VILLAGE VOICE

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



JUNE 2022



























BURROUGH GREEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Friday 3rd June From 12 Noon VILLAGE PICNIC ON THE GREEN

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Reading Room Committee warmly invite you to a family picnic on the village green. Please bring your own food and drink and, if you wish, something to share. Tea and coffee will be available in the village hall. Weather permitting, we will provide tables and chairs on a decorated area of the green and hope all the family will enjoy rounders, games and a chance to get together

All Burrough Green children under the age of 16 will receive a Platinum Jubilee commemorative mug. At around 2pm a professional photographer will be taking a village photo to mark this historic occasion; prints will be available to purchase for a small amount after the event. In the event of inclement weather we will transfer celebrations to our newly refurbished Reading Room.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE



Thursday 2nd June at 9pm onwards

The first event is taking place in the church yard. Come along for a cheese and wine party together with a lighting of the village beacon to open our celebrations. (Beacons are being lit all over the country at the same time) Please bring a contribution of food/wine to share, plus your own glasses and chairs if you'd like them - and something warm to wear of course!

Saturday 4th June at 3pm

We'll be coming together to celebrate the jubilee with one of our famous tea parties in the church yard. Please bring a plate of goodies (sweet or savoury) to share and your own mugs, glasses, plates and something to sit on. Tea and coffee and soft drinks will be provided. Why not decorate your house for the event - it would be great to see the village dressed up - and maybe dress up for the occasion yourself!

BRINKLEY JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

COME AND CELEBRATE THE PLATINUM JUBILEE AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Sunday 5th June From 12noon

It all starts at 12, with judging of best costumes for adults and children, with prizes.

Bring along your picnic - food and drink - and we'll provide the plates and cups AND a flag
for you to wave!

(Tea and coffee will be available in the Hall.)

There will be free games inside the Hall to keep children (young and old) amused + face painting.

There will also be a few stalls to keep you amused too.
Plants, Bottles, and a Raffle.

There will be music from the last 70 years to provide us with atmosphere.

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US. MAKE IT A
DAY TO REMEMBER

And there'll be photos to remember it all too.















WESTLEY WATERLESS JUBILEE BIG LUNCH

Sunday 5th June 12:00-17:00

In the churchyard of Mary-the-less Church Bring a picnic and join in the fun (games, cake, music) Free entry

Visit westleywaterless.com for more information.

WESTLEY WATERLESS- OPEN GARDEN

Open Garden event for the NGS next month.
Sunday June 26th 2-5pm
Church Lane House, Westley Waterless
£5 entrance fee for NGS charities.
Teas and cakes will be served

Here's the link if you want to see more information. https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/43171/church -lane-house

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

The new Laser Tag Club

For children from 6-12yrs old as now started on Fridays from 5-6pm and costs £4per week. Book online at www.slsportanded.co.uk.

MUSIC EVENING Friday 3rd June 5-8pm with Johnny Wright and friends.

Bring a blanket (please don't bring your own food and drink)

There will be a BBQ and Bar.
Entry is free so please let the Centre know if you will be attending.

YARD SALE 25th June 10am-2pm.

Refreshments available at the Centre.

Tables £5 at your address or £10 at the
Ellesmere Centre

Please contact us for more details.

Date for your diary: - SUMMER SHOW on Sunday 17th July from 12-4pm

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter

@CentreEllesmere

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk-alternatively call us on 01638 508212

BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET CLUB

Cricket season has started and it was great to welcome our new sponsors Cambridge Club Festival



 $(\underline{www.theCambridge}\ \underline{club.co})$ to our

first game against Thriplow 3XI. The first game of the season saw a comprehensive win for Burrough Green with all bowlers contributing with special mention to Johnny Pugh taking 3 wickets. The batsmen were able to knock the 106 target off after a shaken start. Key performers being Ed Riddell steadying the ship and making 39 not out, accompanied by Will Ashcroft making his highest score of 51 not out quickly.

