

VILLAGE VOICE

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

OCTOBER 2023

QUIZ NIGHT & SUPPER

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Friday 20th October.

Quiz starts 7.30pm.



Teams of 6

£12 a head including

Cottage Pie followed by Apple Crumble.

There will be a bar but bring your own nibbles!

If you don't have a team, then come along and join in with others.

Book your place on

villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com.

01638 507495.

Please state if you would like the Vegetarian option.

In aid of Brinkley Church

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4th THURSDAY of each month between 13.10 - 13.50pm. 26th October.



BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 3rd THURSDAY of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm 19th October.

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.

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

A big thank you to everyone who supports us...



We do food from 08.30 am all day until 8.00pm every day of the week except Sunday, when we open at 11am.

Please check out The Bull on Facebook for up-and-coming events.

Monday all day is Pint and a Burger for £10.00

On the 12th October we have The Little Pizza Oven coming, all pizzas cooked fresh to order

Tina & Danny

01638 476424

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green NOW WEDNESDAYS

Black bin - WEDNESDAY 4th & 18th October.

Blue & Green - WEDNESDAY 11th & 25th October.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Mondays

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 9th & 23rd October.

Green Lid - 2nd, 16th, & 30th October

THE BRINKLEY ALLOTMENTS

Would anybody be interested in taking on an allotment in Brinkley? They are situated at the end of Coles Lane beyond Beechcroft.



If so please contact

Mark Coley

markcoley1@btinternet.com



BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD

Brinkley PCC are planning to produce a 'Christmas Card from Brinkley', as in previous years, to raise funds for both the church, and a nominated charity. If you have a design, either a painting, sketch or photograph relating to Brinkley, that you think would make a good Christmas card, then please get in touch with Ros at rospates@yahoo.co.uk, or speak to her on 01638 507240.



APPLEFEST

Sunday

15th October

2pm to 4.30 pm

St Augustine's Church

Burrough Green

An afternoon of fun apple activities including games and competitions for all. If you have any ideas for this event or would like to get involved, please

Contact Lucy Talbot 07910 158463



WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION
BRINKLEY



Curry Nights on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st October. We will have curry as well as our usual dinner menu. Happy to do any of these as a takeaway and it will probably be Beef Madras, Butter Chicken and something vegetarian. Please book by Thursday 19th if you would like to join us for either night. Each Thursday and Friday during October, lunch only, we can offer 2 for 1 on lunch food with the cheapest one being free.

As the better weather that never really turned up is about to be gone until next year, Wednesday and Thursday evenings we will be closing when we are empty for the evening or at 9:00 but are more than happy to still be open if we know people want to come in after 9:00, so just give us a call. We will also close a little earlier on Sundays when our last lunch table leaves, at least during October for now.

Gwyn & Morris.

01638 508707

ELLESMERE ARTS
presents

CARIBBEAN CHAOS

A Murder Mystery evening with dinner

Saturday, 7th October 2023

At The Ellesmere Centre

7.00 pm for welcome drink, 7.30 pm start

£20 per person to include show, welcome drink and 3 course dinner

tessclarke63@hotmail.com

07790 513836

Hurry.... tickets are selling fast

**WEDDING AT ST MARY'S,
BRINKLEY**



In case you hear the sound of bells ringing out this is to let you know that our daughter, Charlotte Elliott, will be marrying her fiancé, Rino Russo, in the village church where she was christened, on Saturday 7th October.

There's not been a wedding in the village for some time. Should anyone wish to catch a glimpse of the bride, Charlotte will be arriving at the church gates just before 12.30pm.

Inevitably, for this special family event, a number of cars - and a double decker London bus! - will be briefly parked on the High St, and more vehicles close to our house. We hope fellow villagers will forgive any inconvenience caused.

