

VILLAGE VOICE

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

SEPTEMBER 2021

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, BURROUGH GREEN

BRIC A BRAC AND OTHER STALLS

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
2.30 pm



Cakes, teas, plants and raffle.
Children's colouring and quiz with prizes
for all!

Please collect for this event to
raise funds for the church.



If you can help on the day or have any ideas for this
event please contact Lucy Talbot tel. 01638 507060
07910 158463

BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM

There has been quite a transformation at the Reading
Room over the past year. Behind closed doors, work
has been ongoing to update and improve our beautiful
hall and we would love you to come along and see it!

Week commencing 6th September, we will
open every morning 8:45 - 11:00 to serve
free coffee.



Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
09:00 - 12:00noon



We will be offering our legendary
Village Breakfast

and invite the community to get
together over a Full English and a decent brew.

We will take bookings for this event

Please call 01638 508888.

£5 adults, £2 children.

The Reading Room committee are very proud of our
village hall and we are excited to have the opportunity
to show it off to the community - please come along
and support us.

Carla Nicholson Chair

SCRABBLE and MAHJONG

We are hoping to get our Scrabble & Mahjong
meetings up and running again this month. We meet on
2nd & 4th Mondays of every month at 7.30pm in the
Community Room at Sheriff's Court.

13th & 27th September

Do come and join us in a game. Beginners welcome.
£2 includes refreshments.

ALBERT COOK MEMORIAL CLAY SHOOT

At

WADLOW - SIX MILE BOTTOM

On

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER



AUCTION - PRIZES - TOMBOLA - DONATIONS.
Please contact Bena 01223 290779. Fourwinds,
Carlton.

Albert's wish is for all proceeds to go to the
Childrens Cancer Ward C2 at Addenbrookes
Hospital.

For more information

www.sixmilebottomshoot.co.uk/albert-cook-memorial-clay-shoot

AUCTION SALE



SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
at 2pm

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

VIEWING FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

5.00pm - 8.00pm

And on morning of sale 10am - 1pm

An opportunity to those locals who are downsizing or
having a sort out, to create more space, and release
items of quality and interest to help raise funds for
Brinkley Church. We are asking residents and friends
of Brinkley to donate, or offer on a 50/50 basis, items
of household or garden interest they feel they can
spare, the more unusual or aged the better. Quality
items can cover furniture, china, metalware, etc. Help
is at hand if carriage/storage is required.

LAST DATE FOR ENTRIES TO SALE
19TH SEPTEMBER

Enquiries please to John - 01638 507484

Ros - 01638 507240 or Margaret - 01638 508068

Come along and enjoy the sale which usually proves to
be quite entertaining.

IN AID OF ST MARY'S CHURCH, BRINKLEY
CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED ON THE DAY



BRINKLEY AUCTION



**IT'S PANTO TIME AGAIN!
(OH YES IT IS ...)**

**Dick Whittington
A Village Panto by The Ellesmere
Devils Panto Society**

Would you like to audition for a role on stage in our latest Panto? Would you like to help out behind the scenes?? Would you like to come and have fun with local friendly like-minded people??? Please come and join the fun -

**The Kick-off meeting is 8.00 p.m. 2nd September
at The Ellesmere Centre Stetchworth,**

where you can find out lots more information -
with auditions for on-stage roles

8.00p.m 9th September

We look forward to seeing you there !



**HELP US HELP YOU by Riding or Striding on
Saturday 11th September** around churches of your choice. In 2020 £15,000 was raised - please help us make it £20,000 in 2021.

The money you raise helps save this wonderful part of our history, with half going to the Trust to give out as grants for church buildings, and half to the cyclists'/walkers' chosen church.



Sponsor forms and full details for Ride and Stride 2021 are now available from the new Trust website (<https://camhct.uk>)

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

FOR SALE

**Hostess Trolley - 3 Glass dishes - heated
cupboard - £50**

Electric Strimmer £10

Call Bena 01223 290779 (Carlton)

BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET

Burrough Green's league season is now complete, and pleased to say we were unbeaten and comfortably confirmed as champions in Matt Ashcroft's first season as skipper. A win against Linton saw the first 5 wicket haul for George Talbot, and victory against Royston saw the first century from Peter Bragg. Both those performances confirmed them both as top wicket taker and run scorer over the season. Our last two fixtures succumbed to the weather. Overall a very successful first season back on the field, and we look forward to new challenges next year.



