

# VILLAGE VOICE

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

DECEMBER 2024



## BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2024

Last call for entries in the Brinkley Christmas Card 2024. The last time you may sign up will be Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at the Winter Fair, in the Memorial Hall.

If you already have a form, please give it either to Ros, at 18, Green Park; or Trish, at Tree Tops, High Street. I need this for accounting purposes, and also to find out how you wish to be named in the card. If you don't have a form, please ring Ros (01638 507240) and I will drop one off to you.

We are raising money for our church, and also for the charity Newmarket Open Door, which supports families in need.



**WINTER FAIR**  
**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
**12noon to 2.30pm**  
**BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL**  
Come along and have lunch  
Homemade soups, sausage in a bun,  
delicious puddings.  
Homemade Ice Cream  
  
Cake stall..... Gift stall  
Tombola..... Raffle.....& more  
  
Please support this fund-raising event  
for your village church,  
St Mary's, Brinkley.

If you have items, cakes, gifts, bottles, that you could donate to the fair, or can help run a stall, it would be much appreciated.

You can bring items to the hall before 11.00am on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

Please contact Trish on 01638 507495, or Ros on 01638 507240

## R. D. JAGGARD

This year we are not selling from the yard in Burrough Green. Instead we are taking orders for delivery. Please book early to avoid disappointment.



07766 566226

rdjaggardandson@btinternet.com

01638 507330



**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
in  
**Burrough Green Reading Room**  
**9 - 10:30am**



£8 adult, £4 under 12s

Includes a glass of Prosecco

Booking essential

via Joanne Harrison 01638 508888

Festive Raffle

Come and support your village hall!

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Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy and Healthy New Year.  
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## BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

**MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER**  
**10.30 am to 12.00 noon**  
at  
**Brinkley Memorial Hall**



Please join us for Tea, Coffee and  
Cake and an opportunity to  
catch up with old friends and meet  
new ones.

Added Christmas cheer on 23<sup>rd</sup> !!

Any Queries: Caroline Egar - 01638  
507418 / 07976 250961



**CANDLELIT SERVICE**  
of  
**Carols & Readings**



**St Augustine's, Burrough Green**  
**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 6 pm**

All welcome to stay for  
mulled wine and mince pies  
following the service



Contact Lucy Talbot 07910 158463  
peterandlucy@btinternet.com

## NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

### Baby and Toddler Groups

#### Tots of Fun 0-5yrs

Thursdays 9.30-11.30am

#### Non-Walkers

Mondays 9.30-11am

*Come and join one of our friendly groups to socialise and have fun. We provide snacks and toys for the children as well as a hot drink and cake for the adults. Each session we have a craft activity and end with singing and dancing.*

### Ellesmere Devils Pantomime Society presents

#### Wendy! A Peter Panto

Have you got your tickets yet?  
Don't miss out on a guaranteed cure for the January blues.

Get your tickets today  
at: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps)



**Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New  
Year  
From the Staff  
and Trustees**



We are currently working on our Web Site and hope to be able to launch it in the New Year. In the meantime, if you have Facebook, please follow us for all the latest news and information.

Email: [office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk](mailto:office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk)  
alternatively call us on 01638 508212

### THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



Our Christmas tree is up and lighting up the pub even more, giving our pretty village the festive feel.



We would like to wish everyone a festive season as it's almost upon us.

Sunday roast during December - I'm going to do turkey to get everyone in the festive mood so do come along and enjoy.

Our opening hours for Christmas are as follows

Christmas Eve - 08.30am 'til 10.30pm

Christmas Day - 11am 'til 4pm

Boxing Day - 11am 'til 4pm

New Year's Eve - 11am 'til late

New Year's Day - normal hours

*At this special time of year we would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas, a very prosperous New Year and to say thank you for all your support*

*Tina and Danny  
01638 476424*

## St Peter's Church Stetchworth CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**2.00 - 4.30 pm**

Come and see the Christmas Trees that have been decorated by Community Groups.

