

VILLAGE VOICE

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

MARCH 2022

QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY 11th MARCH
in Brinkley Memorial Hall.
7.30pm.



Teams of 6 - Supper included - Bar
Don't worry if you haven't got a team - we can put you with others.
Cottage pie with peas, followed by Apple Crumble.
Cost £12 per person

E mail trish.bull50@btinternet.com
or call 01638 507495 to book your tickets.
Please specify if vegetarian meal choice.

IN AID OF BRINKLEY CHURCH

BURROUGH GREEN GARDEN FETE

Sunday 12th June 2022

Our first meeting went well. We are hoping to support a local mental health charity and would welcome suggestions. We are also looking for fresh ideas for the day eg. Games and sideshows.

Our next meeting is

on Tuesday 8th March at 7pm



at The Hall, home of Lucy and Peter Talbot.

Do come and join us for a glass of wine whilst we continue to plan for this village event.

If you are unable to attend but can offer any support, please contact Lucy on 07910 158463 or email peterandlucyt@btinternet.com



BRINKLEY PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION Sunday 5th June

In this special year we are planning to have a Village Street Party

What would you like to be included on the day?

**PLEASE BRING YOUR IDEAS TO A MEETING
IN BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

ON WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH AT 7.30PM.

It won't happen without your support.

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 1st Tuesday of each month between 3.00 - 4.00pm; **1st March**



BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 4th Wednesday of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm.
23rd March.

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.

NEWS FROM BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM

Work to improve the facilities at the Reading Room are now complete and our village hall is ready to host groups and parties. A warm, comfortable welcome is guaranteed in our spacious but cosy hall. Why not come and see for yourself?

We are hosting three coffee mornings on 30th, 31st March and 1st April from 08:45 - 11:00am. Come and enjoy a free coffee and a pastry and see what we have to offer!

Plans are also in place to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

On Friday 3rd June we will be hosting a family picnic on the green.

We will have a free gift for all the children of Burrough Green to commemorate this special year; more details to follow.

On Saturday 4th June, the Reading Room have organised a photographer to take a village photo at 2pm outside the Bull

Please come along and say cheese! The cost of this will be supported by the Reading Room and prints available to purchase at a minimal price.

Our charge of £10 per hour for hiring the Reading Room really is a bargain. We are incredibly proud of our village hall.

Call Joanne on 01638 508888 or see what we are up to on Twitter @BurroughGreenRR

SCRABBLE

Come and play Scrabble in the Community Room at Sheriff's Court. We meet on 2nd & 4th Mondays of every month at 7.30pm. 14th & 28th March

Do come and join us in a game. Beginners welcome.

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :
Black bin - 7th & 21st March
Blue & Green - 14th & 28th March.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Thursdays :
Black sacks weekly.
Blue Lid - 3rd, 17th & 31st March.
Green Lid - 10th & 24th March.

PLEASE READ THE SECTION IN THE COUNCILLORS REPORTS ABOUT OUR NEW REFUSE COLLECTION DATES.


We should be getting a letter with the new information by the end of the month. I will try and ensure the information in April Village Voice gives the correct dates for that month. *Editor*

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

In March we welcome a new speaker, **Colin Ward** who will be talking about "Unusual Plants" on **Wednesday 9th March at 7.30 pm** in the Ellesmere Centre. Colin and his wife run Swines Meadow Farm Nursery at Market Deeping and comes highly recommended by other local gardening clubs. So a talk not to be missed! In April our meeting takes the form of a visit to Cambridge Botanical Garden, for a guided walk with an emphasis on Spring. This will be on Sunday April 17th and details of time to meet and transport arrangements will be publicized next month. Members and visitors are equally welcome, 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

? POP UP PUB + QUIZ NIGHT
FRIDAY 8TH APRIL
Westley Waterless Village Hall

 **Sunday 17th April - 10.30am**
Easter Day Service with Egg hunt
St Mary-the-Less, Westley Waterless

Concert at St Peter's Church Carlton
Saturday 7th May
7.30pm

Come & enjoy an evening of music with Accorde choir, who'll be singing all sorts of styles, from gospel & folk to sacred & light.
Wine & canapés will be served at the interval.
Free entry,
Donations welcome in aid of St Peter's Church Fabric Fund

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



REPORT FROM LUCY FRAZER
SPEEDING IN BURROUGH GREEN

Many constituents in Burrough Green have contacted me with their concerns about speeding in the local area.
I was pleased to meet with Special Constable, Thomas Howard, in Burrough Green recently for an update on the work that the police are doing to crack down on speeding. Recent data suggests that almost half of drivers passing through on the B1061 are breaking the 30mph speed limit. 62 penalties were issued in January.
During my visit two cars were stopped for speeding, and many others visibly reduced their speed due to the presence of the police. Thank you to County Councillor Alan Sharp and Parish Councillor Tom Rusk who joined me and for all their work on this issue.

