

VILLAGE VOICE

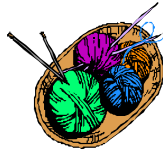
BRINKLEY.....BURROUGH GREEN.....CARLTON.....WESTLEY WATERLESS

MARCH 2023

KNIT & NATTER

Every Monday from 1:30 to 3.30pm

In the Community Room at Sheriff's Court Burrough Green. All knitters or potential knitters are welcome,



Bring your own knitting or we can teach you to make squares for the local neonatal unit or knit for other charities. We have odd bits of wool, patterns and needles etc. There will be a small charge for refreshments.

Any donations of wool would be greatly appreciated.

ALL WELCOME

BRINKLEY BELL RINGING

Brinkley Church has the only set of bells in our Benefice which can be rung by a band - six bells, all in excellent condition. For years, there was no band to ring but a few of us got together before the pandemic and with the support of the District association, learnt how to ring safely and were starting to develop further. We also then combined with West Wratting as they were also short on numbers.



With the pandemic and other individual personal circumstances, we are once again short of regular ringers and would love to be joined by anyone who has rung before or is interested in learning.

If you are interested but have no experience, then there would be a commitment to learn the basics (including safety) at either Streatham REC or in Cambridge (or possibly at another Church where there is a teacher with slots available) as none of us is qualified to teach - but after that you would be joining a friendly bunch who are keen to get better and continue on our ringing journey.

If you would be interested in a chat then you would be welcome to come along and meet us at a practice night (from 6 Feb we will be fortnightly on a Monday from 7pm) or contact Liz Gibson via email or Facebook messenger (lizgibson@me.com).

More information on how to become a ringer can also be found here:

<https://cccbr.org.uk/bellringing/learn/>

Brinkley has a wonderful set of bells, and we would love to have enough people to Ring for the King on 6th May and beyond!



QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY, 31st MARCH
7pm for 7.30 start

Brinkley Memorial Hall

It's time to get your brain out of its winter hibernation with another great evening of brain teasers, questions set by Trish, Quizmaster Extraordinaire.

A donation of £12 per person to include chilli, baked potato, veg, cheese, baked beans, guacamole, sticky toffee pud to follow. Veggie option, bar and raffle.



Please book your tables of 6 by calling Franca on 07765 435776 or if on your own, come along and join others.

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4th THURSDAY of each month between 12.10 - 12.50pm, **23rd March**



BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 3rd THURSDAY of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm.

16th 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.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY - BRINKLEY



Just to let you know, if you are new to Brinkley, we have pre-ordered newspapers delivered to a central point in the village every day. If you would like to have a daily and /or weekend paper, then contact Sweet Talk News on 07468 565325.

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.

Press Release

Students across all year groups at Linton Village College were involved in a fantastic and highly-acclaimed production of High School Musical. The plot of the Disney musical, based on 2006 film, is set in an American high school and encourages students to be individual and true to their own beliefs and interests.

A cast of 67 students, supported by a tech team of 6 students began rehearsals back in September. This culminated with four performances at the beginning of Feb 2023. The students were thrilled to receive a standing ovation on the final night.

The show challenged the students to include humour, sentimental moments and a wide range of characterisation through the three disciplines of singing, acting and dancing. The show culminated with the well-known number 'All in this Together', followed by an extensive megamix.

A large production team worked to ensure all elements of the show came together. The Drama, Music and Dance Departments worked alongside specialist singing teachers to ensure that the authenticity of the show was achieved. Student leadership was exceptional with students leading rehearsal warm-ups, offering artistic ideas, choreographing some of the numbers and sourcing props. Most notably, so many students supported the production team with clearing up after rehearsals, true Linton Learners!

To achieve the large-scale impact of the show, the stage was extended and an array of lighting features was hired from a professional lighting company with accompanying training for the student led technical team.



Congratulations to all of the cast and technical team for a wonderful production experience. Feedback from the school community and members of the public was fantastic.

