

VILLAGE VOICE

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

FEBRUARY 2024



BURROUGH GREEN CHURCH FETE

Sunday 9th June 2024

First Meeting at The Hall, Church Lane,
home of Lucy and Peter Talbot on
Wednesday 7th February at 7pm

We are beginning to plan for the fete this year.
Do you have any 25% will be donated to a charity or
organisation which new ideas? We are always looking
to enhance the day.

we will discuss at the meeting, do get in touch with
suggestions. PLEASE come and join us at the meeting
or get in touch if you can manage a stall on the day, we
provide everything you need!

We will 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

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 12th & 26th February 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

SAVE THE DATE

QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY, 15th MARCH
7pm for 7.30 start
BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL



A £15 donation, to include a supper of chilli
followed by sticky toffee pudding, veggie option
Tables of 6. If you can't get a table together, come
along anyway and join other stragglers.

BAR & RAFFLE

Please phone or message Franca on 07765 435776 to
book your slot.

In aid of Brinkley Memorial Hall upkeep.

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

VILLAGE OIL SYNDICATE

The next oil syndicate order will be placed
on **Friday 23rd February**. 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 Wednesday 20th
February please.

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).

DABBERS OUT !!

for
WESTLEY WATERLESS
POP UP PUB & BINGO NIGHT

FRIDAY 2nd FEBRUARY
Bar Open 6.30pm Eyes Down 7pm

Drinks by
BULLS BRIDGE BARS
Pizza by
FRIENDLY HERRING PIZZA Co.

Dabbers: £6 to play. Non-Dabbers: £1 entry

westleywaterless.com/events

All proceeds to
Westley Waterless Village Hall

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.



RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Wednesdays :

Black bin - 7th & 21st February.

Blue - 14th & 28th February.

Green - 14th February.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Mondays

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 12th & 26th February.

Green Lid - 5th & 19th February.

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



'BRUSH UP BRINKLEY' IN 2024.

Thank you for keeping Brinkley so clean and rubbish free this year.

The good news is that we don't need to go to the expense of hiring a skip as we did last year.



If you can, it would be lovely if you could help by brushing up in front of your own house, if it needs it. We would be really grateful.

One or two of us have made a great effort in sweeping and cleaning paths and grass edges from Old School Lane up to the Memorial Hall. Thank you.

We have asked the Council for a special clean up shortly to clear the gutters and the drains.

Thank you to everybody.

Keep 'Brinkley Brushed Up.'

WANTED

A Home Help and Cleaner is required in Brinkley.

Initially for a day to get things sorted and then minimum 2 hours a week.

Please call Geoff or Valerie on 01638 507390 for more details

SAVE THE DATE - AUCTION

Brinkley Memorial Hall are planning an Auction / Sale on Saturday 13th April. More details next month.



NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

JOIN US ON SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY
for our first **LIVE MUSIC** night of 2024
With

BACK IN TIME (60'S)

Tickets on Sale Now £8 Doors Open 7.30pm
Licensed Bar and Raffle

Yoga Classes

We now have 3 Yoga classes at the centre
Something to suit everyone's needs

Friday Morning - **Chair Yoga** from 10-10.45am

Contact Nicole 07508 025941

Friday Morning - **Yin Yoga** 9.30-11am

Contact Lisa 07402 655556

Thursday Evenings - **Hatha Yoga** 6.20-7.20pm with

Colin colinfordham@btinternet.com

Chair Based Exercise

Mondays at 12.30pm.

Exercises will be specifically designed for those suffering from Parkinson's but all are welcome.

Wednesday at 10.45am - MS Society

COMMUNITY HUB

Don't be alone this winter - Come along to the Community Hub open every Monday and

Wednesday

From 9am-12pm.

Enjoy a warm, friendly space with refreshments (all free of charge)

Suffering from Anxiety or depression? Have you recently been bereaved? Just struggling to cope?

Come along and have a chat with Sue (a Local Counsellor) If you just need someone to talk to Sue is in the hub on Wednesdays to help.

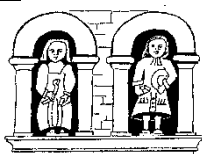
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BURROUGH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

Hello again. I hope this edition finds you all well after the festivities and New Year celebrations. I hope that 2024 brings you all huge health and happiness.