If you have concerns that you would like to raise then please email me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION
BRINKLEY



Coffee Morning is the 9th March at 10:30.

Ethnic food nights - Friday 18th and Saturday 19th March and will be curries.
Our normal menu is always available, but if you or some of your party would like the curry menu, please let us know by Thursday the 17th. It will be on the events page of our website by the time you read this.

We will be closed all day on Wednesday the 2nd March.
01638 508707

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.

GIRLGUIDING - Linton District



Our girls have had an incredible couple of months. Before Christmas, 2 Linton Guides had a really interesting evening with a drumming workshop. There were some excellent results and lots of skills learned.

Our Guides were also lucky enough to take a coach and go to the Wembley Spectacular held at Wembley, to see the women's FA cup final. A day they will never forget. It is quite an extraordinary place with an amazing atmosphere.

Our Guides in Linton went to see Wind in the Willows at Saffron Walden and it was enjoyed by all. Our units also had Christmas parties complete with disco lights and music and of course no celebration in Guiding is complete without badges...

There might not have been much food last term but there were crafts galore for our Rainbows and Brownies who have been exceptionally busy. As well as lots of celebrations and a party as Anglia our guiding county turned 50.

Our Trefoil Guild made clay votive candle holders and have had their AGM.

If you would like to join in the fun please look at www.girlguiding.uk.org/interested

We take girls from 5 upwards, as well as celebrating octogenarians in January. What a couple of months we have had

Louisa Powell-Owens

Lintondistrict@gmail.com

07711 614328

Would your daughter be interested in joining Brownies, Guides or Rangers locally? We have all three sections that regularly meet in Brinkley and we are back to face-to-face meetings now but have the ability to move back to Zoom at short notice if required to do so.

We run a varied programme teaching girls new skills while having fun, and new members would be most welcome. Get in touch and come along and try us out if interested.

Brownies are aged between 7 and 10 and meet on Thursday evenings. The contact is Dawn at dawnahay@gmail.com

Guides are aged between 10 and 14 and meet on Tuesday evenings along with the Rangers who are aged between 14 and 18. The contact is Toni-ann at toni.hammond@btinternet.com

We don't presently have a Rainbow section who are aged between 4 and 7 but if you would be interested in getting this unit back up and running then please contact one of us.

ADVERTS

Please support our local advertisers. They all come recommended.

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE



ROLLER SKATING is now taking place on Tuesdays from 3.30-5pm. There will be a snack bar and teas and coffees so come along straight from school and join in. £2 to skate and £1 for skate hire.



The Ellesmere Cafe (Serve yourself) The Gredley Room is now open from 9am - 4pm for people to come and have a tea or coffee. It will be a great opportunity to meet up with friends, mums and babies, knit and natter & book clubs or just somewhere to come to meet others.

The Forget-Me-Not Cafe

will be on Wednesday afternoons From 2-4pm for those suffering with Dementia and their families/carers. This will be a chance to meet up with others in a similar situation in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy a cuppa.



Queen's Jubilee Weekend - We will be holding an outdoor music night with barbecue on the Friday night (3rd June) with Johnny Wright and friends (back by popular demand). There will also be an afternoon tea party on the Sunday (5th June.) More details to follow.

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

HI-DE-HI

on Thursday 5th May

Friday 6th May

Saturday 7th May

7.30 pm at the Ellesmere Centre Bar
Tickets: £9 from Ellesmere Centre Post Office and ellesmereartstickets@gmail.com

DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 10th March 2022

8pm

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

Crystal Dyball entitled 'Floral Cocktail'

Admission £6 to include refreshments. Raffle

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

DATES FOR DIARY

Next Meeting - Thursday 14th April 2022

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



We will be closed Mon-Thursday lunch and Mon-Wed evening from 7th - 17th March, we apologise for any inconvenience.

