

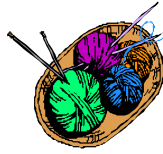
# VILLAGE VOICE

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

JULY 2023

## 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

## NEWMARKET and DISTRICT CAR CLUB



ANNUAL CLASSIC CAR SHOW  
The Several Newmarket

SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY  
11am - 4pm



Free Entry

For enquiries contact Bill - 01638 507287

## WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY



Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - in addition to our usual menu we will have Chinese food available that can also be a takeaway. Details of exactly what will be on our website.

In the middle of June we made, and are still making, a lot of menu changes. At the time of the VV going to print we have added three sandwiches for lunch or dinner all on freshly baked breads. French Torchon ham and cheese on a baguette, Tuna in a Ciabatta, and Parma ham, Mozzarella, tomato and pesto in a Panini. The chicken taco salad is already going gangbusters. Aged Prosciutto, melon and a blackberry cassis sauce but only when we can get decent melons. More to come - menus are on our website.

Gwyn & Morris  
01638 508707

## MOBILE LIBRARY



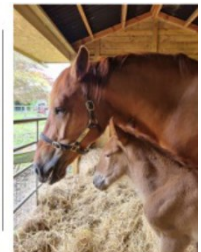
The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY of each month between 13.10 - 13.50pm. Please note



change of time now.

BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm

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.



## SUFFOLK PUNCH OPEN DAY



In aid of the Suffolk Punch Trust  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July

2pm - 5pm

Entry: £2 per adult. Children Free

Come and meet our Suffolk Punches Xing, Gina, 2-year-old Misty and new foal Belle.

Enjoy tea, and cake, play the prize raffle and have a wander around the house gardens all in support of the Suffolk Punch Trust, the leading charity dedicated to protecting this critically endangered breed.



### Where to find us:

Brettons, Church Lane, Burrough Green  
CB8 9NA

Parking will be available on the Village Green  
Dogs welcome. Cash Only.

For any enquiries please contact:  
charlotteway123@hotmail.com

## BRINKLEY SUMMER EVENT

Many thanks to all who donated goods, helped on the day, and especially to those who came along to enjoy tea and cake and a nice chat with friends and neighbours. The £348.40 raised will go towards the upkeep of our lovely village church.

THANK YOU

## RECYCLING

### **Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :**

Black bin - 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Blue & Green - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 31<sup>st</sup> July.

### **Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Mondays**

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Green Lid - 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**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.)

### HEN HOUSE HAPPENINGS - From Helen's hens

At 44 Green Park we are busy laying eggs and for £1.50 you can buy 6 mixed size eggs from our cool box at the front of our mum's house. Will you get a double yoker?



As we do not have any cockerels, we will do some crowing about our mum's wonderful Ice Cream. You may have tried it or heard about it from the recent Brinkley Summer event in the village, or the Hog Roast on Green Park for the King's Coronation.

If there is a grey A-frame sign out by the path, then please call at the front door to purchase some Ice-Cream. You can also order in advance on 07880 580247 (text please).



Our mum is aiming to have the sign out from 5-9pm weekdays, 9.00am - 9.00pm weekends and school holidays. Flavours and prices from £1.25 are on the A-frame sign and come in tubes with a spoon.

All vegetarian.

Hope you enjoy our eggs and Mum's Ice Cream.

### BURROUGH GREEN FETE

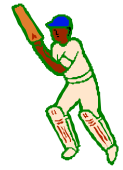
We had a fabulous fete again this year! It was wonderful to see the local community enjoying themselves in the glorious sunshine. The ice cream sold out and the bar did well too! Thank you to all those who donated prizes, and those who helped to prepare beforehand, on the day and with the clearing up afterwards, Thank you too to all of you who came and supported the event. There are still a few things to sort out and we should be able to include the final figure in the next edition. *Lucy & Peter*

## BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET



The season finally started a couple of weeks late, and it was only a monumental effort from the grounds team to manage to get a pitch ready for the visit of

Abington on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. As predicted and with a wicket that was under water 10 days previously the match was a low scoring affair with a usual quick fire 43 from Aslan Khan the real difference, with wickets being shared around.