Junes games are: 11th June - Barley 2XI away 25th June - Thriplow 3XI away

Anyone wishing to play or get involved is more than welcome. Please contact

Burroughgreencricket@gmail.com

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



Please join us in celebrating the Queens Jubilee on Saturday the 4th June.

From 12pm we will be having a family fun day.
There will be a BBQ, Pony Rides, Face Painting,
Bouncy Castle, Lucky Dip
and a Live Band in the evening.

Rob and Kat look forward to welcoming you

01638 508333



BURROUGH GREEN
GARDEN FETE
Sunday 12th June 2022

BBQ & Beer Tent from 1 pm Fete opening by Lucy Frazer at 2 pm

Homemade Teas, Plants & Bric a Brac Tombola and Sideshows galore Fun for all the Family In a beautiful garden setting Volunteers Needed Please!

We really need people to volunteer to run stalls on the day for a couple of hours. Why not share a stall with a friend or neighbour? We will provide you with everything you need including prizes! PLEASE VOLUNTEER, don't wait to be asked, the more games and stalls we run, the more fun for everyone! If you have any enquiries or can offer any support,

or email peterandlucyt@btinternet.com

BURROUGH GREEN PLAYGROUP

please contact Lucy 07910 158463

Open morning on Wednesday 15th June Between 10-11.30 for new and prospective families.



Please contact Marie On 01638 506003 or <u>burroughgreenplaygroup@gmail.com</u> to book a visit

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays : Black bin - 13^{th} & 27^{th} June. Blue & Green-. TUESDAY 7^{th} & Monday 20^{th} .

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - MONDAYS

Black sacks weekly. TUESDAY 7th then Mondays Blue Lid - TUESDAY 7th, Monday 20th June. Green Lid - Mondays 13th & 27th June.

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

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ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

On Wednesday 22nd June we make a visit to the garden of Dr Crosby at Church Lane House, Westley Waterless. This is a family garden, including wildlife pond, orchards, Victorian style greenhouse, vegetable garden, wildflower meadow and herbaceous borders. Arrive at 7pm for the tour; cost £5 to include refreshments.

Looking forward to lovely midsummer weather - at the very least long hours of light, perfect for a garden visit!

Looking ahead to the busy month of July, firstly on Wednesday 6th we have a coach trip to Barnsdale Gardens in Rutland, made famous by the late Geoff Hamilton when he presented Gardeners' World. Now managed by his son Nick the gardens comprise 38 individual gardens in an eight-acre site, Britain's largest collection of individually designed gardens. Of course, there's also a nursery and shop and tea rooms, so plenty to see and do. Depart the Ellesmere Centre 9.30am and depart Barnsdale 4pm. Cost £20 for Ellesmere Garden Club members and £25 for non-members. Please email Judith to reserve your place: judith.mahoney@btinternet.com

Then on Sunday July 17th the Ellesmere Show will take place inside the Ellesmere Centre with stalls and attractions outside on the field.

Finally on Wednesday July 27^{th} we will hold our BBQ - venue tba

More details next month!

Members and visitors are equally welcome to our meetings and events, and if you have any queries about the club, please contact either our Chairman Sandie, phone 07903 584676, or our Secretary Judith, phone 07740 100660.

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY

June 8th - Coffee Morning at 10:30 Friday 17th and Saturday 18th June -Curry Nights, please book in advance for either of these.

Gwyn & Morris 01638 508707

MOBILE LIBRARY



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

BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 3rd 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.

NEWMARKET CHEERFUL FRIDAY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

A social group that offers friendship to both stroke survivors and their carers.

The group meets on the 3^{rd} Friday of each month 10.00 - 12.00

at The Parish Centre Our Lady Immaculate & St. Etheldreda

14 Exeter Road NEWMARKET CB8 8LT.

Come and join us for conversation, information, fun, refreshments and the occasional outing.

Contact Kathie on 07923 526555 for more information

SAWSTON OPEN GARDENS

Five Sawston gardens are opening their gates to visitors

on Sunday 3rd July

for the National Garden Scheme (ngs). This important charity was founded in 1927 and has since raised over £63 million for a number of nursing charities, funded entirely by charging a small fee to visit participating gardens. Despite disruption and closures during the pandemic, the ngs raised £2.9 and £3 million in 2020 and 2021 respectively. The main beneficiaries are Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust and The Queen's Nursing Institute. See www.ngs.org.uk for more details.

