 4 weeks, while washed eggs last for around 1 week.



In the refrigerator, freshly laid eggs will last for about 15 weeks, whether they're washed or not.

Freshly laid eggs can be left out at room temperature for at least a month before you need to start thinking about moving them into the fridge.

If you are going to **wash** an egg, use **warm water** as cold will make the shell breathe and could take in bacteria.

Mum tells us our eggs are always dated (laid date) with pencil.

Egg In Bread

Prep Time 10 mins : Total Time 20 mins :Serving 1

½ tbsp butter

1 slice bread

1 egg

Directions

Butter your bread on each side. Then cut out a circle in the middle.

Get a frying pan hot and for 1 min fry each side of the bread.

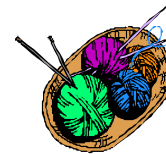
Crack the egg into the hole and cook for 3 more mins.

ENJOY!

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

BRINKLEY ALLOTMENTS.

Are you interested in taking on a Brinkley allotment in the near future?



There may be an opportunity for one to become available before too long!

If so please email

Mark Coley. cllrcoley@brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk

THE 3 COUNTIES COMMITTEE

are holding a

SPRING POP-UP CHARITY CLOTHES SALE

on

Thursday, 18th April at Thurlow Village Hall (10.30am to 3.30pm).

(Tea, coffee, cakes and a light quiche and salad lunch will be available).

Proceeds from the Sale will be donated to the local charity **YANA: You Are Not Alone - rural mental health support.**

(YANA provides confidential support to those in agriculture, and in other rural businesses, affected by stress and depression.

For more information, please see their website: www.yanahelp.org)

We are extremely grateful for all generous donations of your preloved items.

We welcome (and need!!) good quality clothes, shoes and accessories.

If you have any items to donate please contact Heather Monks on 07545 839637

or heather.monks@ebmagri.com.

ELLESMERE ARTS

will be performing

THE GOOD LIFE

on

23rd, 24th and 25th May

7.30 pm

at The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

Tickets: £9

ellesmereartstickets@gmail.com

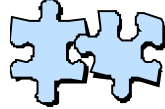
or Ellesmere Centre Village Shop

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 denisehrebaniak@yahoo.com

BEECHCROFT BRINKLEY

A new picnic bench has been given

In memory of
Fred and Margaret Culpin
who lived in the village for many years.

The family have very kindly given a fine new picnic bench on Beechcroft.

A big thank you from all of the village.
Come and use it !

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS :
Black bin - 3rd & 17th April.
Blue & Green- 10th & 24th April.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - MONDAYS
Black sacks weekly. TUESDAY 2nd April then Mondays.
Blue Lid - 8th & 22nd April .
Green Lid - TUESDAY 2nd, Mondays 15th & 29th April.

ROBIN WYLIE
16th November 1932 - 4th December 2023

A much loved member of Carlton Village and the surrounding Parish. Robin passed away peacefully at home in Carlton at the age of 91. He had been a resident of The Parish for 88 years and served as Church Warden for 50 years.

A Thanksgiving service will be held to celebrate his life at St Peter's Church, Carlton

On
Friday 10th May 2024 at 2pm

and afterwards at
The Old Rectory, Carlton for refreshments.
All Welcome

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Easter Roller Skating Session

Tues 2nd April

3.30-5.30pm

Booking Essential

01638 508212

Easter Activity Camps

We are pleased to welcome
Prestige Sports Development
to the centre this Easter.

They will be running camps on **9th 10th and 11th April**

To book please contact

<https://www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com/mega-activity-holiday-camps>

Multi Use Games Area

We have some regular and ad hoc slots available on the MUGA for Football and Tennis.

Football £27 per Hour

Tennis £9 per court (£7 concession)

Please call the office to check availability
01638 508212

Date for your Diary!

The Ellesmere Summer Show and

32nd Annual Flower and Craft Show

Sunday 7th July 2024

12pm

More details to follow.