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Raffle, Cake and Jam stall

**Entertainment from the Kettlefields School choir  
and The Kitchen Choir**

### BRINKLEY RED LION



It's almost Christmas, and we are pleased to say the pub will soon have decorations, including a couple of Christmas trees to see us towards the New Year. Speaking of New Year, we will be extending our opening hours that evening to stay open until 01:00, so last orders at 00:30. The dining room will be open as usual, with a few specials for the evening. We are finalising these this week, so do please call us for more details.



A reminder for Christmas Day, we will be open for drinks only from 11:30 - 13:00 (last orders 12:30), hoping to bring as many people from the local villages together for a little Christmas Day cheer.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December - We will be doing a Taco night in the bar - more details will come through on social media (Instagram and Facebook), but we hope this provides something in the middle of the festive period where we can all enjoy a busy and fun evening in the pub. We will still have our usual menu available in the dining room as well.

All festive season our hours will remain as usual unless specified above (Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve)  
*We look forward to seeing you!*

*Best George & The Red Lion Team*

**01638 650879**

### RECYCLING

**Carlton & Willingham Green - Wednesdays :**

Black bin - 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Blue & Green - 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Mondays**

Black sacks weekly (Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December)

Blue Lid - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Green Lid - 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **A HELPING HAND**

Do you need help with decluttering?  
Have you have been putting off a project due  
to lack of energy and impetus?

I can help.

Having someone with you, and another pair of  
capable hands, to help you tackle a daunting  
task makes a huge difference

It could be clearing out an attic, under stairs  
cupboard, a wardrobe, a shed or even a  
greenhouse that needs tidying.

Having a clothes sort out or moving house and  
can't decide what to keep? Let me help you  
decide.

I can also do recycle runs and charity shop drop  
offs. All at a time to suit you.  
Reasonable hourly rate. Mileage extra if driving  
involved.

Local area only. I live in Brinkley.

Why not ring for a quick chat?

Louise 07885 709665

### **KINGSWAY SOLAR FARM**

#### **Have Your Say on the Kingsway Solar Farm Proposal!**

With the Kingsway public consultation events now  
complete, it's time for you to share your views. This  
feedback is your best opportunity to influence the  
solar farm's design, ensuring that if it moves forward,  
its impact on our community is minimised.

#### **About the Kingsway Solar Farm**

Kingsway Solar is set to be one of Europe's largest  
solar farms and battery storage systems (BESS),  
spanning 3,700 acres—an area larger than Heathrow  
Airport. While recognizing that solar energy is  
important in meeting climate targets, it's essential  
that a project of this scale is carefully designed to  
reduce its impact on the local community, land use,  
jobs, biodiversity, and overall quality of life.

Kingsway Solar affects Balsham, West Wrattling,  
Weston Colville, Willingham Green, Carlton and  
surrounding villages. *[Note to the editor: this line can  
be removed if the map is included].* In addition, the  
proposal includes an option to run overhead wires on  
pylons through parts of Great Wilbraham parish.

#### **About KSCA**

Kingsway Solar Community Action (KSCA) is a local  
group of people, whose aim is to provide clear and  
objective information to help you have your say. We  
are encouraging Kingsway to prioritise your feedback  
and address our concerns.

#### **How to give feedback**

You can submit your feedback online or using one of  
the methods detailed in Kingsway's leaflet or write  
directly to FREEPOST DOWNING KINGSWAY.  
Share your overall thoughts on the solar farm, but

make sure to include specific suggestions for the  
designs, e.g. mention a road, footpath or specific  
problem to be addressed.



Download the Consultation Feedback Form at  
<https://kingswaysolar.participatr.io/>, or pick up a  
printed copy at the post office in Balsham.

**Submit your feedback by 12<sup>th</sup> December to make  
your voice count.**

To find out more about the Kingsway proposal, visit:  
[kingswaysolarfarm.co.uk/proposals/](https://kingswaysolarfarm.co.uk/proposals/)

To find out more about KSCA, get support with your  
response, or join us, visit: [kingswayaction.org](https://kingswayaction.org).

