VILLAGE VOICE BRINKLEY.....BURROUGH GREEN.....CARLTON.....WESTLEY WATERLESS

SEPTEMBER 2022

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

> WESTLEY WATERLESS POP UP PUB

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FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 18:00 - 22:30

Come and join us!

The Village Hall Westley Waterless CB8 ORQ

We are very lucky to be joined by: The Wonkey Donkey Serving drinks for the evening.

Why not complete the evening by ordering your favourite take away to enjoy with friends and have it delivered straight to the door.

For simplicity share the Village Hall's What Three Words location and your driver will find you easily!

Unsecured.vaulting.emphasis

#### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

WESTLEY WATERLESS VILLAGE HALL FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER



10.00am - 12noon

Come and have a yummy slice of cake or two and a good chat over a cuppa In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

## BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM

VILLAGE BREAKFAST You are warmly invited to enjoy a delicious Full English breakfast at the Reading Room on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 9am - 11am.



Booking is highly recommended as this is a very popular event. Please call Joanne on 01638 508888 or see the Burrough Green Facebook page. Adults £6, Child (under 12) £3 to include a hot drink / orange juice. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### QUIZ NIGHT



FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER in Brinkley Memorial Hall. 7.30pm.



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

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

IN AID OF BRINKLEY CHURCH

#### OIL SYNDICATE

Oil Syndicate - I am taking over the Oil Syndicate ordering following the retirement of Dawn & Pauline. With many thanks to them for their excellent job over many years.

My contact details are <u>vickycavey@icloud.com</u>. I will put the details of the October delivery in next month's newsletter.

Vicky

## RADDESLEY FESTIVAL - WANTED

If you have any old photos of Brinkley, or Brinkley residents, and you would like them added to our display, please contact Ros Pates 01638 507240. See the details of whats-on at the festival later in the newsletter.

## NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

The Ellesmere Centre is aware that everyone will be feeling the pinch this winter so why not make the most of our special offers for this year.

> Evening Parties at The Ellesmere Centre Whatever the occasion, Birthday, Anniversary or Family Get Together. For a limited period only book an evening party with 50+ guests, using our bar and there will be no hall hire charge to pay.

Contact the office for availability or for more details.



Children's parties are now just £75 for 3 hours hall hire with a Bouncy Castle

(Limited period only)

Try one of our Yoga classes free on Thursday evening or Friday morning. Children come along and try a Judo or Ballet Class

free.

**New Pilates Class** Starting on Wednesday evenings from 6-6.45pm with Louise Kennedy. To book or find out more email: stud<u>io@louisekennedypilates.com</u>.



Moo Music is our new class for preschool children and takes place on Friday mornings. If you are interested, please contact

moomusicely@gmail.com

DOG SHOW SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER Sponsored by the Fetching Hound Dog Groomers





Registration from 1.30pm. Classes:-Veteran, Best Cross Breed, Posh Pedigree, Prettiest

Bitch, Most Handsome Dog, Best Rescue/Rehome, Best Child Handler, Waggiest Tail and Best in Show.

CAR BOOT / TABLE TOP SALE. Bar, Barbecue, Teas, Ices, and Raffle from 12.30pm. INSIDE IF WET.

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter@CentreEllesmere Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk Alternatively call us on 01638 508212 The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.

## **ELLESMERE** ARTS presents

A RATHER ROYAL MYSTERY ! A murder mystery evening with Coronation tea. Join us on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

## to celebrate the Queen's Coronation

Arrive from 7 pm for 7.30 pm start The street party scene is set for a grisly crime... 1950s dress Tickets: £19.53 each (to include welcome drink and light supper) Email: tessclarke63@hotmail.com or phone 07790 513836

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY



Coffee Morning Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am

**Spanish Food nights** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September Spanish menu on our website www.redlionbrinkley.co.uk in the next week or so. Please book in advance for either of these.

Some changes will be coming for this autumn / winter. Follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/RedLionBrinkley. We will also post to the Village Voice month by month as usual.