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter @CentreEllesmere

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Or call us on 01638 508212

GRAZING LAND AVAILABLE

CARLTON GREEN

Paddock Available for Sheep or Horses

Contact 01223

290266 or 07917

666030



MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at **BURROUGH GREEN** by the **BUS STOP** on **3rd Thursday** of each month at **3.50 - 4.10pm**

BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the **4th Thursday** of each month between **1.10pm - 1.50pm.**

They stock a great selection of books for all ages, plus NHS hearing aid batteries. They can even check and replace the ferrules on walking sticks.

Make use of this wonderful resource.



ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

Our next talk will be on **Wednesday 10th April** when **Lucy Skellorn** will tell us about **"My family and other Foster Irises"**. Join us at 7.30 pm in the Ellesmere Centre.

This year, with a break in tradition, there will be no spring plant sale. It is an enormous amount of work for the committee, who have all unanimously voted to have a year off! If you will miss this great event, please do offer your help to make sure it happens next year. Just speak to a member of the committee who will tell you what it involves.

However, on **Wednesday 15th May** we will have a practical session **"Prosecco and plants"**. And we are planning to have garden visits sometime during both May and June, so keep an eye out for more details later.

Please do come and enjoy our events, and remember if you have any queries, you can contact Sandie on 07903 584676.

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**WESTLEY WATERLESS VILLAGE HALL**

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June**

We invite you to join us at Westley Waterless Village Hall for our next **Quiz night and Pop-Up Pub.**



This is your chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a friendly competition and the chance to win some exciting prizes.

**Running Times**

Pimp My Fish: 17:00 - 20:00

Doors Open: 18:00 - 23:00

Eyes Down: 19:00 (There will be an interval)

We welcome back **Bulls Bridge Bars** and **Pimp My Fish.**

Please Pre-order your fish and chips via - [www.pimp-my-fish.co.uk](http://www.pimp-my-fish.co.uk) (**Pre Orders Only**)

Maximum of 8 per team £6 per person

Pay on the night (Cash and Card payments accepted)

Please email: [hallbookings@westleywaterless.com](mailto:hallbookings@westleywaterless.com)

with your team's name to assist with the set up.

For more information, please visit

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

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WESTLEY WATERLESS OPEN GARDENS

For the NGS

Sunday June 23rd 12.30 - 5.30pm

Church Lane House : Church View
41 Main Street: Westley Waterless,
CB8 ORL

Teas and cakes Plant sale

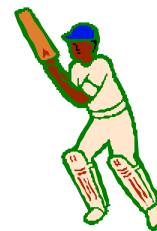
All proceeds to the NGS



BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET

In amongst all the rain the cricket season is almost upon us. Our fixtures are below.

As ever, if anyone wants to get involved in any capacity then contact burroughgreencricket@gmail.com. All support welcome.



- 4th May - Royston 2XI (a)
- 18th May - Fulbourn Institute 2XI (h)
- 25th May - Audley End & Littlebury 2XI (h)
- 1st June - Balsham (a)
- 8th June - Royston 2XI (h)
- 15th June - Saffron Walden 4XI (a)
- 22nd June - Thriplow 2XI (h)
- 29th June - Whittlesford (a)
- 6th July - Fulbourn Institute 2XI (a)
- 13th July - Little Shelford 2 XI (h)
- 27th July - Thriplow 2XI (a)
- 3rd August - Audley End & Littlebury 2XI (a)
- 10th August - Balsham (h)
- 17th August - Whittlesford (h)
- 24th August - Saffron Walden 4XI (h)
- 31st August - Little Shelford 2XI (a)

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**BURROUGH GREEN**

**VILLAGE CHURCH MAINTENANCE**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**10 am onwards**

Please come and help to keep our church and church yard looking welcoming for ourselves and visitors.

There are so many jobs to do; come and take your pick and stay for homemade soup at lunchtime! We need cleaning and polishing inside the church.



Outside jobs include mowing, strimming, pruning, weeding and general clearing.



Any amount of time would help or if anyone has any spare time in general to assist with any upkeep you would be very much appreciated.

Please bring your own tools if you have any, we do have some we can lend if not.

If you have any questions, do get in touch.