Alternatively find us on Facebook

Kathy Day on Behalf of Kingsway Solar Community  
Action

A festive advertisement for The Kitchen Choir's 'Yule be Merry &amp; Bright!' event. The top section features the text 'The Granary Barns, Woodditton' and 'Tuesday 10th December 7.00 for 7.30pm'. A large golden bell with 'Kitchen Choir presents' is on the right. The main title 'Yule be Merry &amp; Bright!' is in a large, stylized font. Below it, 'Seasonal entertainment from the Kitchen Choir &amp; 5 piece band The Kitchenettes' is written. A picture of a Christmas cake with 'Bar from 7pm' is shown. The bottom section includes 'Tickets £12.50 Adult, £3 Child (16 and under) nibbles included. Available from: Sarah Mardon: sarahannemardon@hotmail.com, 07535 001291' and 'Facebook: @kitchenchoir www.kitchenchoir.weebly.com'. The background is blue with white stars and a red cross logo for 'East Anglian Air Ambulance'.

### PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST - AWARD 2025

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2025. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year to the amount of £1000.

Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following:- Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Education, Medicine, Nursing and Veterinary Medicine.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wrattling Common airfield - Great & Little Thurlow, West Wickham, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wrattling, Weston Colville and Withersfield. The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc. The final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level results & University offer are confirmed.

For further information about the trust and the award please contact: Jonathan Drury - 01223 290087

For an application form please apply via email to: peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com

The application form & supporting documents must be received at the latest by 5th April 2025

### MARSH MAIL - News from Linton Village College Community Connections

At Linton Village College, we pride ourselves on being part of our local community. Our annual sponsored walk took place in October and is always a highlight in the LVC calendar. The event is run by the Friends of LVC, an incredible group of volunteer parents and carers and involves the whole school dressing up and



embarking upon a 7-mile walk around Linton and the surrounding villages. All funds raised contribute directly towards enriching



student lives at LVC such as the Year 7 and Year 8 school discos, the Year 11 Leavers' Prom, new furniture in our common rooms and brand-new sound and lighting equipment for performances and for students to utilise for GCSE exams.

November saw the 'Platform 24' Art Exhibition taking place at the Michaelhouse Café in central Cambridge. The exhibition involves all of the secondary schools and sixth forms within Anglian Learning Trust and gives students an opportunity to exhibit their work in a local exhibition space that is open to the public.

The Primary Singing Festival was also held this month, involving Year 2 students from some of our catchment primary schools, who came together at LVC to celebrate their love of singing. Each school performed their own song on the theme of 'Autumn' and then sang as a group alongside the Linton Heights Junior School Choir and the LVC Lower School vocal group.

Ellesmere Devils Pantomime Society Presents

# WENDY! A PETER PANTO

Based on the original play 'Peter Pan' by J. M. Barrie  
Adapted by Matthew Attwood

The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

Wed 29 January 6.30pm

Thurs 30 January 7pm

Fri 31 January 7.30pm

Sat 1 February 2pm

Sat 1 February 7.30pm



Tickets on sale now  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps)

Scan the  
QR code  
to buy



This amateur production of "Peter Pan" is presented by arrangement with Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)

Ahoy there! Get ready to set sail on a fantastical adventure with The Ellesmere Devils Pantomime Society as they present Wendy - A Peter Panto! Adapted by Matthew Attwood, this magical, fun-filled twist on J.M. Barrie's classic tale will have you laughing, cheering, and maybe even helping Wendy save the day!

Wendy loves to tell her brothers, John and Michael, stories of Peter Pan and Neverland before bedtime, but she's ready for more than just storytelling—Wendy's about to create her own adventure! Brave-hearted, bold, and unstoppable, she's leading the way to Neverland, where she'll meet Peter, the mischievous Tinker Bell, the hilarious Lost Boys, a crew of drunken sailors, mermaids, ghosts and one very hungry crocodile!

Can Wendy outwit the dastardly Captain Hook and take charge of her own tale? You'll just have to come and see! Packed with magic, mayhem, colourful characters and catchy songs - and of course lots of "He's behind you!" moments, this is the pantomime adventure you won't want to miss. Neverland is calling—are you ready to join in the fun?