> Gwyn & Morris. 01638 508707

DULLINGHAM VILLAGE FETE & FUN DOG SHOW Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September

2-4 pm On Dullingham Village Green. Fun dog show, raffle, cream teas,

games and competitions, bric-a-brac



and bottle stalls and more. All welcome, please come along and join the fun; parking available on the Green. 

> GILLIAN'S CLEANING SERVICES DOMESTIC CLEANING AND IRONING SERVICES REFERENCES AVAILABLE

FOR ENQUIRIES CALL 07928 397140/ 01638 507521 ggold40@sky.com

## BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

## The film for September BPH will be : THE RESCUE (12)

This is the National Geographic documentary film of the cave divers' dramatic rescue from the Thailand caves of the youth football team in 2018. The Rescue chronicles the enthralling, against-allodds story that transfixed the world in 2018: the daring rescue of twelve boys and their coach from deep inside a flooded cave in Northern Thailand. This film brings alive one of the most perilous and extraordinary rescues in modern times, shining a light on the high-risk world of cave diving, the astounding courage and compassion of the rescuers, and the shared humanity of the international community that united to save the boys.

# Saturday September $3^{rd}$ . Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute

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

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

#### 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 <u>bgreadingroom@yahoo.com</u> <u>www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk</u>

Westley Waterless Village Hall - For more information please go to <u>www.westleywaterless.com/hall</u>

#### 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.

#### THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Please check on Facebook for current events.

Rob and I look forward to welcoming you 01638 508333

## MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY of each month between 12.10 -

12.50pm **22<sup>nd</sup> September** BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 3<sup>rd</sup>

THURSDAY of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm. 15<sup>th</sup> September.



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.

## RECYCLING

**Carlton & Willingham Green** – **Mondays** : Black bin – 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> September. Blue & Green –12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -

MONDAYS Black sacks weekly. Blue Lid - 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September. Green Lid - 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September.

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.)

#### DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 8pm The Taylor Hall, Dullingham CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy an entertaining evening with a demonstration By Rachel Borenkova entitled 'My life in Flowers' Admission £8 to include refreshments. Raffle Please contact Lesley Bird Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

DATE FOR DIARY: Next Meeting - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Demonstration by Elizabeth Robertson entitled 'My Family and other Animals'

## BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET CLUB



At the time of writing we can proudly say we have been promoted from our league and only need a minimal amount of



points from our last 2 games to ensure we do so as champions. We are all extremely proud of this achievement and to remain unbeaten shows we have a squad capable of doing so. Having said that we have probably had our two hardest league games to date in the last period. Beating Balsham by 10 runs and a strong Elmdon team by only 5 runs. Both great games of cricket to watch. Although the former had skipper Matt (Captain Marvel) Ashcroft nervously twitching like an avid bird watcher who'd just seen a Blue Footed Booby just west of Cambridge.

The aforementioned Major Ashcroft (I've given him a promotion) was confident enough to allow Vice Captain Mark (Maximus) Ward to take the reins for a couple of games, and he certainly did that in one game with a Caesar like performance with a century with the bat and 5 wickets with the ball, in an attempt to usurp the absent Ashcroft. Reports from a distant French beach quote the absent skipper as saying "et tu brute".

On to mention some other players who rarely get a mention. Saul Underwood took an important top order wicket against Little Shelford but has a unique strategy to bowling. He bowls a clown like ball to the left of them; a joker like ball to the right; and then sends a stellar delivery down the middle to scatter the wickets all a sundry. Edd (Steve Austin) Humphries came back from a dislocated shoulder to take a confidence boosting catch against Balsham. Will Ashcroft finally emerged from a love daze to score some runs. Drew Kennedy bowled his first overs in 15 years whilst grazing every part of his body diving around like a gazelle in the field. We also had a second junior player make an appearance in the form of young Harry Ashcroft. Also, this reporter hears that Assistant to the Groundskeeper, Jonny Way, is also disappointed he never gets a mention.

We hope with our last report we can say we brought silverware back to the Green (Brown at the time of writing!), and as ever we always welcome new players, helpers or even a new reporter who could help with these bad attempts at humour!

