

# VILLAGE VOICE

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

JANUARY 2023

## Happy New Year

### BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 7.30pm  
NEW YEAR GET TOGETHER

We invite you to join us for a fun evening of good food and laughter with musical entertainment by local artists.



3 course supper (veggie option)  
Bar and Raffle

We ask for a donation of £17.50 per person on the door.

Please book your tickets, stating whether you'd like the veggie option please.

Ring Franca on 07765 435776.

### 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

### VILLAGE OIL SYNDICATE



The next oil syndicate order will be placed on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023. If you would like to be included in the delivery, please contact

Vicky Cavey on 07818 231632 or via email [vickycavey@icloud.com](mailto:vickycavey@icloud.com)

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).



### BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2022

Thank you to all who supported the Brinkley Christmas card for 2022, After Gift Aid has been received it will have raised £932 for Brinkley Church and £580 for Newmarket Open Door.

Thank you.

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the people (table holders, helpers and customers) who supported the Burrough Green Christmas Fayre on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

I am able to donate £100 to the Macmillan Unit at West Suffolk Hospital, two local Stroke Support Groups will receive a donation and the Reading Room also made a profit from the light lunches.

Kathie

### NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

*Happy New Year to you all*

#### WARM HUB

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

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.

#### MORNING FITNESS GROUP

Why not give our new boot camp a try?

They meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6-7am on the Astro.

All levels of fitness welcome - this is a small friendly group of all abilities.

Contact the Centre if you are interested in joining.

#### LIVE MUSIC ON FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023

8pm until midnight

Jive and Boogie away those Christmas Blues with the fantastic 60's Band

**BACK IN TIME**

£5 per person entry

Raffle & Licensed Bar

#### ITS PANTO TIME, OH NO IT ISN'T!!

The Ellesmere Devils Pantomime society are performing Dick Whittington from

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Tickets are available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/EDPS](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/EDPS)

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter @CentreEllesmere  
Email: [office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk](mailto:office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk) - alternatively call us on 01638 508212

**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](mailto:bgreadingroom@yahoo.com)  
[www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Westley Waterless Village Hall** - For more information please go to [www.westleywaterless.com/hall](http://www.westleywaterless.com/hall)

**RECYCLING**

**Carlton & Willingham Green:**

Black bin - TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup>, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Blue - WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup>, MONDAYS 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Green - MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> January.

**Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -:**

Black sacks : WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup>, TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup>, MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Blue Lid - WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup>, MONDAYS 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Green Lid - TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup>, MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

**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.)

**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)

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**

Please check the website or Facebook



<https://www.facebook.com/RedLionBrinkley>

for January hours  
01638 508707

The Ellesmere Devils  
Pantomime Society Presents

**Dick Whittington**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	6.30pm	£8
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	7.30pm	£9
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	7.30pm	£10
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	2.00pm	£9
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	7.30pm	£10



The Ellesmere Centre,  
Stetchworth, CB8 9TS

Buy tickets at:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps)  
or call 07990 513836

**ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB**

Our first meeting in the New Year to look forward to is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, when we will have a talk by Susanna Colaco about the Trumpington Community Orchard. Join us in the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30 pm for this. Also, please note the date of the AGM, which is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, when committee members will be elected, and the coming year's subs will be due. More information in the New Year.

Do put these events in your diary, and we hope you can join us. 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.

**BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE**

**Please note change of date.**

Our January evening which will be the recently released family film.

**The Railway Children Return (PG)**

starring Jenny Agutter and Sheridan Smith

**Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

Doors open 7pm

Film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute.

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.

### PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST AWARD 2023

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2023. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year to the amount of £1000.

Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following:-

Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Education, Medicine, Nursing and Veterinary Medicine.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wratting Common airfield - Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, West Wickham, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wratting, Weston Colville and Withersfield.

The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc.

Final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level/Baccalaureate results and University offer are known.

