

VILLAGE VOICE

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

NOVEMBER 2025

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 10th & 24th November
2025

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.
Any Queries: Caroline Egar - 01638 507418
07976 250961

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



BURROUGH GREEN
READING ROOM

Saturday 29th November 2025
10.30 - 15.00



Have a browse through
the gifts, enjoy some retail
therapy



Stock up for Christmas

and a chance to win a tombola prize

Enjoy a leisurely light lunch and catch-up with friends

Home crafted Cards, Knitwear, Jams, Marmalade,
Jellies and Chutney, Floral displays

Photo Frames, Jewellery and lots more

Light Lunch - Homemade soup & roll, Jumbo Sausage
Rolls, Quiche or Pizza with salad, cakes and pastries.

Tea & Coffee

CASH ONLY Please

If you would like to have a table selling your home
crafted produce contact Kathie email:

k.f.butcher@btinternet.com

OIL SYNDICATE



The next oil syndicate order will
be placed on Friday 14th
November If you would like to



be included in the delivery, please contact Vicky Cavey
on 07818 231632 or via email
vickycavey@icloud.com no later than **Wednesday**
12th November.

Please provide details of your order ensuring all
requests are accompanied by a house name/number,
postcode, telephone number and quantity of oil
required (500ltrs minimum).

VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE

Do any of you who live in Brinkley Parish attend the
Ellesmere Centre?

<https://www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk/>

The Centre would like someone from the Parish to
become a Trustee and attend their meetings.

As none of the Parish Councillors currently use the
Centre, the Parish is appealing to residents who do.

You can directly contact the Ellesmere Centre: 01638
508212 - office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk or contact
the Brinkley Parish Council Clerk, Hayley Livermore, if
you would like to represent the Parish:
clerk@brinkleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

MOBILE LIBRARY

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



BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4th
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.



WINTER FAIR

SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER

12noon to 2.30pm

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Come along and have lunch
Homemade soups, sausage in a bun,
delicious puddings.

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 6th December. Thank you.

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

BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD

Every year, it is important to raise as much money as we can for our lovely church, and also for another charity. This year it is St Nicholas Hospice. Over the past few years, our Christmas card has raised money for Brinkley Church, for Marie Curie cancer care, Addenbrooke's cancer scanner appeal, East Anglian Air Ambulance, and for Newmarket Open Door.

Please sign up and be part of our village Christmas card for 2025. Your name will be printed in the card alongside others who have donated, in place of sending individual cards themselves. You can see the card at the Winter Fair on 6th December - it will be the last chance to sign up to be included. This one card, in colour, will then go to every home in Brinkley in December.

For further details, and Gift Aid forms, please contact Ros on 01638 507240, or 07860 128270

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

We are now well into the autumn season with Christmas fast approaching I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support through the summer, it was a blinding one, thank you .



Christmas menu will be available for December. I have some great things in the pipeline. If you would like to come and celebrate with your friends and family over December please do book to avoid disappointment. Peroni is doing a promotion; come and check out the poster for more information. They've some very nice rewards on offer.

Our up and coming events are :-

Speed quizzing on 5th November starting 7.30pm. I would arrive early to avoid not having somewhere to sit. Maybe have your evening meal, let me cook for you so you don't have any tidying to do. You can sit back relax and enjoy the evening and have some fun.

Open MIC night on Thursday 20th November

We have some fantastic singers attending. If you feel like you would love to come and sing, please feel free, there is no one judging it's just a great night. Or if you would like to just sit back and enjoy the music it will be lovely to see you. Come and have a nice beer/glass of wine, some home cooked food , and enjoy yourself. Everyone is welcome.

Check out our Facebook page, web page for more information.

If you would like to ask anything feel free to reach out and call us.

Tina & Danny

01638 476424

ELLESMERE CENTRE

UPDATE RE THE POST OFFICE

As many of you will know, Sally our Post Mistress is in hospital. We are not sure when she will be back with us but we're sure you will join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.

THE ELLESMERE CENTRE COMMUNITY SHOP

In the meantime, the shop remains open as usual
Monday to Friday from 9 am until 12 noon

Fresh bread, pastries and delicious sausage rolls delivered Tuesdays and Thursdays. Newspapers can be reserved and a good range of groceries and sundries stocked all served by our friendly volunteer staff.

CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have Construction project experience?

The Trustees are looking to drive the Ellesmere Centre into the future with an exciting project that will benefit the wider community and futureproof the centre.

If you are interested in helping us with this task, please contact Susanne Hinde on 07870 612535

CHRISTMAS MARKET

This year's Christmas Market is on
Sunday 16th November.

11am - 3pm

We have some new stalls and our lovely regulars are selling everything from Jewellery, Handmade cards, Doggie Jumpers, Crochet items, Chocolates, Spirits and much more.