The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed we have replaced the roof of our groundsman hut which was gradually becoming unsafe. This was only possible with a kind grant from GrantScape which we are very grateful for. As always we welcome volunteers, new players and anyone wanting to get involved. Please contact

burroughgreencricket@gmail.com

**DULLINGHAM VILLAGE FETE and
FUN DOG SHOW**

**Sunday 5th September 2-4 pm
On Dullingham Village Green**



Fun dog show, raffle, cream teas, games and competitions, cake, bric-a-brac & bottle stalls and more.

All welcome, please come along and join the fun

Parking available on the Green

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :

Black bin -. 6th & 20th September.

Blue & Green - 13th & 27th September.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -:

Black sacks weekly Friday 3rd September, then Thursdays.

Blue Lid -. Friday 3rd , Thursday 16th & 30th Sept.

Green Lid - 9th & 23rd September .

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall

on the 1st Tuesday of each month between 3.00 - 4.00pm;

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



**WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION
BRINKLEY**



Mexican food - Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th September. We will have Quesadilla, green pozole soup, chicken molé, beef birria and tacos - carnitas, chicken and jack fruit. Please book for this.

We will do Chinese in October and Thanksgiving again for in November.

Quiz Night - Thursday 23rd September at 7:00. We are willing to start the Quiz again since it seems enough people are interested in some normality again, and it is always something we have enjoyed a lot. If some of your usual team are not ready to do this but a few of you are, let us know. We will get you onto a team for the evening.

It has been a long 18 months for everyone in our business and winter is just down the road already. We will be more than grateful for your continued support over the coming months as we have been for the past year and a half.

Gwyn & Morris.

01638 508707

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
Or 07836 656643**

**GARDEN HELPER REQUIRED
4 HOURS PER WEEK,
BRINKLEY.**

This is mainly for grass cutting with hand mowers and ride on mowers. Would suit responsible young person over 13 upwards,



or older person. Must be reliable and available over the grass cutting season, probably between March and October, dependent on weather.

Please call me,
John, 01638 508304.

Thank you.



BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM.

We are licensed to cater for 100 people and are available on various days of the week.

The charges are £8.00 per hour for village and £10.00 for outside.

To hire the Reading Room,

Please contact Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888

ELIZABETH MARCH CHARITY

**ARE YOU UNDER 25?
COULD YOU USE UP TO £500 FOR A PROJECT?**

The Elizabeth March Charity has funds to support an educational project for anyone under 25 living in Brinkley. But we need you to contact us and tell us why we should be funding your plans.

This is how it works:

- You explain what you would like the money for and how you intend to spend it. The application must be in writing, and include how much money you need
- The Trustees consider the application. We decide whether we can support you and how much we can afford to provide. This could be up to a maximum of £500
- We provide the funds and you complete your project
- You send us details of how you spent the money - we expect you to provide evidence of what you did with it

We will look at all sorts of projects but they need to have some educational purpose. We have provided money to help buy special equipment for A-level studies and contribute to the costs of attending **Please apply to:** courses. If you are applying to an apprenticeship scheme, or to a university, the award could help towards the purchase of books, IT, materials, equipment and so on. If you have had to defer your course due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we could help with the costs of another educational course or activity that you might wish to pursue. If you are not sure whether your idea is suitable you can email the Trustees (Briony Gimson, Belinda Hull, Judith Haste and Hannah Pinnock) at elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com before you apply.

We can consider applications at any time, but preferably by 1st October 2021 as our resources are limited, so the sooner you get in touch the sooner we can let you know whether we can help.

elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

As the summer appears to be drawing to a close, we are not giving in to autumn just yet, and so have two more visits planned: **Wednesday 8th September** evening visit to **Pavilion House garden, Dullingham** and **Saturday 18th September** afternoon visit to **The Old Rectory garden, Brinkley**. (Note change of date from previously advertised) These visits will need to be booked in advance so please contact Judith Mahoney if you'd like to go on either one or would like further details at Judith.mahoney@btinternet.com. There will be an email to members nearer the time.

The following month we have a session in the Ellesmere Centre: **Practical Winter Tubs and Baskets**, with nibbles on **13th October**. Look out for more details next month.