This was a stark difference from a week later on a very flat Little Shelford pitch we managed to rake up 364 in our 40 overs. That was in no small part from our own Doctor in the House Ed Riddell who top scored with a classy 159, and noteworthy knocks from Pete Bragg and Mark Ward, and again the wickets were shared round in a run chase that even the opposition said they weren't going for at the break.

Those that encountered the following local derby with Balsham would have seen a tense low scoring affair with Aslan Khan starring with the ball this time taking 6 wickets with some very high class bowling. That was only half the story though as Balsham kept plugging away with their own wickets and only a 30 from Mark Ward proved the difference, and in some ways more valuable that the 159 from Dr Riddell the week before.

The game against Linton has probably been the most enjoyable so far. After a strong start the opposition were bowled out with 5 wickets for Wily Rob Altringham and the clubs first hat trick for many a year by secret weapon Saul Underwood who drowned any hopes of a big score like the fires he extinguishes as a firefighter. The runs were knocked off fairly routinely with our own wall James Baldock scoring strongly and stoically.

Also special thanks to Danny and Tina at The Bull for making us so welcome after our games, and really helping build that community spirit between the club. We also have some new additions in the club with babies Frankie Ashcroft and Harry Underwood being born to proud players in the last few weeks. We hope to see Frankie and Harry playing for Burrough Green in about 15yrs time!!

So we remain unbeaten and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league, but looking at other results we have some tough opposition in teams we haven't played yet. The months of July and August will prove very interesting and challenging as we attempt to move onwards and upwards. Games for July are:

1<sup>st</sup> July vs Linton 2XI (away)

15<sup>th</sup> July vs Helions Bumpstead (away)

22<sup>nd</sup> July vs Saffron Walden 4XI (away)

29<sup>th</sup> July vs Helions Bumpstead (home)

Toby

**ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB**

Our main event in July is the **31<sup>st</sup> Ellesmere Annual Flower and Craft Show on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.**

Please support us by either entering or coming along on the day to admire entries and take part in the raffle and plant tombola - or do it all!

The show will take its usual familiar format, open to all. Schedule and entry forms are available in the Ellesmere Centre or on the club website: <https://ellesmeregardenclub.wixsite.com/eqc1>.

Do make sure you get your entries in by 5 pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July as late entries incur an extra charge.

Exhibitors' staging is from 8.15 am to 9.45 am on the day, with the show opening to the public at 12.30 pm and prize giving at 4 pm.

There will be many stalls and activities outside on the field as well as the ever-popular Dog Show, and this year a Classic Car Show! So lots to see and do and enjoy. Don't miss it!

After all the hard work of the Show there's a chance to relax and socialise at Judith's home, Cloud House in Stetchworth on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at the members' BBQ**. There will be a separate mailing for you to indicate whether you can attend and what food you will bring to share, so do look out for that.

Looking ahead, we are organising a coach trip on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August to Beth Chatto's Garden in Essex**. More details later but do save the date.

As always, members are very welcome to bring visitors, and you can get more information about club events from Sandie on 07903 584676

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**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)

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**THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN**

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



Check out Facebook for what's on

Tina & Danny

**01638 476424**

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**NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE**

**The Post Office**

We are pleased to announce the return of Sally at the post office. However, there may be occasions when Sally has appointments so please check our Facebook page to make sure of the opening times.



**Flower Stall**

We are pleased to announce the arrival of a small flower stall which will be outside the Centre offering a choice of fresh cut flowers and bouquets from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.



**The Summer Show is on 9<sup>th</sup> July from 12 noon to 4pm**

**Produce, Flower & Craft Show, Dog Show, tombola, cakes, barbecue and much, much more including the CLASSIC CAR SHOW**

This is a new addition this year and will be judged by Danny Hopkins, Editor of Practical Classics Magazine.



Please enter your cars by contacting the office.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Outdoor Live Music with The Final Straw (Rhythm and Blues)

**August 5<sup>th</sup>** - Outdoor live music with Johnny Wright and Friends

**September 9<sup>th</sup>** - Live Music with Max Headroom (90's/00's)

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Open Mic Night

**18<sup>th</sup> November** - Christmas Market

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Party - Live Music with Back in Time (60's)

*More details to follow or join us on Facebook or call the office 01638 508212*

Please see our Facebook for more details

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter

@CentreEllesmere

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

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## Gardening with climate change - what we can do!



