

# VILLAGE VOICE

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

JUNE 2021

## NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

### We are back!



The Shop and Post Office are open from 9am-12pm weekdays only and you can now enter through the main front door.

**TOTS OF FUN** - Our new group for parents, grandparents, carers and preschoolers, will start on Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>.

There will be 2 sessions - 9.30 - 11.30am and 1 - 3pm. The cost will be £4 per adult. Toys will be sanitised where possible between groups. If you would like to register to join the group, and for more details, please drop us an email so we can keep you informed.

**Stetchworth Village Yard Sale**- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 10am - 2pm. Parking and refreshments will be available at the centre. Maps will be provided showing where to find the other stalls. Stalls are £5 at your home or £10 at the centre to inc a table and a cup of tea for stall holders.



### Outdoor live music this Summer.

#### Dates for your diary:-

**27<sup>th</sup> June** - music with *Luan*, with afternoon tea and cake. Licensed bar.

**11<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer Show with the *Kitchenettes*.

**31<sup>st</sup> July** - Live Band - *Rennie and the Jets*, with BBQ/bar 5 - 8pm.

**21<sup>st</sup> August** - Live Band - *Stone Cold Stumble*. Bring a picnic and bar open 5 - 8pm.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sep** - Live Band - Stetchworth's very own *Johnny Wright and Friends* with Bar 7 - 10pm

The gigs will be suitable for all ages and children friendly with sweets and ice creams and the park to play on. Bring along the whole family.

**Recycling** - Please note that the only recycling available at the Ellesmere Centre is for batteries, ink cartridges and bras.

Please call us or follow us on Facebook to keep up with the latest rules and regulations of what is permitted at the Centre. Emails are still picked up daily and the office is open from 9am-12pm.

## MOBILE LIBRARY



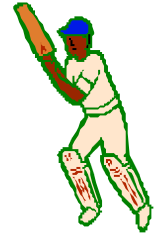
The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month between 3.00 - 4.00pm; BURROUGH GREEN by the

BUS STOP on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm



## BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May saw league cricket return to Burrough Green for a few years with the visit of Linton 3rd team. Whilst both sets of players had to learn and adapt to new Covid playing guidance fun was had by all. Burrough Green ran out winners by 177 runs following a sprightly 74 runs from Mark Ward, and 3 wickets from skipper Matt Ashcroft, with a useful 2 wickets a piece from George Talbot, James Bailey and Saul Underwood. The result sendt a strong message to other teams in the league.



Home games in June include Thriplow 3rds and Ickleton 2nds (Saturdays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> respectively). Please pop past to watch. As ever we are on the lookout for players and volunteers alike. Contact [burroughgreencricket@gmail.com](mailto:burroughgreencricket@gmail.com).

## BURROUGH GREEN VILLAGE OIL SYNDICATE

The next oil syndicate order will be placed on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. If you would like to be included in the delivery, please contact Pauline King on 01638 507796 or Dawn Hay via email to [dawnahay@gmail.com](mailto:dawnahay@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, with details of your order.

Please be as accurate as possible and ensure all requests are accompanied by a house name/number, postcode, telephone number and quantity of oil required (500ltrs minimum).

The next oil order following this one will be towards the end of August.

*Pauline and Dawn*

## Burrough Green School PTA Virtual Balloon Race!



Buy your balloon for £3 & follow its fate online as real-world weather buffets your virtual-world balloon in a eco-friendly race.

**Cash prizes!** £100, £50, £25, £10, £5 to PTA entrants - plus £500 & iPad for winners of the multi-charity race.

Lift-off from the Amazon **17<sup>th</sup> July**  
To enter visit [tinyurl.com/ptarace](https://tinyurl.com/ptarace)  
or scan the QR code on your phone.

## How far will your balloon go?



NB This is a **virtual** race - no actual balloons therefore no harm to animals or ecosystems!