The **Tender Shoots Garden Network** have a packed schedule of talks from fantastic horticultural speakers:

- Sep 1st Wed - Peter Moore - Buddleia
- Sep 8th Wed - John Baker
- Sep 16th Thur - John & Gail West Shores - Grasses
- Sep 22nd Wed - Glenn Duggan - The Fantastic Flora of Australia
- Oct 13th Wed - Vic Aspland - A Brighter side of Winter
- Oct 20th Wed - Afternoon talk from Joe Tierney - Life and Gardens of Capability Brown

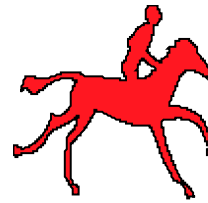
There are two ways to join these meetings:
 1) To join the zoom directly, please click the link below (or enter the Meeting ID on the zoom start screen and enter the Passcode when prompted). It's the same login for all meetings.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4043014750?pwd=SVRibEOvRW5mTUFqdG1NblVxSlJPZz09>
 Meeting ID: 404 301 4750
 Passcode: bonsai

2) Or you can also go to the YouTube page when the talk is about to start (at 7.30pm) as we simultaneously stream the meeting Live on YouTube. To join just click this link www.youtube.com/c/TenderShootsGardenClubNetwork or search YouTube for the 'Tender Shoots Garden Club Network' and then click on our yellow logo. The advantage of YouTube Live is you can start the talk from the beginning if you arrive late, you can pause, rewind & skip any bits & still ask questions to the speaker via YouTube chat box. Evening meetings start at 7.30 pm, and the afternoon one at 2.30pm

ELLESMERE ARTS

LIFE'S A GAMBLE

Join us at the races for a Murder Mystery Evening with supper



Will you work out who dunnit?
The scene is set for a grisly crime.
Who will place their final bet?

7.30pm on **SATURDAY 16th OCTOBER 2021**
at the **Ellesmere Centre**

To book tickets please email tessclarke63@hotmail.com or call 07990 513836
£18 to include welcome drink and 3 course meal

You are invited to **DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**



Thursday 9th September 2021 at 8pm
The Taylor Hall, Church Close, Dullingham. CB8 9XE

Come & join us for an entertaining demonstration by Brenda Tubb entitled 'Yippee! Here we go again'

Admission £6
to include refreshments
Raffle

Please contact Lesley Bird for further information
Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

NOTE FOR DIARY -
Next meeting - Thursday 14th October 2021

WESTON COLVILLE EVENTS

Weston Colville Circular Walk c5 miles
Our next walk will be on Saturday 18th September at 10am. Meet Reading Room BYO lunch and maybe something to share back in the Reading Room afterwards. Come and join us - all welcome, refreshments available.

Weston Colville Reading Room - 'Pub' Quiz
After a two-year break, the quiz is back! We're holding one on Wednesday 22nd September at 8pm. Up to 4 per team, entry £2 per person. Bar includes wine, cider and draft ale.

All welcome
Equiries: jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com
01223 291475

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Welcome back - Please come along and join us for our amazing Live Music Nights

Stetchworth's very own Johnny Wright and Friends
on Saturday 4th September
5pm

Back by popular demand. Weather permitting this will be outside so bring a blanket or chair and a picnic. The bar will be open so please do not bring your own drinks. Bring the children along to play on the park whilst you enjoy the music.

The Joanna Eden Band
Friday 17th September at 8pm.

Joanna has performed all over the world and supported Jamie Cullum and more recently Van Morrison amongst others. She has performed at the Centre many times. On this occasion she will be performing a combination of Latin music and her original songs. Not to be missed.

Tickets £12.50 Licensed Bar



Walking Football - We are really keen to try to start this up again, preferably in the daytime. If you would be interested please send an email or drop into the office one morning. (We have had a few responses to this and just need a one or two more!)

Dick Whittington

Would you like to audition or help behind the scenes at this year's panto? If so come along to our Kick-Off meeting on Thursday 2nd Sept at the Ellesmere Centre to find out more.



Art Class - We have a new tutor for our Tuesday afternoon Art Class. Please give the office a call if you are interested and would like more details.

Classes - Most of our classes are restarting from September so it would be good to see you all back.

The staff ensures that regular sanitising takes place and we do our utmost to keep you all safe. At present masks are still required when in the corridors, toilets, shop and Post Office. Thank you.