**West Wickham Village Hall, CB21 4ES**  
**12 August 2023, 10.00 - 16.00**

We welcome you to this unique and exciting opportunity to find out more about climate change, how it is affecting our gardens, and what we can do as gardeners to adapt, and mitigate the impacts.

Attendance is free of charge.

(This is a not-for-profit event, organised by gardening clubs in Suffolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire.)

### Morning session

Three expert and stimulating speakers, each tackling different aspects of gardening and climate change.

### Afternoon session

A wide range of family friendly, exciting and informative demonstrations and activities, based around gardens and climate change, including:

Plant nurseries \* seed suppliers \* book shop \* wildlife trust \* wild ponds \* water conservation information \* advice from experts \* peat-free compost advice \* tree-planting \* scything demonstration \* pollinator counts \* children's mask-making \* bug hotel making \* bird-box making \* nature trail \* and more.....

For full details, please go to:  
[www.climatechangegardening.org](http://www.climatechangegardening.org)



SATURDAY  
**9<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.  
 2023**

**Discover and support  
 Cambridgeshire's  
 historic churches.**



**Join us and get sponsored to visit beautiful churches and chapels by bike, foot, horse or whatever way takes your fancy. All money raised will be shared between the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and your chosen church or chapel of any denomination and will help to repair and maintain these amazing buildings.**

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 or email [r-s-treasurer@camhct.uk](mailto:r-s-treasurer@camhct.uk)



Find out more at  
[www.camhct.uk](http://www.camhct.uk)

Charity number 287486

Supported by the  
 National Churches Trust



## 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.

## FREE TO A GOOD HOME

HOTPOINT AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINE  
 GOOD CONDITION  
 Tel No. 07512 427374  
 4, The Street , Westley Waterless

## GRAZING LAND AVAILABLE

**CARLTON GREEN**  
 PADDOCK AVAILABLE FOR SHEEP OR HORSES



Contact 01223  
 290266 or 07917  
 666030



## BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

**Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023**  
**LIVING (12)**

Set in the post WW2 London of 1953, Bill Nighy is a veteran civil servant realising he has not been living life to the full after a shattering health diagnosis and seeks to fulfil this before it is too late, with help from colleagues and a stranger!

LIVING serves as a reminder to value what it is to live and is beautifully acted.

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

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

Join the Picture House with annual membership of just £12 or come as a guest member at £3/film show.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> 2023

TAR(15) Cate Blanchett as leading actress and BAFTA Award winner in the acclaimed film TAR (15). Starring as the iconic musician Lydia Tar - a BAFTA award winning film examining the changing nature of power and its impact in our modern world.

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

## ARTICLES FOR AUGUST VILLAGE VOICE

To  
[villagevoicnewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:villagevoicnewsletter@btinternet.com)

01638 507495

by 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 please

**FROM LUCY FRAZER MP for SOUTH CAMBS**

Dear Residents,

I know how valuable local assets are to every community. It is therefore important that we do all we can to protect them.

The Community Ownership Fund does this by enabling communities to take ownership of assets at risk of closure, sale or dereliction so they can be enjoyed once again by local people.

Both parish councils and incorporated voluntary or community organisations are invited to apply for the latest round of funding, which is open from 31 May - 12 July 2023.

Up to £1 million is available for all asset types (which is an increase on the previous limit of £250,000) and funds can cover up to 80 per cent of the total capital funds required, with applicants required to raise the other 20 per cent from other sources.

If you can think of any assets which could benefit from this funding, you might want to consider applying via

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-ownership-fund-prospectus/community-ownership-fund-prospectus--3>. Please also feel free to contact me if I can be of any help.

Best wishes,

Lucy Frazer

MP for South East Cambridgeshire

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**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

**East Cambs - Bottisham Ward**

At the Council's Annual meeting Cllr Mark Goldsack was elected as the Council's Chair. John is on the Finance & Assets, Planning, and Licensing Committees and the Licensing Sub-Committee (non-statutory). Charlotte is on the Licensing and Audit Committees and the Licensing Sub-Committee (statutory). John is the Lib Dem's lead member on Licensing and Charlotte is the lead member on Audit.

