



VILLAGE VOICE

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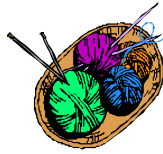


MAY 2023

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

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## Brinkley Memorial Hall SPRING CLEAR OUT/TABLE TOP SALE

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023**  
11 am to 3 pm

Start Spring with a good old sort out and book your table(s). If the weather is good we will spill out into the car park.



Small table £3 Big table £5

Come along for some bargains.  
Refreshments available.

Phone or text Franca on 07765 435776 to book your table.

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BRINKLEY SUMMER EVENT

SATURDAY 17th JUNE
Brinkley Memorial Hall
2-5pm

Come and join us for Tea & Cakes
Raffle Tombola...



Items for the raffle, Tombola and cake stall will be gratefully received.



IN AID OF BRINKLEY CHURCH

MOBILE LIBRARY



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

- 12.50pm : **25th May.**

BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on **3rd THURSDAY** of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm : **18th May.**



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.

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## BURROUGH GREEN CHURCH FETE SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

**25% of Proceeds to Burrough Green School**



Next Meeting at The Hall, home of Lucy and Peter Talbot on

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**

Only a month to go! To make it a success we really need your help. Do come and join us at the meeting or get in touch if you can manage a stall on the day, we would provide everything you need!



New this year will be a 'Man's Treasure Trove'. If you have any old tools from your workshop or garden shed you no longer want, we would love them!

We need donations for the silent auction, so if you can offer anything for this, we would also be very grateful. We would also like homemade cakes, preserves, garden plants and quality bric a brac.



## WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY



**Friday/Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> May**  
We will be doing another Taco & Burrito night.

Please book for either of these nights, and we are happy to do takeaway if that is what you would prefer but please order the day before for takeaway.

**Morris & Gwyn**  
**01638 508707**

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NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

WARM HUB

After the success of the Warm Hub over the winter months, it has been decided to continue to keep it open during the summer. There will be some slight changes. The Warm Hub will now become The Ellesmere Centre Community Hub. It will be open every Wednesday and Friday starting **Weds 3rd May from 9am-12pm.**

COMPUTER CLASSES

If anyone would like to learn some basic computer skills, we now have 2 laptops for public use and can arrange for a tutor to come in during one of the Community hub times. Please speak to the office if this is something you would be interested in.

HELP NEEDED AT TOTS OF FUN

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help out at our Tots of Fun Baby and Toddler group. Ideally you would help with setting out the toys, meeting and greeting, making drinks and helping with clearing up. The group meets once a week on a Thursday. If we have a few volunteers, we could do this on a rota basis.

LIVE MUSIC

Saturday 20th May 2023

7.30pm until midnight

With the amazing **Keith Pearson Band**

A mix of traditional and contemporary Americana and Country Rock. Not to be missed!

£10 per person entry Raffle & Licensed Bar

NEW KICK BOXING & SELF DEFENCE CLASSES

Thursdays Children 11-16yrs 6-7pm

Adults 17+yrs 7-8pm

1 to 1's also available

Contact Chris 07788670305

NEW TAI CHI

Starting Tuesday 2nd May 11-12pm £9

Suitable for adults of all ages

Contact Dave on 01638 781705

peacefulwarriortaichi@hotmail.com

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter @CentreEllesmere
Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk-alternatively
call us on 01638 508212

ELLESMERE ARTS

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

at The Ellesmere Centre

Thursday 15th June, Friday 16th June

Saturday 17th June

7.30 pm Bar

Tickets £9.00 from

ellesmereartstickets@gmail.com

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green -

Black bin -. TUESDAY 2nd, MONDAY 15th, TUESDAY 30th May.

Blue & Green - TUESDAY 9th, MONDAY 22nd May.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -

Black sacks - TUESDAY 2nd, TUESDAY 8th. MONDAYS 15th & 22nd, TUESDAY 30th May.

Blue Lid - Mondays 8th & 22nd May.

Green Lid - TUESDAY 2nd, MONDAY 15th, TUESDAY 30th May.

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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CARLTON cum WILLINGHAM PC

**Annual Parish Meeting**

**At St Peter's Church**

**8pm Thursday 11 May 2023**

ALL ARE WELCOME

A chance to air and share local issues.

Drinks and nibbles will be served after the meeting.

A formal Parish Council AGM will start at 7.15pm, before the Parish Meeting.