Food Served

Wednesdays : 12-2, 5-8 . Sausage and Mash £6
Thursdays: 12-2, 5-8. Curry and Naan £6
Friday and Saturday: Fish and Chips 12-2, 5-8. Eat in or Take Away.
All of the above include our usual menu alongside
Sundays Traditional Roast 12.30 - 3pm.

Now taking bookings for Mother's Day
Call to reserve your table

Save the date June 4th . We will be having a Family Fun Day in celebration of the Queens Jubilee. More details to follow at a later date.

Please check on Facebook for current situation
Rob and I look forward to welcoming you
01638 508333

VACCINE CONFIDENCE SURVEY TOOLKIT FOR PARTNERS

Researchers Alison Ward and Cristina Devecchi from the University of Northampton have been commissioned by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group, in association with Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council to research into reasons for vaccine hesitancy in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

They are reaching out to members of the public about their experiences of the vaccine, what information they have received and how this has supported their decision making about whether or not to take up the vaccine. The aim of this research is to gain insight that could support future delivery of the covid vaccine or other health initiatives, particularly with groups who may experience health inequalities.

A short online survey has been created that can be accessed through the following link or via the QR code below: Link:

<https://northampton.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/covidvaccine>

The survey will take about 10 mins to complete and is anonymous.



Cristina Devecchi at
Cristina.Devecchi@northampton.ac.uk
Or Alison Ward on 07740 716551 or email:
Alison.ward@northampton.ac.uk

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

HOST IT IN THE HALL

Hire the Hall for any function big or small. Birthday parties, weddings, anniversaries, or any excuse to entertain. Fundraising events, coffee mornings, quizzes, bingo, clothes sales etc.

We would welcome anyone who would like to put on exercise and fitness classes, flower arranging classes or any Group looking for a venue.

The charges to hire the Memorial Hall are £10 per hour for VV cluster and £12 per hour for outside. The Hall can cater for 80 people, has a fully equipped kitchen and very comfy seating.

Contact: Susie Shuter on 01638 508729
07836 656643

THE PETER & RUTH LLOYD TRUST AWARD

During 2021 with changing restrictions and incidents of Covid-19 we were unfortunately unable to hold interviews prior to students taking up university places last September. We have recently contacted those who applied with our wish to make an award to one of them as soon as we can. We are sorry for the delay due to such unprecedented circumstances. We are well aware how beneficial the award may be to the successful student!

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2022. 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, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wrattling Common airfield - Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, West Wickham, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wrattling, 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

We would like applications in by Good Friday, 15th April and hopefully the process will be easier for all this year!

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL & EAST
CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT UPDATE**

Alan Sharp & Amy Starkey - Woodditton Ward

Since my last report, there have been meetings of both Children & Young People Committee and Highways & Transport Committee and two Full County Council meetings.

The Children & Young People Committee considered issues around the final funding for schools next year.

The Local Transport & Connectivity Plan for Cambridgeshire was due to go out for a period of 12 weeks public consultation during February 2022.

The Highways & Transport Committee met in January, and we were presented with the current projects that the County Council are undertaking and discussed a proposal for a separate scheme to implement 20mph zones within the County. I argued, that 20mph zones are great, but in the rural areas, I am battling to get 60mph zones down to 40mph with little help from the various agencies. I will continue to fight for safer roads throughout the County, especially within my division, whether that be 20mph, 30mph or 40mph zones. Although that will not stop everyone speeding, it will reduce the speed of the vast majority, who obey speed limits and will continue to target those who totally ignore those limits.

The Budget meeting of Council was held on 8th February and the ruling group proposed a budget increase of 4.99%, which is the maximum allowed before a referendum of residents is required. The increase was composed of 3% adult social care and a general increase of 1.99%. Our group agreed with the social care increase but felt that there was no need for the 1.99% increase, as it was not to be used for extra services but put into reserves. This increase was despite receiving over £4m more than expected from Government and putting extra pothole monies received from Government into reserves rather than using them for Highway repair. The ruling group in their budget have proposed £100k in a feasibility study around flooding. Our group feel that residents deserve better and proposed £4m to be used to counter flood issues from an earmarked reserve budget. Our proposals were voted down, so all residents will see a 4.99% in the County Council's portion of the Council Tax bill.

