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APRIL 2021

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Currently we are closed apart from the Shop and Post Office which are open from 9am-12pm weekdays only. Entrance is still at the far end of the building, but we hope to open the front doors as soon as we can.

We hope to be opening the outside facilities from the end of March for football, tennis and netball but will not know for sure until after the next government announcement.

From 12th April we should be able to have family members in together and children's classes will restart. May 17th should see the return of indoor sport, classes and coffee mornings. We also hope to start a new parent and toddler session so watch this space.

Outdoor live music will be coming in the Summer. Please call us or follow us on Facebook to keep up with the latest rules and regulations of what is permitted at the Centre.

Emails are still picked up at least twice weekly and we can be reached on the telephone.

We cannot wait to have you all back with us very soon.

The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.

www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk Tel 01638 508212. Email office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk.

THE RED LION BRINKLEY

Assuming the government game plan remains as is we will be fully open again, inside and outside, from Wednesday May 19th. You are welcome to book a table any time from now.



Until fully open on May 19th we will also open all the garden tables from Friday April 30th. These will be available from 5:00 on Friday, 12:00 on Saturday and on Sunday from 1:00 until 5:00 for food or drink. Outside tables can also be booked in advance from now and we will all see how the weather is on the day! If you are unsure what all the government rules are for numbers or whom you can sit with etc. please call us. If it rains, please remember you will not be allowed to move into the building in the period before May 19th. Despite all the good vaccination programme news please be assured we will continue to maintain the safest environment we can.

Gwyn & Morris.

01638 508707

RUBBISH FRIENDS

A Big THANK YOU to the members of the local group of Rubbish Friends who litter pick our village



and down to Six Mile Bottom. It's sad they have to do this, but they do make a difference, as we see from the sacks that they collect.

We are all lucky to have such a great view as we drive up to the village from the A11, and we appreciate their hard work to maintain the enjoyment of the drive, cycle or run.

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

With the lockdown restrictions being relaxed from April 12th with outside seating only, we will be open Monday



12th from 4pm (weather permitting). Thereafter until inside seating is allowed, opening hours will be from 4pm Fridays, Saturday and Sunday from 12noon. Food will be available.

We have lots of new plans for the re-opening, when we are allowed. Including a new pool table, theme nights and daily specials.

Save the date May 3rd Bank Holiday. BBQ from 1pm We look forward to welcoming old and new customers.

Rob and Katrina look forward to welcoming you 01638 508333

BURROUGH GREEN CHURCHYARD

The project to upgrade the church is progressing well



in the church and most of the external works are now complete.

If you have some time to spare, please come and help tidy outside

on

Saturday 17th April from 9.30 am.

There is plenty to do from grass cutting, weeding, stone collecting, pruning, clearing fallen tree branches and much more. We can all work safely together.

If you are unable to come or would be happy to help on another day, please do go and spend some time.

Families visiting the graves of their loved ones always comment on how much it means to them that we look after the church yard. If you would like to ask about

anything to with the maintenance or anything else, please ring me 01638 507060 Thank you to you all



Lucy

CLOTHES COLLECTION: Bag2theFuture

St. Peter's Church Stetchworth are having a collection of good quality used clothes - mens, womens and childrens - also shoes - paired and tied together please - belts, handbags and accessories. (No bedding, duvets or uniforms). Bag2theFuture will collect them and recycle them, paying us according to the weight of the bags. The bags will be collected at Stetchworth church on 20th April. Along with many other organisations we have been unable to arrange any fundraising events for the past year and we thought this might be the time when people are having a spring clear out. The local charity shops are currently closed but we can relieve you of your discards! If you have a bag or bags to add to our collection, they can be delivered to Stetchworth church porch by 19th April. Alternatively, I can call and collect them from you if you wish - just let me know. If you have already been going through your cupboards and would like to get the bags out of the way, just give me a ring and I will collect.

> Lily Whymer - 01638 507576 lilywhymer@gmail.com

BRINKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Brinkley Parish council met via Zoom meeting on 24th February. We hope to be able to restart face to face meetings in the Memorial Hall later this year.

