


VILLAGE VOICE

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

FEBRUARY 2022

VILLAGE OIL SYNDICATE

 The next oil syndicate order will be placed on Monday 14th February. If you would like to be included in the delivery, please contact Pauline King on 01638 507796 or Dawn Hay via email to dawnahay@gmail.com.

No later than Sunday 13th February.

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).

Many thanks Pauline and Dawn



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

WESTLEY WATERLESS POP UP PUB

Please come along to the Westley Waterless Pop Up Pub

on FRIDAY 4th FEBRUARY at the Village Hall.

We are very lucky to have Bulls Bridge Bars and The Waffle Hut supplying us with delicious food and drink for the evening.

To Pre-order food visit our website (www.westleywaterless.com/events), link to appear soon.

This is a great opportunity to catch up with old and new friends. Don't miss out. Come along and join in with the fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cash and card payments accepted.

Families Welcome - Free Entry

Parking Available

Opening times: 18:00 - 22:00

WESTLEY WATERLESS VILLAGE HALL AGM

Tuesday 8th February at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Please do come along and support with your ideas and thoughts for 2022.

SCRABBLE and MAHJONG

Come and play Scrabble or Mahjong in the Community Room at Sheriff's Court. We meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month at 7.30pm.

14th & 28th February.

Do come and join us in a game. Beginners welcome. £2 includes refreshments.

BRINKLEY CHURCHYARD TIDY



If you can spare an hour or two, please come along with some gardening gloves and tools and give a hand with some tidy up work around the church.

Saturday 19th February 10.00am.

Your help will be much appreciated.

BURROUGH GREEN CHURCH FETE

Sunday 12th June 2022

We are delighted to announce that we are planning to have our fete again this year.

Please put the date in your diaries and let's try to make this a very special day for our community.

You are invited to come and have a drink and help plan for this event.

Our first planning meeting is at

The Hall, home of Lucy and Peter Talbot on

Tuesday 15th February at 7pm

If you are unable to attend but can offer any support, please contact Lucy on 07910 158463

or email peterandlucy@btinternet.com



BRINKLEY PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Sunday 5th June

In this special year we are planning to have a Village Street Party

What would you like to be included on the day?

Please bring your ideas to a meeting in Brinkley Memorial Hall on Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm.

It won't happen without your support.

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

Please don't forget to come to our **AGM at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9th February**, which will include wine and a quiz or beetle drive for your entertainment. The AGM is the time to renew subscriptions and the good news is that we will be keeping these the same as last year, so £15 for a single person and £20 for a couple. Also, Simpsons have agreed to honour the 5% discount, so on receipt of your subs you will get a new membership card.

Please make a note of the date as we need members to attend to vote for committee members and to endorse their plans for the coming year. If you or someone you know would like to join the committee, we'd be more than pleased to welcome you! Just get in touch with our Secretary Judith, phone 07740 100660.

Looking ahead, we welcome a new speaker, **Colin Ward** to our March meeting. Colin will be talking about **"Unusual Plants" on Wednesday 9 March at 7.30 pm** in the Ellesmere Centre. Colin and his wife run Swines Meadow Farm Nursery at Market Deeping and comes highly recommended by other local gardening clubs. So a talk not to be missed!

We would love to welcome members and visitors to our new season of events, and assure you we are following all health and safety guidelines.

WOODLAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Last Saturday of the month from September to February each year

Lower Wood, Weston Colville is within easy reach on foot or bike for most of us. Apparently Cambridgeshire has fewer trees than any other UK county so we're lucky to have woodland in which we can freely roam.

This fragment of an old wood, glorious with bluebells in spring, is owned and managed by the Wildlife Trust. Volunteer working parties meet on the last Saturday of each month during the winter, clearing, coppicing and layering.

Volunteer helpers are needed and are more than welcome. No prior knowledge or tools required - just willing hands, and the work is fun and invigorating. Duncan Mackay is the volunteer warden and will be there from 10.00 a.m. until about 2.00 p.m, and children and dogs can join in too.

So if you are keen to support local environmental work, just come to the main ride through Lower Wood from 10.00am on the last Saturday of the month. February is the last session of this season, so come along on 26th February if you can. The wood is situated between the parishes of Carlton and Weston Colville with easy

access from the top of Mill Road, Weston Colville, or by footpath from Willingham Green and Carlton. For more information go to Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust website: www.wildlifebcn.org

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 11th March in Brinkley Memorial Hall. 7.30pm.