All the Chairs and Vice-Chairs are Conservatives, which is not surprising as they have 15 Councillors to the Lib Dems 13. What is surprising, is how little they have shared these roles around their Group. Cllr Julia Huffer Chairs the Operational Services and Licensing Committees; Cllr Alan Sharp is Chair of Finance & Assets and Vice-Chair of the Operational Services Committee; while Cllr David Brown will be particularly busy as Vice-Chair of Council, Vice-Chair of Planning and Chair of Audit.

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) has published the responses to its consultation on better public transport and congestion charging. Whilst more than 70% of people were in favour of the future transport network 58% of people were opposed to paying for it through the Congestion Charge. The full

report can be seen at [MC22-consultation-report \(greatercambridge.org.uk\)](https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk). Just 1,061 of the respondents were from East Cambridgeshire. Franchising of bus services would help by bringing routes, timetables and fares under public control—but would need a reliable source of income to fund it. The Greater Cambridge Partnership must think again and find an acceptable way to fund the public transport improvements local people want and need.

We have been working with the GCP and Parish Councils to ensure that local needs are fully considered in the planned Greenways - cycle ways into Cambridge. They were consulted on before the Covid lockdowns and there has been little local engagement since, although they are due to be installed by 2024. Most residents will welcome improved cycle routes, but they need to be the right routes and their design needs to reflect the character and current use of our villages.

Our July meet your Councillors will be on Wednesday 19 July from 6.30-7.30 at the Committee Room of the Bottisham Sports & Social Club. We will not be holding a meeting in August, due to summer holidays.

*Charlotte Cane: Councillor for Bottisham Ward (Bottisham, Brinkley, Lode, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior and Westley Waterless)*

**East Cambs District Council Woodditton Ward. Cambridgeshire County Council**

**County Council Report**

**Congestion Charging Consultation**

The results of the consultation were announced by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) on 26th May. There were 58% opposed to the charging, with over 70% in favour of more buses, However, as I have previously said, the consultation was full of open-ended questions, designed to give the result that the GCP wanted rather than a true request for views from residents.

I will update everyone with the next stages of these proposals, as they are presented through the coming months.

**East Cambs District Council Report**

After the successful election, work has moved on to delivering the manifesto on which we got elected.

After finishing my term of office of two years, I have taken over as Chairman of Finance & Assets Committee and Vice-chairman of the Operational Services Committee. These are the two policy committees, which deliver the services to residents, and I look forward to updating you over the coming months.

In addition, I have relinquished my position as Vice-Chairman of the Combined Authority (CPCA) Overview & Scrutiny Committee and taken up a role as a member

of the CPCA Transport & Infrastructure Committee, which is a decision-making body.

I have already had meetings with officers about the bus improvement plan and how that affects East Cambridgeshire. I will keep you updated.

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 East Cambridgeshire District Councillor/  
Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton  
Division*

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E-Mail: Alan.sharp@cambridgeshire.gov.uk  
Alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk

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**FULL CIRCLE HOLISTIC THERAPIES**

I am a new local business, offering holistic therapy treatments including massage and reiki. I operate as a mobile therapist which means my treatments take place in the comfort of my clients' own homes.

What is reiki?

Reiki is an ancient Japanese alternative healing method which involves placing the hands on or just above the body.

Some benefits of reiki:

- Relaxes and calms the mind
- Promotes the body's self-healing
- Reduced pain and tension in the body
- Relieves anxiety
- Boosts mood
- Improves sleep

What is massage?

Massage therapy uses varied hand movements and pressure to relax and revive tired or knotted muscles in the body. It can treat a wide range of emotional and physical health problems.

Some benefits of massage:

- Reduced muscle tension
- Improved circulation
- Stimulation of the lymphatic system
- Reduction of stress hormones
- Relaxation
- Increased joint mobility and flexibility

Please see my advert in the Village Voice page and get in touch .