#### Toby

## 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 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) at **elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com** before you apply.

We can consider applications at any time, but preferably by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 as our resources are limited, so the sooner you get in touch the sooner we can let you know whether we can help.

## Please apply to: elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com

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## CALLING ALL VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHERS BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD

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 21<sup>st</sup> October.

## ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

Now we have moved into meteorological autumn and the nights are drawing in, so we return to indoor meetings. We can only hope that this summer's extreme weather hasn't finished off too many of our precious plants!

Why not come and enjoy a talk by Jackie Lince on Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup> entitled "Mill Blossom Flowers".

Jackie grows her own flowers on a small patch of land in Lode in beautiful black fen soil. She joined the Flowers from the Farm network in October 2021, and when she needs to buy flowers to create her bouquets, it is from local flowers farmers. The network supports small flower growers and is passionate to encourage everyone to embrace seasonal British flowers.

Looking ahead, our meeting the following month is a talk on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> by Andrew Morris entitled "Flames and Feathers – Tulips"

Do put these events in your diary, and we hope you can join us. Members and visitors are equally welcome to our meetings and events, and if you have any queries about the club, please contact either our Chairman Sandie, phone 07903 584676, or our Secretary Judith, phone 07740 100660.

## NEWMARKET CHEERFUL FRIDAY STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

A social group that offers friendship to both stroke survivors and their carers. The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month 10.00 - 12.00

## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

at The Parish Centre Our Lady Immaculate & St. Etheldreda 14 Exeter Road NEWMARKET CB8 8LT. Come and join us for conversation, information, fun, refreshments and the occasional outing.

> Contact Kathie on 07923 526555 for more information

## 2523 LINTON AIR CADETS.

Throughout August we have several options of summer camps at RAF Cranwell, Leeming and Syerston. We look forward to receiving the camp reports back from the excited cadets lucky enough to get spaces.

We continue to achieve across the board. A massive congratulations to Sgt Vellacott on completing a gold level qualification in cyber, graduating the week long course at No.1 Radio School RAF Cosford. Congratulations also to Cdt Richards for completing his bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.



The squadron had a day trip to Biggin Hill airport. It was an informative day out where cadets were able to see and get aboard modern business jets. After checking out the comfy seats there was an opportunity to look around the helicopters from resident company Castle Air and to learn about the technicalities of operating rotary aircraft.

The visit culminated in a tour of the Heritage Hangar where the cadets saw 16 spitfires in different stages of restoration, including "The Spirit of Kent". After a photo opportunity it was wonderful to hear the sound of the Merlin engine burst into life and see a spitfire taxi for takeoff.



We have continued with our taster program throughout the summer for new recruits going into year 8 in September and we look forward to welcoming them as full time cadets at the start of the school year. There is still time to join, so if you or someone you know is minimum age 12 and in year 8 please get in touch to join today.

Bradley Wright Flying Officer RAFAC <u>training.2523@rafac.mod.gov.uk</u> 07943 873272

## GIRLGUIDING LINTON DISTRICT

What an amazing group of volunteers and girls we have here in Linton District. Our Horseheath Brownies had



fun fitting 11 Brownies into a ridge tent after putting it up. Whilst our Linton Brownies visited the Sedgewick Museum, having fun with all things rock.

During the summer holidays we shut down as our girls are away, but every year this is when we have our camping trips. This year was very special. It was our first East meets West Camp. All the Guides and Rangers of both counties Cambridgeshire East and Cambridgeshire West joined together in a giant camp at our Girlguiding Anglia activity Centre at Hautbois in Norfolk. Rainbows and Trefoil Guild members from both counties also went for a day visit.

The camp was held for a week and our girls from Linton District slept in the Shepherd's huts that are there. Once there they got up to all sorts. Campfires, Scrapbooking, Blindfold activity trails, Paddle boarding, rock climbing, high ropes and many other things too numerous to mention. The sun shone and everyone had a great time. Much fun was had and many challenges were undertaken. Not least the organising, setting up, cooking and running an event like this for so many girls from all over Cambridgeshire. Our leaders are incredible and go above and beyond to give our girls the adventure of a lifetime. Meeting friends and people from all around the globe and locally at the same time.

