

VILLAGE VOICE

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

FEBRUARY 2023

WESTLEY WATERLESS

POP UP PUB

FRIDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY
18:00 - 22:30

Westley Waterless Village Hall
Come and join us!

We are very lucky to be joined by:



BULLS BRIDGE BARS
Serving our favourite
tipple.



They will be joined by
PIMP MY FISH

Who will be delighting our tummies with perfectly
cooked fish and chips with a creative twist.

Free Entry
Family Friendly
Parking Available

The Village Hall, Westley Waterless, CB8 0RQ

For more information, please visit:
www.westleywaterless.com/events

BRUSH UP BRINKLEY

Please come and help us 'brush up' and clear the
paths and verges of our village

SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY
10.30am - 12.30pm



Meet at Beechcroft
and please bring
brooms,
wheelbarrows,
blowers, spades etc. if you have them.
A skip will be provided.



ALL WELCOME

Mulled wine and refreshments for helpers!

Mark 07785 534274



Burrough Green Church Fete Sunday 11th June

25% of proceeds to be donated
to Burrough Green School



We are delighted to announce
that we are planning 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 village and school
communities. We need help with planning, setting up
and running stalls on the day. We can find a suitable
job for anyone willing to help!

**You are invited to come and have a drink and help
plan for this event at the first planning meeting**

**on Tuesday 7th February at 7pm at
The Hall, home of Lucy and Peter Talbot.**

If you are unable to attend but can offer any
support, please contact Lucy on 07910 158463
or email peterandlucyt@btinternet.com

~~~~~ DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY, 31st MARCH
7pm for 7.30 start

Brinkley Memorial Hall

It's time to get your brain out of its winter
hibernation with another great evening of brain
teasers, questions set by Trish, Quizmaster
Extraordinaire.

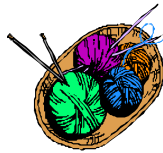
A donation of £12 per person to
include chilli, baked potato, veg,
cheese, baked beans, quacamole, sticky
toffee pud to follow. Veggie option,
bar and raffle.



Please book your tables of 6 by calling Franca on
07765 435776 or if on your own, come along and join
others.

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

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY



Saturday evening February 11th

We will have a Curry Night - beef, chicken and vegetarian. Please book to join us on the Saturday, or call by 9:00 p.m. on Friday evening if you want to collect a curry takeaway for your family on Saturday. For up-to-date information on opening hours and other upcoming changes, please visit our website, join our Facebook page or email us at hello@redlionbrinkley.co.uk and ask to join our mailing list.

Gwyn & Morris.

01638 508707

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :

Black bin - 6th & 20th February.

Blue - 13th & 27th February.

Green - 13th February.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Mondays

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 13th & 27th February.

Green Lid - 6th & 20th February.

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.)

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4th THURSDAY of each month between 12.10 - 12.50pm. **23rd February.**



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

16th 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.

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

WARM HUB

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

Please come along and enjoy a warm, friendly space and refreshments (all free of charge).

We have magazines, jigsaws, board games or you may choose to just sit and relax.

There is also a laptop and printer with free use of the Wi-Fi.

Mini Athletics

Starting at the Ellesmere Centre on Sunday mornings

Enjoy running, jumping, throwing and making friends.

Develop skills and burn energy.

Please contact nnaude@miniathletics.com

LIVE MUSIC ON

SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY

7.30pm until midnight

CREEDENCE CLEAR WATER REVIEW



The UK's Premier Tribute to one of America's Greatest Bands

This is an amazing opportunity to see this highly acclaimed band.

£10 per person entry

Raffle & licensed bar

Half Term Activities

Monday 13th Feb - Roller Skating 1.30-4pm
Booking through the office

Tuesday 14th Feb - Cricket Camp

Contact Colin 07925 665119

Wednesday 15th Feb - SL Sport & Ed Camp

www.slsportanded.co.uk

Thursday 16th Feb - SL Sport & Ed Camp

www.slsportanded.co.uk

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

TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!



With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Cambridgeshire

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/cambridge> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Cambridgeshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk

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

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

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday; February 18th

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE !!!!!

WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING (15)

starring Daisy Edgar-Jones and Harris Dickinson in this film based on the acclaimed bestselling book.

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

From the bestselling novel comes a captivating mystery telling the story of Kyo, an abandoned girl who grows up in the marshlands of North Carolina isolated from her community of Barkley Cove. When a young man with whom she has made a friendship is found dead she is suspected by the community, but as the story unfolds more secrets of that marshland are laid bare.

A must see movie acclaimed by the critics !

Guest visitors £3/ ni and Annual membership just £12 for adults

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

Advance notice for our March evening which will be the recently released musical sequel Film.

Fisherman's Friends - One and All (12)

Follow the celebrity singers as friendships are put to test!