Hot Food Refreshments Raffle £1 Entry

MOO MUSIC

Moo Music is a great fun and interactive regular music session for 0- to 5-year-old children and their parents, grandparents or carers too, where the children sing, dance and play.

Fridays 10-10.40am

<https://moo-music.co.uk/areas/en/#find-and-book>

WHAT'S ON AT THE ELLESMERE?

Please visit our new website for all up-to-date details of our Adult and children's classes along with upcoming events

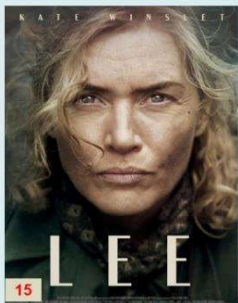
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Alternatively call us on 01638 508212

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE



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Lee Miller (Kate Winslet) recounts her experiences in 1977 through a series of flashbacks.

Lee, a former fashion model and budding photographer from New York falls in love with Roland Penrose in 1937 while leading a free-spirited life in Europe. They relocate to London, where Lee works for Vogue magazine during WW II and becomes a U.S. War correspondent. Lee travels to the front lines to embark on a mission to uncover the hidden truths of the Third Reich.

In the wake of betrayal, a reckoning will come over the truths of her own past.

Saturday 1st Nov.

Doors open 7pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute Dave's bar will be open for pre-show drinks and nibbles as normal.

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

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS

Black bin- 12th & 26th November 2025.

Blue & Green Bin - 5th & 19th November.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - MONDAYS

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 3rd & 17th November

Green Lid - 10th & 24th November 2025.

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.

BRINKLEY RED LION

The fires are now firmly lit, and that outside chill in the air is soon overcome with a warm fire and a glass in your hand at the Red Lion!



We are close to finalising and publishing our Christmas menu now, so will get this out on socials as soon as possible, while also including it in an email to our subscribers. I would encourage anyone to subscribe either by speaking to us at the pub, or via the tick box when booking online, as I will now be sending a monthly email as I look to improve our communication about what we are doing!

The winter months can hopefully provide a good chance to come and see us, catch up with friends while the dark nights close in. As ever, we welcome you all hours of the day once we have opened at 11:30am, so hope to welcome you soon!

Best George

www.redlionbrinkley.com info@redlionbrinkley.com

A warm welcome to all in the bar or the restaurant

01638 650879

BURROUGH GREEN C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY



Hello everyone and welcome to a new school year at Burrough Green. The children have come back refreshed and ready for the rigours of a new term. Staff have spent chunks of their summer prepping and making sure their classrooms are as welcoming and as effective as possible.

Governors

Our governors met in September and would like to share the following points with the community:

- They would like to note how well the term has started for the children

- They would like to note the saving made on solar panels and Energy Sparks

- A warm welcome to our new clerk - Laura

- They would like to note the inclusive nature of our school

- The trustees and CEO commented on how wonderful Malala Class looked in preparation for the new term (thank you Lauren!)

- Burrough Green Academy hosted the ACT Governors Conference on 13th September

Singing at Linton

Mrs Churchard took Einstein to the singing festival in Linton. The children sang so well and did us all proud. The school was fortunate enough to hear them practice the day before and they sounded incredible. Thank you Einstein Class.



Safeguarding

With half term fast approaching (just 2 weeks to go!), I wanted to give this newsletter a safeguarding focus - particularly the minefield of online safety. I attach a few links to useful websites for parents so they can stay informed in this ever-changing digital world:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0/027/255852/childrens-media-use-andattitudes-report-2023.pdf

Reading at home

Reading at home is so important as it supplements the excellent work happening here at Burrough Green. I have been researching into reading and found this quote:

'Less than 15% of children from low-income families who are behind by the age of 7, will go on to achieve 5 good (5+) GCSEs - including maths and English'.

This, and other similar quotes, really bring home the necessity to get reading right from the word go. All our teachers are always available to support and advise parents and children in this area. Please contribute as much as you can to your child's reading education - thank you.

No Outsiders

This week we have had 2 *No Outsiders* lessons - Teresa and Einstein. Both sessions were incredibly well attended, and it was lovely to see so many parents supporting this. The scheme really is making a difference to our children.

Here are a selection of photos from the events.



Big Questions / Global Curriculum.

At Burrough Green, to supplement our curriculum, the children will now access a 'global curriculum'. This is designed to get children to think about those huge issues whether it be access to clean water for all or considering more spiritual questions such as, 'If you have happiness does there have to be sadness?'.

The question for the whole school this term is:

Are electric cars a good thing?

There is already a display up in the atrium outlining the pros and cons of electric cars and there will be assemblies on topic during the term.

The pros and cons of electric cars is easy to Google. AI will even write you a child friendly, age-appropriate script to help.