Thank you so much



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Lucy Talbot 07910 158463

NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

World Book week at LVC's library

At LVC we are lucky to have a thriving and popular library. Run by our amazing librarian, Mrs Hay, the library serves as a hub for our student community in a variety of different ways. Dawn has been our librarian for over six years now and works tirelessly to instil in our students the love of literacy and reading. The reason, she says, she became the librarian in the first place.

To commemorate World Book Day, we welcomed Mark Woodley, an ex-LVC student and published author, for a visit. Mark entertained students across all year groups on World Book Day with a book signing and informal



chat over lunch followed by a year 8 talk on the struggles of writing and becoming a published author. Students were enthralled by a giant-sized lost hammer of Darkerden which features in Mark's first book. The library is first a centre for learning and love of books. Students in year 7 use the space for a paired reading initiative before school, where some of our Year 10 students sit down and listen to them read and support them in being more confident readers. The Lexia literacy programme for Years 7 to 10 helps students improve their grammar, comprehension techniques and ability to use language and new words. Homework club after school provides support and IT access for some of our students that may need to stay after the end of the school day.

The library is also very popular in the school's social times. In fact, it is so popular that the queue often reaches all the way down the corridor. Students can play chess, Warhammer and a variety of different games, as well as using the computers to help with their learning. Knit and Stitch on Thursdays provides an opportunity for students to talk and craft.

In the next few weeks, the library will host our infamous Harry Potter night for students in Year 7. Dressing up, games, Harry Potter crafts and a themed buffet make this night one the students always remember.



BURROUGH GREEN C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again. I hope this edition finds you all well and happy. The weather is now definitely on the upturn. It is easier to get up at 5.30am when it is light(ish) and the journey to school is much better - potholes allowing!

As always, we offer incredible staff to pupil ratios here at Burrough Green and the children really do benefit. The Year 6 children, for example, are in a class of 14 for their English, reading and maths lessons, the EYFS/Year 1 class has a total of 16 students! - I have certainly never worked in a school where children have opportunities like this. It truly is an amazing place to be a child.

Academisation

There isn't much to report regarding academisation other than there are delays with the land ownership - the school is now expected to convert on May 1st. Please all rest assured that this is having no impact at all on the children in the school. Even when we have academised, it will still be school and the children will still have to come! Please refer to last month's edition for the questions that parents asked.

School Trips - Cultural Capital

School trips are now happening as the prospect of better weather is upon us. In March, we have had farm visits and theatre trips (more about those later). Learning off site, or on a visit, develops a child's cultural capital. To give you an example of how and why this is important I have a little story for you - all completely true!

I have a friend - we can call him Bob - who is now a CEO of a company in London and does very well for himself.

When Bob was younger, he struggled. His family couldn't afford days out and he missed out on the opportunities that many of us enjoy. Bob worked hard at school and did really well, securing A grade in 4 A levels and getting a place at Oxford University - but it was there he found problems. The conversations his fellow students were having were about things he hadn't experienced and he felt alienated and increasingly distant from his peers - to a point where he was very unhappy and almost quit his course. He learnt from this. In the fullness of time, he became a successful businessman. Bob never forgot that feeling of alienation at university, and how it almost stopped his learning journey, and he now donates a substantial sum to schools in the area he lives to ensure that all primary aged children have the experiences he didn't get.

I hope 'Bob' doesn't mind me sharing this! Because of 'Bob', a child's cultural capital is very important to me - I am inspired by his actions and am determined to

broaden experiences. I don't want any child at Burrough Green to experience what Bob did. We have had pop bands (Calyco), BMX champions and Paralympian gold medallists visit the school and now there are trips planned. Burrough Green is such an exciting place to learn.

Malala and Einstein class have enjoyed a farm visit - learning all about various animals (including some exotic ones!). The children went to Shams to visit a farm. The children loved telling me about their day and adventures and meeting the massive array of animals on show (including snakes and a tarantula!). They had an incredible time.