Saturday March 4th 2023 Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting is our **AGM** on **Wednesday 8th February**, at 7.30 pm when committee members will be elected, and the coming year's subs will be due. The AGM takes very little time, and afterwards we have a treat - **Andrew Sankey** will give us a talk on "**Miss Ellen Willmott of Warley Place**". Such a popular speaker is not to be missed, so we hope as many members as possible will join us then.

Looking ahead we have an exciting and varied programme of events lined up for you. In March we have both a talk and a visit, taking advantage of the Spring season. On Wednesday 8th March Chris Wiley will talk to us on "The Wonderful World of Snowdrops". Meet at 7.30 pm in The Ellesmere Centre. Then on Sunday 26th March we have a visit booked to the National Hyacinth Collection, Burgess's Drove, Waterbeach at the cost of £3 per person. More details including timing and lift sharing next month.

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.



Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. Being a part of Girlguiding is extremely rewarding and a lot of fun. If

you want to help yourself and your community, sign up today.

Could you showcase your skills or want to gain more?
Could you inspire our girls to be more than they think they can?

We Need You



Our Guide units would like more helpers each week
We also need commissioners in our area. Do you have managerial skills that could hold termly meetings with leaders?

If you think you have the correct skill set and could help lead the leaders of the future please get in touch.



www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested
lintondistrict@gmail.com



07711 614328
@lintondistrict



FREE

8' X 6' GREENHOUSE
with all shelving

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**FOR SALE**

**KITCHEN ISLAND**

4 OAK DOORS  
FITTED SHELVES BOTH SIDES  
36" wide x 47" long x 35" high  
**£150 ono**

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CONTACT Bena Cook on 01223 290779
(Carlton)

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**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

*Charlotte Cane & John Trapp - Bottisham ward*

The Combined Authority found £3.5m this year, to provide the funds to keep the number 11, and other buses, running for 6 months when Stagecoach suddenly pulled the services. They will shortly be finalising their budget for 2023/24 and Charlotte was a substitute member on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to review the draft budget. She was disappointed to find that only the £3.5m was included - only half what would be needed to keep the buses running for a year. She raised this and the rest of the Committee agreed to ask the Combined Authority to find at least £7m for each of the next two years to fund our bus services. This just maintains the current position, we still need improvements.

The Combined Authority is consulting on its bus strategy, with a closing date of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm - <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/news/combined-authority-to-relaunch-6-week-bus-strategy-consultation/>. There have been a lot of consultations recently, but if we want better bus services we need to take every opportunity to make the case.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership Making Connections 2022 consultation closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Around 23,000 responses were received, and the Greater Cambridge Partnership expects to publish a final report on the consultation outcomes and next steps, for consideration by its Board in June 2023.

The consultation is about proposals for public transport improvements, and better cycling and walking options, as well as about the element which has been most talked about—a congestion charge. We expect the proposals in the consultation, including the proposal for a congestion charge, to be significantly changed by the public response to the consultation.

In December the Licensing Committee agreed to consult on the installation of CCTV in Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles, as set out by the Department for Transport. The consultation opened on December 19<sup>th</sup> and will end at 3pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 - <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/licensing/licensing-policies>

There were some missed/late bin collections in January, because of problems with vehicles. The crews have worked overtime to catch up with the collections. If your collections are missed, please report that at - <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/east-cambs-street-scene/report-missed-collection>

or call 01353 665555. You can also report it to us and we will chase it up for you. On the subject of waste, there is information about what can go in your green and blue bins and what needs special collections/disposal at - <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/east-cambs-street-scene/what-we-collect>

For February, we will be holding our Councillors' Surgery by zoom, to save people coming out in the cold and the dark. Our next Surgery Zoom will be at 6.30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Meeting ID: 865 7631 8040, Passcode: 490667. If you prefer to join by 'phone, the number is 01314 601196. Or you can contact us directly at any time. [charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk), 07976 607512; [john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk), 01223 812120

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East Cambridgeshire District Council & Cambridgeshire County Council Report

Congestion Charging

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) consultation on implementing a £5 congestion charge between 7am and 7pm on weekdays across the Greater Cambridge area has now closed and we await the outcome of that consultation.

I have serious concerns that the questions on the consultation were very leading and not a proper consultation but aimed at getting their preferred outcome. The final decision must be made by a Full meeting of the County Council, so I welcome any views that residents may have on this subject.

County Council Budget