As you may know our bid to the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) for traffic calming measures at the Carlton end of the High Street was successful, work was due to have taken place by now but has been delayed. We expect the work to commence in May or June. We have also made an application to this year's LHI for safety measures at the junction with Brinkley Road (coming from Six Mile Bottom) and the High Street as a number of accidents have occurred there. At our December meeting we approved a 5% increase (£440) to our precept.

The council has a new and improved website which meets full accessibility guidelines and will go live at the end of March. The new link to the website will be posted on the old website so please take a look

SANCTUARY HOUSING

We are seeking the views of residents who live in Sanctuary Housing properties about the service you are receiving from them as your housing association and landlord. If you wish to contribute your views, please contact the clerk.

The clerk can be contacted at brinkleyclerk@gmail.com
Best wishes to all

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 4^{th} Wednesday of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm



GIGABIT BROADBAND SCHEME

The government is launching a scheme to connect many rural premises with gigabit broadband. The link below is to the government website outlining the scheme whereby groups in a village can apply for grants to pool toward the cost of installing these systems.

https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/

If you are interested and would be willing to coordinate a bid then e-mail me at villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com.

The grant scheme application process opens on 8th April.

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

If you wish to hire the hall, please contact Susie Shuter on 01638 508729

The charges to hire the Memorial Hall are £8.00 per hour for VV cluster and £11.00/ hour for outside. We cater for one off parties and Groups looking for a venue. The Hall can cater for 80 people.

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham: Green

Black bin – **Wednesday** 7th & Monday 19th April Blue & Green – **Tuesday** 13th & Monday 26th April

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless – Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - Thursdays 15th & 29th April Green Lid - **Friday 9**th & Thursday 22nd April.

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.)

HOME INSURANCE

Brinkley Church is insured through Ecclesiastical, but despite their name they insure other buildings too. If you are considering changing your home insurance, then please consider contacting them for a quote.

Ecclesiastical - Trust130 Home Insurance offer

For every new home insurance policy taken out with us, we're donating £130 to a church or cathedral of the policyholder's choice through our Trust130 promotion. Small donations making a big impact.

Since 2017, we have donated over £430,000 to churches chosen by our customers through this promotion. We are delighted that so many churches have benefitted so far, and to help more churches take advantage of these donations we have extended the offer to run throughout 2021. To take advantage of this offer please call our team for a quote on 0800 7830 130 and quote Trust130.

These donations have already made a massive difference to churches and cathedrals across the country, and while £130 might not sound like a vast sum, these donations can make a big difference to churches large and small. Many churches have also benefitted from multiple donations as more than one member of the congregation has taken up the offer.

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

BURROUGH GREEN

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

We're looking for people who would like to help reduce speeding in the village and can spare a few hours of their time.



Volunteers will be trained to use speed indicator devices which display vehicle speeds. The registered owner of any vehicle seen exceeding the speed limit will be sent a letter by the Cambridgeshire Police.

The Community Speedwatch scheme has previously been successful in Burrough Green, but volunteers are needed to start it up again.

· Training and equipment will be provided.

clerk.bgpc@ymail.com

· Speedwatch is done in groups of 3 or more people.

For more info please visit: www.speedwatch.info If you'd like to help, or have any questions, please contact a member of the Parish Council or email:

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

What a treat is has been to have had the pleasure of some fascinating talks by Zoom this year. I'm pleased to say that we have been able to arrange another for April. So do join us **Tuesday April 27**th for a talk by Martin Fish from Simply Gardening on "Behind the Scenes as an RHS judge".

Our Zoom meetings will take place at 7.30 pm on the appointed day, but it's worth logging on to the link beforehand in case of any problems. Members will get an email nearer the time with the link to join the Zoom meeting.

If you are not a member and would like to hear this, or any subsequent talks, please email our secretary <u>Judith.mahoney@btinternet.com</u> who will get you on to the list. We hope that joining in will then inspire you to join the Club – new members are always very welcome.

Looking ahead - we hope to have some sort of plant sale in May, but you will have to await news a little nearer the time to see what can be arranged within the prevailing guidelines for gatherings. However, let's be positive and look forward to seeing each other very soon!

COMMUNITY MAPPING FOR EAST CAMBS

Our new East Cambs Think Communities team (Caline, Chris and I) are keen to work with you on developing an online Google map containing community groups and organisations in the East Cambs District to work as a directory which can be used for sign posting by support groups, and a method of advertising and informing the public as to the whereabouts of community groups and how to access them.