Teams of 6

In aid of Brinkley Church.

Ticket info next month with details of the two course meal included in the price.

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Volunteers Needed to help run the Tots of Fun Group



The group meet on Thursday mornings-term time only. Helpers would need to serve drinks and snacks and help welcome new parents. Staff would help to put out toys and put away at the end of the session.

Classes

We have classes running in Pilates, Yoga, and Fitsteps. Chair Based Exercise classes and the MS Society exercise class.


For children there is Judo, Football, Irish Dancing, Ballet, Tots of Fun and Boogie Babes.

Facilities

Badminton, Squash, Tennis, Table Tennis, Carpet Bowls and a small Gym.

Roller skates are available for hire and we have two bouncy castles if you would like to plan your children's parties with us. Laser parties, Multisports and Dodge Ball parties are also available to book through us.

We also have a fully licensed bar if you would like to hold your family celebrations at the Centre. We can cater for parties, weddings, Christenings and Wakes For full details of all our classes please visit our website or contact the office.

 **ROLLER SKATING will now take place on Tuesdays from 3.30 - 5pm.** There will be a snack bar and teas and coffees so come along straight from school and join in. £2 to skate and £1 for skate hire.

The staff ensure that regular sanitising takes place and we do our utmost to keep you all safe. At present masks are still required in the shop and post office.

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

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

HOST IT IN THE HALL

Hire the Hall for any function big or small. Birthday parties, weddings, anniversaries, or any excuse to entertain. Fundraising events, coffee mornings, quizzes, bingo, clothes sales etc.

We would welcome anyone who would like to put on exercise and fitness classes, flower arranging classes or any Group looking for a venue.

The charges to hire the Memorial Hall are £10 per hour for VV cluster and £12 per hour for outside. The Hall can cater for 80 people, has a fully equipped kitchen and very comfy seating.

Contact: Susie Shuter on 01638 508729
07836 656643

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 1st Tuesday of each month between 3.00 - 4.00pm;

1st February.

BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 4th Wednesday of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm

23rd February

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.



RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :

Black bin - 7th, & 21st February

Blue - 14th, & 28th February.

Green - 14th February.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -
Thursdays :

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 3rd & 17th February.

Green Lid - 10th & 24th February.

BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM.

We are licensed to cater for 100 people and are available on various days of the week.

The charges are £8.00 per hour for village and £10.00 for outside.

To hire the Reading Room,

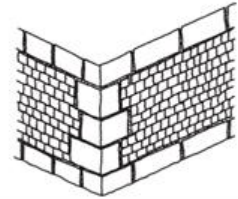
Please contact Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888

LOST & FOUND

Found on a footpath in Weston Green before Christmas - Apple Air Pods in black charger case, with belt clip. Please contact Chris on 01223 290547.

OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN A SPECIAL SKILL

An opportunity to learn about flint knapping, lime mortar and wall restoration for adults and children.

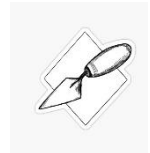


This project is in the very early stages following the collapse of a section of the church wall at Burrough Green.

We are consulting with SPAB, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and planning a community project which will take place over a period of time.

Funding would be sought from the National Lottery Grants for Heritage and to qualify it is necessary to demonstrate community involvement and support.

It is hoped that volunteers can take part in all the skills required for such work, including surveying the wall, flint knapping and the use of lime mortar. Schools, colleges and universities will be approached to invite students of all ages to be involved.



Students will have the opportunity to work on a real project to develop the range of skills needed for a successful career in construction; an industry where an understanding of historic buildings and techniques is often lacking.

Please would you contact me if you are interested or have any thoughts and ideas that might assist with this project.

If successful, there may be professionals involved from all around the country, so anyone happy to offer accommodation or help with catering would be wonderful, even if you are not interested in learning about flint wall repairs. There is something for everyone to do!!

I look forward to hearing from you.....