This year there are four private gardens plus the Mary Challis Garden to visit from 1-5 pm. Start where convenient and collect a map. Details of the openings, with garden descriptions, are on the ngs website. Visitors are encouraged to book their visit on-line or can simply turn up and pay at the first garden. Entrance fee is £6 for all gardens; children free. Do come along to view some of Sawston's finest gardens and support these important charities.

Home-made teas and cakes in the Mary Challis Garden from 1.30-4.00 pm.

Enquiries: Mike & Ann Redshaw 01223 834511.

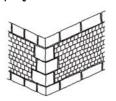
FLINT KNAPPING & WALL RESTORATION

Free opportunity to learn about wall restoration, flint knapping and lime mortar for adults and children
Thank you to those of you who have already shown interest in this project.



SPAB, The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is potentially able to assist with the project. They need to demonstrate that the knowledge and teaching through the project will enhance the skills of builders safeguarding these specialist techniques for the future.

We need two builders to come and participate in the project. It is anticipated this will be over a long



weekend and there is no cost. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and implement them in your future work.

If you or anyone else you know is interested please get in touch,

Thank you! Lucy Talbot 07910 158463 peterandlucyt@btinternet.com

MARSH MAIL News from Linton Village College

Highlights of the summer term so far have included an amazing Dance show. Following a fantastic performance of the Grimm Fairy Tales just before Easter, a large cast were involved in a spectacular range of dance performances. Students from all year groups were involved in stunning pieces including original choreography inspired by Malala's campaign for education for girls, Amanda Gorman's inauguration poem, plus musicals including Matilda, Hairspray and La Land.

Our Year 11s were treated to a re-creation of another musical as the staff of LVC dressed up as the students of Rydell High for the Leavers' goodbye video. Celebrations included a photo reel from Year 7, games on the school field, food and a visiting ice cream van.

GCSE exams have returned this year following two years of alternative assessment. Our students have started the exam series, which is more spread out than in previous years, with great maturity and focus. We wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them back at school dressed up in their finery to enjoy the Prom on 1st July.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Councillors' Annual Report

Bottisham Ward

After a slow start, the Council has generally been efficient and effective at passing the Government Covid grants through to local businesses. We have queried some of the decisions but on the whole, it appears the funds have been distributed effectively. And we supported a motion, passed by Council, which commended the behaviour of local residents during the lockdown.

The Council has demolished their popular Mepal Outdoor Centre, despite not yet having planning permission for the proposed Crematorium. After muddle and delay, the Council is due to decide the application by 13th June. In the public consultation the result was:

Sentiment Held %: For 13.0: Against 85.4 No Further Comment 1.6

Statement of Community Involvement for East Cambridgeshire District Council Bereavement Facility Proposals

The calculation on the Council's 5 year land supply was reset, and so they were able to show a 6.5 year land supply, and the policies in the 2015 Local Plan, notably the development envelope, became enforceable again. However, the relief maybe short-lived because a Planning Appeal was allowed in Soham, with the Inspector saying there had been a significant shortfall in development against the Cambridgeshire Local Plan housing requirement to date, and that the plan 'cannot be said to have been effective in delivering the anticipated housing need to date'. He further stated that even if the Council could currently demonstrate the housing land supply it said it had (more than 6.5 years), there had been significant under-delivery against the plan to date, and there was a 'persistent failure' to meet housing requirements. 'There can be no certainty that the strategy contained in the [Local Plan] will deliver sufficient housing in the long-term of the plan period, he concluded. 'In fact, the evidence before me suggests that it will not.'