Below is a link to our East Cambs Local Community Groups Form. The idea is that the details are maintained by the community groups themselves and therefore we would like each community group (parish councils, community groups, sports clubs, brownies, cadets, friendship clubs etc) to populate the details themselves, and make us aware if/when any details change.

This means the information is accurate and up to date and prevents the chances of duplications.

We are asking you to share the below online form with community groups and organisations in your area so that they can be included.

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MARSH MAIL News from Linton Village College

While much of school life tends to be typified by fairly rigid structures, the last few months have exemplified just how adaptable the school community has been.

Students and staff have become accustomed to staggered timetables and a range of new routines to keep learning and stay as safe as possible in school. While the College remained closed to most students, teachers acclimatised to delivering all timetabled lessons online. Both they and their classes become proficient with using technology to ensure learning continuity.

Issuing devices donated by families and Cambs Youth Panel, as well as those issued by the government has enabled our students to be equipped to access learning from home. Our live lesson attendance was more than 80%; the narrative of lockdown 'lost learning' certainly doesn't reflect the experience of LVC students.

Returning to school has enabled everyone to benefit from re-establishing face to face learning routines and reconnecting with each other. Hearing the school alive with the sound of students and staff again has been brilliant.

Adaptation has continued with students adjusting amazingly well to wearing face masks in lessons and engaging responsibly with our rapid mass testing roll out. The transformation of our sports hall into an Asymptomatic Testing Centre, led very capably by our Sports Centre Manager, Sam Pollard, has been remarkable. As have the efforts of our team of testing volunteers from our staff and community volunteers.

Over forty members of our parent body stepped forward to offer their support as testing assistants. The slick and welcoming operation has been a real triumph. Supporting the schools' reopening, processing 2572 Lateral Flow Tests have identified some positive Covid-19 cases that would have otherwise been undetected. Staff and students are now accustomed to testing themselves twice weekly at home.

I have been astonished and extremely proud of the resilience of our young people, by the support of their families and the commitment of LVC staff to make remote learning and school reopening a success. We look forward to the return of more customary routines as well as continuing to evolve practices that have proven to be really beneficial in these exceptional times.

Helena Marsh

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2523 LINTON AIR CADETS.

With the government indicating what will hopefully be the final roadmap out of lockdown we are able to prepare for our return to face-to-face activities. Having been over a year since we were last able to parade, new uniform kitting is high on the agenda!

A comprehensive summer program of activities has been put together for our return, including radio training, fieldcraft, navigation, coding, first aid and sports.

We will soon have the plan for the return of all our favourite activities, flying, gliding and shooting too.

We also look forward to welcoming new members to the squadron, both cadets and staff.

For staff there are many ways to volunteer your time at 2523 Linton Squadron and not all of them involve uniform. We simply ask that you are a minimum of 20 years old. You can get involved in all the RAF Air Cadets has to offer and it is a very rewarding way to volunteer. You may want to just dip in and out to share your life experiences on occasion or be a more involved member of the team.

For cadets, if you or someone you know is a minimum age of 12 and in year 8 please visit www.2523linton.co.uk and get in touch to join. We have many fantastic opportunities available to you.

In the summer and at the end of all restrictions we look forward to hosting an open evening where new staff and cadets can come and see all that we have to offer in person.

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

APRIL QUIZ

1. 'It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.', is a quote from which book?

- 2. On what date in April is St George's Day?
- 3. Which event made British news headlines on the 2nd of April, 1982?
- 4. What was first introduced into Britain on the 1st April, 1973?
- 5. In a famous TV prank from 1957, the BBC broadcast a film showing Swiss farmers picking freshly-grown what?

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evenings 6-7pm

Next Parish Council Meeting

To be held on Monday 24th May 2021 at 7:30pm, via Zoom.

To access go to https://zoom.us/join; enter the meeting Id number: 233 390 1270 and the Password: 5J6ekm

Dog Fouling on the Green, Burrough Green.

It was raised at the recent Parish Council meeting that dog fouling on the green and near the play area, has started to become a recurring problem again, I am sure that all residents who own dogs will assist us by ensuring they collect their dog's waste and dispose of it in the Dog Waste Bin provided. The Parish Council is looking into installing more dog waste bins and other ways to tackle the problem.