Our purpose is to get the children to be 'global', to think about issues that are bigger than the area in which they live. We want them to have opinions and to learn to listen to others. Later this school year, oracy will become a whole school focus.

The power of these activities is potentially huge. At Burrough Green we have 'altered' our British Values on the back of such a question - children decided that 'tolerance' is a negative word - we shouldn't tolerate, we should accept. Acceptance now replaces tolerance in all our literature on British Values. From a child, this is beautiful.

That's all from me this month. See you next for our 'run up to Christmas' edition of school life at Burrough Green.

David Sandford and the BG Team

KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our objection workshops and to those who attended the Kingsway Solar presentations to raise your concerns. We're also grateful to everyone who submitted a response to the Stage Two statutory consultation. Our aim was to encourage as many personal and well-informed submissions as possible, and together we achieved just that!

Thank you also for your donations to our GoFundMe campaign, which supported our community activities and helped make our "No Way Kingsway" signs so visible across the villages during the consultation. Your generosity has kept the campaign active and seen.

Community survey results

Our analysis of the community survey (completed by more than 200 residents) formed a key part of KSCA's consultation response. Over 90% of respondents oppose the proposed Kingsway Solar project, with 86% strongly opposed. The top concerns were visual impact on the landscape, loss of productive farmland, and harm to wildlife and nature. Despite this, residents overwhelmingly support renewable energy when delivered in fairer, more sustainable ways, such as rooftop solar, brownfield developments, and community-owned projects rather than large industrial schemes on farmland.

Support the legal fund

Our Crowd Justice campaign is raising funds for the legal challenge. The platform ensures donations only go towards a properly funded case; if a target isn't met, pledges are automatically refunded. This gives every supporter confidence that their contribution will make an impact. Crowd Justice also provides a transparent way to collect small donations securely and track progress publicly. Every pledge, large or small, helps.

Step into Nature

As the seasons change, please keep logging wildlife sightings on iRecord. Your observations of birds, bats, flowers, and hedgerow species are vital evidence of the biodiversity that could be affected by the Kingsway Solar development. Every record counts.

What happens next

Our work continues. KSCA will register as an Interested Party when the Planning Inspectorate opens the next stage. This allows us to contribute formally to the Examination and provide feedback as the proposal is reviewed.

The fight to oppose this industrial solar development is not over, and your continued involvement remains essential.

Useful links

- **Become a KSCA member** to stay involved

<https://kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-join-us/>

- **Request a No Way Kingsway sticker**, email hello@kingswayaction.org

- Donate to KSCA campaign via [GoFundMe](https://www.gofundme.com/f/no-to-kingsway-solar-farm) to support our work www.gofundme.com/f/no-to-kingsway-solar-farm

- Donate to legal funds:
crowdjustice.com/case/kingswaysolarcommunitylegalaction

- Follow KSCA on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)
[#kingswaysolaraction](#) for real-time updates.

Kathy Day

Upcoming Advice Surgeries Charlotte Cane MP

OCTOBER: Thurs 02, 2pm-4pm - Ely
 Thurs 09, 3.30pm-5.30pm - Stretham
 Fri 24, 11am-12.30pm - Online

NOVEMBER: Fri 14, 12.30pm-2pm - Online
 Fri 21, 2.30pm-4.30pm - Ely
 Fri 28, 3pm-5pm - Stetchworth

DECEMBER: Thurs 04, 1.30pm-3.30pm - Sutton
 Fri 12, 4pm-5.30pm - Online
 Thurs 18, 10am-12pm - Ely

JANUARY: Thurs 08, 9.30am-11am - Online
 Fri 16, 11am-1pm - Isleham
 Fri 23, 3.30pm-5.30pm - Ely

FEBRUARY: Fri 06, 9am-10.30am - Online
 Fri 13, 11am-1pm - Milton
 Thurs 26, 2.30pm-4.30pm - Ely

MARCH: Thurs 05, 3.30pm-5pm - Online
 Thurs 12, 10am-12pm - Ely
 Fri 27, 1pm-3pm - Mepal

BOOK HERE:
bit.ly/bookasurgery
*Times are subject to change



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



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

THE STORY OF THE MAN ON THE M11

It's 1pm on a Saturday; Cambridgeshire Police receive a report that someone's husband is missing. He was last seen when he left his house two hours ago. When his mobile is called the line is muffled and he is heard to say 'I'm on the motorway' before the phone cuts out. People have been out searching for him, but with no luck, and the tracker set up on his phone as an added safety measure isn't working!

This was the reality for one woman in a small South Cambs village recently, who told the police call handler that her husband is in his 80s and suffers from dementia. Usually when he leaves home he returns safely - but not today. Less than 10 minutes later, the police get a second call from a motorist saying he'd spotted a man who looked very disorientated and confused walking on the hard shoulder of the M11, near junction 10 at Duxford. Police officers visited the area and found the man safe and well, 22 minutes after the initial call. They then took him home and reunited him with his worried wife. They also took the time to fix the tracking app on the man's phone, and told his wife all about two new ways to help keep people living with dementia in Cambridgeshire safe.

