

# VILLAGE VOICE

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

JANUARY 2022

## Happy New Year

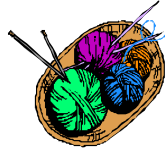
### KNIT & NATTER

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



### RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green:

Black bin - 12<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January

Blue - 6<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> January

Green - 18<sup>th</sup> January

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -  
Thursdays :

Black sacks : Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursdays 20<sup>th</sup>  
& 27<sup>th</sup> January

Blue Lid - 8<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January

Green Lid - NO COLLECTION

### CARLTON AND BRINKLEY POPPY

#### APPEAL 2021

Around the beginning of November volunteers were out collecting donations for the poppy appeal. A big THANK YOU to everyone from Carlton and Brinkley for all of your donations. This year, together, we have raised a total of £740.56 for the Royal British Legion, in memory of those who gave so much in the past. I would also like to thank our collectors this year, Wendy Farrant and Tracey Murphy from Carlton; Linda Claydon, Caroline Egar and Alison Brewin from Brinkley. Our volunteers were out knocking on doors during those cold, dark nights of early November, thank you so much!

And again, thank you all for your generous donations and support.

We will remember them!

Phoebe H-M and Mr. V Ellis

A Donation of £100 from the collection was made to the Royal British Legion following the Remembrance Service at Brinkley Church on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

Brinkley PCC

### BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2021

Thank you to all who supported the Brinkley Christmas card for 2021, After Gift Aid has been received it will have raised £900 for Brinkley Church and £535 for Young Minds.

Thank you.

### SCRABBLE and MAHJONG

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

10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

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

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

Happy New Year to you all.

We hope your Christmas happened and it was great.

Unless we have been told to close by the time you read this our plan is:

**New Year's Eve** - open for lunch and at 5pm for dinner. Closing when we are empty.

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** - Coffee Morning at 10:30am

**January 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday to Saturday)** - Italian Food Nights.

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thursday)** - Quiz Night.

Please let us know if you would like to come for Italian food or the Quiz.

You will have no doubt read that it has been even tougher times for everyone in our business since early December, since we were all essentially almost locked down without any support funding due to the 50 daily messages saying please do not go to a pub or a restaurant, and a lot of people did as they were asked. Which is great in the grand scheme of things that are happening out there right now.

We ourselves are in favour of a lot of things being closed for two or four weeks until boosters are done, perhaps by the time you read this.


The level of cancellations for Xmas parties and regular dining everywhere throughout the country have been quite amazing, in the one month that helps many of us through January, February and March.

If you are OK with going somewhere to eat, or ordering takeaway food, whether it is from us or someone else in the area, please think about doing once or twice during the next several weeks until the weather gets better. You will be appreciated.

Gwyn & Morris.

01638 508707

**NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE**

 **The Staff and Trustees of The Ellesmere Centre would like to wish you all a Happy New Year**

**Football**



We have several spaces on the Astro for new teams. The cost is £25 (£15 concession) for an hour and this includes the floodlights. Through January we can offer a free trial session to any team wanting to give it a try.



**Gym** - our gym is a perfect place to get fit after the Christmas period.  
**JUST £2 PER PERSON THROUGHOUT JANUARY**

When you hire the gym it is for your sole use (or with a couple of friends) so you can keep safe and still workout. We will leave an hour between bookings to air the room.

Come along and give it a try.

**Judo**



We now have spaces in our Judo classes on Thursday evenings after school. Classes are for ages 4-7 and 8+ years with our coach Colin Fordham.

Please contact the Centre for more information.

*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. Thank you.*

**Email: [office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk](mailto:office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk) - alternatively call us on 01638 508212**

**ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB**

Just a little update for our January meeting. As we were unable to secure a speaker on hellebores and snowdrops, we have a visit from an old friend, Andrew Sankey. On **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm** he will talk to us about "Re-thinking your Garden". Any changes will be posted in the Ellesmere Centre news on Facebook.

Please don't forget to come to our **AGM on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**, which will include wine and a quiz or Beetle Drive for your entertainment. Please make a note as we need members to attend to vote for committee members and to endorse their plans for the coming year. More information at a later date, but 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 508336.

**VILLAGE WEBSITES**

[www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk)

[www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk)

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

There is also a very interesting website on Community Archives. A lot of local photographs are on there after a big project funded by the Heritage Lottery fund a few years back. [www.ccan.co.uk](http://www.ccan.co.uk)

**THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN**

Please check on Facebook for current situation



**Rob and I look forward to welcoming you  
01638 508333**

**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**

**BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM.**

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

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*Charlotte Cane & John Trapp: E Cambs Bottisham Ward*

Happy New Year! We hope you had a good Christmas, despite the additional Covid restrictions.