For further information about the trust and award please contact: Jonathan Drury 01223 290968

**For an application form please apply via email to: [peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com](mailto:peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com)**

The application form and supporting documents must be received at the latest by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

### GIRLGUIDING LINTON DISTRICT

Its been a fabulous year for all our units. Culminating in a winter camp for 1<sup>st</sup> Linton Guides, held



outside in the woods at the Jarman Centre. They even had a bouncy Obstacle course. They also made



Christmas gnomes with bobble hats for christmas. There were visits to the pantomime for some of our Guides and Brownies too. Oh no there wasn't ...oh yes there was... Our Trefoil Guild enjoyed their christmas dinner night out together. There have also been many more badges earned and presented too. Some of our leaders are finding it difficult to sew their badges on as their camp blankets have so many now. We are celebrataing the end of a year of county events bringing us closer together. Meeting new faces and making new frinds from around the whole of Cambridgeshire. Stretching from Wisbech to Melbourn. Don't forgt you are always welcome to came and see what we do.

Linton Rainbows 5-7 yrs, Linton, Balsham, Burrough Green and Horseheath Brownies 7-10 yrs, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Linton Guides and Brinkley Guides 10-14 yrs and Linton

and Brinkley Rangers 14-18 yrs, INSPIRE 18-26 yrs and Trefoil Guild for adults only. We are a busy district but we do have a lot of fun.

Contact Louisa on 07711 614328

[Lintondistrict@gmail.com](mailto:Lintondistrict@gmail.com)

### MARSH MAIL - News from Linton Village College

The month of December was filled with festivities including our Christmas Arts Showcase, a trip to watch the choir at Kings College and a range of charitable events, including a reverse advent and fundraising through a Christmas jumper day and fayre.

It has also been a really busy time of year for our oldest students who have received their mock exam results and have been making applications for their sixth form colleges. We are fortunate to have a very strong team of invigilators from the local community. The expertise and organisation of this group of staff really helps to create a smooth and efficient exam process.

It was lovely to welcome back last year's Year 11 cohort and their families for the GCSE presentation and awards evening, and to hear about how well they have transitioned to post-16 education. The speeches from form tutors and conversations afterwards highlighted the importance of relationships between staff and students and each other as part of the school community.

We are grateful for the amazing work of the Friends of LVC who support school events such as this. A new Friends committee is in place and they play an active role in raising funds to improve educational facilities and experiences for our young people. LVC students also benefit hugely from the funds from the Linton Fireworks display.

We look forward to our school production taking place on 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets for 'High School Musical' are available via Ticket Source.

Helena

### PHOTOGRAPHER

If you would like to hire a photographer for an event this lady comes recommended.

*She is a brilliant and professional photographer. Her family are in the Ukraine (her father, who is 84, and her husband; she lost mom in April and they had the funeral under the bombs) and they need financial support, so Tatiana is trying to advertise herself).*

*I can personally recommend her as she did photos of me last week.*

*Olena (Brinkley)*

She can do family / love stories / portraits / weddings etc.

Her name is Tatiana Tarasovskay

Contacts: 07767 848129 [tarasovskay@gmail.com](mailto:tarasovskay@gmail.com)



## NEWS FROM LUCY FRAZER

Thank you to pupils from Burrough Green Church of England Primary School for visiting Parliament!

The visit was a fantastic chance to answer the students' questions about Parliament, the role of an MP and our local area. My highlights included discussing parliamentary pets, election results and being quizzed on Prime Ministers old and new!



I hope that all who came along went home feeling like experts and knowing that they asked some fabulous and well thought out questions about our Parliament. I was very impressed with all who attended and took part.

I greatly look forward to welcoming Burrough Green back again in the future and meeting more of South East Cambridgeshire's students in the Education Centre. Thanks to the staff and students for a great event.

Laura Emily Dunn

Office of Rt Hon Lucy Frazer KC MP

Member of Parliament for South East Cambridgeshire  
House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

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## CAMBS FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE Bulletin

### **Save safely and stay warm this winter**

With the cost of living continuing to increase, especially energy, many people will be looking at ways to reduce their usage and finding alternative ways to heat their homes.

Here are some general tips to help save safely this winter:

- Check any heating appliances are in good working order and not subject to a product recall by checking the Office for Product Safety and Standards website for any alerts or recalls
- Ensure flammable items such as furniture and drying clothes are placed well away from heaters and fires
- Ensure you use the correct fuel for wood burning stoves and open fires - to reduce the risk of toxic fumes, chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisoning

- Check your escape routes, make sure they are clear from clutter and items such as portable heaters are not blocking them.