Lucy Talbot

07910 158463

peterandlucyt@btinternet.com

VILLAGE WEBSITES

www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk

www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk

www.westleywaterless.com

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

**WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION
BRINKLEY**



**Wednesday 9th February
Coffee Morning at 10:30**

We will be open for lunch on Wednesday 9th, but we will not be open for dinner.

Thursday 17th - Saturday 19th we will also have a Cajun menu available for our ethnic food choice in February. Please book ahead for a table and let us know this is what you would like to have. Cajun food is amazing. If you have never had authentic Cajun food before, please join us and let us give you a new culinary experience.

We are still sourcing ingredients but will have the menu on our website on our events page by the time you read this, and we will be happy to provide any of the Cajun food as a takeaway too.

www.redlionbrinkley.co.uk/events/

We will not be opening on Monday 14th for Valentine's Day.

Gwyn & Morris.

01638 508707

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**MARSH MAIL - News from Linton Village College**

LVC students have been enjoying enriching learning opportunities in recent weeks. Years 7 and 8 have benefited from the new carousel structure in Technology lessons this academic year which has reduced class sizes and enabled students to engage with term-long projects in food and nutrition and design technology.

After last year's limited access to practical lessons, Key Stage Three students have been producing some amazing culinary creations including ratatouille, scones and quesadillas.

With a focus on food culture, Year 8 will be producing spanakopita (feta and spinach pie), Caribbean curry and stir fry this term.

Year 9 students have focused on food science, developing their knowledge of key processes such as aeration, emulsification and coagulation. They have applied their learning to their own practical skills including making honeycomb, pastries and gateaux.

GCSE classes have been mastering advanced core skills and food presentation, achieving some delicious and highly ornate dishes such as mille-feuille and salmon en crouete.

Offering an enriching learning experience is a key priority at Linton Village College. As a community-focused school, we are really keen to develop further connections with local independent catering and hospitality providers. Please get in touch with Ali Harris, Head of Food and Nutrition, if you would like to establish work-related learning links with the College: [ali.harris@lvc.org](mailto:ali.harris@lvc.org).

Helena Marsh

**2523 LINTON AIR CADETS.**

We have kick started the new year with several new achievements. Our cadet Non-Commissioned Officers have had a chance to attend their senior and junior NCO courses. Sergeant Tysoe completed the course and has been awarded his silver leadership badge.

Corporal Vellacott was on the JNCO course; "I enjoyed my JNCO course on RAF Henlow where I learned invaluable skills in drill, leadership and RAF knowledge in order to better help others on their Air Cadet journey."

The squadron civilian committee is responsible for all our fund raising and have now reached their long-term funding objective, to purchase the squadron a top of the range flight simulator. As well as years of fundraising the equipment supplier, Sim2Do, have very generously sponsored some items on the simulator.

This new piece of equipment will help in all aspects of aviation studies, bringing subjects such as principles of flight, pilot navigation and flying and handling techniques to life on the squadron.

We are due delivery soon and cannot wait to make the most of this top of the range equipment. Along with the recently purchased drone technology the squadron is now well positioned to provide even more comprehensive local based aviation training to our cadets.



We look forward to hosting the annual ATC Sunday parade through the village on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February. We also have shooting and powered flying allocated for the coming weeks. As always a busy start to the year!

*Bradley Wright*

*Pilot Officer RAFAC*

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ELLESMERE ARTS
is hoping to perform

HI-DE-HI
at the Ellesmere Centre
on 5th, 6th and 7th May

Details of ticket sales next month
3rd time lucky... fingers crossed 🍀

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You are invited to  
**DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**8pm**

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE  
Come & enjoy a Valentines demonstration

By **Rebecca Christie**

entitled

**'Flowers made with Love'**

**Admission £6**

to include refreshments. Raffle

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

**DATES FOR DIARY**

Next Meeting - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Demonstration by Crystal Dyball

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

East Cambs. Bottisham Ward : Charlotte Cane & John Trapp

Congratulations to the Bottisham Cresset on its 500th edition. And congratulations to all the magazine teams for keeping your magazines going year in year out - with interesting articles and keeping everyone informed and delivering them to every local household. We hope that Green Waste Collections have now re-started with two new HGV drivers joining the team. We have been questioned about our statement in last month's article that 'Councillor Julia Huffer, as Chair of the Committee, decided that it was acceptable for the green waste to be cancelled for this period.' We said this because Schedule 4, Section 3 of the agreement between ECDC and ECSS provides: 'The scope of services to be delivered is set out in the Service Specifications for waste and street cleansing and these can only be amended with the endorsement of the Chair of Regulatory Services (or equivalent) for general operational matters and the Regulatory Services Committee for matters of policy relating to the delivery of services.'