The 2015 Local Plan is becoming increasingly outdated, with insufficient policies to address climate change or air quality as well as issues which need to be reconsidered such as parking space provision. It's challenging to update the Plan with continuing Government delays in publishing their proposed changes to the planning process, so the Council is consulting on its Policy GROWTH 1 and housing numbers, with a deadline for responses of 13 June. Local Plan Review | East Cambridgeshire District Council (eastcambs.gov.uk)

The Council's record in collecting residents' black bag waste and recyclables has plummeted. Difficulties recruiting and retaining drivers began in September, and by November the local press was reporting allegations of low morale, bullying, stress and other staff concerns. These were denied by management. Green waste collections were cancelled from mid-December to the end of January, then it was announced that waste collection rounds were being permanently reconfigured from the end of March. The first few weeks of this change have not gone smoothly, with large numbers of uncollected bins, in some cases left for days or even weeks. We have struggled to get full information to understand the issues and will be attending a briefing to try to get a better understanding of the issues and press for rapid improvement to the service.

We supported a proposal to the Full Council that East Cambridgeshire should address the lack of 'Changing Places' toilets in the District for people with severe disabilities whether visible or not; and to review disabled access to all public toilets and signage on them for invisible disabilities. East Cambridgeshire was the only District in the County not to be awarded any money at all by the Government in its recent funding round to improve 'Changing Places' toilet provision, because it did not request any funding. The Council's leadership delayed giving a response to this proposal by referring it to Finance & Assets Committee. However, this delay does give time for the public to express their views. If you support the call for improved toilet facilities for disabled people, please sign the petition at -

https://tinyurl.com/yumzjywc.

Our next surgery will be on Monday 20^{th} June at 6.00pm in the Committee Room at Bottisham Sports & Social Club.

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Cambridgeshire County Council Update
East Cambridgeshire District Council Update
Woodditton Division

After the elections that have taken place across other parts of Cambridgeshire, the Annual meeting of the County Council took place on  $10^{th}$  May, with the East Cambridgeshire District Council Annual meeting due on  $19^{th}$  May where the election of Chairman and allocation of Committees for the following year takes place.

The County Council's Highways & Transport met at the end of April and the Local Highways Initiative results were confirmed. Four of the villages that I represent

were successful in bids to reduce speed and improve road safety. I look forward to working with all my villages for the next round of bids later this year.

The Local Highways Initiative is a very important process in getting Highways issues resolved, with the input of the knowledgeable County Council Highways engineers and one that I support.

The result of the consultation on the Newmarket Road access into Cambridge held last year, is scheduled to be published on  $17^{\text{th}}$  June and I will look to update all residents once I have seen the results.

As Alan mentioned last month, please continue to report any Highways issues online, such as potholes. If you are unable to do that, then please contact Alan and he will ensure that your concerns are logged on the system and actioned. The Highways team will then assess the severity of the pothole.

There continues to be issues with fly-tipping around the villages and the waste team is working to clear them. Please report any fly-tipping to East Cambridgeshire District Council and if you have any information on people acting in a suspicious nature, which may identify the fly-tipper, then please let East Cambridgeshire District Council know.

Alan, as Chairman of ECDC, will be attending a Thanksgiving Service in Ely Cathedral on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, as part of the Jubilee celebrations, and hope that as many residents as possible will take part in the various celebrations taking place over that weekend.

If you aware of an issue that concerns you, please let us know. If we are not aware of it, we cannot fix it.

We look forward to updating residents further next month and continue to work on your behalf.

If any resident wants to discuss any issue, then please feel free to contact us. We want to hear comments from everyone, as that is the only way that we can truly represent you.

Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor & East Cambridgeshire District Councillor - Woodditton Ward

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#### GIRLGUIDING LINTON DISTRICT

What a couple of months it has been. March saw our Rangers and Guides take part in an incident hike organised by Cambridge University Scouts and Guides. An



event enjoyed by all who came. Our Trefoil members visited the firestation in Linton and had a really interesting evening.

They also celebtrated a  $90^{th}$  bithday with lovely cake and conversation.

Our wonderful Jarman Centre in Newmarket had its annual bank holiday Easter fun day for families to enjoy and by the time you read this will have had its Big Boot Sale on the  $22^{nd}$  May.