East Cambridgeshire District Council met to agree their budget on 22nd February and for the ninth year running, a nil increase was agreed, which shows how good management of public money can work, whilst retaining public services.

If you aware of an issue that concerns you, please let me know. If I am not aware of it, I cannot fix it.

I 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 me.

*Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor & East
Cambridgeshire District Councillor - Woodditton
Division*

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Or alan.sharp@eastcamb.gov.uk

*Amy Starkey East Cambridgeshire District
Councillor - Woodditton Ward*

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*Charlotte Cane & John Trapp - Bottisham Ward*

**NEW REFUSE COLLECTION DATES .**

From 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 our waste will be collected on new days. For Bottisham, Brinkley, Lode and Westley Waterless the waste will be collected on Mondays and Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior on Tuesdays. Our waste will be collected on these days for 2 weeks and then we will move onto the Easter timetable. Bottisham, Brinkley, Lode and Westley Waterless on Saturday 9 April and Tuesday 19 April and Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior on Monday 11 April and Wednesday 20 April. Then we will move back to Mondays and Tuesdays. In addition, the pattern of collection of green and blue bins will change - they will still be alternate weeks, but you may get Blue bins collected two weeks in a row when you first move to the new days. ECSS will be delivering letters to each household which should make all of this clear.

We apologise that this may be a bit confusing. We will be asking why the changes were introduced just before the temporary changes necessitated by the two Easter Bank Holidays.

We have been assured that reconfiguring the waste rounds will ensure that the service will operate more efficiently, reducing the fluctuations on resource demand and removing unnecessary travel. We were pleased to hear that the new arrangements will reduce ECSS's annual carbon output by about 12 tonnes CO2 per year.

The budget proposals for the coming year were on the agenda for the Finance & Assets Committee on Monday 24 January. These were in line with the Medium-Term Financial Strategy which was approved by the council in its budget last year. However, the Leader of the Council moved an amendment at the meeting to delete all the budget recommendations in their entirety and refer the decision on the budget to the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 22 February, with no recommendation at all from the committee.

The County Council are creating a new heritage website for Cambridgeshire, with the aim of improving the availability of local heritage lists. Once this is up

and running you will be able nominate buildings and sites as local heritage assets - <https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/cambridgeshire>

Jubilee Gardens in Ely celebrated 20 years since it was opened by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh in February 2002. Charlotte was one of the Councillors at the time who pressed the administration at the Council to retain this green space rather than selling it as a building plot - [Lib Dems celebrate 20 years of Jubilee Gardens Ely \(eclid.org.uk\)](#). She wanted people to be able to walk through park land from the river to the Cathedral, rather than having to navigate between buildings. It's disappointing that 20 years later we are still having to fight across this ward to protect local green space from development pressures.

Our next 'meet your Councillors' and Surgery will be on Monday 21 March at 6.30 by zoom. Meeting ID: 865 7631 8040, Passcode: 490667. If you prefer to join by 'phone, the number is 01314 601196.

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BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET CLUB

After last year's successful promotion winning season we are pleased to announce our fixtures for 2022. As ever we are on the lookout for players, old or young. We're a very socially minded and welcoming club who just enjoy playing cricket in the sunshine. If you are interested in playing or getting involved more broadly like umpiring or scoring, please contact burroughgreencricket@gmail.com



7 th May	Thriplow 3XI	H
14 th May	Balsham 1XI	H
21 st May	Little Shelford 2XI	A
28 th May	Elmdon 2XI	H
11 th June	Barley 2XI	A
25 th June	Thriplow 3XI	A
2 nd July	Buntingford 2XI	A
9 th July	Newton 1XI	H
16 th July	Newton 1XI	A
23 rd July	Balsham 1XI	A
30 th July	Little Shelford 2XI	H
6 th Aug	Elmdon 2XI	A
13 th Aug	Barley 2XI	H
20 th Aug	Buntingford 2XI	H

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**MARSH MAIL - LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE SPORTS NEWS**

**U15 Football**

On January 19th, our U15 girl's football team competed in the first round of the Cambridgeshire Schools Cup against Hampton Gardens (Peterborough). This saw an excellent performance from all of those involved. The girls showed a very mature display, controlling the game for the duration. The dominance of the girls showed at half time, recording a resounding double figure lead. There was no let-up in the second half with the girls pouncing on every loose ball and winning possession back high up the pitch. A special mention has to go to the whole of the Hampton Garden team who showed resilience to keep going throughout the fixture. Tara Judge recording a double hat trick in the fixture and kindly offered to finish the game in goal. The second round sees the girls play away to Hinchingsbrooke College (Huntingdon) on Tuesday 22nd February.