Tickets are available at

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps>

### GAMES EVENINGS

Sheriff's Court in Burrough Green are hosting Games Evenings every Tuesday evening from 7pm.

Come along and play Scrabble, Rummikub, Upwords, Boggle or Mahjong for example. No expertise required. Tea & biscuits included. £2

ALL WELCOME

## **BURROUGH GREEN C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY**



### **Wandlebury and all things Iron Age**

In November, Miss Burton and I had the pleasure of taking Einstein Class to Wandlebury Country Park to immerse ourselves in all things Iron Age. The children had a great time and enjoyed bread making (they cooked and ate it), a walk around the old hill fort collecting stickers and weaving willow in the afternoon. We finished with a slingshot competition. Amazing fun. Our guide and tutor for the day, Vicky, was so knowledgeable and made the visit extra special. Trips like this really bring the children's learning to life and it is vital we get them out and about as much as possible.

We have geography, RE, English and Computing trips in the pipeline - you will stay informed!

### **Einstein singing trip.**

Mrs Chubb and Mrs Pizey took Einstein to a singing event. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were all proud to represent their school. This is an event that this class always participates in. Singing is proven to be good for our mental health and wellbeing



### **Film Stars!**

Most exciting...Burrough Green C of E Primary Academy has made a movie...well a promotional video! Georgina Shepherd (parent governor) has to be credited with driving the idea and this is something that many primary schools do. I have to say, we are so lucky to have the parent governors we have - they are clearly committed and our whole community should be grateful for them and their tireless work promoting the school. Thank you.

The final video is out there on our social media pages and, as I write, has over 12,000 views. I hope you have all seen it as it very much reflects what goes on at Burrough Green every single day. If you haven't seen it - please look it up, we are all very proud of it.

Its effect has been amazing. We have now had 2 open sessions for prospective new parents and they have been incredibly well attended. Over double the families that were booked in have visited and I have 3 more families to show around this week!

The great news is that we have already (even before the video!) increased our school roll by 5 children since September - a good proportion of the new students coming from Newmarket and even further afield. This is truly wonderful news and testimony to the relentless work of our incredible staff team who all contribute to make Burrough Green the success it is. We have space in all of our classes.

Burrough Green C of E Primary Academy is a school going places!

### **Continuous Provision on the Playground!**

Our playground is undergoing a small transformation. The vision is that all children will be able to experience the continuous provision that is so successful in EYFS and Year 1. Mrs Leadbeter is leading on this initiative and many of you will already know about our amazing mud kitchen.

To complement the area, we have also constructed a sandpit. We would be very grateful for any sand toys, buckets and spades. Thank you, again.

By the end of November we will be filling the playground with around £5000 worth of equipment to enhance our break and lunch provision - yet another reason to be excited by our amazing school!

### **Remembrance**

Our Remembrance service went well and the Prayer Team thoroughly enjoyed leading it. The event was well attended and the messages of remembrance and hope for the future were put across very well.



### **Sweet Chestnut Tree**

Some sad news to finish this edition - unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to our majestic and beautiful Sweet Chestnut tree last week. It was obstructing light for nearby houses and we were unable to save it. On a slightly positive note, the kind tree surgeons cut the trunk to make seats for our forest school experience and some of the branches were turned into resources for Malala Class.

The countdown to Christmas is beginning and I can hear the children practising Christmas songs ready for our nativity.

Take care everyone

David Sandford Headteacher

### **BOOK AND JIGSAW EXCHANGE - BRINKLEY**



Please pop into the church porch to use the book and jigsaw exchange.



Feel free to borrow a book or jigsaw and return it when you have finished or replace it with another. Donations of clean, readable modern or classic novels and auto/biographies would be greatly appreciated. Complete jigsaws only please.

denisehrebeniak@yahoo.com

### MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will be at  
BURROUGH GREEN by  
the BUS STOP on 3<sup>rd</sup>  
THURSDAY of each  
month at 3.50 - 4.10pm



BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL on the 4<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY  
of each month between 1.10pm - 1.50pm. 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.