The beautiful snowdrops outside our hut in Linton have now dissappeared again until they reappear next spring. Our units are getting ready to have their pack holidays, overnights and Summer camps and the Rainbows are getting ready to go wild in June.

There are 12 counties that make up our region of Anglia and our county is Cambs East. The county organised a huge county wide event called 'Survive to Thrive' at the beginning of May and all our girls had a go at activities such as a silent disco, getting knotty and going on a picture scavenger hunt.

@Lintondistrict or Like us on Facebook www.Girlguiding.org.uk/interested lintondistrict@gmail.com or contact Louisa Powell-Owens on 07711 614328

#### FOR SALE

GIRLS/ LADIES BLACK BIKE. CARRERA LTD 27.5 wheels. Excellent condition . £100 ono

MEN'S ALL TERRA TRANSEO 3.0 CITY X GT. Excellent condition . £200 ono

1 WHITE RADIATOR 24ins SQUARE. NEW. £20

2 BEDSIDE CHEST OF DRAWERS. TEAK/CREAM £20

PHILIPS FLAT SCREEN TELEVISION 34ins. £50.

SONY FLAT SCREEN TELEVISION 34ins. £50

2 CYCLE HELMETS 1 BLACK, 1 BLACK/WHITE. £15 each

CONTACT Bena Cook on 01223 290779 (Carlton)

#### 2523 LINTON AIR CADETS.

We have now had a full camp report from our cadets from camp. They had a fantastic time and a few of their activities included fieldcraft, abseiling, arms drill and flying in an RAF Chinook. Some amazing experiences and our cadets with summer camp places eagerly await their turn!

2523 continues to succeed with Sgt Vellacott completing a Senior NCO course covering advanced leadership and drill culminating in his silver leadership badge. Corporal Spall and Cadet Addison completed their bronze Cyber and Cadet Macnamara passed bronze radio. These are all fantastic skills for life and future employment.

We were lucky enough to visit the British Model Flying Association 100th Birthday event at Old Warden airfield. 8 Linton cadets got a private tour of the Shuttleworth Collection Museum and demonstrations in drone racing, virtual reality drone flying and most impressive of all model rocketry. The cadets were even able to be on launch control and launch the rockets themselves. "It was great to be able to have a physical demonstration of rocketry." Says Sgt Morris, "We have theoretical space training but seeing the rockets and launching them in person really makes the syllabus come to life.".

We have an exciting schedule ahead including powered flying at RAF Cranwell. We look forward to sector field day where cadets have been training to compete in leadership, first aid, drill and more. Our jubilee parade practice is underway, and we look forward to parading the union and squadron standards at several events over the coming months.

Bradley Wright
Flying Officer RAFAC
training.2523@rafac.mod.gov.uk
07943 873272

NEWMARKET COMMUNITY CINEMA

Sunday 19th & Monday 20th June THE LION KING (2019 PG)

The Stable: 65 High Street, Newmarket.

Complimentary tea and biscuits served from 7pm. Screening begins 7.30pm.

Member £6. £5 Concessions

Non Members £7, Concessions £6.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Pre book 07756 853714. Tickets are also available on the door

#### VILLAGE WEBSITES

#### www.westleywaterless.com www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk

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

#### VILLAGE HALLS

Brinkley, Burrough Green and Westley Waterless have excellent village halls, all beautifully refurbished over the last few years, and all available for hire at reasonable rates.

Information on their facilities and availability can be found by contacting them on:

Brinkley Memorial Hall - Contact: Susie Shuter on 01638 508729 : 07836 656643

Burrough Green Reading Room - Please contact
Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888
E mailing bgreadingroom@yahoo.com
www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk

Westley Waterless Village Hall - For more information please go to www.westleywaterless.com/hall

#### RADESLEY 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; <a href="https://www.raddesley.com">www.raddesley.com</a>

#### INTERIM PRIESTS:

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#### **ELLESMERE ARTS**

We would like to thank everyone who bought a ticket and came along to one of the performances. Also a huge thank you to those who gave up their time to set up the stage, lighting and sound. We couldn't do anything without your support.