**BEEHCROFT**

I have lived in Brinkley for nearly 90 years and enjoy sitting in my living room watching the children playing football on Beehcroft. I'm sorry there was a complaint about the football. I hope they can continue to play there, but make sure they don't cause worries to others. I would really miss it.



Margaret

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**THE VOLUNTARY NETWORK**

All being well with the Roadmap and indoor mixing being permitted we will be resuming our Face to Face Befriending Service. During the lockdowns we have operated a successful Telephone Befriending Service and will keep this going in addition to Face to Face. We have remained busy with referrals during the pandemic and are in need of more Volunteers for when our Face to Face begins again.

Please could you be kind enough to put a shout out for Volunteers in your local area. We offer an induction, enhanced DBS check and ongoing support and it can be a wonderful opportunity to gain experience and develop new friendships.

We aim to match like-minded people and welcome Volunteers from all ages and backgrounds. We ask our Befriending Volunteers to visit their person once a week for an hour.

For anybody who is interested in finding out more please contact Laura on 01638 608048 or [laura@thevoluntarynetwork.org](mailto:laura@thevoluntarynetwork.org).

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

We are delighted we can now welcome people back indoors. We will be even happier if the weather stops being horrible and sitting outside is a more pleasurable option! For the next few months, indoors will be at a reduced capacity to allow greater space between tables. We are now open for lunch and dinner Wednesday through to Saturday. Sunday Brunch has also restarted, and we will open at 10:30 on a Sunday morning. Takeaway food will continue to be available five days a week from Wednesday to Sunday. Gwyn & Morris.



01638 508707

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**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

**The Balsham Craft, Gift & Food Fair is back**

Special gifts that will impress or perhaps some unique, distinctive accessories not found on the High Street at affordable prices. A Café where you can enjoy a spot of lunch or take away some delicious homemade cakes. Tombola & Raffle plus stalls for the children.

**THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN**



Please check on Facebook for our up-to- date happenings.

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

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**BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

If you wish to hire the hall, please contact  
Susie Shuter on 01638 508729

The charges to hire the Memorial Hall are £8.00 per hour for VV cluster and £11.00/ hour for outside. We cater for one off parties and Groups looking for a venue. The Hall can cater for 80 people.

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**RECYCLING**

**Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :**

Black bin - **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**, Mondays 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June.  
Blue Lid & Green Lid - 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June

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

Black sacks weekly. **Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** then every Thursday.  
Blue Lid - 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June.  
Green Lid - **Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** , Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**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.)

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**BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM.**

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

The charges are £8.00 per hour for village and £10.00 for outside.

To hire the Reading Room,  
Please contact Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888

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**RON & REG'S POTATO COMPANY**

Finest new potatoes, with thinner skins - available soon.

Small or large quantities delivered to your door by Ronnie & Reggie, 13 & 11yr olds from Brinkley.



07903 600192

E mail - [2323rh2323@gmail.com](mailto:2323rh2323@gmail.com)

### ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

The times they are a'changing - and so we are gradually offering more activities. Gardeners can rejoice that Spring is here at last, albeit a bit late. Our first zoom talk arranged under the Tender Shoots Network last month worked well. Several of us got together for a chat in our own Breakout Room before the talk, to which we could return afterwards. So maybe we can do it again later in the year.

In the meantime, we have a visit arranged for June - yes, a real live visit! Unless rules change, which we all realise is quite likely. However, mark your diaries with **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June** for a visit to **Desert World Gardens at Santon Downham**, where our old friend Barry Gayton will be keen to welcome us. Our secretary Judith will send details nearer the time, as we will have to check Government guidelines and book in numbers with Barry.

Then more excitement, as the **Annual Plant and Craft Show** is booked for **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July** at the Ellesmere Centre. Although we suspect that some restrictions will still be in place, we hope that the Show will take its usual format with exhibitors staging in the morning and the Show opened to the public in the afternoon, with various stalls and refreshments on the field. You can pick up your schedule and entry form from the Ellesmere Centre and get planning right away. Note that entries close at 5pm on Thursday 8 July.