This included the new Herbert Protocol form which can be filled out online - and encourages family and friends to collate key info such as a physical description, familiar places, health details and a recent photo of a loved one with dementia that will help officers if they go missing. More than 135 people have already done the same.

The police have also handed out hundreds of new yellow wristbands, like a watch in appearance, to the most vulnerable members of our community living with dementia. The wristbands contain the person's next of kin's contact details and number.

If you see someone looking confused or disorientated but wearing one of these wristbands, you can use your phone to easily bring up the information and reunite



the person with their family - possibly without the need to call police.

There are more than 10,000 people living in Cambridgeshire with dementia. To register your interest for one of the new wristbands, watch a quick video on how to scan one, or fill out our new Herbert Protocol form for a loved one, visit www.cambs.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/missing-person/missing-persons/vulnerable-people-at-risk-of-going-missing/dementia-missing-risk-herbert-protocol/

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

At Linton Village College, our dedicated Future Pathways and Careers team, Mrs Scally and Mrs Neeves, are passionate about guiding students as they begin to explore the world of work. This journey starts early, with Year 7 students engaging in careers education from the moment they join us in September. Already this academic year, students across nearly every year group have taken part in career-focused events. Year 7 enjoyed "What's My Line?", a fun and interactive guessing game where students asked questions to identify the professions of visiting volunteers. Year 8 will soon take part in a Skills Development day, hosted by Form the Future, a valued Community Interest Company we've partnered with for several years.

Year 9 students recently attended an Industry Day at The Junction in Cambridge, where they explored careers in the arts.

Workshops covered sound engineering, lighting design, and pathways into the music industry.

A highlight was the behind-the-scenes tour, including the lighting gallery, followed by a Q&A with



professionals in the field.

For our Year 10 and 11, the Post-16 Open Evening offered valuable insights into future pathways, whether through apprenticeships or college. We were thrilled to see so many Year 10s actively engaging with their options, including preparations for their summer term work experience.

At LVC, we believe every student deserves the opportunity to dream big and by fostering strong partnerships between school and home, we aim to ensure that every student feels confident and supported as they navigate their next steps and build futures with purpose.

We'd also like to hear from former students of Linton Village College who are willing to share their career journeys since leaving us. Your achievements help inspire our current learners. If you're able to help, please contact Mrs Scally at nsally@lintonvc.org.

ADVERTS

Please support our advertisers as they help pay for your newsletter. You can detach the advert pages this month for future reference.

HEAVENLY REALMS CHRISTMAS SHOW



Join the OAPs (Old Angel Pensioners) of retirement home Heavenly Realms, as they get ready to celebrate Christmas and share memories of the very first one. We are pleased to welcome back LAMPS Collective to The Stable in Newmarket. Who knows what will happen but with professional actors, writers and musicians who are expert at telling and singing a story we are looking forward to it enormously. Due to popular demand, we are hosting two shows on the same day, 3 pm and 7 pm, so we can ensure everyone will be able to enjoy it. So, book your ticket sooner rather than later and we look forward to welcoming you to what will be an intriguing performance.

You can book direct from The Stable. Either ring 01638 662311, email thestable@btinternet.com or call in to the cafe between 10 am and 2.30 pm Tuesdays to Saturdays. Or book online on Ticketsource with QR code or link below.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/newmarket/the-stable-cafe-and-community-space/heavenly-realms/2025-12-14/d-xepvneflomgqy>

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM

FESTIVE BRUNCH

Sunday 14th December

9 - 11am



£8 adults / £4 child to include a glass of Prosecco

Raffle

Booking required via Joanne 01638 508888
or Village Facebook.

Celebrating 25 Years!

THE ELLESMERE DEVILS' PANTOMIME SOCIETY
proudly presents

Sleeping Beauty

28th Jan 2026 6:30pm
29th & 30th Jan 2026 7:30pm
31st Jan 2026 2pm & 7:30pm

ADULTS £12* / CHILD £6*
*Prices are subject to booking fee

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

ONLINE: www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps
CALL: 0333 666 4466

IN PERSON: The Hub, The Ellesmere Centre (Wed & Fri)

NEW! Child Ticket Prices



Get ready for a hilarious twist on a classic tale with our sensational new and original production of Sleeping Beauty!

This year, we've packed all the magic and merriment of the traditional story into a shorter, funnier show that's perfect for the whole family. Will the three good fairies help Prince Phillip defeat the evil Maleficent and her dastardly plan to put Aurora to sleep forever?