The ruling administration on the County Council are proposing a 4.99% increase for Council Tax from April 2023. This proposal is made up of 2% ringfenced for adult social care and a general increase of 2.99%. The decision to agree this increase will be made on 7th February at the next full County Council meeting.

Highways

The number of potholes appearing over the last couple of weeks have increased dramatically, no doubt caused by the sub-zero temperatures following a very wet period. However, that is probably not the only reason, as there have been many instances of poor workmanship, which means that the extremes of weather results in a repaired pothole becoming a new pothole, because the hole has not been totally secured. As the Conservative Highways & Transport lead, I am asking questions of the administration, as to what they are proposing in order to resolve this issue, which has a massive effect on residents, if their vehicle comes into contact and suffers damage, consequently.

I have concerns going forward that the County Council will not put the money into road repairs that are needed, especially with the increase in the costs of building materials, which are rising faster than general inflation and that appears to be the case from the budget proposals that have just been unveiled by the ruling group. I will be examining the detail and will keep residents updated on the budget settlement and what it means to them.

Any resident can report potholes online and please continue doing so. 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 is proposing 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.

Waste Collections

The District Council is looking at introducing bins for general waste, but a decision will be made after the Government release their latest guidance on recycling, landfill and waste disposal, which is awaited shortly, as to make a decision before the details of the review are known could result in wasted taxpayers money if we start to implement what Government guidelines change.

I would remind residents that the green bins should be used for food waste, as well as garden waste, with the black bags used only for non-recyclable items.

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

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**ECDC NEWSLETTER**

ECDC has produced a newsletter detailing things that are of interest to their residents in the whole area.

It includes information on the requirement for ID to vote in the local elections in May; Help with cost of living; Asking for more homeowners to give support to Ukrainians fleeing their war torn country; Grants for Community groups; Recycling ; and other items.

The newsletter is too long to reprint in Village Voice and I did ask ECDC how people were expected to know about it.

Their reply -

*The information contained is a summary of the press releases / news items which we share via our Facebook and Twitter channels and via the local media. We also post each press release on our website.*

[www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk).

South Cambs residents get a quarterly magazine to keep their residents informed.

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SERVICES ALL WELCOME

Sunday 5th February 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley
+ Dagmar
10.30 Family Service Burrough Green
+ Dagmar

*Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b – 12) 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 (13-end)
Matthew 5: 13-20*

Sunday 12th February 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer

Genesis 1: 1-2:3 Romans 8: 18-25 Matthew 6: 25-end

Sunday 19th February Sunday next before Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green
The Ven. Alex Hughes
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley
The Ven. Alex Hughes
6.00 pm Evensong Carlton
Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft

Exodus 24: 12-end 2 Peter 1: 16-end Matthew 17: 1-9

Wednesday 22nd February Ash Wednesday

7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Communion service Brinkley
Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft

Sunday 26th February 1st Sunday of Lent

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham
Rev'd Andrew Rycraft
3.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth
Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft

Genesis 2: 15-17: 3: 1-7 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11

Dear all

I always think of February as a real winter month - by the time we get to March it might still be very wintry but it doesn't get dark quite so early, lots of bulbs are in flower and trees are sprouting leaves. However, with our current changeable weather it seems as though anything could happen! We had a very cold spell in December when extra warm clothes were needed and then the temperature rose by over 10 degrees overnight and it continued to be mild and wet for the rest of December - tempting lots of plants and shrubs to start their spring growth - only to be cut back again when cold temperatures and frost returned in January. The snowdrops in Stetchworth churchyard are appearing, more and more each day - they do have a bit of a blanket in the form of fallen beech leaves - by the time this newsletter is delivered I guess it will be a real sea of white.

All of our churches had Christmas services of some sort - Carols before Christmas or a service on the day and now we move on in the church year. We had Epiphany and the Baptism of Christ in January and in February we will have Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. We will be in the Lent period up to Easter, and this year Easter Sunday falls on 9th April - and so the year moves on! Our services have continued to the usual pattern, despite being without a resident vicar - we are very grateful to have had the help of Rev'd Andrew and Rosemary Rycraft taking our services, conducting weddings etc. We are currently advertising for a new vicar, our first adverts bore no fruit but we hope and pray that someone out there is seeking to come and live in and minister to this group of parishes.

Lily Whymer

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

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by 20th February 2023 please