Term 1 as the headteacher of Burrough Green is now over and I have spent a few moments reflecting on the progress the school has made since September. The staff here are incredible and have worked their proverbial socks off to make sure all the children here have the absolute best deal possible. The children's enthusiasm has been infectious, and they really do make the most of the countless learning opportunities that are given to them.

Academisation

By now, all of our current parents will have received a letter from our Governing Body regarding Burrough Green joining ACT Academy Trust. I firmly believe this will not only secure the long-term future of Burrough Green but provide the support for us to flourish. I could not be more positive about this development in the school's journey and hope you all are too.

The reality is that there will absolutely no change for children or parents. It will still be Burrough Green C of E Primary School! Staff will be able to support and be supported by other colleagues from different schools, making our professional network bigger which means the children, if anything, will benefit more. Resources can be shared which again has nothing but positive benefits. It is an exciting time for the Burrough Green community.

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 the 19th December we held our very first Larks and Owls Christmas Party - organised by our amazing wrap-around-care staff. Over half the school attended and it was a great event. Larks and Owls is becoming so popular.

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 of Burrough Green Playgroup will be pleased to hear this!

Reading Spine

On our first day back (8th January) we introduced our new reading spine. We wanted to give reading a higher priority in school and teachers were tasked with

finding 6 books (including one poetry and one non-fiction) for each year group. Teachers thought hard about the types of books to include. This wonderful project was part funded by the Elizabeth March Charity from Brinkley who made us an incredibly generous donation of £500. Each year group has 3 copies of each text, so there will be plenty of opportunity throughout the school year for every child to read these wonderful books. There will be awards at the end of the year for children who read all 6 books! The children are so enthused. One class has taken it upon themselves to design and generate bookmarks for each class using computer technology. The buzz around the school is tremendous!

New Website

Our new school website went live on Monday 18th December - it has taken a while to update all the pages, add new ones and ensure the curriculum content is where we want it to be. Please remember that it is always a work in progress and is meant to inform parents, the community - in fact, anyone who is interested about what is going on and what to expect at Burrough Green. There is a lot of information on there and if, by chance, you cannot find what you are looking for, please contact the office and I will sort things for you.

As ever, we have space in all classes and I would be delighted to show anyone around our rapidly improving school.

Please, please take care in this weather and look after yourselves.

Kind Regards
David Sandford
Headteacher



THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Hi All.



What a great start we have had for 2024. A big thank you to all our customers who came and enjoyed being with us on New Years Eve. It was a manic night, but absolute fun. Thank you all.

Sunday roast is going well. Please look at our Facebook page for the next event. If it continues to be successful then I will be doing it once a fortnight, so watch this space. I will keep you all posted.

Our next speed quizzing is on the 14th February
Please book a table if possible as we are running out of space. It is sooooo popular so come and have some fun, bring someone special, have a good time, evening meal, some great wines, and beers, ALL WELCOME.

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

Tina & Danny 01638 476424



BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

The film for February is the award-winning Christopher Nolan film

OPPENHEIMER (15)

starring Cillian Murphy, Emily Blunt, Matt Damon and Robert Downey jnr.

Saturday Feb 3rd 2024 at 7pm start

Doors open 6.30

The film thrusts you into the mind of the brilliant physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer as the Manhattan Project develops the first atomic bomb. The story commences with a mysterious summons received by Dr. Oppenheimer to appear before a secretive government committee - allegations against him are shrouded in secrecy but hint at suspicions of communist sympathies. The film masterfully intertwines the present-day hearings with poignant flashbacks that reveal pivotal moments in Oppenheimer's life.

As this film is 3 hours long BPH is taking the unusual step to have an early start:

Doors open at 6.30pm and showing the film at 7pm.

And if you find our seats a little firm for 3 hours perhaps a small cushion might be advisable !!

We also plan to have a small break in the middle to recharge glasses at the bar and do whatever else may be needed!

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

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

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

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

Our AGM takes place on **Wednesday 14th February** at 7.30 pm, after which there will be a quiz. The business meeting will be quite short, so we hope to see as many of you as possible, as this is the time of year that annual subscriptions are due. You can pick up your membership card which also gives a discount at Simpson's nursery in Fordham, and more details of the year's forthcoming activities and events.