Filled with non-stop slapstick and silly comedy, our fantastic cast brings all your favourite characters to life - along with a few extras including the one and only Dolly Dally, the dame. Join us for a wonderfully witty theatrical experience that's sure to leave you smiling! Tickets are on sale now

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

This year marks our 25th year! After a nearly non-stop run of shows (Covid caused us a few problems) preparations for the 2026 show are under way and our ethos remains the same - to support the Ellesmere Centre and to raise funds for local causes and charities, providing our audiences with value-for-money entertainment along the way.

The Ellesmere Centre is the jewel in the crown for villages like ours and we are very lucky to have it. All our rehearsals, painting and props days are held there and the centre team goes out of its way to accommodate us. We are extremely grateful to all those associations who enable this to happen.

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## CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

### **Take Charge and Be Safe this festive season**

As the festive season approaches and people look for presents and take advantage of Black Friday deals, many are looking to save money on electrical items. However, we continue to urge people to Take Charge and Be Safe when buying devices, especially items that require batteries or chargers.

You can help keep yourself and your family safe by following a few simple safety measures, including ensuring to buy electrical items from reputable dealers, being awake and at home when using and charging devices and adding safety to your bedtime routine.

Electrical devices are a key part of everyday life and are often bought in Black Friday deals and as presents for family members and friends. Games consoles with controllers, tablets, laptops and e-bikes and e-scooters are on lots of people's present list. All these items require charging as they contain lithium-ion batteries.

Most devices come with failsafe features to ensure they do not overheat when being charged but rely on the manufacturers' provided charging cables and adapters to work. Also, using the plug and cables supplied with the product rather than cheaper versions will help charge devices safely.

The Service is reminding people to Take Charge and Be Safe, not only when charging their devices, but also when planning to purchase devices and presents. Most new items come with a suitable battery and charger, however if you are looking to purchase additional ones then make sure, they are the right voltage and are fully compatible. Other things like charging a mobile phone while you are awake and alert, rather than while sleeping, means the device won't be overcharged and risk overheating the battery. This can be the same for any device.

We are encouraging people to plan a good bedtime routine including things like making sure electrical sockets are switched off, all internal doors are closed, any candles are out, heating appliances are off and hallways and stairs are kept clear of obstructions. This will not only help prevent a fire from happening but also ensure an easy escape if one does.

### **Disposing of batteries safely**

Batteries can be a fire hazard if they are not disposed of properly. They should never be put in household rubbish or recycling bins.

During the processing of waste or recycling, a battery can be compacted and damaged, which can lead to ignition of the highly reactive lithium, leading to a fire starting.

Any kind of battery can cause a fire if not disposed of correctly and safely. This includes vapes or other e-cigarettes as well as standard batteries.

Fires involving batteries cause damage to refuse vehicles and roads, as well as significant delays to bin collections and road closures.

#### How to dispose of batteries

There are many places to safely dispose of batteries. As well as local recycling centres, many shops around the county have collection bins in-store.

To find your nearest battery collection bin, visit either <https://www.recyclenow.com> or <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk> to check where your closest location is.

Help keep your home and family fire safe - complete our online home safety check

You can carry out your own home fire safety check online by visiting the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service website.

The online home safety check helps you carry out your own fire risk assessment and is a simple way to help reduce risks and keep your home safe from fire. It takes you through some simple questions about you and your home, then provides an action plan that you can download and print. You can fill it in for yourself or a member of your family that might need help.

Visit [https://bit.ly/Home\\_Safety\\_Check](https://bit.ly/Home_Safety_Check) to find out more and start your online home safety check.

#### **DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 8pm**

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE

**Come & enjoy a fun evening with a Demonstration**

**By Rachel Borenkova**

Entitled

**Xmas Magic and Merriment**

Admission £8 Includes Tea/Coffee and biscuits

Raffle

The Raffle will include all the arrangements made on the evening

Please contact Lesley Bird

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

**DATE FOR DIARY**

Next meeting: Xmas Supper, Entertainment and Quiz

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

(Please prebook Supper)

#### **ST. PETER'S CHURCH STETCHWORTH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**2.00 - 4.30 pm**

Come and see Christmas Trees that have been decorated

by Community Groups

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Raffle, Cake and Jam stall

Entertainment from the

Kettlefields choir and Kitchen Choir

**Community Celebration**

Of Friendship, Fun, Faith & FOOD!  
**All Welcome!**

**Free Event!**

**The Stable Café & Community Space**  
65 High Street, Newmarket CB8 8NA  
Enquiries: Janet 07759 679426

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
**1pm - Food! 2pm - Shared Stories**

Developing understanding between people of different cultures and beliefs.  
In a divided world come and share food and stories and as a community celebrate the values that unite. To include speakers:  
Chaplain of West Suffolk Hospital, PCSO W Butcher,  
Senior Fellow in clinical science Cambridge and others  
+ recitations by local children.