In line with this, Councillor Huffer was briefed and endorsed the cancellation of green waste collections for the period. She could have held ECSS to delivering the service, she could have asked them to bring forward alternative proposals, she could have held a special meeting of Operational Services Committee to discuss the options, but she endorsed the amendment to suspend the Green Waste collection. In answer to our questions, Cllr Huffer explained that she accepted this reduction in service to protect the health of the workforce; that to demand a reduction in costs would be petty in the extreme, because other local Councils had also suspended the service; and that she decided green waste was the best collection to cancel because

it was non statutory. We support actions to protect the health of the workforce but remain concerned that this decision was taken with such limited member input. The suspension of the service is an inconvenience to residents and potentially sets back our efforts to reduce waste going to landfill - the officers considered it was likely that the level of food in black bags would increase following the suspension. The East Cambs Community Fund grant application window will be open between Monday 17 January and Monday 21 February. Grants are intended to support the development of new or existing community services and initiatives that improve the quality of life for residents of East Cambridgeshire. Details including eligibility criteria are at <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/finance/east-cambridgeshire-community-fund>

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact stephanie.jones@eastcambs.gov.uk or call Stephanie Jones on 01353 665555.

The government's unwillingness to permit all Councils to meet on-line is causing difficulties for Parish Councillors and District alike. Some Parish Councils have reduced their discussions to immediate items only and others have tried to run full meetings but found themselves inquorate. We wrote to Lucy Frazer MP, but she did not support reintroducing on-line meetings and said that even if it were to be proposed parliamentary time would be needed to approve it. We can't help feeling that if they spent more time on parliamentary business and less on Bring Your Own Bottle 'work gatherings', they might find time to bring local politics into the 21st Century.

Charlotte had the bizarre experience of an Audit Committee meeting where neither the external nor internal auditors were present due to Covid, so they could not be questioned about the £4m errors they found in the 2020/21 accounts or the £4m errors they found in the 2019/20 accounts which had to be corrected through a prior year adjustment. Although these errors cancelled each other out so that the results didn't change, they were material and it's unfortunate that we have to wait until our next meeting in July to question the auditors in Committee.

Our next 'meet your Councillors' and Surgery will be on Thursday 17th February at 6.30. Meeting ID: 865 7631 8040, Passcode: 490667. If you prefer to join by 'phone, the number is 01314 601196.

Charlotte.Cane@eastcambs.gov.uk
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Introducing the Anne Robson Helpline - If you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us.

At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who is struggling with the imminent death of someone they care about. We know that facing the end of life can leave you isolated and alone.

Calls are free and confidential

Call us on 0808 801 0688

Being able to access support whilst a loved one is dying is really important for a number of reasons. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end and having a sense of 'preparedness' helps both the person dying and their family gain as much control as possible.

Please visit [www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service](http://www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service) to find out more.

**THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN**



Please check on Facebook for current events

Rob and I look forward to welcoming you  
01638 508333

**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)

**INTERIM PRIESTS:**

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Newmarket, CB8 8HZ  
01638 665421

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**BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE**

**The Good Liar 2019 (15)**  
starring Ian McKellen and Helen Mirren

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
**Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30**  
**in Balsham Church Institute**

Career Conman (McKellen) and his attempt to con rich newly widowed Betty (Mirren) from her millions. As the two grow closer what should have been another simple swindle becomes a high stakes game of cat and mouse in this drama about the secrets people keep and the lies they live with ,

Critics acclaim this intelligent and brilliant must see movie as a gripping deceptive film

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

**TO BE 8 AGAIN...**

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her birthday.

'I'd like to be eight again', she replied, still looking in the mirror. On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to Alton Towers theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.

Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, ice cream, and her favourite sweets, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally, she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, 'Well Dear, what was it like being eight again? Her eyes slowly opened, and her expression suddenly changed. 'I meant my dress size, you idiot!!!!'

The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is going to get it wrong.

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