Go girls and go Girlguiding - come and join in the fun with us here in Linton District. Today, Tomorrow, Together. Louisa 07711 614328 Rainbows 5-7yrs, Brownies 7-10yrs, Guides 10-14yrs, Rangers 14-18yrs, Inspire 18-26yrs and Trefoil Guild 18+ www.girlguiding.org.uk/getinvolved @lintondistrict

## BISHOP'S VISIT

The Right Rev Stephen Conway, Bishop of Ely will be attending Carlton's Harvest Festival Evensong at St Peter's Church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. He has informed us that this will be his first visit to Carlton Church, so it would be wonderful if we can make him welcome through our wider community. There'll be an opportunity to meet him after the service when light refreshments and drink will be served.

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RADDESLEY Festival

September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Churches Open 10am-4pm Entry £2 Per Church or £6 for all Churches

All of our six churches will be putting on displays and various demonstrations over the two days.

**Stetchworth church** - Memorabilia, Homemade jams for sale.

**Dullingham church** – Flower displays, Memorabilia & Local Artist display

**Burrough Green Church** – Flower and Produce displays & Archive photos.

Carlton Church - Flower display

Westley Waterless church – Brass rubbing & Harvest flowers.

**Brinkley Church** – Church bell ringing (Sat & Sun), Hand bell ringing (Sun), Memorabilia; Appraisals of Antique items, particularly those in wood, glass, most metals, china, etc (Sat). Flower displays.

Refreshments available Sat & Sun.

Refreshments will be available at some of the churches.

Festival Closing Service Songs of Praise at Westley Waterless on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 6pm. Stay for Cheese, Wine & Chat

## DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Charlotte Cane & John Trapp East Cambs : Bottisham Ward

We are getting increasing complaints about motorists speeding and/or parking inconsiderately. Much of the speeding on the B1102 may be people from outside our villages, but most of the speeding within the villages will be people who live in that village or a neighbouring village. We all like the quiet and safety of our villages, and we all can help keep them that way by keeping within the speed limit. The York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership has calculated that if you hit a pedestrian:

- at 40 mph there is a 90 percent chance they will be killed.
- at 35 mph there is a 50 percent chance they will be killed.
- at 30 mph there is a 20 percent chance they will be killed.
- at 20 mph there is a 2.5 percent chance they will be killed.

The other concern is parking, especially around shops, schools, and narrow roads. When you park, please think about other road users especially pedestrians, emergency vehicles and waste lorries.

626 new dwellings were built across East Cambridgeshire last year. Of these 154 met the Government's definition of affordable. These completions are a significant increase on previous years, but it is very disappointing that just 25% of these dwellings were 'affordable'. The definition of affordable housing detailed in the National Planning Policy Framework is at least 20% less than market rent or market prices, which would leave housing costs in this area well above Shelter's definition of affordable for those on median salaries, which is 35% of income after tax. Nevertheless, whilst we guibble with how affordable 'affordable' housing is, it is at least less expensive than market prices and we should be requiring developers to provide more than 25%. The Council will publish a breakdown of these figures by Parish on their website in the early autumn.

Government housing policy is not just about how many homes are delivered, but also what future supply of new homes are forecast for an area. The most important aspect of that policy is whether an area can demonstrate 'five years' worth' of supply which is likely to come forward via recent planning decisions. East Cambs' latest calculations demonstrate that we continue to have a very healthy supply of homes coming forward, of approximately 7 years' worth. This means that the policies in the Local Plan, including the development envelopes, are robust and enforceable.