#### **ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB**

On **November 12<sup>th</sup>** our talk will be "Getting to grips with pruning" given by the popular local speaker **Nigel Start**. An evening full of practical advice, so do come to benefit from Nigel's words of wisdom. There will be the usual raffle and refreshments at the meeting, which starts at 7.30 pm. Any prizes for future raffles would be very welcome please - bring them along.

Then can you believe it will soon be December? Which means we are going to have a party - same venue as last year, as everyone who went along enjoyed it so much. It will be at the Red Lion in Soham, and the previously published date has been shifted to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, so please make a note. Members should by now have had the menu from Pat and request to book your meal by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November please.

Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you soon.

Any queries about the Garden Club call Sandie on 07903 584676 or speak to someone at a meeting.

#### **CONCERT - NEW DATE**

**St Augustine's Church, Burrough Green**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025**

**7 pm,**

A classical concert

incorporating Brahms and Mendelssohn

The musicians have very busy schedules and will provide full details soon

which will be posted on Facebook

To register your interest, please contact

Lucy Talbot 07910 158463

Email [peterandlucy@btinternet.com](mailto:peterandlucy@btinternet.com)

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION**

We step ever closer to councils agreeing which proposals to submit for the government to consider for the local government reorganisation of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on 28<sup>th</sup> November. Each council is only able to recommend one proposal and then the government will decide and consult on how they want to proceed early next year.

The County Council continues to support the submission of Option A, which combines East and South Cambridgeshire with the City. Many local councillors, our parishes and I though not content with the process we've been pushed into, also support this option as the only one viable for our area. We're working together to submit a joint statement directly to government ministers to make clear how disadvantaged this area will become if aligned with Peterborough rather than Cambridge; as well as sharing our disappointment that this process has not been able to address Newmarket's relationship to many of our daily lives.

### **QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY 2025**

The results of the County Council's third annual Quality of Life survey have now been published.

**Happiness is at its highest point** since tracking began (84%), but loneliness (30%) and mental health struggles (28%) remain high, particularly with younger age groups.

**Residents remain concerned about the cost of living and jobs and investment**, with 87% of residents reporting they personally feel concerned. Just under two thirds (62%) also report concern over the level of investment and jobs in their local area. This has been steadily increasing year on year.

**A sense of community and pride of place continues to be strong.** Residents continue to feel safe in (85%) and have a sense of belonging to (76%) their local communities. Around half (48%) of residents are involved in their local community in some way.

**Residents' views on Cambridgeshire County Council's performance are also the most positive they've been.** Residents continue to trust the Council to make decisions (52%) and deliver value for money (47%). This is higher than national averages.

More details of the survey and findings are available online.

**<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/quality-of-life-survey/qualityof-life-survey-2025>**

### **KINGSWAY SOLAR**

With the Stage 2 consultation now live, I am working closely with colleagues, landowners and residents across the affected area to fully scrutinise the proposal. The consultation closes at 11:59pm on 29<sup>th</sup> October.

Apart from those in Brinkley, the main direct impact on our division is the power line corridor from the west of Brinkley, east of Six Mile Bottom with 50m high

pylons to the Swaffham's before linking to a yet non-existent substation in Burwell.

**<https://kingswaysolarfarm.co.uk/documents/>**

### **HIGHWAYS**

Work on the B1061 north of Dullingham is now scheduled to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> November with advanced notices going out on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Please ignore outlined potholes, defective areas are being properly patched with 100mm scraped out and replaced by a new two-part surface.

### **MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS**

#### **Bottisham ward surgery**

Cllr John Trapp (district) and I will be holding a surgery in Brinkley on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Any Woodditton residents are welcome to join if wanting to talk about County Council matters.

**Cllr Jonny Edge, 07974 348141,**

**[jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)**

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Bottisham Ward

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The political leadership of East Cambridgeshire District Council has now launched a campaign in favour of Option B, with East Cambridgeshire along with Huntingdonshire and Fenland being run from Peterborough. Neither Peterborough nor Huntingdonshire is supporting this option.

If you believe, like I do, that Option B will be deeply damaging to East Cambridgeshire to cut off our influence over the places where we work, study, and receive health care, and to be run from a city miles away with which most of us have no connection, please respond to their survey at

<https://tinyurl.com/eastcams-lgr-survey>

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

A long Full Council meeting on 18 September.

- New Homes Ombudsman: the Lib Dems proposed that the Council should require its Trading Company to join the scheme which gives people moving into new build homes the right to take complaints to the New Homes Ombudsman. This was rejected by the Conservatives, on the grounds that it wasn't compulsory, and that the Trading Company had joined inferior scheme, which didn't give access to the Ombudsman.

- Ely junction: the proposal that the Council should continue to press the Government to invest in upgrades to the rail network north of Ely, to open it up to more rail journeys for passengers and freight was passed.