Under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 in England and Wales, a person who doesn't clean up after their dog may face an on-the-spot fine of up to £80. These fines are known as fixed penalty notices. If a person refuses to pay, they can be taken to the local Magistrates Court for the dog fouling offence and fined up to £1,000.

The Parish Council hope this notice will encourage all dog owners to act responsibly, and to improve the problem without the need to introduce fines for offenders, and we thank you for your cooperation.

Community Speed Watch

30mph it is, but many don't! With Speeding a real issue in Burrough Green the safety of our residents and especially our children is at risk, action is needed! We are therefore trying to re-start our Community Speed Watch Scheme. If you want to do something about it, please join the Burrough Green Speed Watch Team. Time commitment is as little or as much as you like. Training and equipment will be provided. For info please contact: clerk.bgpc@ymail.com.

SELF ISOLATING due to Corona Virus

Burrough Green has a COMMUNITY PHONE scheme you can ring or text if you need help with:

- Picking basic groceries up
- Collecting medicines
- Posting mail
- Or just a friendly chat!

Tel: 07715 574296

Please use this service when you need it. If the phone goes to voicemail, please leave a message and someone will get back to you ASAP. The Coordinator will then pass your request to a volunteer via WhatsApp.

COVID-19 East Cambridgeshire District Council

https://eastcambs.gov.uk/content/coronavirusinformation-residents

Care-network

Delivering essential supplies and prescriptions

If you are on your own with no one to help you and need an emergency food shop or a prescription to be collected please call 01223 714433.

We are happy to get in touch if you are concerned about someone else, please call 0330 094 5750.

- Our Community Navigators are ready to help you find the right support for you - from community services, groups and charities 01353 659639
- Coronavirus: Financial Assistance

If you have been financially affected by COVID -19 please see information and useful links below regarding assistance with your Council Tax and Housing Benefit

https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/content/coronavirusfinancial-assistance

23rd APRIL 2003

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

East Cambs Bottisham Ward - Charlotte Cane & John Trapp

Council approved the budget for 2021/22 and the Medium-Term Financial Strategy through to 2024/25. The East Cambs element of the Council Tax is frozen for 2021/22 but will rise by over 3.5% in 2022/23 and by the maximum amount allowed in the subsequent years. Despite these Council Tax rises, the Council is forecasting a budget shortfall of over £4 million from 2023/24. We supported an unsuccessful amendment which would have given financial support to local businesses recovering from Covid and carried out a consultation on leisure and recreation provision across the district as well as raising Council Tax more gradually and reducing the budget shortfall below £4 million.

Although the District Council's share of the Council tax is frozen, your Council tax bills will rise because the bill sent by the District Council covers the County Council, Police and Fire services and your Parish Council - many of these other bodies have increased their Council tax charges. If you are finding it difficult to pay your Council tax, you may be eligible for reductions or exemptions. There is a list of these at

https://www.angliarevenues.gov.uk/services/councilta x/reductions/index.cfm. Or you can get advice from Citizens Advice or by contacting John john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk or Charlotte charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk

It was confirmed that the Council has a 7 year land supply and therefore our development envelopes in the Local Plan 2015 should be respected.

Our next Councillors' Surgery and Meet Your Councillors will be on Thursday 29th April at 6.30pm. This will be held by zoom - Meeting ID: 886 6745 4755, Passcode: 984508. If you prefer to join by 'phone, the number is 01314 601196.

East Cambridgeshire Woodditton Ward Alan Sharp & Amy Starkey

We hope that everyone is keeping safe in the current situation.

Current working arrangements during COVID-19 (as of writing this report)

During the current lockdown, the Council offices continue to be closed to visitors. Please use online facilities or call 01353 665555 to speak to the Customer Services team. Some of the Council team will be working on COVID specific duties rather their normal duties, so please bear with us if the response is longer than normal. Please contact us if you are having difficulty getting the response that you require.

Council Tax

The District Council voted on 23rd February to freeze their portion of the Council Tax for an **EIGHTH** year running for the 2021/2022 year. The Council felt that it was correct, after the last year where some people's income has been severely challenged, to do everything possible to help. However, the Council recognises that a freeze may not be possible in future years and have stated that for 2022/23 and 2023/24 there is the possibility of a £5 annual increase for a Band D property. We will work as hard as we can to minimise any increase, whilst protecting services.