"It was phenomenal and it was clear that all members of the cast were having the time of their lives!"

Marsh Mail

LVC students were busily involved in lots of extra-curricular opportunities in February. A cast of 67 students from all year groups, supported by a tech team of 6 students, performed in 'High School Musical' at the start of the month.

Years 8-11 students were involved in the South East Cambridgeshire Schools Debate semi-final, debating 'This House believes that the UK voting age should be 16'. MP Lucy Frazer was involved in judging the



competition and was highly impressed by the quality of the students' debating skills and their confident

performances. The selected winners were Will in Year 10 and Ben in Year 11, who will represent LVC at the debating final held at the House of Commons in March.



Mental health has also been a focus at the College over the last month with a number of male only forums taking place to discuss how provision can be best accessed by male members of the College community. Mental health support has developed to include self-referral to a member of the mental health and wellbeing team. Lunchtime drop in appointments with the College counsellor are also available. All male mental health forums will continue to take place once a half term.

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :

Black bin - 6th & 20th March.

Blue & Green - 13th & 27th March.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Mondays

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 13th & 27th March.

Green Lid - 6th & 20th March.

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.)

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY



For up-to-date information on opening hours, and other upcoming changes, please visit our website, join our Facebook page, or email us at hello@redlionbrinkley.co.uk and ask to join our mailing list

01638 508707

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



You are invited to

DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 9th March 2023 8pm

The Taylor Hall, Church Close, Dullingham CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a demonstration

By Crystal Dyball entitled 'Junk and Jumble'

Admission £8 to include refreshments + Raffle

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

DATES FOR DIARY

April - Thursday 13th April

Come and celebrate our 20th Anniversary, with a
Supper and Guest Speaker (Booking is necessary)

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Charlotte Cane & John Trapp, East Cambs, Bottisham Ward.

Council will meet on 21 February to approve the budget for the year from 1 April 2023. The proposal is to freeze Council Tax for the year and balance the budget with £2 million taken from the savings reserve. The plans show a further £2.2m to be taken from the savings reserve in 2024/25 and an increase in Council tax of £5 (the maximum allowed without a referendum). The savings reserve is predicted to have run out by 31 March 2026, leaving a budget deficit of £4.8m even if Council Tax is increased by £5 each year.

At the same meeting the Council will consider a request from East Cambs Street Scene for an additional fee of £500,000 for the year from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. This is because the company has already spent more than it had budgeted and forecasts that they will make a loss for the year of about £500,000 if the Council doesn't agree to pay the extra £500,000. As ECSS is a wholly owned subsidiary of East Cambs, we have little choice but to pay the extra money. We are obviously unhappy with paying extra, especially when ECSS is still not delivering its agreed service levels. And we are deeply

concerned that Council does not seem to have been informed of these financial difficulties until it is too late to take any mitigating actions.

We have had reports that some residents have not had any black bin bags delivered; please contact the Council or us if you have not received your black bin bags.

The meeting will also consider adopting the Neighbourhood Plan for Swaffham Bulbeck, which aims to protect the 'diversity, community spirit, distinctive and attractive built heritage and green spaces...achieve carbon-neutrality, promote biodiversity and enable proportionate development.'

Our March Councillors' Surgery will be on Tuesday 28 March at Reach Village Hall. Or you can contact us directly at any time -
charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk, 07976 607512;
john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk, 01223 812120

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE MARCH 2023

SPECIAL OFFER

Book a Bouncy Castle Party before the end of May and pay just £75. For parties without the Bouncy Castle the cost will be £48 for 3 hours.

50% deposit required at time of booking.

Please contact the office for a full list of our Party Packages

Mini Athletics

Starting at the Ellesmere Centre on Sunday mornings
Enjoy running, jumping, throwing and making friends.
Develop skills and burn energy.

Please contact nnaude@miniathletics.com



We have a number of regular slots available on the Astro turf for Football. The cost is £ 25 per hour which includes lights.