With CPI inflation at 9.4% and forecast to rise further, the fuel price cap forecast to increase, and domestic oil almost double the cost of last year, many of us are worried about our finances. If you are struggling with bills, or know people who are struggling, please talk to someone. There is support available - East Cambs have a team who can help, email them at <u>communityadviceservice@eastcambs.gov.uk</u> or call 01353 665555 and ask for the Housing and Community Advice team. There is a list of helpful sites at

<u>https://www.angliarevenues.gov.uk/services/moneyad</u> <u>vice/index.cfm</u>. Or there is Citizens Advice in Newmarket <u>https://suffolkwestcab.org.uk/</u>. There will be help available to at least agree a manageable payment schedule and quite possibly to get financial support.

One very sustainable way to reduce your energy costs is to ensure your home is well insulated. If you earn less than £30,000 a year or receive certain benefits, for example Universal Credit or Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, you could get a grant of up to 100% of the costs of insulating your home. If you rent, your landlord could get a grant of up to 80% of the costs. If you want more information Email HomeEnergy@eastcambs.gov.uk or call the Customer Service team on 01353 665555 and ask about Action on Energy grants.

Our next Councillors' Surgery will be at Brinkley Memorial Hall at 6.30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September for one hour, and thereafter at the Red Lion at Brinkley.

Charlotte.Cane@eastcambs.gov.uk john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk

## 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; <u>www.raddesley.com</u>

#### INTERIM PRIESTS:

Rev'ds Rosemary and Andrew Rycraft 19 Cardigan Street, Newmarket, CB8 8HZ 01638 665421 CHURCHWARDENS: Burrough Green: Lucy Talbot Tel: 01638 507060, email: <u>peterandlucyt@btinternet.com</u> Westley Waterless: Ms. Deborah O'Riordan, Tel: 01638 507741, email <u>d.a.oriordan@btinternet.com</u> and Mrs Liz Gibson, Tel: 01638 508600, <u>lizgibson@me.com</u> Brinkley: Ros Pates 01638 507240

rospates@yahoo.co.uk

Carlton: Stephen Roberts 01223 290372 or <u>Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com</u>.

## SERVICES for SEPTEMBER

# Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 12th After Trinity

9.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft 10.30 am Family Worship Burrough Green Rev'd Andrew Rycraft

Isaiah 18: 1-11 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33

## SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> September RADDESLEY FESTIVAL WEEKEND All Churches

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 13<sup>th</sup> After Trinity

 9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft
 6.00 Celebration Songs of Praise Westley Waterless Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 14th After Trinity

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer
6.00 pm Harvest Evensong Carlton Bishop Stephen

Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 15th After Trinity

 10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham Rev'ds Andrew and Rosemary Rycraft
 6.00 pm Harvest Evensong Stetchworth Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft Alastair France preaching

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 Luke 16: 19-end

As I prepare this piece for the newsletter, it is the time of examination results and, as both a parent and a former teacher, I remember the many emotions of these times. It is also an indication that the summer break is coming to an end and very soon the new academic year will commence, and schools, colleges and universities will be welcoming back their students. We think especially of all the students and educational personnel in our local communities who are preparing for the new term and especially those taking those next steps.

It has certainly been a summer to remember with the extreme heat and lack of rain. Our church buildings have offered the ideal environment to sit and be cool. Over many hundreds of years the beautiful and varied churches within our Benefice have stood the test of time and one may wonder what they have witnessed and the tales they could tell. In addition to serving as a place of worship, the parish church was used as a general gathering place for local communities, hosting events such as guild meetings, banquets, mystery plays and fairs. Church buildings were also used for the threshing and storage of grain.

This month we are celebrating our wonderful church buildings and inviting you to join us in our 'Raddesley Festival' over the weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> September when each of our six churches will be open offering different activities, local crafts and refreshments. Please see the posters, go to Raddesley.com or scan the QR Code on the poster from 1<sup>st</sup> September. On the evening of Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm there will be a 'Songs of Praise' at Westley Waterless, followed by Cheese, Wine and Chat! We hope many of you will join us.

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Dullingham holds its annual Dog Show and Fete on the Village Green from 2pm. Again, please join us and take this opportunity to show off your dog and enjoy an afternoon with friends. Lots of prizes to be won, games to play, stalls to visit and afternoon tea to enjoy.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another. Hebrews 10:24-25.

#### Anthea

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> 01638 507495 by SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 please