**Cross Country:**

Linton Village College had three students represent the College and County in the second round of the of ESAA Cross Country Event on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. Cressida Hughes (Year 8), Oliver Hughes & Ben Phillips (Year 11) competed in the event at Priory Park, with Cressida and Oliver qualifying to represent Cambridgeshire at the Anglian Schools Championships on 5th February. An excellent performance from Cressida saw her qualify to compete in the National competition, representing Cambridgeshire Schools on Saturday 19th March. We wish Cressida the best of luck in the National competition!

Helena Marsh

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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

INTERIM PRIESTS:

Rev'ds Rosemary and Andrew Rycraft
19 Cardigan Street,
Newmarket, CB8 8HZ
01638 665421

CHURCHWARDENS:

Burrough Green: Lucy Talbot Tel: 01638 507060, email: peterandlucyt@btinternet.com

Westley Waterless: Ms. Deborah O'Riordan, Tel: 01638 507741, email d.a.oriordan@btinternet.com and Mrs Liz Gibson, Tel: 01638 508600, lizgibson@me.com

Brinkley: Ros Pates 01638 507240
rospates@yahoo.co.uk

Carlton: Stephen Roberts 01223 290372 or Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com.

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is supporting a new volunteer project to help shape future urgent and emergency care services at Addenbrooke's.

We're looking for people to take part in a survey run by local Health Champions. Please can you share this opportunity with your organisation and members?

Join a new survey about Addenbrooke's Hospital
The hospital wants to hear how urgent and emergency care can be a better experience for local people. Your feedback will help the hospital provide the best care through the design of future buildings and services.

Who can take part?

Anyone who has visited Addenbrooke's urgent and emergency care services (including A&E and same day emergency care clinics) in the last 12 months.

What's involved?

Answering survey questions online or over the phone with a trained, volunteer Health Champion. It should take 45-60 minutes. The survey will close at the end of March 2022.

A thank you

There's a £10 Love to Shop voucher as a thank you for taking part. We will also send you a copy of our survey report.

Your safety and privacy

The Health Champions running the survey are trained volunteers with Healthwatch Cambridgeshire, your local health and care champion. Healthwatch is independent and has the power to make sure NHS leaders and other decision makers listen to local feedback and improve standards of care.

The information you give us is confidential and anonymised before we share it. Your personal information is never included in our survey reports.

Get involved!

If you're eligible and interested in taking part, register your interest by emailing Jacqueline Douglas, Healthwatch Cambridgeshire:

jacquelinehealthwatch@gmail.com. You can also contact Healthwatch by calling 0330 355 1285 or text on 07520 625176.

We'll be in touch to arrange a time and date for the survey.

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**STAN STARVIS**  
**Died 13<sup>th</sup> March 2004**

In loving memory of my darling husband  
Stan.  
Loved and remembered always  
Still sadly missed.  
Your ever-loving wife  
Betty

**2523 LINTON AIR CADETS.**

It has been an exciting couple of weeks since our last report for both the cadets and staff. Starting with the delivery of the squadron's new flight simulator. Sim2Do have done an excellent job, and our portable sim is up and running on squadron.



This will bring a great advancement to the aviation training we can offer and there was much excitement upon its first use. The official unveiling of the simulator to parents will be at our annual presentation evening at the end of February.

The first order of training for the sim is basic ground school and effects of controls lessons ahead of our return to powered Air Experience Flying in the Grob Tutor aircraft.

We have had two staff promotions on the squadron, with officers Debbie Keenan and Bradley Wright being promoted to Flying Officer. As Covid restrictions have eased both Flying Officers' Keenan and Wright were able to attend an awards ceremony where they were presented their commissioning scrolls by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire.

As well as flying and shooting, we look forward to our upcoming presentation evening. We have been fortunate enough that the Deputy Lord Lieutenant has agreed to be our presenting officer as well as hosting Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire wing Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Kelly, as our VIP guests to join in celebrating our success.

If you know of a young person that will be age 12 and going into school year 8 this coming September, please email us and get them on our waiting list for joining.