Denise

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**THE RADDESLEY FESTIVAL**

You might remember that last September we were due to stage the first Raddesley Festival - a weekend when all our churches would be having some sort of exhibition and serving refreshments. Unfortunately the Queen died two days before it was due and we felt we had to cancel. We are therefore planning to have the Festival this year over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September and hope that a lot of people will wish to support the event and visit the churches. The Festival will be brought to a close at a Harvest Festival at Carlton church at 6.00 pm with refreshments to follow at which the raffle will be drawn. There will be a small charge of £2 to visit one church, or £6 to visit all six churches. Refreshments will be available during the weekend at some of the churches - more information later. The exhibitions/activities at the churches will be:

**Brinkley**

Flower display  
Open tower/Bell ringing  
Quiz in church and churchyard

**Dullingham**

Flower displays  
Memorabilia

**Burrough Green**

Flower and Produce Display  
Archive photos

**Carlton**

Decorated for Harvest Festival

**Stetchworth**

Memorabilia  
Jams for sale

**Westley Waterless**

Brass Rubbing  
Flower displays

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**DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**8pm**

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham  
CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening  
with a demonstration by

**Christine Hewson**  
entitled

**'Pots and Petals'**

**Admission £8**

to include refreshments  
Raffle

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

**DATE FOR DIARY**

August - NO MEETING. Resume - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>  
September : Demonstration by Stephanie Laing

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## SERVICES FOR JULY

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
9.00am Holy Communion      Brinkley  
10.30am Family Service      Burrough Green  
*Revnd Rupert Van de Weyer*

*Genesis 22: 1-14   Romans 6: 12-end   Matthew 10: 40-end*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July      5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
9.00 am Communion      Stetchworth  
10.30 am Morning Prayer      Dullingham  
*Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty*

*Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-end   Romans 7: 15-25a  
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July      6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
9.00 am Communion      Burrough Green  
10.30 am Morning Prayer      Brinkley  
*Rev'd Canon Dr. Malcolm Brown*

*Genesis 25:19-end   Romans 8: 1-11   Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July      7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
10.30 am Communion      Dullingham  
*Rev'd Chris Barter*  
6.00 pm Evensong      Stetchworth  
*Alastair France*

*Genesis 28: 10-19a   Romans 8: 12-25  
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43*

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July      8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
10.30 am Benefice Communion      Westley Waterless  
*Rev'd Peter Leech*

*Genesis 29: 15-28   Romans 8: 26-end  
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52*

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It's just about time for summer holidays!

I remember as a small boy eager anticipation for six weeks off school. We habitually went to Scotland for two weeks and generally the rest of the time had fun outside. Those of us of certain age will remember Cliff Richard singing "summer holiday" (though of course that was more for an adult market - no more working for a week or two). Yet if I talk to my American colleagues about summer holidays they are puzzled. The American use of the word holiday tends to be a celebration of a specific day. For example, shortly after this newsletter comes through your letterbox they will be celebrating the "Independence Day Holiday" - on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. They don't have a "Summer Holiday" - they will take a vacation in summer. I quite often get a little annoyed about how words change their meanings (and of course spellings) either

side of the Atlantic. Maybe that's "grumpy old man" coming out a bit, although I still have a gentle laugh to myself having once been told by a gentleman in a bar somewhere in semi-urban Texas that I spoke "darned good English for a foreign feller". One can despair about the understanding of the world outside, but if you travel in the US and see the news that is broadcast there you sometimes understand why that might be. Mind you, whether we call it vacation or holiday, I would far rather have the 20+ days paid holiday that most of us in work get on this side of the Atlantic compared with the two weeks vacation there.

However, this time I should put "grumpy old man" away. The origins of the word holiday are far closer to the modern American meaning than the British use. It was a "holy day" - and originally just applied to religious festivals. In Christian Churches we might think of Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Ascension Day. Many of these became public holidays as well as some of the more secular ones. They were days of renewal, and days of observance.

If you are taking a vacation or a holiday over summer, I hope that a time of renewal and refreshment helps you. Even if you aren't many of our church buildings are open in the daytime. I find just entering them brings me some renewal (and in the hot temperatures that we have been enjoying - or enduring - a cool break).

*Alastair France*

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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)

### **CHURCHWARDENS:**

**Burrough Green:** Lucy Talbot Tel: 01638 507060, email: [peterandlucyt@btinternet.com](mailto:peterandlucyt@btinternet.com)

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**Brinkley:** Ros Pates 01638 507240  
[rospates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rospates@yahoo.co.uk)

**Carlton:** Stephen Roberts 01223 290372 or [Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com](mailto:Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com).

### **RURAL DEAN**

Rev'd Canon Dr. Eleanor Williams  
Vicar of Burwell with Reach  
Rural Dean of Fordham and Quy Deanery  
The Vicarage, 22 Isaacson Road  
Burwell, CB25 0AF  
Telephone 01638 741262  
email: [vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk)

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