David & Gill Elliott, Weston Colville Road

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Tots of Fun

Stay and Play

Thursdays 9.30 and 12pm

£3 per Adult £1 per Child (1yrs +) Babies Free
Snacks and Drinks Included



Moo Music

Moosical Fun for your Little One

Fun, interactive music classes for babies, toddlers and preschool aged children

Fridays 10am onwards

moo-music.co.uk/en

@moomusicely

moomusicely@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

18th November - Christmas Market 11-3pm

December 9th Christmas Party - Live Music with Back in Time (60's)

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

DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 12th October 2023

8pm

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham
CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening
with a demonstration

by

Nick Grounds

entitled

'Anything goes!'

Admission £8

to include refreshments

Raffle

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

DATE FOR DIARY

Next Meeting - Thursday 9th November

Demonstration by David Wright




Pop Up Clothes Sale
 Friday October 20th 2023
 Charity Fundraiser
 Thurlow Village Hall
 The Street, Great Thurlow
 CB9 7LA
 10.30am - 3.30 pm
 £5.00 entry fee
 Raising money and awareness for mental health and wellbeing
 all proceeds will go to  Mind Suffolk
 New, vintage and preloved clothing, including bags, shoes,
 jewellery, accessories and homewares.
 Tea, coffee, cakes and a light lunch of quiche and salad will be available.
 For further information about this event please contact:-
 Penny Nicol 07812 100812 pennynicol@me.com

BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET

The 2023 season has now finished and we're pleased to say we secured our league position. This was done with an impressive win against Fulbourn Institute with Chris Palmer scoring an impressive century (only the second of the year), and skipper Matt Ashcroft getting 5 wickets. We've only had one other game since the last report which was a disappointing Derby loss to Balsham who we've had some really close games with over the last 2 years, but usually end up as winners.



Overall we think the main winner this season has been the weather with 5 out of 16 games rained off. Just a couple of figures for the stats gurus out there. Ed Riddell ended up top run scorer which included a massive 159 not out against Little Shelford. However, Mark Ward ended up with the highest batting average with a huge 93.00. Matt Ashcroft was top wicket taker with 16 across the season, but Rob Altringham and Saul Underwood both ended up with bowling averages <10 runs per wicket.

We'll be back next year as eager as ever. We're always looking out for players and helpers so just email burroughgreencricket@gmail.com if interested. Likewise anyone wishing to sponsor us that's more than welcome, as a self-funded club it's growing increasingly hard with simple cost of living increases. Finally a big thank you to Tina and Danny from the Bull that have provided us post-game food all season in the sense of community spirit. Very much appreciated by all players.

See you next year.

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.

BURROUGH GREEN C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



I am truly delighted to be the new head teacher at Burrough Green and I am excited about forging positive relationships with, not only staff and children, but the whole community. This will be the first of many articles in 'The Village Voice', and I am honoured to be asked to contribute.

It has been a calm and purposeful start to the new school year here at Burrough Green. The children have come back keen and enthusiastic and are working so hard, making the most of all of their learning opportunities. I have visited each class many times during the first few weeks and have been thrilled with what I have seen. Class sizes are small here - this gives the children a fantastic opportunity to make the most of their learning. Even with the small classes, we still offer a discrete year 6 class for core subjects - giving them the best chance of success in their SATS in May.

The main news this month is that we have started our 'Larks and Owls' wrap-around-care on the 18th September. The wrap-around will run from 7.30am to 8.45am in the mornings and 3.30pm - 6pm in the evenings. This is longer than other local primary schools and will be an absolute game-changer for some parents. My reasoning is that we need to offer the best facilities for our parents, to enable them to work. I understand that we are a service and that you are our clients. Information was being sent out and we were on track to start on the 18th September. Please talk about this with your families and friends - our provision goes as late as we can manage. I appreciate that working parents can find the hours a school keeps challenging. It shouldn't be.

We have space in all classes at Burrough Green. Please ring the office if you are interested in your child/children coming to us and I would be delighted to give you 'the tour' and explain more about my vision for Burrough Green C of E School.

I think that is everything for now. I have had an excellent start and am proud and privileged to call myself the headteacher of Burrough Green.

Thank you all for your continued support and I wish you all a restful and memorable month ahead.