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

BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD - PHOTOGRAPH

We are planning to do the Brinkley Christmas card again this year and would welcome your photographic entries to be considered for the cover. Please send your entry to rospates@yahoo.co.uk or post through the letterbox at 18, Green Park. By 5th September.

KITCHEN CHOIR IS BACK !

"HALLELUJAH"

Had enough of lockdown?

We meet at
The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth
Monday's 7.30pm

For more info ring 01638 507997



QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY 15th OCTOBER
7.30pm
Brinkley Memorial Hall

Teams of 6 - Supper included - Bar

IN AID OF BRINKLEY CHURCH
Full details in October newsletter.

RON & REG'S POTATO COMPANY

Finest new potatoes, with thinner skins -
£1.00 kg

Small or large quantities delivered to your door by Ronnie & Reggie, 13 & 11yr olds from Brinkley.

07903 600192

E mail - 2323rh2323@gmail.com



THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



Please check on Facebook for current situation

Rob and I look forward to welcoming you
01638 508333

VILLAGE WEBSITES

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.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE BULLETIN

Be water aware

While the sun is shining, it might be tempting to cool down with a dip in local rivers, canals, quarries or lakes. But think twice before you do. There can be hidden dangers beneath the surface that can have deadly consequences.

Every year firefighters are called to incidents where people, both adults and children, get into difficulty when taking a dip in open water.

The water may look calm on the surface, but there may still be strong undercurrents, especially near locks, that could pull even the strongest swimmer under. There can also be rubbish, like shopping trolleys and rubble hidden beneath the murky water that you could become trapped in. There is often broken glass on the river bed and cuts from this can sometimes lead to deadly infections.

The water may feel relatively warm on the surface, but just a few inches below can be icy cold, even on hot days. This can cause panic and 'cold water shock', meaning the water can be so cold it takes your breath away and makes swimming extremely difficult.

If you find yourself in cold water do not panic, float on your back. If you float on your back and don't struggle, your clothes will have some air in them that will help you float more easily. After 60 to 90 seconds the cold water shock will pass and you will be able to breathe normally again so that you can swim to safety. We are urging people to be aware of these dangers when around open water and for parents to have this conversation with their children.

If you see someone in trouble in water:

- Do not hesitate - call 999 immediately with clear details of your location. Request fire service if inland.
- Try to reach out to them with a stick or belt, keeping low so you do not get pulled into the water yourself.
- Send someone to the nearest road to flag down the emergency services when they arrive and direct them to the incident.
- Find the nearest life ring and throw it to the person. If a life ring is not available, throw in anything that could help them float.
- If someone goes under the water, mark on the water's edge the place they were last seen with something like a piece of clothing.
- Download the free *what3words* app so that emergency services can help pinpoint your location in hard to find areas.

Test your smoke alarm!

Don't forget to test your smoke alarms every month. Visit this website for helpful tips and advice on fire safety at home: <https://firekills.campaign.gov.uk/>

Get the call - become an on-call firefighter

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit more on-call firefighters to help serve local communities across the county.

On-call firefighters are a vital part of our Service and community. They respond to a wide range of incidents, from fighting fires, attending road traffic collisions, animal rescues to supporting other emergency services. In addition to responding to emergency incidents, our on-call firefighters support their communities by providing information and advice on a range of community safety topics.

They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights (one evening a week for two hours).

It's a hugely rewarding role, and we hope to encourage members of the community from all backgrounds to get in touch and find out more about becoming an on-call firefighter.

Visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk/oncall for more information.

GIRLGUIDING LINTON DISTRICT

As you read this the summer is well and truly here. Those of you who managed to, I hope, enjoyed our Linton Mystery Trail held during August. There were some lovely days for a picnic with the family too. Our Guiding County of Cambs East organise events for our girls to do to enable them to meet others from around the county. I am pleased to say our weekend at Grafham Water in September is going ahead this year. It will just be with reduced numbers.

We have had units cooking out and one unit even managed to get away for a night cooking on campfires and having some fun doing so. Our incredible team at the Jarman Centre have been busy as the centre is now fully open. Several of our units have had a go at the Archery there already. Some of our girls have also been climbing too. We are all looking forward to a new term back to indoor meetings where possible and zoom if not. It has been good to see our older girls able to have the Vaccine before they start college and we wish them all well in their next adventure.