Teresa and Obama Class went to Cambridge to see The Boy At The Back Of The Class. They have been reading the book in school and all enjoyed the show. I know for a fact that among the experiences 'Bob' was lacking was theatre and the arts - he would very much approve of this!

Larks and Owls

More and more parents are continuing to use our new wrap-around-care service. There are places available for all days and we always take late bookings as we appreciate that life throws us a curveball now and again. On Thursdays we are lucky enough to have Prestige Sports putting on a session for the wraparound care (last week we had 16 stay!). This week they were doing archery and dodgeball. Please book if you want your child to experience this!

To remind you all, morning sessions (Larks) run from 7.30am - 8.45am and evening sessions (Owls) run from 3.30pm to 6pm (even on a Friday, as this is a day many schools will offer a reduced service) - this is much later than local schools offer and has been a real game-changer for working parents. The service is now open to rising 5s - those children in the final year of playgroup or nursery before 'proper school' starts - I'm sure the current customers at Burrough Green Playgroup will be pleased to hear this!

Language Leaders from King's Ely

On 12th and 19th March students came to give presentations to our students. All students were engaged and learnt from the Leaders. Obama Class had visitors from Vietnam, South Korea, Hong Kong and Thailand, Teresa Class had visitors from Ukraine, Hong Kong, Germany and Uzbekistan, Einstein Class had speakers from Sri Lanka, Kazakhstan, Peru and Hong Kong while Malala Class had visitors from Hong Kong/China and Kazakhstan. Their lead teacher Melanie Franklin also took time to present an assembly to the children about her travelling experiences and love of languages - this left the children utterly inspired. The assembly finished with 2 German students singing a beautiful rendition of 99 Red Balloons (we all know the words - remember Nena!).

We are so lucky to have visits like this (it helps that their teacher is also my wife!). My wish is that the children are inspired and develop a love of languages and the world around them - I hope they enjoyed it.

Website

Our new website is now up and running and is being regularly updated. Our whole team has been working very hard on this and we are proud of it. Please log on to read our weekly newsletter which will appear on here - I read the entire set the other day and they tell an amazing story of the year so far at Burrough Green. As ever, if there is anything not covered or if you have any questions, please contact the school office and help will be provided.

www.burroughgreen.cambs.sch.uk

Governors

Our governors met on the 29th February and they wished to share the following points:

- We are proud that the school has earned a well-deserved certificate from the Fischer Family Trust in recognition of being in the top 10% of the country for attendance levels.
- It was pleasing that the School Improvement Advisor has identified many positive developments in phonics and early reading during her latest visit to the school.
- We look forward to the swimming pool opening in the summer term and to exploring ways to keep it open during the summer holidays. This is something which will need support from the whole school community to be successful.
- The Schools Financial Value Standard assessment has been approved and will be submitted to the local authority. This is undertaken to show evidence of the effective management of the school's finances.
- We were delighted to hear about Father Patrick speaking with the children about Lent and that he enjoyed hearing the children sing.

Our governors are all volunteers and work tirelessly for our school and community. Thank you

We have space in all classes. If you are interested in securing a place for your child in any year group, please contact the school and an appointment will be made for you to visit the school, have 'the tour' to see the school at work and see our wonderful facilities (including a swimming pool!).

I am excited by the future of Burrough Green and it is a privilege to be able to tell you about our exploits every month.

Take care everyone.

David Sandford

Headteacher

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**VILLAGE WEBSITES**

- [www.westleywaterless.com](http://www.westleywaterless.com)
- [www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk)
- [www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk)
- [carltoncumwillinghampc.org.uk](http://carltoncumwillinghampc.org.uk)

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

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT APRIL 2024

Happy Easter!

Your bins will be collected a day later than normal in the first week of April because of Easter Bank Holidays. They will also be collected a day later than normal in the first and last full weeks of May.

The Administration's budget, including spending £9 million of Community Infrastructure Levy money on the crematorium at Mepal, was approved by a majority. We supported an amendment which would have

- Removed all budget lines relating to the crematorium, returning millions of pounds to be spent on projects in local communities
- Added the costs to establish Civil Parking Enforcement in the district, paid for mostly from reserves
- Doubled the Council's Environment fund to increase the council's activity on decarbonisation and biodiversity
- Added an officer to support local communities making grant applications, and a sum for matched funding for bids.