- If possible don't skip servicing of boilers and gas appliances by a Gas Safe engineer to prevent gas leaks and CO poisoning. Landlords must arrange for an annual gas safety check in rented accommodation. If you're a homeowner check your energy provider's website for information about their Priority Services Register - if you're eligible they often offer a free annual gas safety check along with other support.

Below are some key areas with some simple advice to try and help you save safely this winter.

### **Open fires and chimneys**

The Service attends around 100 fires a year involving chimneys, most of which could be avoided by following some simple safety tips:

- Appoint a skilled and technically competent chimney engineer. To find your nearest local HETAS Approved Chimney Sweep visit: <https://www.hetas.co.uk/find-chimney-sweep/>
- Keep the flue shafts clear and ensure they are well maintained
- Only use properly treated wood to build a fire
- Always use a fireguard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers
- Make sure embers are properly put out before you go to bed.

We always advise getting your chimney swept at least once a year, preferably before lighting it for the first time when the cold weather arrives. There could be a build-up of debris that's accumulated over the year, which can be set alight when heating the home and could cause a significant fire.

Some will also be looking at using a chimney for the first time, that may not have been used for many years. It is really important to make sure it is swept and inspect the brickwork before lighting it for the first time.

### **Portable electric heaters**

Many people will be using devices that may not have been used for several years, or they've had stored away for emergencies - such as when central heating has needed repair. Check that your heater is in full working order and not subject to a product recall or repair.

Plug electric heaters into a wall socket not an extension lead - they can easily be overloaded and cause fires. They must only be moved when they have been switched off and have cooled down. Heaters must not be placed where they will block an escape route and should only be used in rooms they are designed to be used in.

Standard portable heaters (gas and electric) must not be used in shower or bathrooms.

You should never place wet washing on or too close to an electric heater. The moisture combined with the electricity could easily start a fire and cause

significant damage. If needed, make sure the washing is on an airer a suitable distance away from the heater.

### **Candles**

There have been reports of people using candles to cook but the main risk is we expect an increase in the use of candles used for lighting. This could mean people lighting more candles in spaces as the primary source of light if people want to avoid turning lights on particularly if media reports or potential enforced blackouts do happen.

Whether you're using your candles to scent and decorate or as a religious symbol, these popular home accessories can be dangerous, so reduce your risk of causing a fire by following our tips:

- Never leave candles unattended or go to sleep while they are lit
- Leave plenty of space above and around the candle and its holder
- Place candles in a draught-free area away from curtains, furniture and other flammable surfaces
- Choose a suitable site for your candles that is flat and stable
- Always use a proper candle-holder and fit the candle in firmly
- Always use a heat-resistant surface to place the candle holder on - e.g. a ceramic plate, especially for night-light candles
- Never place candles directly on televisions or other polished surfaces
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets
- Never attempt to move a candle once it is lit
- Always use a candle-snuffer, or an upturned metal spoon to extinguish the candle and allow cooling before moving it.

For more information log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

Please do not reply directly to this email. If you wish to get in contact, please email

[pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk](mailto:pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk).

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

*Charlotte Cane & John Trapp -Bottisham Ward*  
Happy New Year!

Last month we informed residents that the District Council's Advice Bus would visit Burwell every Thursday morning and Bottisham every Thursday afternoon. Unfortunately, this did not happen regularly in December for a variety of reasons. Although we are assured it will be visiting regularly on Thursdays from January, we must advise anyone planning on visiting the Advice Bus to ring ECDC on 01353 665555 first to check it is coming. Alternatively, the CAB in Newmarket offers phone advice Mon-Fri 9.30am-3.30pm on 0808 278 7868, or drop-ins Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9.30-2.30.

The Operational Services Committee received the Q1 (April to June) performance report on waste and street cleansing services—a reminder of how long it took the Council to get to grips with the problems which led to our rubbish not being collected.