INSPIRE our group for 18+ has had a campfire and our Linton Trefoil Guild finished the summer off with a lovely Tea party in Daphne's beautiful garden. Celebrating our Anglia Region's 50th Birthday 1971-2021. We will all be making birthday cards in our units too, to be sent around our Region.

Whatever age you are come and Join the fun, it starts here...

www.girlguiding.org.uk

Louisa Powell-Owens Linton DC

07711 614328



NATIONAL HORSERACING MUSEUM- Newmarket
WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

The Legend of the Goose Girl
Book Launch Saturday, 4th September
2:00pm - 4:00pm

The Legend of the Goose Girl is a new folk story, set a long, long time ago. This charming book is written by renowned actor Rupert Procter and illustrated by the talented Cambridge artist Nathalie Madron. Join us in magical Palace House Garden to hear a reading by the author. (Event is included in the cost of general admission.)

Classic Femme Concert
Thursday, 16th September 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Join us for a concert in Palace House Garden with Classic Femme, a ladies quartet singing close harmony a capella arrangements of popular songs you're bound to recognise. There will be a bar on-site so you can enjoy a drink while you listen to the concert! (£10 per person.)

Book tickets www.nhrm.co.uk

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**2523 LINTON AIR CADETS.**

Our extensive program has no time to stop for summer; with multiple projects and activities on the go we are starting to find our stride again after the Covid pause.

On the squadron our drone and radio exercises continue. After posting an Instagram picture of cadets piloting unmanned aerial systems we noticed that the RAF Regiment posted a very similar picture within hours. Synergy between our training and our media output too!

We continue to make the most of the light evenings with fieldcraft training and our most recent squadron project, continuity drill. This is where we put a marching drill sequence to music. We hope to have a well-polished sequence ready to impress at our next awards and presentation evening.

Off squadron activities are starting too. With cyber courses, Duke of Edinburgh's expeditions, a few camps and flying starting up again. Usually we would be in the middle of summer camp season at this time of year. A huge effort has been made and squadron staff are off to assist in the National Aerospace Camp, and other modified camp activities will be going ahead. It was fantastic to get the entire squadron out under canvas at the most recent Duxford air show. 2523 assisted in the car parking and enjoyed a camp over and field kitchen dinner provided by our civilian committee.

If you are 12 years or older and will be going into year 8 in September, then you will be eligible to join as a new cadet. Please get in touch today.

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

**UPDATE FROM LUCY FRASER MP**

**Speeding in Burrough Green**

Many residents have raised with me an issue of speeding through the village and I know that the Burrough Green Parish Council are working on this issue. I wanted to update you on some developments. Last week I met with Parish Councillors and County Councillor Alan Sharp to discuss these concerns around speeding and road safety in the Burrough Green parish. I am pleased that, following the meeting, the police have agreed to come to the village to carry out some speed enforcement checks. In addition, I have agreed that I will support any LHI bid put in by the Parish Council to reduce the speed limit at Burrough End - which would be submitted in the autumn.

**COVID Champion Awards**

People across our local area have gone above and beyond to help others during the pandemic, and to recognise their fantastic efforts I have launched a COVID Community Champions award. From collecting medication and groceries, to looking out for elderly neighbours, or volunteering or supporting the NHS - there are many stories of support that have taken place across our local communities during the pandemic.

I am keen to highlight the significant efforts of those who have made a contribution during this tough time for our area and country.

If you would like to nominate a local individual to thank them for the work they have done across Cambridgeshire then please email me on [lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk) with:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your email
- Name and contact email of the individual you are nominating for the COVID Community Champion Award
- One/two sentences on why you are nominating them

I will be announcing the winners in the autumn and holding a special event in Parliament to recognise their hard work. I look forward to sharing their stories with you.

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ARTICLES FOR OCTOBER VILLAGE VOICE

To
villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

01638 507495

by 20TH SEPTEMBER 2021 please

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## **CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**

*Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton Division*

We are in the summer period for Local Authorities, so meetings are not normally held in this period.

However, I have a few items since the last report.

The County Council met on 20<sup>th</sup> July, and it is sad to report that the current administration reneged on the previous Conservative County Council's decision to downgrade the A1123 in the centre of the District to a B road, which would have helped to take traffic off this road. The pressure to get an acceptable solution for residents will continue.