This would have been funded from savings in staff costs from posts that are left vacant during the year. But the amendment was lost.

Both the motion and the amendment proposed a council tax freeze.

Council unanimously accepted changes in Councillor allowances put forward by the Independent Remuneration Panel. These included an increase in costs claimable by Councillors to cover their caring responsibilities when attending Council duties. This should help make Councillors more representative of the residents of the district. The proposals also include an increase in allowances for Planning Committee members, who meet more frequently and for longer than other Councillors.

Council approved a further £200,000 fee to ECSS for 2023/24, because they are overspending again although still not delivering the agreed level of service. We tried to get an external review of ECSS financial management and governance because this is the second year in a row that they have asked for large sums of extra money just before the year end. But the Administration voted against that. The fee for 2024/25 was increased by 26%, part of this was claimed to be for the extra costs of using HVO fuel,

although this had already been included in the fee for 2023/24.

The Council also, with a majority rather than unanimously, agreed changes to its constitution. We opposed these on the grounds that while there were some sensible and welcome changes, some of the proposals were not acceptable. In particular, we wanted to establish an Audit Committee capable of functioning effectively and doing its job, which the agreed changes do not; and we wanted to establish an additional policy committee to tackle the weighty planning and environmental challenges facing East Cambridgeshire. These will instead be moved into the Council's Finance & Assets Committee, which has enough significant business already.

Some agencies are not always accessible for residents to request foodbank Vouchers. But the Housing & Community Advice team at ECDC can issue food bank vouchers to ALL residents within East Cambs. Residents do not need to come into the offices, they can contact the team on 01353 665555 and the code can be issued by phone, text or email.

Our next Councillors' surgery is on Wednesday 24 April in the small meeting room at the Bottisham Sports & Social Club.

*Cllr Charlotte Cane Charlotte.Cane@eastcambs.gov.uk
Councillor for Bottisham Ward
(Bottisham, Brinkley, Lode, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior and Westley Waterless)*

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**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL/  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT -  
FEBRUARY 2024**

**Cambridgeshire District Council (CCC)**

**Buses**

The mayor has increased the mayoral precept by 200% from £12 to £36 for a Band D property, which will apparently be spent on bus transport including Demand Responsive Transport, one scheme that will be in East Cambridgeshire towards the east of the district.

I know that the Dial A Ride scheme is used by residents around Newmarket, together with the regular services that run. I would welcome any comments about what additional services that residents need.

I mentioned previously that the CPCA mayor is looking at bringing in a franchising model, but that has taken a huge step backwards as the independent audit of the model is still being continued with challenges by the auditor.

Any Bus Service Improvement Plan has to be submitted by 12<sup>th</sup> June, which will be submitted without any oversight from the Combined Authority Transport & Infrastructure Committee, as they do not meet again until the end of June. The lack of democratic oversight is where it went wrong before,

as Government rejected a very poor plan two years ago, so the county received no funding. Without government funding bus improvements will not happen, but despite many requests to see the draft plan, we are now hurtling towards a deadline to get the plan completed. I will keep you updated on the progress on this.

**Highways**

The state of the roads continues to cause massive concerns and our group continues to push the CCC for more funding into roads maintenance, but more importantly better workmanship. Too many repairs are breaking up within weeks of the repair being done.

I have previously mentioned a new Highways reporting tool was to be introduced, with procurement made by the end of last year. I have asked questions within the last fortnight about what is happening with this, as the whole process has stalled. I will update next month with what process has been made.

**Swaffham Heath/ A1303 Crossroads - Staggered Junction**

The work on this was due to start on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> and last for 15 weeks. I received an email from CCC officers on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March to say that legal issues had still not been resolved, which was very frustrating. As I write this, I am still hopeful that it will happen in April and am in daily contact with officers on this important safety feature.