More details next month but do contact either  
Sandie 01638 507542  
or Judith [Judith.mahoney@btinternet.com](mailto:Judith.mahoney@btinternet.com)  
if you have any questions.

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### SAWSTON OPEN GARDENS

Four Sawston gardens are opening their gates to visitors in June & July for the National Garden Scheme (ngs). The ngs was founded in 1927 and has now raised over £60 million for nursing charities, by opening private gardens to the public for a small fee. Its core beneficiaries are Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute. See [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) for more details.

There are two openings.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June** 1-5 pm,  
the **Mary Challis Garden**, 68 High St., £3  
**Sunday 4 July** 1-5 pm,  
**Sawston Village Group** (3 gardens).

Start where convenient and collect a map. £5. Children free. Details of the openings, with garden descriptions, are on the ngs website. Visitors can either book and pre-pay via the website or simply turn up and pay at the gate.

Cream teas, cakes and drinks available on both days from **Sweet Tea café** 1 - 5 pm in the High Street. Do come along to view some of Sawston's finest gardens and support these important charities. Enquiries: Mike & Ann Redshaw 01223 834511.

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### MARSH MAIL -News from Linton Village College

At this stage of the academic year we say goodbye to our oldest students who, having finished their GCSE assessments, start their study leave and transition to Post-16 study. Having observed this cohort during their 5 years at LVC, I am tremendously proud of the responsible, caring and hardworking young adults that they have developed into.

We plan to celebrate with them at their Leavers' Ball on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. While it won't be possible to invite members of the community on site for their arrival, as is customary, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are looking forward to being able to mark their time at LVC with this special event.

Our primary transition plans will also have to be adapted this year to reflect the Covid-19 context. We are, however, looking forward to welcoming Year 6s to the College and helping them to acclimatise to secondary school.

While we are usually oversubscribed, a low birth rate in our locality means that we currently have spaces in Year 7 next year. If you have recently moved into the area or would like to find out more about moving to LVC please contact [admissions@lvc.org](mailto:admissions@lvc.org). We do have some capacity in some other year groups and have transport arrangements in place for students that live outside our catchment area.

Many thanks to members of the College community that responded to the Trust's recent sports centre survey. It is great to be able to welcome all ages back to benefit from our sporting facilities at LVC. There are plans to improve the communication and opportunities for the centres that operate within Anglian Learning's secondary schools.

Our community sports centre is an important part of our remit as a Village College as well as a beneficial source of income that we are able to invest in students' educational experience. Bookings for our facilities can be made online

([www.lintonsc.schoolhire.co.uk](http://www.lintonsc.schoolhire.co.uk)) as well as via reception (01223 890248).

We are also looking forward to the prospect of restarting our adult education programme in the autumn term. For more information see our Adult Community Learning page on the College's website ([www.lvc.org](http://www.lvc.org)).

Helena Marsh

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### ARTICLES FOR JULY VILLAGE VOICE

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

**01638 507495**  
by **20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2021 please**

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**CAMBRIDGE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

We want everyone to enjoy the sunny weather safely this summer. High temperatures and dry areas of land can be perfect conditions for a fire to spread.

Something as simple as not stubbing a cigarette out properly, or using a disposable barbecue on grass, can start a fire that can get out of control quickly.

There are some simple steps we urge residents to take to help prevent an outdoor fire:

1. Use barbecues on a hard, flat surface, away from grass, shrubs or fencing.
2. Put disposable barbecues on bricks, do not place directly on grass.
3. Ensure cigarettes are completely out.
4. Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows onto grass verges or vegetation.
5. Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground, the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire.
6. Talk to your children about the dangers of starting a fire.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk). Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.

**Test your smoke alarm!**

Did you know that you should test your smoke alarms at least once a month? Or that you should have smoke alarms on every floor of your home? Or that Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service do free home visits to make sure your home is fire safe?

Visit this website for helpful tips and advice: <https://firekills.campaign.gov.uk/>

It only takes one accident to start a fire. Fire kills. Let's prevent it.