*Edith Osborn Parish Clerk*

## VILLAGE HALLS

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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

BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET CLUB

This summer will see resumption of cricket on the green. Our goal is to make it a hat trick, and secure promotion again as league champions.



Our fixture list is below and as always anyone interested in playing please contact burroughgreencricket@gmail.com

On sunny summer evenings we'll be practising in the net on the green, and anyone is welcome to pop along and have a go (no experience necessary). If you see us there come and say hello, we don't bite usually! Otherwise see you on the green on Saturday afternoons or in The Bull for après cricket refreshments.

6th May - Haslingfield 1st - away

13th May - Little Shelford 2nds - home

20th May - Abingdon 2nds - home

27th May - Little Shelford 2nds - away

3rd June - Balsham 1st - home

17th June - Linton 2nds - home

24th June - Abingdon 2nds - away

1st July - Linton 2nds - away

15th July - Helions Bumpstead 1st - away

22nd July - Saffron Walden 4ths - away

29th July - Helions Bumpstead 1st - home

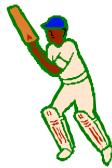
5th August - Fulbourn Institute 2nds - away

12th August - Haslingfield 1st - home

19th August - Fulbourn Institute 2nds - home

26th August - Balsham 1st - away

2nd September - Saffron Walden 4ths - home



ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

Join us on **Wednesday 10th May** at 7.30 pm in the Ellesmere Centre for a talk entitled "**Gardening in the shade**"

by **Jim Paine of Walnut Tree Nursery.**

This will be swiftly followed by our very popular **SPRING PLANT SALE**

which will be held this year on

Saturday 13th May from 10am to 12 noon

In the Ellesmere Centre.

Come along for bargains in bedding plants, vegetables, perennials and plants grown by members - so an exciting variety. Always a fine display on offer, but the sale may be slightly scaled back this year after the extraordinary weather we've experienced these last few months. As usual we will have a super raffle, and delicious cakes and coffee, so take the opportunity to relax after making your purchases.

Come early to get the best choices!

There will also be bric-a-brac to browse through, and if anyone would like to have their own plant or garden related stall, please contact Sandie on 07903 584676.

Looking ahead we will have a visit to Cattishall Farmhouse, Great Barton on Wednesday 14th June - more details next month.

R.A.F. WRATTING COMMON

MAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY 28th MAY 2023

12noon

at the R.A.F. Wrattling Common Memorial

A short open-air service to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the commissioning of the airfield. The last Sunday in May was chosen for this annual service as it was the same day in 1943 (indeed, also Sunday 28th) that the airfield was commissioned. The Memorial is dedicated to those who served at the airfield, especially the 260 who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. We look forward to seeing some of the Veterans who served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade. The Memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville, CB21 5NR and all are very welcome to attend the service.

For further information please email:

rafwrattlingcommon@gmail.com

We are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with the Airfield Memorial. With just two services per year to arrange, as well as year-round general maintenance, this is not an onerous project to assist with but is very rewarding. It is hoped that, with the continued support of people in the locality, this important memorial to our community's war effort will survive for many generations.

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### **DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**8pm**

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham  
CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a demonstration  
by

**Vicki Hease**

Entitled '**Alfresco Summer**'

**Admission £8**

to include refreshments

Raffle

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

**DATE FOR DIARY**

**June - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Demonstration by Rachel Borenkova

### GARDEN OPEN - WESTLEY WATERLESS

Church Lane House and Church View

Open Gardens

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 2-5pm

In aid of the National Garden Scheme

£6 entrance fee, including access to

the flower farm at Church View.

Come and enjoy tea, cake and a plant sale!

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POTHOLES

A message from the office of Lucy Frazer

A source of concern and frustration for many of her constituents!

It is important that our roads are kept in good condition to ensure the safety of road users, cyclists and pedestrians. Over the past several months, the combination of heavy rain and freezing temperatures has led to several new potholes which I know have caused concern for many of you.

I am pleased that in the Spring Budget the Chancellor announced that the Government will place an extra £200 million towards the Potholes Fund. This takes the total pothole budget for UK local authorities to £700 million in the 2023/24 financial year. The uplift will mean an additional £4.1 million for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Although it is the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council to repair the highways in my constituency, I have always been happy to report problems on behalf of my constituents and follow-up with the authority if any issues remain outstanding.

If you have recently noticed any potholes, you can use the Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Reporting Tool, which you can access here: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults>, or you can write to me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk and I will do what I can to assist.