On 26 November Councillors were informed by East Cambs Street Scene that they would be cancelling the green waste collection from Monday 13 December to Friday 28 January inclusive because they were short staffed. This announcement came just 11 days after the Operational Services Committee had met and no mention was made of reducing the service, although the problem of staff shortages was well known by then. Councillor Julia Huffer, as Chair of the Committee, decided that it was acceptable for the green waste to be cancelled for this period. To add insult to injury ECSS has described this as an 'efficiency saving' so the Council must continue paying ECSS as if they were providing a full service. The Council then issued a press release claiming that the reduction in service was to support the staff. We certainly agree that the waste staff deserve praise for keeping our collections going throughout Covid restrictions and we do not want them over-worked especially over the Christmas period. But we are concerned that stopping the green waste leaves residents with the problem of disposing of exactly the sort of waste which is most likely to attract rats and other pests and vermin. Suggesting that residents travel up to 44 miles round trip to Witchford to dispose of their green waste is impractical and unsustainable. We have asked Cllr Huffer to explain why she accepted this reduction in service, with no reduction in cost and why she decided green waste was the best collection to cancel. We understand that there is a marked reduction in green waste over the winter, but it is still important that it is kept separate and doesn't go into landfill. In her statement, Cllr Huffer noted ""From our last waste analysis, we know that typically 30% of everything we throw away in black sacks is food waste..." It therefore seems very strange that she agreed to remove our option to have our green waste collected separately.

The grant to Citizen's Advice Bureau West Suffolk (CAWS) is to continue for another two years, which is good news for all our residents. We would like to thank those residents who contacted the Council to support CAWS.

By the time you read this, Mepal Outdoor Centre will have been demolished - demolition was due in the week beginning 6 December. The Council's current leadership is pressing ahead with its plans for an unwanted and unnecessary crematorium on the site, despite the fact that only thirteen per cent of local

residents supported the idea. The Council has already admitted that the crematorium proposal will take financial contributions from developers intended to improve facilities for local residents, and turn them into ready cash to subsidise council tax.

The Council was late in publishing its annual accounts, even missing its own revised deadline of 'on or about' 30 November. As we write this article, they have still not been published. When they were presented to the Audit Committee, the auditors gave a verbal update to the Committee as they had not completed their review when the papers were sent out. They reported that the accounts were largely free from material error apart from a £2million error due to incorrect consolidation of the trading companies. We asked for a further meeting so that members could review a corrected set of accounts before approving them, but the Conservative majority decided that it would be sufficient for the Committee Chair to review them. At one point they were ready just to approve the accounts as they were, subject to non-material amendments, until we pointed out that that would prevent them from correcting the £2m error. They tried to deny this, saying £2m was not material but the external auditor confirmed that £2m was indeed material.

We will be holding our virtual surgery via Zoom from 6:30 to 7:30PM on Wednesday 19 January 2022. Please contact Charlotte at [charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk) to book your timeslot.

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

While it was not been possible to have our full calendar of regular festive events, we continued to mark the season in a range of ways. A Christmas Jumper Day was held in December to raise money for a number of charitable causes. The whole of Year 7 learnt Christmas carols in French and Spanish in their lessons to perform an inter-class singing competition.

Coming together as a community to enjoy live music is a highlight of the school calendar. It is a shame that it was not safe to do so en masse, huddled together in Balsham Church. I am grateful to colleagues for finding ingenious ways to celebrate and share the musical talents of LVC students.

Our team of peripatetic music teachers compiled a virtual Christmas Carol Concert. A recording of readings and performances from a variety of ensembles were streamed on the school's website. The variety of talent was a joy to listen to.

*Helena Marsh*  
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## 2523 LINTON AIR CADETS.

It was great to see the whole squadron parade on Remembrance Sunday. 2523 Linton take part parading through both Castle Camps and Linton. Having not been back face to face very long it was fantastic to see the cadets turned out so smartly with numbers sufficient to parade both the Union Flag and the squadron banners.

We continue to thrive with five new instructor cadets on squadron. Congratulations to Sergeants Fenn and Murray and Corporals Morris, Newell and Vellacott. Passing the assessment isn't easy and we look forward to you teaching on squadron.

Our first class cadet training has been completed, and our new first class cadets have also been awarded their St John's Ambulance Essential First Aid certificates. A fantastic qualification to hold. Congratulations to Cadets Russell, Foster, Graves, Woods, Macmanara and Vellacott.

Cadet Morris J has been awarded with bronze Duke of Edinburgh, bronze music, senior cadet classification and blue communications. Sergeant Tysoe has now completed the powered flying sorties for issue of his blue aviation wings.

Corporal Pevley and Cadet Spall have both been awarded their leading cadet badges and have made a strong start on the senior cadet syllabus already.

As a squadron we look to push forward with both our vocational BTEC training as well as our usual syllabus. We look forward to a packed new year of training days and competitions.

We are open for new joiners, so please do get in touch today if you or someone you know is aged 12 and in year 8, or maximum age 17, and would like to join  
**Bradley Wright**

*Pilot Officer RAFAC*

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## SERVICES

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January Epiphany**

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley  
Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft

*Isaiah 60: 1-6 Ephesians 3: 1-12 Matthew 2: 1-12*

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ**

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth  
Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham  
Rev'd Andrew Rycraft

*Isaiah 43: 1-7 Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 17-17, 21-22*

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green  
Rev'd Peter Gill  
10.30 Morning Prayer Brinkley  
Rev'd Peter Gill

*Isaiah 62: 1-5 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11*

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

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

*Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a  
Luke 4: 14-21*

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 4th Sunday of Epiphany**

10.30 am Benefice Communion Westley Waterless  
Rev'ds Rosemary and Andrew Rycraft

*Ezekiel 43: 27-44: 4 1 Corinthians 13 Luke 2: 22-40*

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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](http://www.raddesley.com)

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