Sign up to receive the latest news and safety advice from your fire service

Want to get all the latest news, safety advice or vacancies delivered straight to your inbox? Choose what you want to hear about and update your subscriber preferences at any time. Sign up to our mailing list at: [bit.ly/CambsFireBulletins](http://bit.ly/CambsFireBulletins).

**Get the call - become an on-call firefighter**

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit more on-call firefighters to help serve local communities across the county.

CFRS is looking for men and women from all backgrounds to become on-call firefighters and provide emergency cover from either their home or their workplace.

On-call firefighters are a vital part of our Service and community. They respond to a wide range of incidents, from fighting fires, attending road traffic collisions, animal rescues to supporting other emergency

services. In addition to responding to emergency incidents, our on-call firefighters support their communities by providing information and advice on a range of community safety topics.

They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights (one evening a week for two hours).

It's a hugely rewarding role, and we hope to encourage members of the community from all backgrounds to get in touch and find out more about becoming an on-call firefighter.

Visit [www.cambsfire.gov.uk/oncall](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/oncall) for more information.

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

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**2523 LINTON AIR CADETS.**

Linton squadron is back parading face to face. Flight Lieutenant Tennison, the squadron's Commanding Officer, has been particularly impressed with the turn out saying; "It was such a pleasure to see so many cadets return to our first face to face parade night in 14 months. With over 20 cadets in attendance and raring to go, the squadron is well placed to get back to a full program and invite new members to join."

Over the past year all the cadets have grown, so one of the first major jobs was to re-issue new uniform. To get the cadets working well together again, throughout May the training program has focussed on team building and leadership tasks. This is particularly essential as the summer will see 2523 partake in some public events but also wing wide competitions.

We are settling into our new accommodation at Linton Heights Junior School where we are parading on Mondays and Wednesdays. There are several opportunities to join the squadron as a cadet or staff instructor. For cadets you just have to be a minimum of 12 years old and in year 8. Our minimum age for staff is 20, all training is provided.

With shooting and gliding opportunities being announced this month, and with aspirations for some summer camps to go ahead too, we are seeing a meaningful return to activities and new joiners and current cadets alike can look forward to full and varied training opportunities.

It's good to be back.  
*Bradley Wright Pilot Officer RAFAC*  
[training.2523@rafac.mod.gov.uk](mailto:training.2523@rafac.mod.gov.uk)  
07943 873272

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## **BEING GREEN!**

In the queue at the shop, the cashier told the older woman that plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologised to her and explained, "We didn't have the green thing back in my day."

That's right; they didn't have the green thing in her day.

Back then, they returned their milk bottles, Coke bottles and beer bottles to the shop. The shop sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilised and refilled, using the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

In her day, they walked up stairs, because they didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. They walked to the grocery shop and didn't climb into a car every time they had to go half a mile. But she's right. They didn't have the green thing in her day.

Back then, they washed the baby's nappies because they didn't have the throw-away kind. They dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up electricity - wind and solar power really did dry the clothes. Children got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that old lady is right, they didn't have the green thing back in her day.

Back then, they had one TV, or radio, in the house - not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a pizza dish, not a screen the size of the Isle of Wight! In the kitchen, they blended and stirred by hand because they didn't have electric machines to do everything for you. When they packaged a fragile item to send through the post, they used scrunched up newspaper to cushion it, not polystyrene or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, they didn't switch on the mower or fill it with petrol to cut the lawn. They used a push mower that ran on human power. They exercised by working so they didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; they didn't have the green thing back then.

They drank from a fountain when they were thirsty, instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time they had a drink of water. They refilled pens with ink, instead of buying a new pen, and they replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But they didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the bus and children rode their bikes or walked to school instead of getting in the car. They had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And they didn't need a computerised gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest takeaway.

But that old lady is right. They didn't have the green thing back in her day.