Our next performance will be Murder Mystery no. 6 on 1st October. More details to follow.

#### BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

The film for June BPH will be:

#### WEST SIDE STORY (12)

from acclaimed producer and director Steven Spielberg. With a script by screen writer and playwright Tony Kushner this 2021 OSCAR winning film is an adaptation of the 1957 Hit Musical and tells the tale of forbidden love and the rivalry between the JETS and the SHARKS two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute

Guest visitors £3/ night and Annual membership just £12 for adults. Dave's bar will be open for pre-show drinks and nibbles as normal.

#### **DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022 8pm

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE Come & join us for a fun evening with a demonstration by

> Brenda Tubb Entitled

A Blooming Wonder

Admission £8 to include refreshments. Raffle
Please contact Lesley Bird
Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

Next Meeting -Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July Demonstration by Lisa Sampson

#### RADDESLEY BENEFICE WEEKEND

10th and 11th September

Our churches will each have a display or activity - more details in the next newsletters

#### JUNE SERVICES - ALL WELCOME

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Whit Sunday - Pentecost 9.00 am Communion Brinkley Rev'd Andrew Rycraft

# 10.30am Jubilee commemorative Family Service Burrough Green

This will be a short all age service including our local Brownies who will be helping with our service and serving refreshments afterwards.

All very welcome to come and commemorate The Queen

Rev'd Andrew Rycraft

Acts 2: 1-21; Rom 8: 14-17; John 14: 8-17

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday
9.00 am Communion Stetchworth

Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham

Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty
6.00 pm Evensong Carlton

Alastair France

Trinity: Prov. 8: 1-4, 22-31; Rom 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1st Sunday after Trinity
9.00 am Communion Burrough Green
Rev'd Andrew Rycraft
10.30 Morning Prayer Brinkley
Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a; Gal 3:23-end Luke 8: 26-39

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2nd Sunday after Trinity
10.30 am Communion Dullingham
Rev'd Andrew Rycraft Alastair France preaching

6.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth

Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft Alastair France preaching

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14: Gal 5: 1, 13-25 Luke 9: 51-end;

Princess Elizabeth of York was born in 1926 into a life of privilege. Her grandfather was the King (George V), and as the elder daughter of the second son of the King there was no expectation that she would one day accede to the throne. Succession was by preference always through the male line, so her Uncle (who later became Edward VIII) and her father (later George VI) preceded her, and any children of her Uncle, or male children from her parents would have been higher in the order.

In some ways I have a problem with the idea of a monarchy and our Head of State having that position by accident of birth. It seems very out of touch with the modern world.

Of course, history (and living memory, for some who will read this) reminds us that on the death of George

Vth, Edward VIII became king, but abdicated in 1936 leaving his brother Bertie (who took the title George VIth) to be King, leaving Princess Elizabeth as heir presumptive ("presuming" the King and Queen had no male children). The young Elizabeth dedicated her life to the service of the country, and to God, and became Queen on the death of her father, while she was undertaking a royal tour in Africa. Of course, she has had the best of care, and (hopefully) the best of advice, but I look back over what she has done in the seventy years since and believe that she has been a great servant to our country (and other countries for whom she is also Head of State), and to the Church of England (she is the Head of the Church of England although not of the worldwide Anglican Communion). Despite her age she has continued with public engagements and affairs of state. Prime Ministers (and Presidents) across the political spectrum from this country and overseas in their memoirs have commented on her knowledge of, and interest in, international relations.

Despite my own misgivings at the mechanism by which she became our Head of State, I will be celebrating her 70-year reign. To paraphrase (somewhat) Shakespeare, she was both born great, but then had rather more greatness thrust upon her - but we can look on her with respect, say thanks to her and to God for her achieving greatness. We can also look back on those Prime Ministers and Presidents that I wrote of earlier, most of whom achieved power through something more in "touch with the modern world" and I am sure we can feel that some of them were rather worse servants of their countries than our Queen.

There are celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee in all of our villages in June, and I hope you enjoy those that you attend.

Alastair France

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To

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