LINTON GUIDES + RANGERS/BRINKLEY GUIDES

## SANTA'S GROTTO

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER FROM 1PM  
IN THE LINTON CHURCH PAVILION

£7 PER CHILD INCLUDES:  
- PICTURES WITH SANTA  
- HOT CHOCOLATE  
- SURPRISE GIFT



OPTIONAL EXTRAS INCLUDE:  
- SWEET TREAT STALL  
- HOT CHOCOLATE CONES  
- REINDEER FOOD  
- TOMBOLA  
(Cash Only)

TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL: [1stlintonrangerunit@gmail.com](mailto:1stlintonrangerunit@gmail.com)  
(INCLUDING AGE OF CHILD PARTICIPATING)

MONEY RAISED GOES TOWARDS FUNDRAISING FOR LINTON  
GUIDES AND RANGERS AND BRINKLEY GUIDES  
INTERNATIONAL TRIPS



### DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
8pm

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE  
Come & enjoy an evening of festive fun  
with a Two course supper and Entertainment

SUPPER MUST BE PREBOOKED BEFORE THE  
NIGHT

Admission £18

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

January - no meeting. Next meet 13<sup>th</sup> February

### VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

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

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

[carltoncumwillinghampc.org.uk](http://carltoncumwillinghampc.org.uk)

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

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Burrough Green

Family Worship

10.30 am

Led by Peter Talbot



This is a short service suitable for all  
ages with refreshments to follow.



We look forward to welcoming you,  
your family and friends.

### BALSHAM CINEMA

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

we will show the classic Christmas film

HOME ALONE (PG).

The McCallisters are preparing for a vacation in Paris  
but the youngest in the family, Kevin gets into a  
scuffle with his older brother Buzz and is sent to his  
room on the third floor. Next morning the family  
rushes to make it to the airport on time and completely  
forget Kevin! Being home alone was fun for Kevin,  
having a pizza, jumping on his parents' bed, and making  
a mess but he then discovers two burglars, Harry and  
Marv about to rob his house on Christmas Eve. Kevin  
acts quickly by wiring his own house with makeshift  
booby traps to stop the burglars and to bring them to  
justice!

A feel good and ever popular Christmas film for all.

Join us for our Picture House Christmas celebration  
with FREE drinks and nibbles for All before this  
classic film to kick off your Christmas.

Normal start time of doors open at 7pm and both films  
at 7.30 in the Balsham Church Institute, Church Lane,  
BALSHAM

Much deliberation has gone into film choice for  
January but we decided that we might all need our  
spirits uplifting after Christmas so we are going to  
show that perennial favourite for all the family,

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN (PG),

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2025

We will be showing this classic story of the visionary  
PT Barnum and the birth of show business with Hugh  
Jackman heading up an all-star cast.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE  
DISTRIBUTORS OF VILLAGE VOICE FOR THEIR  
DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR FREE NEWSLETTER.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR  
ADVERTISERS FOR  
THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT  
THANK YOU ALL.

Happy Christmas



## ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

We seem to have had a run of bad luck with our speakers lately, as our friend Tom Cole was struck down with covid and couldn't make it to our November meeting. But we are blessed with resourceful members, so very many thanks to Jean who stepped in and organised a quiz, so that we had a very sociable evening.

On **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** we hold our **Christmas party**, this year at the Red Lion in Soham. Remember to bring your Secret Santa if you are taking part, which should be a wrapped gift to the value of about £6. Looking forward to a jolly get together to round off the year.

Then in the New Year we return to a talk (we hope!) On **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January** Annie Godfrey will give a talk entitled "**Good in bed**". You'll have to come along to find out what that is all about!

Then it is time for our **AGM** which takes place on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm**. This is a short business meeting, but it does need as many members as possible to be there, as we have to elect new officers. Please have a think about whether you could join the committee, and also whether you could put yourself forward as club secretary. Judith will gladly give some overlap training for the role and the rest of the team will warmly welcome you. That is also the time to renew your membership.