David Sandford






**We're having a
Table Top Sale
at
THE STABLE
CAFÉ & COMMUNITY SPACE**

Sat 7th October

65 High Street, Newmarket CB8 8NA
10 am to 2 pm
£5 per table
Enquiries: 01638 662311
Open as usual for food and drink

IN AID OF THE STABLE CAFÉ & COMMUNITY SPACE

The excellent café needs your support to enable it to stay open. It is a lovely venue. Do visit it next time you are in town.

	ALL WELCOME	
CAFÉ OPEN TUES TO SAT 10 AM - 2.30 PM		HALL AND OFFICES TO RENT
		

THE STABLE
CAFÉ & COMMUNITY SPACE
65 HIGH STREET, NEWMARKET

Come and visit us and enjoy a cuppa and cake, brunch and lunch at

65 High Street, Newmarket CB8 8NA

Manager: Abigail Armitage

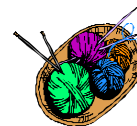
Contacts:
01638 662311
thestable@btinternet.com
elyandnewmarketmethodists.org.uk/thestable

Volunteer help in the café always welcome

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

NEWMARKET COMMUNITY CINEMA

Monday 16th October:

7.30pm

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

At The Stable, 65 High Street, Newmarket, upstairs (lift available) next to Goldings.

Free tea/coffee and biscuits, are available from 6.45pm to 7.20pm, and are included in your ticket price of £6.

A 2022 British romantic comedy film directed by Shekhar Kapur, from a screenplay by Jemima Khan. The film stars Lily James, Shazad Latif, Shabana Azmi, Emma Thompson, Sajal Ali, Oliver Chris, Asim Chaudhry, Jeff Mirza, Alice Orr-Ewing and Rahat Fateh Ali Khan.

It was nominated for 9 awards at the 2023 National Film Awards, winning 4 awards: Best Screenplay, Best British Film, Best Director, Best Supporting Actor..

Newmarket Community Cinema (NCC) is a not-for-profit volunteer run group which was formed at the beginning of 2004 with the intention of showing commercial DVD films at a suitable venue in Newmarket, Suffolk, UK. We provide the "cinema experience" at an affordable price to local people. To do this, we use a high-quality DVD player and projector, to show films on a 3m wide screen, with Dolby 5.1 Surround Sound.

Sub-titles, if they are available, can be shown on request.

**ST. PETER'S CHURCH STETCHWORTH
QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 14th October 2023

Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

Doors open 7.00 pm - first question 7.30 pm

Teams of up to six people



£15 per person to include a two-course home-cooked meal

To book your meal and your team Tel: 01638 507576 or email lilywhymer@gmail.com

Licensed Bar

Raffle

EVERYBODY PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT ARTICLE

CAMBRIDGE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE BULLETIN

Take Charge and Be Safe!

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is urging residents to Take Charge and Be Safe by keeping in mind some simple steps when using electrical devices, especially those with Lithium-Ion batteries. By following a few simple safety measures, like adding fire safety to your bedtime routine and being awake when using and charging some devices or appliances, people can keep themselves and their families safe in their homes.

Over the coming weeks more information, including key advice for residents to Take Charge and Be Safe will be released on the fire service's social media channels. Make sure CFRS is in your feed by liking and following us.

Lithium-Ion batteries can be found in many electronic devices that are used every day. Things like mobile phones, laptops and tablets, vape cigarettes and games console controllers, as well as e-scooters and e-bikes.

E-scooters and e-bikes

E-bikes and e-scooters are becoming a popular mode of transport and when bought from a reputable seller, with the correct battery and charger, and maintained well, they can be used safely.

Simple tips can help reduce the risk of overheating a battery:

- Use the correct charger for your battery, and make sure to buy from a reputable seller
- Make sure your battery and charger meet UK safety standards - look for the CE mark
- Ideally, don't charge your e-bike or e-scooter overnight or while you are sleeping. If you must charge overnight, charge the bike/scooter in a room away from escape routes, close the door to the room and ensure the room has a smoke detector in it
- Keep an eye out for warning signs that your battery might be failing and becoming a fire risk - if the battery is getting very hot, making a noise, smoking, leaking or bulging or the charger cable is frayed, stop using it and get a replacement. It is normal for batteries to feel warm when charging but if it is extremely hot to touch it is a sign it may be defective and could start a fire.
- Let your battery cool after use before charging it
- Unplug your charger once the battery has charged.