Please see our Facebook for more details

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter

@CentreEllesmere

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

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

On **Wednesday 8th March** Chris Wiley will talk to us on "**The Wonderful World of Snowdrops**". Join us at 7.30 pm in The Ellesmere Centre.

Then on **Sunday 26th March** we have a visit booked to the **National Hyacinth Collection**, Burgess's Drove, Waterbeach at the cost of £3 per person. Meet at the Ellesmere Centre at 1.15 pm to share cars. Please let Judith know if you intend to come along so we know who to look out for on the day. If you prefer to make your own way there, the visit is booked for 2 pm.

Looking ahead: for our meeting on **Wednesday 19th April** we are trying a new venture, which is a members'

evening at which people show their own photographs of gardens which they have visited, at home or abroad. If you would like to offer your own selection of photos just let one of the committee know - no need to give a lecture!

Come and enjoy "Gardens of the World", an enjoyable and sociable evening event in good company. Meet at the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30pm as usual.

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.

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**March and April 2023 films for Balsham Picture House**

Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute  
Fisherman's Friends One and All (12) The sequel to the 2013 Hit film

Following the unexpected success of the band's debut album "No Hoppers, Jokers and Rogues", we re-join them almost a year later, struggling with the pressures, pitfalls and temptations of their newfound fame, second album syndrome, and performing on the pyramid stage at Glastonbury.

Guest visitors £3/ ni and Annual membership just £12 for adults

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

Advance notice for our April evening which will be the recently released and widely acclaimed film The Banshees Of Inisherin (15) starring Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute

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A BIG THANK YOU to all those who turned out on Saturday, 18th February to "Brush Up Brinkley."

Thanks especially to Mark and Julie Coley, who organised the event and the council workers who did such a wonderful job for the 3 preceding days. Let's do it again next year!

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**BRINKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Brinkley needs you!**

There will be elections for Parish Councillors in May. We are seeking at least one new volunteer prepared to stand as a Councillor and to help facilitate succession within the Council, ensuring new ideas come forward and that succession can take place bearing in mind many of the Councillors have served for a number of years.

The responsibilities are not onerous but going forward we are intending to ensure that all Councillors have an allocated area of responsibility.

The sort of subjects are the play area, the allotments, the village footpaths, the website, highways, finance, environment and planning. Whilst we would not expect new Councillors to take on responsibilities from the start, we hope we can attract people who have an interest or experience in one or more of these subjects. We have around four formal meetings per year in the Memorial Hall.

Any interested parties are asked to email the clerk [brinkleyclerk@gmail.com](mailto:brinkleyclerk@gmail.com). Alternatively a confidential discussion with the Chair Ian Monks ([ian.monks@ebmagri.com](mailto:ian.monks@ebmagri.com)) or Vice Chair Nick Beamish ([nickbeamish@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nickbeamish@hotmail.co.uk)) can be arranged by contacting either of them by email in the first instance.

Brinkley is a great village and the Parish Council should be representative and vibrant to keep it that way. We need you!

**SERVICES ALL WELCOME**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley  
Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty

10.30 Family Service Burrough Green (inc Baptism)  
Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty

*Genesis 12: 1-4a Romans 4: 1-5, 15-17 John 3: 1-17*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth  
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer

10.30 Morning Prayer Dullingham  
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer

*Exodus 17: 1-7 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Mothering Sunday**

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green  
The Ven. Alex Hughes

10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley  
The Ven. Alex Hughes

*Exodus 2: 1-10 2 Corinthians 13: 1-7 Luke 2: 33-35*

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham  
Rev'd Andrew Rycraft

6.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth  
Anthea Kenna

*Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45*

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Dear all,

We are all aware of the passing of time. Sometimes in a positive way, sometimes it's more challenging. I'm very aware that I have two sermons and this letter to write; the deadline for this letter comes first despite the fact that it will be read long after the delivery of the sermons.