BALSHAM SINGERS

Spring Concert

Musical Director – John Clenaghan

Music by Vaughan-Williams, Haydn and Whitacre, plus opera choruses, songs from “Matilda”, “Jekyll & Hyde”, and songs made famous by Eva Cassidy and Frank Sinatra.

Saturday 13th May 2023
Holy Trinity Church,
Balsham
7.30pm

Tickets £10 (under 16’s free) available from choir members, Balsham or Great Abington Post Offices or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers

**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL/
CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

Charlotte Cane (she/her)

Councillor for Bottisham Ward

(Bottisham, Brinkley, Lode, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior and Westley Waterless)

We hope everyone will enjoy the three Bank Holiday weekends in May, with Reach Fair, the Coronation Big Lunch and the Spring Bank Holiday. Because of these holidays, there are changes to the bin collection days in May. For the weeks beginning 1, 8 and 29 May bins will be collected one day later than usual. Rubbish will be collected on the normal days in the weeks beginning 15 and 22 May.

The GCP (Greater Cambridge Partnership) is expected to publish the results of its consultation in May or early June. It has been reported that they received over 23,000 responses. We are pressing them to listen carefully to the responses. Although we haven't seen the responses yet, we have heard the views of many people locally and expect the responses to the formal consultation to be similar. People overwhelmingly agree that better public transport is needed in Cambridgeshire - restoring Sunday buses, the direct buses to Hills Road and Long Road sixth form colleges and evening buses come high up people's agenda. Many also agree that the Newmarket Road Park & Ride site should be on the Quay side of the roundabout, to ease congestion and provide a choice of routes, eg to Cambridge North, the Science Park and CRC as well as into Cambridge centre. But very few people agree that these should be funded through the proposed Sustainable Travel Zone, or congestion charge. We agree that better buses are needed but that the proposed congestion charge is not fair or equitable for residents here in Bottisham or across East Cambs and so should not be introduced. Unfortunately, East Cambs is not part of the GCP, so we cannot vote on any proposals. But we will continue to meet with representatives of the GCP to highlight the needs of local residents and press the GCP to drop their plans for the congestion charge and work across all local Councils to deliver better buses.

It was reported to the Operational Services Committee that waste collection rates had improved in Jan-March 2023, with 99.87% of all collections achieved first time. But that "resources have continued to be focussed on collection services and this has challenged the ability of the street cleansing service to complete requests. Priority in the street cleansing service is in turn given to higher profile areas within the District." Unfortunately, this means that in Jan-March 2023 just 15% of fly tipping was removed within 2 working days, against a target of 98%. This was also considerably down on last year when 61% was cleared within 2 working days.

Charlotte.Cane@eastcambs.gov.uk

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Alan Sharp

Councillor Woodditton Ward & County Councillor

**Congestion Charge Petition**

At the Full County Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March, a petition with nearly 15,500 signatures was presented, asking for a county-wide referendum. Our group put in a motion asking that a county-wide referendum on May 4<sup>th</sup> be held, but this was defeated by the ruling Lib Dem/Labour administration.

**Swaffham Heath Road/ A1303 Crossroads**

The County Council are waiting for the signing of the land transfer required to proceed with the staggered junction at these very dangerous crossroads. The delay to the commencement of these works has been very frustrating and it is hoped that work will commence very soon on this much needed road improvement.

**Potholes**

I have had a lot of contact from residents about the poor state of roads around the County. I am in constant contact with Highways officers to get the necessary roads repaired to the level that is expected. I fear that getting things done will be harder, as the ruling Lib Dem/ Labour administration have allocated the same amount to roads maintenance in 2023/24 as was spent in 2022/23. With building material inflation running at nearly 20%, this represents a cut to the maintenance budget at the time that we need this budget increased more. This effective cut to road maintenance budgets is after a 4.99% increase in the County Council part of your council tax was voted through by the Lib Dem/Labour administration. So, you are getting less, yet paying more!!

There is some hope, as the Chancellor Jeremy Hunt in the recent budget announced £200m extra money for pothole repairs across the country. Cambridgeshire's share is expected to be in excess of £3m. I will be doing my best to ensure that this is all directed to dealing with road issues, when the allocation decision is made.

Please continue to report potholes and road deficiencies on the CCC portal, but please keep me informed of any issues, as I will continue to push to get our roads repaired.

**District Council**

I had the pleasure as Chairman of the District Council of greeting Prince Edward to the District on 12<sup>th</sup> April, when he visited Harry Specters, a social enterprise chocolate factory in Ely, followed by the official opening of the Viva Arts building in Soham. Both of those enterprises are a credit to the district, and it is wonderful that they have received royal recognition.