Bedtime routine

Many fires in the home start at night while people are asleep. This can be down to a number of different causes but can be easily avoided by following a few

simple tips, as well as having working smoke alarms on each floor of your home.

A bedtime routine is a great way to help you and your family stay fire safe in your home. By following a few simple tips before heading to bed for the night, you can prevent a fire from happening or, if one does break out, stop it from spreading.

Tip 1 - Switch off plugs and electrical appliances before heading to bed, as well as blowing out candles. Things like fridges, freezers and smart devices (e.g. Alexa) are designed to be kept on, but TVs, microwaves, washing machines and tumble dryers should all be turned off, as should wax melters.

Tip 2 - Closing internal doors will help prevent a fire from spreading, if one does break out. Take the time to close any doors around your home, especially the kitchen door.

Tip 3 - Work out the quickest way to escape your home should a fire break out and make sure it's clear before heading to bed. Keep stairs, hallways and corridors clear of clutter to ensure you and your family can get out quickly if needed.

Tip 4 - Before going to bed, make sure you have quick access to your keys so you can easily leave the house if needed.

Batteries

When buying lithium-ion batteries, there are a couple of things you can look for to decrease the chances of buying a dodgy battery.

The battery should have a CE mark to signify it meets UK standard.

There are a few steps you can follow to increase your safety in your home when charging lithium-ion batteries. Where possible, buy from recognised manufacturers for example.

Lithium-ion batteries can't be disposed of in your regular household recycling. Doing so can cause fires. Many local shops have a battery bank where you can dispose of them, and recycling centres can also take them.

If you're unsure you can check with your local council.

Residents can also use our online home safety check to carry out their own fire risk assessment of their home. This simple to use tool goes through each area of a property and generates a safety plan for the occupants to follow. The check can be carried out on behalf of a vulnerable family member.

Find out more on the fire service's website: www.cambsfire.gov.uk.

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**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**WINTER FAIR SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER**

12noon til 3pm. Brinkley Memorial Hall. Lunches and stalls. In aid of Brinkley Church.

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ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

Please join us for the first of our talks of the season, as we welcome back **Nigel Start** who will talk to us about **Working Allotments** on **Wednesday 18th October**. The meeting begins at 7.30 pm in the Ellesmere Centre as usual.

Then on **Wednesday 8th November** we'll have our practical session - **Bulbs, Bangers and Booze!** Bring your own container and buy everything you need to plant it up at the meeting. There will be compost available sufficient for small or medium containers, and winter bedding as well as bulbs.

It's a lot of fun and you'll have something to show for it at the end of the evening! Everyone welcome.

As always, for any queries about the club and its activities you can contact Sandie on 07903 584676.

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**BURROUGH GREEN MICHAELMAS FAYRE**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**10.30 - 15.00 Reading Room Burrough Green**

Come along and meet your friends, engage in some retail therapy for Christmas and enjoy a light lunch (11.30 - 14.30) or a cup of tea/coffee and some delicious cakes and pastries.

Please come and support our table holders who will be selling items including decorations, knitted items, candles, jewellery, Christmas cards, preserves and chocolates, many of which are home crafted.

If you would like a table (£8) to sell your crafts, please email Kathie on [k.f.butcher@btinternet.com](mailto:k.f.butcher@btinternet.com)

If you live in the village of Burrough Green and would like to attend but have difficulty with mobility, we will be very happy to come and collect you. If you need transport or an escort, please call Kathie on 07923 526555

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BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday October 7th 2023

TICKET to PARADISE (12)

Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute

George Clooney and Julia Roberts team up as exes who find themselves on a shared mission to stop their lovestruck daughter from making the same mistake they once made. The film is a romantic comedy about the sweet surprise of second chances.