Speeding through rural villages and along rural roads is an issue that causes concern to many residents. I have been working with parishes in my division to get bids accepted for road calming measures and will continue to do so.

However, the speed in the villages is only part of the issue, as coming upon the aftermath of an accident on the B1061 earlier this month, excess speed along rural roads is a massive concern. I am working with Highways on improving visibility at that junction.

My County Division covers 11 villages, as well as a large part of Newmarket, and in all those communities, excess speed is an issue. I will continue to work to get a resolution to each of the different issues.

Everyone should remember that the speed limit is not a target, but a maximum.

I am due to have a meeting with the A1102 group shortly, who are concerned about some of the proposals of the Greater Cambridge Partnership, which could affect residents who travel into Cambridge along Newmarket Road. This is an ongoing issue, and I will keep residents informed and updated on all the issues.

I received a call from a resident recently about scam messages that they had received, and they were very alarmed by the incident. These messages and phone calls are unfortunately a problem of life currently. This resident thought that they were being targeted personally and asked how have they got my number, as I am ex-directory. The criminals operating these scams are using random numbers to call and very rarely do they have any personal details of you. That is what they are trying to obtain.

If you receive such messages/calls, do not give out any personal details.

Seek support from neighbours/friends and if you are really concerned, from the police. Please call me if you need guidance on who to seek advice from.

Most importantly stay safe.

I look forward to updating residents further next month.

Tel: 01638 507485/ 07794292941

E-Mail: [Alan.sharp@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Alan.sharp@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

East Cambridgeshire District Council Update

Alan Sharp & Amy Starkey - Woodditton Ward

Like the County Council, there have been no meetings in August.

Full Council

At the latest Full Council meeting of the District Council on 15th July, the Council agreed with the Boundary Commission proposal for the new parliamentary constituency to consist of the whole of East Cambridgeshire District together with Waterbeach and Milton. Currently the South East Cambridgeshire constituency excludes the northern half of the District, but includes more villages from South Cambridgeshire. To have the whole of the District within the proposed new constituency seems to be a good proposal.

There is the local authority boundary issue and the arbitrary boundary, where over 800 homes are in Cambridgeshire, but physically part of Newmarket. Those residents are represented by your County and District Councillors but removing the boundary and making it all part of Cambridgeshire would help local democracy.

Please let us know your views on this issue, as this is an important issue, that needs to be addressed in the foreseeable future.

Surgeries

If you wish to discuss a Council issue in confidence, whether it relates to East Cambridgeshire District Council or Cambridgeshire County Council, please contact us.

Stay Safe

Alan Sharp: E alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk

Tel 07794292941

Amy Starkey: E amy.starkey@eastcambs.gov.uk

Tel 07901716233

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*Charlotte Cane - East Cambs Bottisham Ward*

Thank you to everyone who responded to the District Council's public consultation on cycle ways and footpaths which started before the Covid lockdown. Following this consultation, the District Council is working with the County Council to improve cycle ways and footpaths. East Cambs is paying for feasibility studies for cycle routes across the District, in order to support bids to the County Council for funding. One of the routes being considered is Swaffham Prior-Reach-Burwell. As well as looking at new routes, East Cambs are asking Parish Councils to comment on the condition of existing cycle ways and footpaths.

We are working with Parish, District and County Councillors from Bottisham, Great Wilbraham, Little



Wilbraham/Six Mile Bottom and Fulbourn to consider a cycle route between Bottisham and the Wilbrahams. The current suggestion is to utilise the wide verge (ca. 2metres, owned by the County council) on the road from the A1303 past the air museum and across the A14 bridge to the Wilbraham Road to form a cycle path alongside the highway. To provide a full active travel route, this path would need to be linked to a crossing of the A1303, repairs to the footpath between High Street and Bell Road Bottisham (in need of repair in any case, whether or not there is a cycle path), and Sheffield cycle stands at the bus stop for the No. 12 bus.

East Cambs has created an Audit Committee, of which Charlotte is a member. This committee considers the findings of Internal and External auditors, the Annual Governance Statement and the Risk Register. Charlotte requested that several senior officers attend the Committee to answer questions about their areas of responsibility. Unfortunately, the Chief Executive decided that it was not appropriate for most of these officers to attend. As a consequence, many of the questions raised at the Committee were not answered on the day and we were promised answers after the meeting. The meeting was held on 26 July and as at the time of writing (14 August) no replies have been provided.