I enjoy walking; when I'm travelling in a city I will try to make time for a walk in the day, and when I am home I don't need an excuse - the dog wants a walk. As I walk around our beautiful countryside there is one particular tree, an Ash tree near Stetchworth, that I see most days. It's a metaphor for permanence, but yet a metaphor for change through the seasons and the conditions around it. On a cold winter's day there might be a hoar frost on its branches and a mist surrounding it. As it comes into leaf the reminder of fresh growth. In the long leafless season (Ash typically comes into leaf late and loses leaves early) you can get incredible views of sunrise or sunset through its bare branches. It teaches me patience - while most other trees are in leaf you are left wondering whether it will return, but it does.

In the changing seasons the Christian period of Lent marks Christ's time in the wilderness before his ministry - forty days and forty nights (though don't count them). The period of forty days occurs frequently in the Bible as something that feels like a long time. Yet it will pass. The bare arms of a different tree, Christ's cross, will come into view, and the eventual joy of the resurrection and the new life. But now, a time for patience and for consideration. Whatever timetable your lives work to, I hope you find some time to refresh.

Alastair France

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**RADDESLEY BENEFICE WEBSITE**

On the website you can find out more about our churches, services, what's on and useful information about baptisms, funerals and weddings; [www.raddesley.com](http://www.raddesley.com)

**INTERIM PRIESTS:**

Rev'd Andrew Rycraft  
19 Cardigan Street,  
Newmarket, CB8 8HZ  
01638 665421

**CHURCHWARDENS:**

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

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

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

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

We have several events coming up in the next few weeks:

**Lent Course:** This will be running during the Tuesdays in Lent: 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March. It will be in the Gredley Room at the Ellesmere Centre at 10.30 am until approximately 11.45 am. It will start with coffee and cake and we will be looking at 'Come and See, Journeying through Lent with John's Gospel'. ALL WELCOME

**Lent Lunch:** Another Lent event - the churches in Stetchworth are arranging a Lent Lunch of soup and rolls - it will be at Stetchworth URC on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 12 noon - 2.00 pm. Donations will be invited for Newmarket Open Door who also run the Newmarket Food Bank. Again, ALL WELCOME

**Coffee Mornings:** The next coffee morning will be on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - 10 - 12 noon in the Gredley Room, Ellesmere Centre - All welcome - come along for coffee, cake and chat.

**St. George's day service** - also coming up soon on 23<sup>rd</sup> April there will be a St. George's Day service in the afternoon at Stetchworth church.

**Celebratory service Coronation weekend:** Early notice - we will be having a celebratory service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 am at Westley Waterless church

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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

**JEAN MOTLEY AND FAMILY**

wish to extend their sincere appreciation to  
those who offered their kind expressions of  
condolence on the recent death of her daughter  
Julia.

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**ARTICLES FOR APRIL VILLAGE VOICE**  
To  
[villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com)

01638 507495  
by 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 please



**School Cleaner**

**Burrough Green CofE Primary School**

Would you like to join us in taking pride in the high standards of presentation at our school?

We are looking for a friendly, reliable, diligent cleaner to join our team in undertaking a full range of cleaning duties.

This is a permanent position. Experience is not essential as full training can be provided.

Visits to school are welcome, please call 01638 507236 to arrange a time.

Monday to Friday 3pm - 5.30pm

12.5 hours a week, term time

Plus 25 hours deep clean in the summer holidays

Salary 1A - £10.50 per hour

£ 5,924.62 per annum

An application form, job description and person specification are available on the school website

[www.burroughgreen.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.burroughgreen.cambs.sch.uk)

Applications must include a covering letter stating how you meet the person specification.

Closing date: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Interview Date: TBA

Start Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Please note that Burrough Green CE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any successful candidate will be required to have an enhanced DBS check.

We do not accept applications by CV.

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**Westley Waterless  
Annual Church Meeting**

**Tuesday 28 March, 7.15pm  
At the Church**

**All Welcome  
Refreshments Provided**

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