The County Council increased their part of the Council Tax bill by 1.99%, plus a 1% increase ringfenced for Adult Social Care. The budget for adult social care in 2021/2022 has been increased from £141.4m to £161.8m.

Repairs to Highways, pathways and footpaths

The County Council at their budget setting meeting voted to put a further £29.7m into highway repairs and £20m into pavement footpath maintenance over the 2021/2026 period. Please report potholes and the need for pavement repairs to the County Council. Please send a copy to Alan, so that he can ensure the repairs happen.

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 and we will set up a virtual call.

Stay Safe

E <u>alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk</u> Tel 07794292941 E <u>amy.starkey@eastcambs.gov.uk</u> Tel 07901716233

ANSWERS TO APRIL QUIZ

- 1. Nineteen Eighty-Four (by George Orwell)
- 2. 23rd April
- 3. Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands
- 4. VAT (Value Added Tax)
- 5. Spaghetti

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Join us for the following services by Zoom or direct to your email inbox.

nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

29th - 31st March Holy Week Compline 7pm Zoom Thursday 1st April Maundy Thursday Service 7pm Zoom

Ecumenical Good Friday Service 11am Zoom
Easter Sunday Service 10am Zoom

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APRIL SERVICES

Church Opening Update
All being well we will open again for worship services
from Sunday, 11 April.

We look forward to being able to gather in person once again ©

Sunday 11th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion Stetchworth 10.30am Morning Prayer Dullingham Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

Sunday 18th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.00am Holy Communion Burrough Green
10.30am Morning Prayer Brinkley

Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday 25th April 4th Sunday of Easter

10.30am Holy Communion Dullingham
3.00pm Evening Prayer Stetchworth
7.00-8.00pm Bible Study Zoom

Acts 4:5-12 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

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HOPE

One of my favourite passages in the bible is the conversation between Jesus and the two men next to him on the cross (in Luke 23:40-43). One calls out to Jesus 'if you are who you really say you are get us down from this cross'. The other perhaps sensing mocking says 'Don't talk to Jesus in that way we are here for the things we have done, he has done nothing wrong'. He then turns to Jesus no doubt with tears streaming down his face and says 'Remember me when you come into your throne'. To which Jesus turns to him and poignantly replies 'Tonight you will be with me in paradise'.

How wonderful is that. In that agonising life and death moment Jesus reassures this man - who self-

confesses to having led a bad life- that he will be welcomed by Jesus into the heavenly realm. He and we are given immediate reassurance of life after death, over the simplicity of forgiveness and the exorbitant nature of God's grace. A free and freeing gift of love from God available to each one of us. Now if that doesn't deserve a 'Hallelujah' and to celebrate with Easter chocolate I don't know what does!

Easter is coming! Spring is sprung! The roadmap to ending lockdown is under way. There is hope and possibility in the air. Long may it be so.

Easter Blessings to you all,

Nikki

RADDESLEY BENEFICE WEBSITE

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

If you wish to book a baptism, wedding etc., please contact Nikki. Her usual working days will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday of course, or one of the Churchwardens; details as below.

Rev'd Nikki Mann 01638 507980

The Vicarage, 23 Stetchworth Road, Dullingham. CB8 9U.T

Burrough Green: Lucy Talbot Tel: 01638 507060,

email: peterandlucyt@btinternet.com

Westley Waterless: Ms. Deborah O'Riordan, Tel: 01638 507741, email <u>d.a.oriordan@btinternet.com</u> and Mrs Liz Gibson, Tel: 01638 508600, lizgibson@me.com

Brinkley: John Robertson Tel. 01638 507484 **Carlton**: Stephen Roberts 01223 290372 or

<u>Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com</u>. **Rural Dean:** Rev'd David Cleugh email <u>davidcleugh@gmail.com</u>

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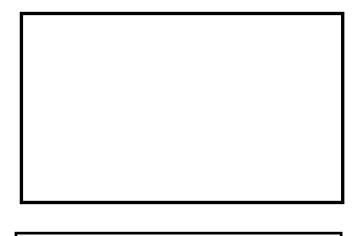
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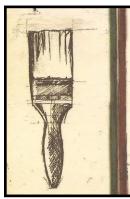


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