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

Join the Picture House with annual membership of just £12 or come as a guest member at £3/film show.

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**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](mailto:bgreadingroom@yahoo.com)  
[www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Westley Waterless Village Hall** - For more information please go to [www.westleywaterless.com/hall](http://www.westleywaterless.com/hall)

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CAMBRIDGE CATS PROTECTION are run by a small

group of passionate volunteers dedicated to improving the lives of cats in our area. We work to find loving new homes for local cats in our care, offer support with neutering and microchipping, help with lost and found cats, care for community cats, as well as general education and awareness within the Cambridge area.



We strongly encourage neutering in order to minimise the population of stray and unwanted cats needing our support. We therefore support neutering costs for local families on benefits: to enquire about our £10 voucher scheme, call 01223 236188.

In 2022 we homed 117 cats and kittens into loving homes. All cats adopted from Cambridge Cats Protection are microchipped, de-flea'd, wormed, vaccinated, neutered (when ready) and have 4 weeks' free insurance. Our cats are homed where a cat flap provides them with access to an enclosed garden and safely away from busy or main roads or railway tracks. We also have stable/barn mousers looking for employment! Call 01223 528312 or see <https://www.cats.org.uk/cambridge/> for the latest availability for adoption.

We are run solely by volunteers and appreciate your patience at busy times. If you reach the voicemail, leave a short message with your phone number.

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**CATHOLIC PARISH SERVICES:**

Newmarket: Saturdays 6pm & Sundays 11am  
Kirtling: Sunday 9am.

For a full list of weekday services, the newsletter & other information please visit the website. <http://www.olise.co.uk/wordpress/>

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**GIRLGUIDING  
LINTON DISTRICT**



It's the start of a new term for us all in Linton District. One which has got off to a flying start. One of our Guides is cycling from Cambridge to Ely to raise money to go on an international trip to Sangam, our world centre in India. Whilst there she will take part in some community action, as well as meet Guides from around the world. There may also be time to see a few magnificent sights too.

Our annual Cambs East County Grafham Water activities weekend has happened. With a huge range of events such as kayaking, Archery, Raft building and of course the Grafham challenge; making lots of girls wet, happy and hungry. Meeting girls from all over our county of Cambridgeshire east. Some trying out a new challenge for the first time, and some getting better skilled at a challenge they loved last time.

Our County Trefoil Guilds got together at Burwell for a celebration of the Trefoil Guilds 80th Birthday service. It was lovely to see one of our new county commissioners join us. Of course, no guiding event is a true guiding event without cake... We had a lovely one made by one of our members with the 80th badge on, and all the trefoils through the ages. We found out that they were formed in 1943 by a various group of old guides, who together formed the Trefoil Guild. Here they found friendship as well as supporting and getting involved in guiding in many different ways; trying new challenges and having their own adventures.

One of our amazing leaders has also just got married and we wish her and her family many years of happiness together. What a beautiful day filled with friends and family and of course cake... We are very fortunate to have such wonderful group of unit leaders who give so freely of their time to enable our girls to know they can do anything. In 1916, 90 Guides aged 14-16 worked at MI5 during the first world war and some of them were taken to work at the signing of the treaty of Versailles.

Come and join us and be part of what we do. There are some amazing opportunities in guiding. Both locally and nationally. Share a skill or learn a new one.

[www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)  
[lintondistrict@gmail.com](mailto:lintondistrict@gmail.com)



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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;
www.raddesley.com

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.

RURAL DEAN

Rev'd Canon Dr. Eleanor Williams
Vicar of Burwell with Reach
Rural Dean of Fordham and Quy Deanery
The Vicarage, 22 Isaacson Road
Burwell, CB25 0AF
Telephone 01638 741262
email: vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**WESTLEY WATERLESS VILLAGE HALL
POP UP PUB
PIZZA AND COCKTAILS**

**FRIDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER
18:00 - 22:30**



GUY FAWKES THEMED PARTY FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Bulls Bridge Bars will be providing us with a choice of cocktails and the bar will be stocked as usual with your favourite tipple.