We have a fascinating talk lined up for **Wednesday 13 March** - "People and Plants - Molecules, medicine, and mischief" to be given by *Gwenda Kyd*. Join us in the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30 pm.

Then on **Wednesday 10th April** there will be a talk from *Lucy Skellorn*, "My family and other Foster Irises". This also takes place at 7.30 pm in the Ellesmere Centre.

Please do come and support these speakers who are new to our club, and remember if you have any queries you can contact Sandie on 07903 584676.

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You are invited to  
**DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**8pm**

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham, CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a Valentine's evening  
with a Demonstration  
by

**Rachel Borenkova**  
entitled

**'Love is in the Air'**

**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 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Demonstration by *Crystal Dyball*

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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/>

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Bottisham Ward - Charlotte Cane & John Trapp

The District Council's Finance & Assets Committee will meet on Thursday 25th January. There will be a budget report on the agenda, though we know from past experience that this may bear no relation to the actual budget to be set on Tuesday 20th February.

At the end of November it was reported that the Council was projecting a year-end underspend of £757,000, against a budget of £16.85 million. £700,000 of this can be attributed to the Council benefitting from rises in interest rates on its deposits.

It is possible that the Finance & Assets Committee meeting on 25th January will receive the Full Business Case for the crematorium at Mepal.

The District Council's Operational Services Committee will meet on Wednesday 31st January. It will consider the improvement plan for East Cambs Street Scene, to bring it back to budget and to delivering the contracted service levels. It will also consider the grant to Newmarket Citizens Advice.

The Council held a 'behind closed doors' seminar with Sanctuary Housing on Thursday 14th December. Top of our list of questions was what is being done about the large number of empty properties - something like five per cent of Sanctuary's stock. Their response was that they were prioritising currently occupied homes in need of repair and finding capacity to tackle empty properties in clusters. We have been following up a number of enquiries about Sanctuary repairs and long-term empty properties in local villages. Recommendations are being finalised for presentation to February's Full Council meeting for changes to the council's constitution. These will include recommendations about the rules of procedure, responsibility for functions, the Code of Conduct for Councillors, and the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel on Councillors' allowances.

Our next surgery will take place on Monday 26th February, 6:30 - 7:30PM by Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6315424066?pwd=YjhScGtmZm5Kb1BpRmFsNnNONnl2dz09&omn=82265943981>

Between surgeries, residents can continue to contact us by email or phone.

Charlotte Cane 07976 607512.

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**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL/  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

*Wood Ditton Ward*

**Weeds**

The ruling administration stopped the weedkilling across the County, which has left our roads looking very untidy and causing issues with drains, pavements and roads in some areas. The ruling administration have admitted that the cut in service was purely a scheme to save money and has failed. It is on the agenda for a Highways & Transport Committee meeting in January 2024 to be reinstated and I will update you accordingly about the welcome U-turn.

**Potholes**

The repairs of potholes and other road issues appears to have slowed in the last few months and much needed maintenance is overdue in some areas. I will continue to keep the Highways team up to their task, to ensure that much needed maintenance is undertaken.

**County Council Budget**

The ruling Lib Dem/ Labour Administration have narrowed the budget gap for 2024/2025 to £2m as well as increasing the County Council's portion of the Council Tax by 5%. There are many unrealistic savings within their proposals, and I will update next month once the definite savings proposals are agreed and what it means for residents.

**East Cambridgeshire District Council**

In contract to the above, as part of the ruling Conservative Group on East Cambs, I am pleased to be supporting a freeze in the East Cambs portion of the Council Tax for the 11<sup>th</sup> year running.

I will update you next month with the outcome of the budget meetings due to be held around budgets.

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**

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NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

At Linton Village College we are lucky to have a Student Senate that actively contributes to the running of the school.



I am involved in The Senate and, along with Will and Lilian, LVC's Head Students, House Captains and Prefects, I meet regularly and work alongside the College's staff House Leads and Ms Price, Inclusion Lead. LVC has four houses: Voyager, Endeavour, Pioneer and Discovery.