After the business is concluded we will have members' presentations. Ruth is kindly organising this and it was a great success when we ran a similar evening once before. Dig out your photos and stories about gardens you've visited which you could share with the rest of us.

Our talks take place in the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30 pm. We always have refreshments and a raffle. All are welcome with no need to be a member, although there are advantages with reduced entry fees and discount at a local garden centre.

Thanks for all the donations of raffle prizes received so far. We now have quite a stock of books and would still welcome other items likely to be of interest to members.

If you have any queries about any of our events or becoming a member you can contact Sandie on 07903 584676.



**MIDNIGHT MASS**

**TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**DECEMBER**  
**11.30pm**

**St Mary's Church Brinkley**

**ALL WELCOME**



## OBITUARY - PETER DAY 1932 - 2024

Peter was born in 1932 in Mundesley, Norfolk. His family moved to Cromer, where his mother ran a tearoom and guest house. At 11, Peter attended Paston Grammar School in North Walsham. He had a great love of boats and the sea and joined the sea cadets. Whilst still at school, he helped a very famous lifeboatman, Henry Blogg, with his deckchair and beach hut business.

Peter worked on a farm in Northrepps, Norfolk, and went from there to college in Writtle, Chelmsford for 3 years, achieving a National Diploma in Science & Practice of Agriculture; and a second diploma in Agricultural Engineering.

Peter did his National Service at RAF Honington. He enjoyed rifle shooting, skiing, sailing and reading. He was one of the founder members of Holt Rugby Club. He also played in a band.

Peter moved to Brinkley in 1969, chosen because he thought there would be a reservoir built, to sail the boat which remained on his driveway until a few years ago. He came to this area, primarily, for his work at Simplex, Cambridge, in the exports division. He travelled to various parts of Africa, Asia and Europe, loving learning some of their languages - French, German, Spanish, Italian, and even Swahili. In later years, he worked at the Sugar Beet factory at Bury St Edmunds.

Peter and his brother Harry were both founding members of the Old Pastonian (Freemasons) Lodge.

Peter had been chairman of the Newmarket RNLI, regularly giving presentations to organisations about its work. He received Bronze, Silver and Gold awards in recognition of his support for the RNLI, the last being presented to him by the Duke of Kent.

Peter was a founder member of the Cromer/Crest (pron. Cray) twinning association, and was a member of the Newmarket/Maisons Lafittes twinning. He also enjoyed being a member of the Newmarket Car Club. In March, 2024, Peter moved to the Manor Care Home in North Walsham to be nearer his family.

## NEWLETTER FROM CHARLOTTE CANE MP

It's hard to believe, but we're already four months into my time as your MP for Ely and East Cambridgeshire. It's been full of new experiences both in Parliament and here at home, and I wanted to take a moment to share some highlights and updates with you.

Earlier this month, I made my maiden speech in the Commons, and it was a memorable experience. I spoke about our area's incredible mix of industries, from agriculture and the horseracing community to cutting-edge tech businesses we can be proud of. I also highlighted our beautiful natural landscapes, including the chalk grasslands, Wicken Fen, the Devil's Dyke, and the iconic "ship of the fens"—Ely Cathedral.

The Chancellor's recent decision to increase National Insurance employer contributions is a worrying one for

many of our local healthcare providers and public bodies. I've called on the Chancellor to reconsider this rise, which risks putting even more pressure on already overstretched services. Our local NHS teams, care homes, and charities need support, not additional burdens.

In rural areas like ours, reliable broadband is still a luxury rather than a given. I recently joined a debate on broadband provision and am now seeking a meeting with the Minister to push for better connectivity in our villages and towns. It's not just about convenience; poor internet access affects businesses, schools, and families across Ely and East Cambs. I'm determined to make sure our voices are heard on this issue.

This month I've also had the privilege of voting to remove hereditary peers from the House of Lords. This vote marks an important step towards modernising our political system. I've long believed that the Lords should be a place of expertise and experience, not inherited privilege, so it was an honour to play a part in making this change at last.