Friendly Herring Pizza Co will be serving tantalising pizza freshly cooked on location.

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION, OPEN THEME (optional)

Judging and Prize Giving will begin at 7pm

- Best Adult Costume
- Best Childs Costume
- Best Team Costume

Games and Guy Fawkes themed goodies available. Respectfully, we are asking for a £1 donation per person at the door to assist us with the running costs of the Westley Waterless Village Hall Pop Up Pub. Thank you

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**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

August was a quiet month on the District Council, but the regular meeting cycle has started up again.

We continue to receive complaints about how Sanctuary Housing are managing their properties - serious problems with damp and mould, long delays in completing repairs, properties remaining empty for months or even years, anti-social behaviour by and towards tenants. We take these up individually but have also asked for a meeting with the local manager to discuss the issues more generally.

Charlotte was joined by Jonathan Cook from the AtoB1102 group when she met the Mayor and his transport team in mid-August to discuss the number 11 bus route, and other local bus issues. It was a very positive meeting, and discussions are continuing. The Combined Authority is reviewing the subsidised bus network to ensure that it is getting value for money from the £7.5m which it spends on buses each year. The review has recommended that the 11 between Newmarket, Burwell and Cambridge and the 904 between Newmarket, Dullingham and Brinkley be continued with no further review, along with many other services. They will also be looking to trial a demand responsive bus service in East Cambridgeshire.

Our next 'Meet your Councillors' will be on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 6.30-7.30pm in Reach Village Hall.

You are always welcome to contact both of us directly - [john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk), [charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk)

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Congestion Charge

Some residents will have seen the release of revised plans by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP), where the proposals for a Congestion Charge have been watered down to just peak hours, introducing 50 free days for residents, exemptions for those on low incomes, medical exemptions for travel to Addenbrookes and exemptions for charity workers.

At the same time, there have been comments from various Liberal Democrat groups and Cambridge City Labour councillors that they do not support the scheme in its current form.

The Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidates have stated that they are not in favour of the proposals, whilst previously being totally in support of them.

All these statements come after Liberal Democrat and Labour councillors, who control the GCP, have pushed the line that their proposals were the ones that residents and business wanted. They have only stopped, because they have realised that there are many residents who were opposed to the charge and stated their case in the consultation or voted for candidates in the May elections and the Kings Hedges by-election, who were not in favour of the proposals.

Beware of people giving false gifts, as they are only saying that they want a pause until after the General Election due next year and the County Council election due in 2025. So, they are only thinking of votes and not the interests of residents.

The Liberal Democrat and Labour councillors, who are in control of the GCP, have voted for these proposals and spent large sums of taxpayers' money on trying to push the Congestion Charge and other highly controversial road policies through against the wishes of residents.

The ruling County Council administration are bringing a proposal, which they haven't yet divulged, to a special meeting of Highways & Transport Committee on 11th October and the recommendation from that meeting will go to full County Council on 17th October. I await the proposal from the ruling Joint Administration and will update you next month with those proposals.

Mill Road Bridge Restrictions

The Highways & Transport Committee voted in March 2023 to restrict vehicle movement over the Mill Road bridge to buses, taxis and blue badge holders. This is currently subject to a legal challenge and work has been paused until the judicial review has been resolved.

Weeds

The ruling administration at the County Council decided early this year, without reference to a committee, to stop weedkilling across the County. This has had the effect that weeds are getting worse in gutters and pavements. Our group has put a motion to Full Council on 17th October that this decision should be reversed. I will update you next month.

Black Bags

Black Bags for general waste are being delivered, as I write this, and if you haven't received them by the time that you read this, they will be with you very soon.

Waste Vehicles

East Cambridgeshire District Council are expecting to take delivery of a number of new waste vehicles towards the end of this year. Some of those will be run on Hydrated Vehicle Oil (HVO).

I am here to represent you, so if there are any issues that concern you, please contact me.

If I am not aware of an issue, I am not able to solve it.

Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton Division

Tel: 01638 507485/ 07794292941

E-Mail: Alan.sharp@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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**OCTOBER SERVICES**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October      17th After Trinity**  
9.00 am Holy Communion      Brinkley  
10.30 am Family Worship      Burrough Green  
*The Ven. Alex Hughes*

*Exodus 17: 1 - 7    Philippians 2: 1 - 13    Matthew 21: 23 - 32*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October      18th After Trinity**  
9.00 am Holy Communion      Stetchworth  
10.30 am Harvest Celebration      Dullingham  
*Canon Dr. Malcolm Brown*

*Exodus 20: 1 - 4, 7 - 9, 12 - 20    Philippians 3: 4b - 14  
Matthew 21: 33 - end*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October      19th After Trinity**  
9.00 am Holy Communion      Burrough Green  
10.30 am Morning Prayer      Brinkley  
*Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty*

*Exodus 32: 1-14    Philippians 4: 1 - 9    Matthew 22: 1 - 14*

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
7.30 INDUCTION AND INSTITUTION OF REV'D  
PATRICK McEUNE      Westley Waterless  
*The Ven. Alex Hughes    Rev'd Dr. Eleanor Williams*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October      20th After Trinity**  
10.30 am Holy Communion      Dullingham  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer      Stetchworth  
*Rev'd Patrick McEune*

*Exodus 33: 12 - end    1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10  
Matthew 22: 15 - 22*

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October      Last after Trinity**  
10.30 am Benefice Communion      Westley Waterless  
*Rev'd Patrick McEune*

*Deuteronomy 34: 1-12    1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8    Matthew  
22: 34-end*

*OR BIBLE SUNDAY*

*Nehemiah 8: 1-4a (5-6) 8-12    Colossians 3: 12-17    Matthew  
22: 34 - end*

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I was talking a little while ago to a city-dweller who was telling me how lucky they were because there were so many things that they could do on their doorstep. I have to say that I understand that point of view and I really enjoy spending a few days in a city. Having wonderful theatre and live music within a few minutes' walk (or a regular public transport trip) is very attractive; being able to walk from the shops with your frozen food remaining frozen is also a huge benefit. And yet, they told me that for many people it could be a very lonely existence too. They might walk to the shops but they wouldn't talk with anyone that they

passed, and no-one would talk to them either. I know what they meant. Try to strike up a conversation in the street, or on the London Underground, and you might be treated as the outcast yourself.

My parents would talk about a time when no-one in the countryside would ever lock their doors - there was no need to do that. I don't think that I'm quite as trusting as that - but also maybe modern front doors don't work that way quite so easily either. But I'm happy living in our village that I can walk to the Church, or to the Ellesmere Centre and see people that I know, that I can talk to, and that know me. Yet sometimes if someone I don't know tries to open a conversation with me I can feel uncomfortable; and although I'm very happy to say "Good morning" to someone that I pass in the street, I might feel a bit awkward if they try to strike more of a conversation.

Yet I can miss so much if I do that. I can miss so much in our small village; but in the global village I can miss so much more. The well-known Christian parable of the Good Samaritan talks of people who passed on the other side of the street, and its simple story is so well understood that the term "Samaritan" has come to mean someone who is friendly and helpful to others; yet at the time of telling that parable they would have meant anything but. The wider context though, was in terms of who was a "neighbour". Sometimes in that context, people who live so close to many others have no neighbours and live that lonely existence. I hope that I can be more of a neighbour; maybe even one day on the Underground too.

*Alastair France*

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**NEW VICAR** - by the time I am writing pieces for the next newsletter our new vicar, Rev'd Patrick McEune will be living and working amongst us. We are looking forward to welcoming him and his wife Rhona very soon.

**RADDESLEY FESTIVAL** - This was a good weekend with all our churches looking lovely. We perhaps did not receive as many visitors as we had hoped but there was a good show of people at Brinkley for the bell ringing and the Choral Harvest Evensong at Carlton was really well attended. Thank you to all those who visited all or any of the churches.

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