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

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

*Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton Division*

Tel: 01638 507485/ 07794292941

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

**DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm**

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham, CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a Demonstration

by

**Emma Lou Seabrook**

entitled

**'Second Time Around'**

Admission £8 (includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits)

Raffle

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

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

**DATE FOR DIARY**

Next Meeting - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Demonstration by Brenda Tubb

**Choral Evensong**

**St Peter's Church,**

**Carlton**

**Sunday 14th April 2024**

**6pm**

MUSIC TO INCLUDE: CANTICLES BY STANFORD IN C, ANTHEMS BY GIBBONS AND FARRANT. RESPONSES BY TOMKINS.



**Collection for St Peter's Church Fabric Fund.**

**Wine and Canapes served.**



A large choir with local singers will be leading this service, so please come and listen as they sing beautiful music in this lovely setting. Also congregational participation with well-known Easter hymns.

Canapes and wine will be provided after the service.

**BALSHAM CINEMA**

The film for April is the Oscar nominated film

**MAESTRO (15)**

starring Bradley Cooper and Carey Mulligan.

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**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

MAESTRO tells the complex love story of conductor-composer Leonard Bernstein and actress Felicia Montealegre Cohn Bernstein, a story that spans over 30 years-from the time they met in 1946 at a party and continuing through two engagements, a 25 year marriage, and three children:

Normal start time of doors open at 7pm and both films at 7.30.

Balsham Picture House is now starting its 8th Year of showing newly released films every month and has built up a huge library of Blu-Rays which are available for any member to borrow to show again at home for a small donation - please contact Nigel Clark or myself for details.

Dave's bar open as usual before the film for refreshments!



**SERVICES FOR APRIL 2024 - ALL WELCOME**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2nd Sunday of Easter**

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley  
10.30 am Family Service Burrough Green  
*Acts 4: 32-35 1 John 1:1 - 2: 2 John 20: 9 - end*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 3rd Sunday of Easter**

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham  
6.00 pm Choral Evensong Carlton  
*Acts 3: 12-19 1 John 3: 1 - 7 Luke 24: 36b - 48*

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 4th Sunday of Easter**

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley  
*Acts 4: 5 - 12 1 John 3: 16 - end John 10: 11 - 18*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 5th Sunday of Easter**

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham  
3.00 pm St. George's Day service Stetchworth  
*Acts 8: 26 - end 1 John 4: 7 - end John 15: 1 - 8*

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Alleluia Christ is Risen. He is risen indeed Alleluia!

We have travelled with Jesus into Jerusalem proclaimed him King, turned against him and shouted for his death before arriving at the greatest day of all, Easter Day, the day of Resurrection, a day of rescue, joy, a new beginning. Jesus's resurrection puts all life into a new perspective which we will certainly experience in the days and weeks to come. The resurrection creates hope for the present and the future because God is present in all creation which one day will be transformed and brought to its fulfilment. Faith in the resurrection changes the way we live. John 20:1-18 tells the story of the resurrection and the women being the first at the tomb. They had a roadmap, a plan of action on arrival at the tomb but this was confounded on arrival at the garden because they did not think about the stone across the tomb entrance and who would move it for them. However, they were not panicked because their plan hit a rather bigger plan. They saw a young man dressed in white sitting at the righthand side of the tomb who frightened them asking 'Were they looking for Jesus of Nazareth?' The women could not take in what the young man was saying. They were not afraid of death, or of handling the dead body of their beloved master but they were afraid of the empty tomb and the words of astonishing hope being spoken to them. He has been raised; he is not here! What fear and amazement was expressed by the women as they looked into the tomb? What does that really mean to us seeing the empty tomb? Through the resurrection there is hope of new life, a new life informed by understanding that the suffering and pain of Jesus's crucifixion and his burial is an integral part of the

hope of new life. It is the hope that God is indeed God, creator, source of all life. So as we listen to the words spoken by the angel, the words of joy and hope, he has been raised, let these words be believed, made real and acted upon to others in the world around us. Christ is risen. Alleluia! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Go well*

*Patrick*

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**CATHOLIC PARISH SERVICES:**

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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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by 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 please

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