I've been out and about in the constituency recently, meeting residents at my surgery, visiting farmers across the region, celebrating the opening of the new Community Diagnostics Centre at the Princess of Wales Hospital, visiting the Social Club in Haddenham, Cottenham Village College, Wicken Fen, Cambridge Regional College and Queens Court Care Home—just a few of the many engagements I've had the pleasure of attending as your MP.

It was an honour to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Service in Ely, while my representatives did the same at local ceremonies in Littleport, Soham and Reach. I was moved to pay my respects alongside so many of you, honouring those who have served and sacrificed for our country.

It's been a busy few months of recruitment, too, but I'm pleased to say that we now have my MP office team in place. I know that some of you have been waiting for a reply, and I appreciate your patience while we prioritise emergency cases. We are working hard to respond to your emails and calls as quickly as possible and will be in touch with everyone still waiting soon.

I will end my report as I ended my maiden speech—by reiterating my pledge to be a strong voice for our community and to work tirelessly as your local MP. If you want to get in touch, please email me at [charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk).

*Charlotte Cane MP*

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Full Council 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Two motions were passed at this meeting:

> One was to increase the Council's local awareness campaign which has been underway for several weeks now, to alert those eligible for Pension Credit to apply

by the deadline of 21<sup>st</sup> December 2024, see below for more information.

> The other one was on the banning of sea toilets on the waterways in the District; the discharge of sea toilets is permitted by regulation on all inland waterways unless specifically banned; the Council is to request the Environment Agency to take the necessary steps to achieve a ban on the Great Ouse and its tributaries.

Council unanimously agreed to create a working group in order to prepare a Local Plan (the document that defines where new housing, industrial and recreational buildings can be built within the District). Our current Local Plan is almost ten years old, and it must be replaced by an up-to-date version within two years to stop speculative building.

### **Hundreds of pensioners in East Cambs could be missing out on Pension Credit**

An estimated 600 pensioners in East Cambridgeshire could be missing out on Pension Credit.

Pensioners on a low income are being advised to apply for Pension Credit now to be in with a chance of qualifying for this year's Winter Fuel Payment.

ECDC has launched a promotional campaign encouraging as many people as possible to apply for Pension Credit before 21<sup>st</sup> December. Applications received after that date will not automatically receive the £300 Winter Fuel Payment.

Pension Credit is available to people of a pensionable age on an income below the £218 a week threshold (£333 for couples). Those above the threshold may still qualify if they are carers, have a disability, or have savings under £10,000.

Anyone who needs help with applying for Pension Credit can contact the community advice team at East Cambridgeshire District Council, or attend one of the Council's drop-in sessions. These take place at The Grange in Ely Monday to Friday, from 10am until 4pm.

At the last Full Council meeting (17 October) the council unanimously passed a motion to request changes to the government's decision to means test the Winter Fuel Payment, which in previous years had been paid to all pensioners.

The Council will be carrying out a number of actions including:

> Writing to people who are registered for its assisted bin collections to see if they are eligible to apply for Pension Credit before 21 December

> Contacting Parish Councils, community groups and charities operating in East Cambridgeshire to ask for their help to ensure all eligible pensioners are supported in claiming their entitlement

> Encouraging as many people as possible to sign up to Age UK's petition to **Save the Winter Fuel Payment**

*With all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,  
Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp*

## **EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL & CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT**

### **Swaffham Heath Road/ A1303 Crossroads**

Work on this crossroads should have finished by the time that you read this report. I hope that the change in layout will reduce the accidents at this junction.

### **Buses**

There has been a delay in decisions on the extra services that were promised by the Combined Authority (CPCA).

Ongoing discussions with bus companies are currently happening, but it is frustrating that there has been such a delay in taking us to the next stage of the new provision.

This provision is being financed by the mayoral precept increase that was imposed, with currently no extra provision planned for this part of the County.

The CPCA consultation on bus franchising has finished. We now await the outcome of the consultation, which will be help decide the next step on this issue.

### **Local Plan**

The District Council has commenced the process of the next Local Plan, which will help decide where houses are built in the district over the next few years.