*Bradley Wright Flying Officer RAFAC*  
[training.2523@rafac.mod.gov.uk](mailto:training.2523@rafac.mod.gov.uk) 07943 873272

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BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

AMMONITE (15) starring

Kate Winslet and Saoirse Ronan

In Lyme Regis in 1840s England, acclaimed but overlooked fossil hunter Mary Anning is endeavouring to support her ailing mother by selling fossils, and is asked to look after a young woman Charlotte sent to convalesce by the sea. An intense relationship develops altering both of their lives forever.

Saturday 5th March : Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute.

Guest visitors £3 : Annual membership just £12 for adults.

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

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**MARCH SERVICES**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March      Shrove Tuesday**  
6.30 pm Pancakes and Pledges      Westley Waterless  
                                                            Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March      Ash Wednesday**  
7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Communion service Brinkley  
                                                            Rev'ds Rosemary and Andrew Rycraft  
  
*Isaiah 58: 1-12    2 Corinthians 5: 20b – 6:10  
                                                            Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21*

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March      1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
9.00 am Holy Communion      Brinkley  
                                                            Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft  
10.30 Family Service      Burrough Green  
                                                            Rev'd Andrew Rycraft  
  
*Deuteronomy 26: 1-11    Romans 10: 8b-13    Luke 4: 1-13*

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
9.00 am Holy Communion      Stetchworth  
                                                            Rev'd Peter Gill  
10.30 am Morning Prayer      Dullingham  
                                                            Rev'd Peter Gill  
  
*Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18    Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March      3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
9.00 am Holy Communion      Burrough Green  
                                                            Rev'd Andrew Rycraft - Alastair France preaching  
10.30 am Morning Prayer      Brinkley  
                                                            Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft  
  
*Isaiah 55: 1-9    1 Corinthians 10: 1-13    Luke 13: 1-9*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March      4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Mothersing Sunday**  
10.30 am Holy Communion      Dullingham  
                                                            Rev'd Rosemary and/or Rev'd Andrew Rycraft  
  
6.00 pm Evensong      Stetchworth  
                                                            Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft  
  
*Exodus 2: 1-10    2 Corinthians 1: 3-7    Luke 2: 33-35*

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A Lent course will be held during Lent on Monday mornings at 10.30am at 68 Station Road, Dullingham beginning on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March

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You may have heard the weather proverb, "If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb," which means that if the month starts off stormy, it will end with mild weather. As I write this message, although not quite in March, we are experiencing some extraordinary storms and strong winds which certainly prepare us for March coming in like a lion!

March also brings the start of Spring and in this poem by Elizabeth Akers Allen (1832-1911) we can read of both the perils of strong winds and the promise of Spring.

*"Bleak winds assault us all around:  
Dances aloft, or skims the ground:  
See the school-boy - his hat in hand,  
While on the path he scarce can stand.  
The wild and windy spring.*

*The brown buds thicken on the trees,  
Unbound, the free streams sing,  
As March leads forth across the leas  
The wild and windy spring."*

Spring is the season of new beginnings, a festival of awakening and rebirth. Fresh buds bloom, animals awaken and the earth seems to come to life again. Farmers and gardeners plant their seeds and temperatures slowly rise. The dark months are now over and we're moving into the warmth of the light. It's also a time for new ideas and new dreams for your life.

The Christian festival of Lent also starts in March, another time for thoughts and new opportunities. It begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and is a period of 40 days during which Christians remember the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus Christ, whose life and teachings are the foundation of Christianity.

The 40-day period is called Lent after an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Linked to the Old Germanic root word "lango-", which means "long", many believe the word Lent is related to the lengthening of days over the season. In fact, the Anglo-Saxon name for March - the month Lent usually falls in - was "lenctentid", which means "springtide".

Lent is a time of reflection and of asking for forgiveness, and when Christians prepare to celebrate Jesus's resurrection at the feast of Easter, which comes at the very end of Lent. In line with the tradition of fasting during Lent many people decide to give up their favourite food. However, instead of giving up chocolate, fizzy drinks or chips, many others use Lent as a period to help others. Hundreds of people take part in the Lenten Positive Acts Challenge as another way to show praise for God. Participants perform one positive act for each of the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. These acts can include calling up someone who is alone, donating to a worthy cause, clearing up after dinner and letting someone go ahead of you in a supermarket queue. Perhaps this is something we can all aspire to, regardless of our religious belief or personal faith.

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