**There are District Council elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May and I will be standing for election. I look forward to being able to continue to serve residents on the District Council.**

**Please remember that you will need an acceptable form of ID, details of which were included in the polling cards that you will have received.**

If there is any issue that concerns you, please contact me and I will do my best to resolve the issue.

I am here to represent you.

Alan Sharp

Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton Division. East Cambridgeshire District Councillor - Woodditton Ward

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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

**Recruiting Wholtime Firefighters**

Set your sights on new career heights with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service. Applications for wholtime firefighters will open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023. We'll be recruiting to a holding list, and for the first time, firefighters will train at our new state of the art facility in Huntingdon. It's a fantastic opportunity to start your firefighting career and be part of the future of your local fire and rescue service.

We'll be holding Have a Go Days and Information Sessions in the lead up to June, where you can get hands on with some of the equipment, find out what the assessments involve and meet some of the team. Register your interest.

**Battery Fires**

Help us reduce the number of battery fires in Cambridgeshire

We recently responded to yet another incident involving batteries that have set alight during household waste collections.

Please do not put any type of battery in household waste. You can get rid of electronic devices at the tip and batteries can often be recycled at supermarkets.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service  
[CambsFire@public.govdelivery.com](mailto:CambsFire@public.govdelivery.com)

**VILLAGE WEBSITES**

[www.westleywaterless.com](http://www.westleywaterless.com)

[www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk)

[www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.brinkleyparishcouncil.org.uk)

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

**NOTICE OF BRINKLEY ST MARY APCM**

**(Annual Parochial Church meeting)**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**at 7pm in the church**

**ALL WELCOME**

**SERVICES**



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10.30 am Service in Celebration of the Coronation**

**Westley Waterless**

*Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer*

*Acts 7: 55-end 1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9.00 am Communion Stetchworth

*Rev'd Peter Leech*

10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham

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*Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3: 13-end John 14: 15-21*

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*Acts 1:6-14, 1Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11 John 17: 1-11*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May Whit Sunday - Pentecost**

10.30 am Communion Dullingham

*Rev'd Canon Dr. Malcolm Brown*

6.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth

*Alastair France*

*Acts 2: 1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20: 19-23*

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May is known as a month of transition. If you live in the northern hemisphere, the fresh cold winds are gone, and the rains of early spring arrive. By the time May comes around, the spring flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and life is starting to seem a little more joyful day by day! If you're on the other side of the world, in the southern hemisphere, then it's a time when summer is long gone. The autumn winds have swept by, and the nights are getting colder and darker. It's a time of change, yet still delightfully warm. Again, May is a time of change, no matter where in the world you are.

This year, the month of May will see His Majesty King Charles III crowned on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, at Westminster Abbey, conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Buckingham Palace informed us that the Coronation will reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.

So what is a Coronation? The dictionary tells us; Coronation - the act or occasion of crowning but also accession to the highest office. Yet a coronation is both the symbolic religious ceremony during which a sovereign is crowned and the physical act of placing a

crown on a monarch's head. It formalises the monarch's role as the head of the Church of England and marks the transfer of their title and powers.

In the Christian church, May also celebrates Ascension Day when we commemorate Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven (as per Christian belief) which occurs on the Thursday, which is 40 (or 39) days after Easter. This year it will take place on May 18. Another example of accession to the highest office.

However, May is known as a month of bank holidays and this year there will be an extra bank holiday across the UK on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. In celebration of the King's Coronation, Buckingham Palace has announced various events for the weekend. Pubs, clubs and bars across England and Wales will be able to stay open for an extra two hours on Friday and Saturday of the coronation weekend and people are also being invited to hold street parties, and to take part in volunteering projects in their local community, as part of the 'Big Help Out' initiative.

Here in Dullingham and in our local villages there are opportunities to join together to celebrate the Coronation and have fun. We have a Benefice Service in Celebration of the Coronation at Westley Waterless Church starting at 10.30am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May and a short Act of Celebration at Dullingham Church starting at 12 noon. Please join us, if you can. Let's enjoy this a-may-zing month!

*Anthea*

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**RADDESLEY BENEFICE WEBSITE**

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

**CHURCHWARDENS:**

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

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**Brinkley:** Ros Pates 01638 507240

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

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**ARTICLES FOR JUNE VILLAGE VOICE**

To

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01638 507495

by 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2023 please

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