The District Council has set up a working group to lead this forward and I am a member of that group.

There will be many opportunities for Parish Councils, communities and individuals to feed into the process, so please get involved in shaping how the district will look.

The plan is necessary, as each District Council, known as the Planning Authority, is given targets by Government for houses to be built in their area.

By law, each District Council must produce a plan, or Government can impose a plan if they do not have an up-to-date plan. The last Local Plan was agreed in 2015, so is getting to the end of its effectiveness.

It is expected that the new plan will be finalised in 2027, so there is a lot of work and consultations to be done over the next two years. These plans take a long time to finalise, as there are many opportunities for communities to contribute and comment.

I will advertise details of consultation dates when they are known

### **Kingsway Solar**

A lot of residents may be aware of the proposed development in South Cambridgeshire near to the border with East Cambridgeshire. Whilst it is not in our area, in my opinion, it impacts considerably on us.

### **Newmarket High Street Market**

I co-chair the Transport group of Newmarket Vision, which is a group that brings together representatives looking at improving Newmarket.

Although Newmarket is in Suffolk, I attend, as my residents, as I do, look to Newmarket for all of their services.

After a long frustrating time, it would seem that we may be getting progress on the siting of the market. I hope to be able to update with some positive news soon.

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

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

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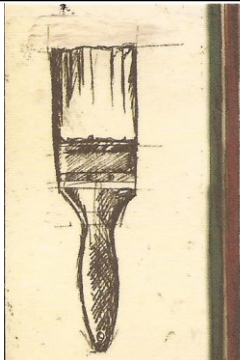
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## DECEMBER SERVICES - ALL WELCOME

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December Advent 1

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley  
10.30 pm Family service Burrough Green  
Jeremiah 33: 14-16 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end  
Luke 21: 25-36

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2

9.00 am Family Communion Stetchworth  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham  
Baruch 5 Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3

9.00 am Holy Communion Carlton  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley  
6.00 pm Carol Service Burrough Green  
Zephaniah 3: 14-end Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7-18

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Advent 4

10.30 am Communion Dullingham  
3.00 pm Evening Prayer  
with baptism Stetchworth  
Micah 5: 2-5a Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45(46-55)

### TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm Carol Service Westley Waterless  
6.00 pm Carol Service Stetchworth  
6.00 pm Carol service Dullingham  
11.30 PM MIDNIGHT MASS BRINKLEY

### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 Benefice Communion Dullingham  
10.30 Lay led family service Burrough Green  
10.30 Lay led Christmas service Carlton  
Isaiah 52: 7-10 Hebrews 1: 1-4 (5-12) John 1: 1-14

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December Christmas 1

10.30 am Benefice Communion Westley Waterless  
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-end

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By the time you read this month's magazine we will be in the season of Advent. Advent is a season at the beginning of the Church's Year and is a time of preparation. What are we preparing for? The shops are full of Christmas trimmings, people are buying presents and amongst all this busyness the meaning of Advent is lost.

Advent is traditionally a period of restraint to prepare for the return of Christ coming in glory with death, hell, judgement and heaven as four themes to think about. Another way of looking at Advent is to see the four Sundays and think about some of the people we hear about in the story of Jesus's birth.

In church you will see an Advent wreath, a candle stand with five candles and decorated with winter greenery. Each candle represents a group of people we

read in the prophecies of the Messiah in the Old Testament and the birth story in the New Testament. The first candle represents the Patriarchs, including Abraham and David. The second candle is for the prophets, particularly Isaiah proclaiming 'For a child has been born for us, a son is given . . . and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' (Is.9.vv6-7). The next candle reminds us of John the Baptist, who proclaimed the Saviour and the fourth one is for Mary, the Mother of Christ. The fifth candle, in the centre of the candle wreath, is the Paschal candle, for Jesus as the heart of our faith, born as a baby destined for great things as the Son of God.

Advent prepares us for an exciting time in the church year leading up to Christmas and beyond.

*Rhona and I wish you all a Happy Christmas.*

*Go well,*

*Patrick The Reverend Patrick J McEune*

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