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS EAST CAMBS**

Bottisham Ward

*Charlotte Cane & John Trapp*

At the Annual Council meeting, appointments on committees for the next year were confirmed. Alan Sharp was elected Chair, and Dan Schumann Vice-chair, of Council. Charlotte and John remain on the Finance & Assets committee; Charlotte is a member of the newly formed Audit Committee and the Bus Working Group. John remains on the Planning Committee, and he is a new appointee on the Operational Services committee.

The government is not allowing English Councils to continue remote meetings, so we are returning to face-to-face meetings. Officers are currently looking at how to do this safely and it may be that some meetings are not held at the Council Offices because a larger venue is needed. Virtual meetings have had their challenges, but the great advantage was that many more residents were able to engage with debates than happens with face-to-face. The Government is consulting on allowing remote meetings, if you would like to express your views, the consultation is open until 17<sup>th</sup> June at -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-authority-remote-meetings-call-for-evidence>

The Council agreed to lend £390,000 to the East Cambs Community Land Trust (CLT) to allow them to buy and then sell shared ownership housing on the former MOD site at Ely. We were concerned about the terms on which the CLT would be offering these so-called affordable houses, because the houses would be sold at full market value, even though the CLT was buying them at a discount from the East Cambs Trading Company. The only affordable element was that the new owners would only part own the properties, with the CLT owning the rest; there would be rent paid on the non-owned share, as well as possible service charges, so we questioned whether there would be any saving for the owners after paying the extra charges. We were also concerned about the security of the loan, as with the other lender the total loans would be 114% of the value of the CLT's share of the equity, against which the loans are secured.

East Cambs CLT's only members are the 5 Trustees, 2 of whom are District Councillors, appointed by the District Council. One of these appointments is also Leader of the District Council and sits as an Observer on the Board of the East Cambs Trading Company and she is a member of the Combined Authority. The role of Observer is not limited to observing at the meetings - they speak at the meetings and steer matters, such as how the Business Plan should be presented. So, this Councillor leads the District Council which lent over £1m to the Trading Company

to develop the MOD site, is a member of the Combined Authority which lent several million pounds to the Trading Company to develop the MOD site, attends Board meetings of the Trading Company, which sold the houses at a discount to the CLT, is a Trustee of the CLT which is buying the houses at a discount but selling them on at full market value and leads the District Council which is lending the CLT some of the money with which to buy the houses. As your District Councillors, we are deeply concerned about the accountability and transparency of these arrangements.

Our next Councillors' Surgery and Meet Your Councillors will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 6.30pm. This will be held by zoom - Meeting ID: 865 7631 8040, Passcode: 490667. If you prefer to join by 'phone, the number is 01314 601196.  
Charlotte Cane - 01638 741064 John Trapp - 01223 812120

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**Wooditton Ward**

Alan Sharp & Amy Starkey

We hope that everyone is keeping safe in the current situation.

As the restrictions around Covid-19 have been further relaxed on 17<sup>th</sup> May, we can hopefully get back to some normality.

I would ask that everyone obeys the rules, as they are relaxed, which will help all of us stay safe and avoid a further rise in infection.

**Full Council**

The Annual Full Council meeting of the District Council was being held on 29<sup>th</sup> April and Alan Sharp was elected Chairman of the District Council for the next year. The Council has introduced an Audit Committee and Alan has joined that, whilst no longer being a member of the Finance & Assets Committee to avoid any conflict of interest.

All Councils are returning to face-to-face meetings after a year using virtual meetings and special care is being taken to observe social distancing rules, whilst enabling members of the public access to democracy. We will update you on further news from the District Council from the meetings in June.

**Surgeries**

If you wish to discuss a Council issue in confidence, whether it relates to East Cambridgeshire District Council or Cambridgeshire County Council, please contact us.

**Stay Safe**

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Tel 07901 716233

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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**

Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton Division

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the County Council elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May resulting in my election as your County Councillor.

I would like to thank my predecessor, Mathew Shuter, who stood down as your County Councillor after 16 years' service, for all his work for our community and I am sure I will be calling on his experience over the coming months.