- Overall performance of the waste collection service: target 90 per cent, quarterly performance 33 per cent
- Overall performance of the street cleansing service: target 90 per cent, quarterly performance 21 per cent

Even by Q2 (July to September) waste collection performance had only recovered to 58 per cent against a target of 90 per cent, and street cleansing to 48 per cent also against a target of 90 per cent. As well as inconvenience to residents, these problems meant the crews were asked to work significant overtime in order to catch up on missed collections. It's hard work collecting our rubbish, and the crews deserve and need their rest days - they shouldn't have to work those days for several weeks in a row.

Another report to the Operational Services Committee on the condition of housing in East Cambridgeshire has produced some interesting headline findings.

- There are 37,556 dwellings in East Cambridgeshire. 72 per cent are owner occupied, 15 per cent private rented, and 13 per cent social rented.
- 5,338 dwellings in the private sector have Category 1 Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) hazards. This equates to 16 per cent of properties.
- 951 dwellings in the private rented sector have category 1 HHSRS hazards. This equates to 17 per cent of properties in the private rented sector.
- The average Simple SAP rating (checking energy performance) for all private sector dwellings in East Cambridgeshire is 58, which is worse than both England (60) and East of England (60). For owner occupied stock the figure is 57 and for private rented stock it is 61.
- The total cost of mitigating category 1 hazards in East Cambridgeshire's private sector stock is estimated to be £20 million—16.5 million in the owner-occupied sector, and £3.6 million in the private rented sector.
- 10.7 per cent (3,487) of private sector dwellings, and 8.6 per cent (472) of private rented dwellings in East Cambridgeshire are estimated to have an EPC rating (based on Simple SAP) below band E.
- In the private sector stock, there are an estimated 4,680 dwellings with un-insulated cavity walls, and 3,251 dwellings with less than 100mm of loft insulation.
- Analysis of the energy efficiency variables indicates that the owner-occupied stock has the highest average figures for the majority of variables (Simple CO<sub>2</sub>, energy and heat demand). The key objectives of the policy are to
- Enable elderly, vulnerable and disabled people to live in comfort and security in their homes.

- Increase the proportion of private sector housing that is of a decent standard, with a focus on those that are occupied by vulnerable households.
- Reduce fuel poverty.
- Support initiatives to bring long term empty homes back into use.

• Provide accessible information to the public to enable them to obtain assistance and advice on all matters around housing disrepair and energy efficiency.

The report concludes: "It is therefore important for East Cambridgeshire to develop suitable targeted strategies, policies and schemes to tackle these issues, working proactively with different departments and partner organisations, using enforcement action, where appropriate.

The Council's Finance & Assets Committee agreed unanimously last month a new Interim Nature Recovery Network for East Cambridgeshire report and Biodiversity Net Gain document. The former document identifies a number of priority areas for biodiversity, namely Wicken Fen, the Ouse Washes and surrounds, Newmarket chalk grasslands, Chippenham Fen and River Snail, Breckland Edge, Soham grasslands, Boulder Clay woodlands, Chettisham Meadows to Ely North Country Park, and the river corridors of the Great Ouse, Cam, Lark, Little Ouse, and Soham Lode. The latter document is an interim working document prior to the implementation by the Government of mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain expected in late 2023.

For January and February, we will be holding our Councillors' Surgeries by zoom, to save people coming out in the cold and the dark. Our next Surgery Zoom will be at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17 January - 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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Rated  
People





**JANUARY SERVICES - All Welcome**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January Second Sunday of Christmas**

10.30 am Benefice Communion Brinkley  
Rev'd Andrew Rycraft

*Isaiah 63: 7-9 Hebrews 2: 10-end Matthew 2: 13-end*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ**

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth  
The Ven. Alex Hughes  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham  
The Ven. Alex Hughes

*Isaiah 42: 1-9 Acts 10: 34-43 Matthew 3: 13-end*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green  
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer  
10.30 Morning Prayer Brinkley  
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer

*Isaiah 49: 1-7 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 John 2: 1-11*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</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

*Isaiah 9: 1-4 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 Matthew 4: 12-23*

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 4th Sunday of Epiphany**

10.30 am Benefice Communion Westley Waterless  
Rev'd Andrew Rycraft & Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft

*1 Kings 17: 8-16 1 Corinthians 1: 18-end John 2: 1-11*

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**ARTICLES FOR FEBRUARY**

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by **22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 please**

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