One of the queries was why officers considered the risk of "Loss of... access to ICT systems due to ... or weaknesses in the IT infrastructure" to be "unlikely" given that the Council's email service had been down for over 48 hours on two separate occasions this year already. We warned that the explanation given for the most recent failure suggested there would be another failure in the near future. Although we didn't get answers about what was being done to avoid further failures, we did get agreement that Internal Audit would bring forward their planned review of the IT infrastructure and business continuity arrangements. Unfortunately, a few days later the email system went down again. It is now back up, but it is not clear how stable it is and whether any emails have been lost on the interim. This illustrates the importance of an honest assessment of risks, so that management can concentrate resources on avoiding the highest risks.

Our next Councillors' Surgery and Meet your Councillors will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6.30 p.m. This will be held by Zoom - Meeting ID: 865 7631 8040, Passcode: 490667. If you prefer to join by telephone, the number is 01314 601196.

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SUE POLLEY

Finally please join us for a celebration memorial service for our lovely wife, mum and Granny, Sue Polley.

Service will be held at St Augustine's Church,
Burrough Green,
Sunday 3rd October at 12pm
followed by a BBQ at The Bull,
Burrough Green.

Everyone is welcome, also if you would like to say a few words, any stories, memories of Sue that you would like to share either at the church, or after, we would love to hear them, just let us know.

If you would like to email anything over, you can send them to tinanewton1978@yahoo.co.uk

We shall look forward to seeing you there and celebrating her special life.

Eric, Andrew, Tina & Family

SEPTEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 5th September 14th After Trinity

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley
10.30 am Family Worship Burrough Green
The Ven. Alex Hughes

Isaiah 35: 4-7a James 2;1-10(11-13)14-17 Mark 7: 24-end

Sunday 12th September 15th After Trinity

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth
Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham
Rev'd Andrew Rycraft

Isaiah 50: 4-9a James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-end

Sunday 19th September 16th After Trinity

9.00 am Family Communion Burrough Green
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley
BISHOP STEPHEN

Wisdom 1: 16-2:1, 1-22 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37

Sunday 26th September 17th After Trinity

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham
Rev'ds Rosemary or Andrew Rycraft
6.00 pm Harvest Evensong Stetchworth
Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft

*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 James 5: 13-end
Mark 9: 38-end*

The Harvest Is Safely Gathered In

At least I hope it will by the time you read this newsletter !

In years gone by, when a high proportion of the population of these villages were working in various capacities on the land, harvest was an important time, not only of the agricultural year, but of the whole cycle of seasons for everyone. When the corn was ripe for harvesting, it was a question of 'all hands to the pumps'. A remaining legacy of which is that the school holidays still span the month of August, when in those days most of the harvest would be gathered in, with children helping to providing the extra hands when the whole operation relied largely on physical labour.

The mixed and uncertain weather has made this a difficult year for farmers. Drilling in the Autumn was delayed because of the wet conditions, resulting in more Spring planted crops and the last few months have seen all extremes of weather from drought to flood. Nevertheless, I understand that some farmers have been pleasantly surprised by yields this harvest. Church Harvest Festival Services have long been an opportunity for parishioners to give thanks for the harvest, and to show this by bringing offerings of

fresh produce along to Church, which can then be offered to those less fortunate in the area.

The tradition of celebrating the Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843 when, at Morwenstow in Cornwall, Revd Robert Hawker conducted a special thanksgiving service at his church and blessed the crops. A year later, Revd Henry Alford's hymn, 'Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home!' was published and soon became a regular favourite.

There is still much to celebrate at this time of the year. You may have noticed that, regardless of all we have gone through in the last eighteen months because of the Covid pandemic, the beauty and abundance of God's creation has 'blossomed' - totally unaffected by the virus that has changed our lives possibly forever.

We are fortunate to live in a country with four distinct seasons. Despite the apparent effects of climate change on our weather, in the words of the popular Harvest hymn 'We plough the fields and scatter'— God still provides 'the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain'.

We must hope and pray that the international cooperation at the forthcoming Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, starting at the end of next month, will produce proposals to counteract the human activity that is causing the climate to change, thus ensuring that our farmers will continue to reap abundant harvests in the years to come.

May you all be blessed this Harvest-tide.
Andrew Rycraft (Revd)

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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

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