I am looking forward to working for residents to give them the service they deserve.

Whilst happy at winning the seat, it was very disappointing that the Conservatives did not win enough seats to maintain overall control of the Council, whilst being by far the largest party in terms of seats. Despite offering to speak to other parties, only Labour engaged in conversation, and we have ended up with a Lib Dem/ Labour, Independent coalition, which whilst it is what democracy has dealt us, it is not what residents voted for.

Our group will hold the coalition to account on decisions that they make, and they have already, in our opinion, made a major error in merging the Health committee with the Adults committee, which will devalue the statutory scrutiny of local health services by the County Council and appears to totally ignore the younger population, who have faced many pressures during the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the time of writing, I am not aware of which committees I will be serving on but will be able to update you on that next month and with the workings of the County Council, as I get up to speed in the role.

[Alan.sharp@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Alan.sharp@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) County Councillor

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - OPEN GARDENS**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2-5pm CARLTON**  
In aid of St Peter's Church Carlton

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2-6pm**  
The Old Rectory Brinkley.  
In aid of National Garden Scheme

Teas and plants on sale .

More details next month.



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**RADDESLEY BENEFICE**

**An introduction - Here to help**

We are Revds Rosemary & Andrew Rycraft. We live in Newmarket, and have both retired relatively recently from parish ministry in the area (Rosemary at Gazeley, and Andrew at Exning),

Just before we say how we feel able to help during this difficult time for your parishes we thought a very short overview of our lives might be helpful.

Andrew was formerly a Chartered Surveyor, working both in the private and public sectors, with a particular interest in farms and rural properties. Rosemary was a Nurse, trained in the Army in the Queen Alexandra Nursing Corps, and later as a Midwifery Sister working at Mill Road Maternity Hospital in Cambridge. After marrying, Rosemary became a full time Mum with other part time jobs helping in Schools and our Local Church in Oxford.

We lived in Cambridge when we were first married, then in Bedford for 10 years, where our two children were born. Then we moved to Oxford, and after Ordination we took on separate posts in Aylesbury and Charlton on Otmoor. About 9 years ago, Rosemary came back to East Anglia as a Vicar based at Beck Row. Andrew followed 3 years later taking up a post as Vicar at Exning (retiring in 2018). Rosemary then took on the Gazeley Group of Churches, and retired last year.

After hearing of the very sad and sudden death of Revd Nikki we thought we would like to offer some help. The Bishop of Ely has now granted us permission to take church services in your Raddesley Group of Parishes.

We look forward to getting to know people in these parishes as we take services on a Sunday and, when asked to do so, officiate at Weddings, Christenings and Funerals.

As the Covid restrictions gradually ease, I am sure you are hoping to return to your normal regular parish activities and as we familiarise ourselves with the area, you may find us joining in!

If you would like to arrange a Wedding or a Baptism in one of the local churches, we are happy to help. You can either contact Lily Whymer, the benefice administrator on 01638 507576 or us on 01638 665421.

We hope with you all to have a less-Covid restricted Summer!

Rosemary & Andrew Rycraft

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**SERVICES**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1st after Trinity**

9.00am Holy Communion Brinkley  
Rev'd Rosemary

10.30am Family Service Burrough Green  
Rev'd Andrew

Genesis 3:8-15 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2nd after Trinity**

9.00am Holy Communion Stetchworth  
Rev'd Colin McCarty

10.30am Morning Prayer Dullingham  
Rev'd Colin McCarty

Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17 Mark 4:26-34

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 3rd after Trinity**

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green  
Rev'd Rosemary

10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley  
Rev'd Andrew

6.00 pm Evening Prayer Carlton  
Rev'd Rosemary

Job 38: 1-11 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13 Mark 4: 35-41

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 4th after Trinity**

10.30am Holy Communion Dullingham  
Rev'd Andrew or Rev'd Rosemary

6.00pm Evensong Stetchworth  
Rev'd Rosemary

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43

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