We meet once every two weeks and discuss up and coming events and how we can contribute to the school and the wider Linton community. The Senate helps to organise and run regular competitive House Events with input from House Leads. It is also a valuable opportunity for us to voice our opinions and suggestions. We also hold forums with the wider student body to gain student voice on topics such as catering, behaviour and the curriculum. We have also recently met with our local Member of Parliament, Lucy Frazer.

In terms of charitable endeavours, we have been involved in fundraising and meeting with the Friends of LVC to support with our annual sponsored walk which raises valuable funds to enrich our educational experiences and learning environment at LVC. Last term, The Senate was also involved in organising charitable events such as our Christmas jumper day raising money for Tom's Trust, the reverse advent collection for Jimmy's in Cambridge and the 'Bearpee Challenge' for Children in Need.

We are looking forward to 2024 and opportunities to raise further money for worthy causes over the coming year.

*Rupert Warden-Hill, Deputy Head Student
Linton Village College*

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**BIBLE BOOK CHALLENGE ANSWERS**

Here are the answers to December's Bible Book Quiz.

I once made a reMARK about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a FLUKE.) It kept people lookING So hard for the FACTS and for others it was a REVELATION. Some were in a JAM Especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But now the tRUTH finally struck home to the NUMBERS of readers. To others it was a real JOB. We want it to be a fascinating few moments for you. yES THERE will be some really difficult ones to spot. Others may require JUDGES to help them. I will quickly admiT IT Usually takes a minister to find one of them. There will BE Loud LAMENTATIONS when it is found. A lady says sHE BREWS a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compETE. Relax now, for there are 16 names of the Bible hidden in this paragraph. One preacher found 15 books in twenty minutes - but it took him 3 weeks to find the 16th one!

*Rev'd Patrick*

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JOHN FRANCIS TOLTON

John passed away on 9th December 2023 at the ripe old age of 101years.

He was better known as 'Nimbus', after the racehorse of that name. It won the 2000s Guineas and the Epsom Derby in 1949 and John was the groom on both occasions. He was born in County Limerick but spent many years in Dullingham and his later years in Burrough End.

His funeral took place on 10th January 2024.

The family would like to thank all his many friends and colleagues who attended the funeral and contributed in his memory, and to all those who have helped him over the years.

His wife Violet passed away on 28 October 2020.

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**ARTICLES FOR MARCH VILLAGE VOICE  
To**

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**by 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 please**

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SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley
10.30 Family Service Burrough Green
Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31 Colossians 1: 15-20

Sunday 11th February Sunday next before Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham
6.00 pm Evensong Carlton
2 Kings 2: 1-12 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Mark 9: 2-9

Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday

7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Communion Brinkley
*Isaiah 58: 1-12 2 Corinthians 5: 20b - 6: 10
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21*

Sunday 18th February First Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley
Genesis 9: 8-17 1 Peter 3: 18-end Mark 1: 9-15

Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham
3.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth
Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Romans 4: 13-end Mark 8: 31-end

FROM THE RECTORY

February 2nd celebrates the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Candlemas, a story showing great trust in God because Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple to give thanks for his birth, showing it as a special place in Jesus' life as he grew up. There we meet the elderly priest, Simeon who had been told by God he wouldn't die before seeing the Messiah, and Anna the widow, who had spent her life waiting for God to reveal himself to her, which he did in Jesus the small baby.

Candlemas is THANKSGIVING and WAITING joined by deep faith and trust in God. Candles are lit as signs of hope as we give thanks for God giving his Son to be our Saviour.

Candlemas turns our thoughts from Epiphany to Lent. Christmas is over, and our focus is upon the suffering that is to come, as Simeon tells Mary, 'A sword shall pierce your own soul also' (Luke 2:35). Thoughts turn to the events of the last week of Jesus' earthly life, culminating in being crucified for us in order to save us. He has to suffer to complete God's work for Him, and we have to suffer with Mary, so that we understand our lives won't be without pain and challenge.

We know Jesus' death is followed by the resurrection. We have the Holy Spirit to walk with us in the challenging times of life, guiding us closer to God in all that we do and say.

Let us look forward and welcome the light of Christ, rejoicing that the Holy Spirit is always with us strengthening, supporting and driving us until the end of our lives when we can say with Simeon - 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,' (Luke 2:29).

Reverend Patrick J McEune Rector of The Benefice of Raddesley Group of Parishes:

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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