- It was pointed out that four years ago, the Conservative group had promised an army of uniformed volunteer traffic wardens — that has now shrunk to, possibly, part-funding one PCSO; the illegal and inconvenient parking continues in the villages and Ely.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE RETIREMENT AND REPLACEMENT

East Cambridgeshire District Council Chief Executive John Hill will be retiring at the end of this year, and the Council has set in motion plans to fill the vacancy. Of the three members of the recruitment panel, two are Conservative despite both groups being equal on the council.

STREAMLINING INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

The Government is consulting on removing the requirement for statutory consultation as part of the process for determining large national infrastructure projects such as the solar farm at Sunnica, or the incinerator at Wisbech. This proposal is set out in Government's Planning and Infrastructure Bill.

The consultation can be found on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-streamlining-infrastructure-planning>

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A Missed Opportunity

Lib Dems on the Council's Finance & Assets Committee voted against plans to hand over £72,000 of affordable housing funds to East Cambs District Council's own company, East Cambs Trading Company, for use at Arbour Square Ely. The money came from developer contributions that must be used to create extra affordable housing. However, ECTC had already signed binding contracts to deliver all twenty-seven houses on this site as affordable housing for social rent.

Lib Dem Councillors said this means the grant does not secure a single additional house—it simply gives taxpayers' money back to a Council-owned company that has already committed to deliver the scheme. Local residents in housing need are being denied the extra houses this money should have provided.

OPERATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

- The Council's recycling rate is lower for the last two quarters than the equivalent periods a year ago.
- The Council has admitted that on most days the street cleaning service operates below the minimum number of staff.
- It was noted that residents had received letters about the forthcoming changes to the waste collection service, and that there will be follow-up communications.

POLICE SURVEY

Cambridgeshire Constabulary have created a short survey to understand how people currently report crimes and how the police can improve the process. It only takes 10-15 minutes, and as a thank you, you'll have the chance to win a £100 shopping voucher in a prize draw.

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CIR_Cambs_Constabulary/

SURGERY

There will be no surgery in November. Do remember that residents can contact us by telephone (07976 607512, 01223 812120) or email (charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk, john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk) whichever is preferable.

Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP and John Trapp

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## DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT - Woodditton Ward HIGHWAYS

The repairs to the B1061 on the hill coming out of Dullingham have been delayed again. The work is now promised for the end of November 2025.

There has been a large amount of neglect of highways, and it is interesting that last month the County Councillor talked about resolving the issues of neglect, when it has been his group in power for over four years, during which time they have reduced budgets and opposed budget amendments made each year by the Conservative group to increase the spend on highways.

I will continue to hold the administration to account.

If there is any work that you believe requires work, please contact me and I will raise this with Highways and aim to get it done.

**COUNCIL REORGANISATION** (Eds notes :See other Councillors reports for more details)

The response to the Government's imposed Council reorganisation continues to develop.

The response to Government stating the final decision from the councils is required by 28<sup>th</sup> November and East Cambridgeshire District Council will meet on 20<sup>th</sup> November to decide our response

A lot of the work done is not around the best geographical fit, but financial and operational considerations, due to the heavy debts that some Councils have and the likely funding from Government. East Cambridgeshire District Council has no external borrowing and pride itself on strong financial management, whereas Cambridge City and South Cambs have very large debts, each in excess of £200m.

The whole process now seems to be driven by various political priorities, especially in Peterborough, Cambridge City Council, South Cambs and the County Council.

The solution should be about what is best for delivering quality services to residents.

I will continue to keep you updated, but welcome and feedback or comments.

## KINGSWAY SOLAR

The Statutory Consultation has started and will run until 29<sup>th</sup> October, so please give your views and attend one of the public engagement meetings. It will take prime agricultural land out of food production and will destroy communities. This cannot be right.

## WASTE SERVICES

Full details have been sent to every resident, and I will place those details on my Councillor Facebook page, so please visit that. The changes are due to happen on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026, so there will be more updates coming out in 2026. If there are any questions on the new waste system, please contact me.

If there is anything concerning you, please contact me. I am here to help on any matter over which you have concerns. I have not done surgeries previously, because I am able to visit residents or meet them, wherever is suitable for them, rather than making residents come to me. I am available to all.

Alan Sharp

East Cambridgeshire District Councillor - Woodditton Ward

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Telephone: 07794 292941

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NEW DATE

Postponed until January as the speaker is planning his next expedition

A new date will be announced as soon as possible.

Enquiries Lucy Talbot 07910 158463

FIRST EXPLORER WITH A DISABILITY TO SKI SOLO AND UNSUPPORTED TO THE SOUTH POLE.

Jonny Huntington, whilst serving as an officer in the British Army in 2014, had a stroke causing complete paralysis from the neck down on his left side. Following extensive rehabilitation and discharge from the Armed Forces, Jonny entered the world of elite sport as a disabled athlete, competing for Great Britain as a para cross-country skier.

In November 2024, Jonny embarked on his greatest challenge yet. Over 46 days, Jonny covered 911km of Antarctic tundra, joining a select group of people who have skied to the South Pole without support. He skied for around 11 hours a day, dragging all his equipment and food in a sled weighing more than 100kg whilst battling temperatures as low as -40°C, high winds, crevasses and relentless 24hr daylight.

Come and hear Jonny tell us all about his adventure

He will be taking questions at the end.

To reserve tickets, email Lucy Talbot

peterandlucyt@btinternet.com

Payment details will be provided in due course.

All funds raised will go towards a mini bus for Burrough Green C of E Primary Academy

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## VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

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

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

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

## VILLAGE HALLS

Brinkley, Burrough Green and Westley Waterless have excellent village halls, all beautifully refurbished over the last few years; and all available for hire at reasonable rates.

Information on their facilities and availability can be found by contacting them on:

**Brinkley Memorial Hall** - Contact: Susie Shuter on  
01638 508729 : 07836 656643

**Burrough Green Reading Room** - Please contact

Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888

E mailing [bgreadingroom@yahoo.com](mailto:bgreadingroom@yahoo.com)

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

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

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R.A.F. WRATTING COMMON

Remembrance Sunday, 9th November

There will be a short Service at the Memorial on Sunday, 9th November 2025 at 12 noon.



The Memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville, CB21 5NR. We hope to be joined by some of the Veterans who served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. Also, Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade. Wreaths will be laid in memory of all those who served here and throughout the world, especially those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. Attendees are invited to lay wreaths or crosses for those they wish to remember, and anyone is welcome to attend. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Dan Heath.

for Friends of Wratting Common

Email rafwrattingcommon@gmail.com

Tel. Mob: 07736 737 174

We are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with the Airfield Memorial. With just two services per year to arrange, as well as year-round general maintenance, this is not an onerous project to assist with but is very rewarding. It is hoped that, with the continued support of people in the locality, this important memorial to our community's war effort will survive for many generations.

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## ARTICLES FOR DECEMBER VILLAGE VOICE

To

[villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com)

before 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 please

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SERVICES

Sunday 2nd November All Saints Day

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer
10.30 am Family service Burrough Green
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer
6.00 pm All Souls' Memorial service Westley Waterless
Rev'd Paula Spalding
Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1: 11-end Luke 6: 20-31

Sunday 9th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10.55 am Stetchworth
Rev'd Robert Van de Weyer
10.55 am Burrough Green
Alastair France
3.00 pm Carlton
Stephen Roberts



Sunday 16th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

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
Malachi 4: 1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 Luke 21: 5-19

Sunday 23rd November Christ the King

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham
Rev'd Dr. Lynne Broughton
3.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth
Alastair France
Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Colossians 1: 11-20 Luke 23: 33-43

Sunday 30th November Advent 1

10.30 pm Benefice Communion Westley Waterless
Canon Dr. Malcolm Brown
Isaiah 2: 1-5 Romans 13: 11-end Matthew 24: 36-44I

Rev'd Patrick in his last newsletter in October mentioned that October is a special month for him, being baptised, confirmed and later ordained during that month.

This month we move on to November - a month for remembering. On All Souls' Day, 2nd November, we will have our All Souls service at Westley Waterless at 6.00 pm during which we will remember family members and friends who are no longer with us. The next weekend we will be having our Remembrance Day services when we remember all those lost during the two World Wars and all other wars. At the end of the month we move into Advent when we look forward to the birth of Christ towards the end of December. However, the shops and online stores will be anticipating Christmas sales well before we move into Advent.

You are probably familiar with the poem by Charles Hood - November - which makes it clear that

November is not his favourite month. Personally, I like November - my birthday falls in the month and we got married in November. I like the long dark evenings when plans can be made for crafting, baking etc. - though I admit that I would not want long dark evenings all the time - I like the changing seasons, looking forward to each change as it comes. I hope that, like me, you don't feel depressed by November, that you embrace the changes in weather and light and eagerly anticipate the coming of Christmas.

No sun - no moon!

No morn - no noon -

No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day.

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,

No comfortable feel in any member -

No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! -

November!

Lily Whymer

Raddesley Benefice Administrator

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

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rospates@yahoo.co.uk

Carlton: Stephen Roberts 01223 290372 or
Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com.

RURAL DEAN

Rev'd Canon Dr. Eleanor Williams

Vicar of Burwell with Reach

Rural Dean of Fordham and Quy Deanery

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Burwell, CB25 0AF

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email: vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk

CATHOLIC PARISH SERVICES:

Newmarket: Saturdays 6pm & Sundays 11am

Kirtling: Sunday 9am.

For a full list of weekday services, the newsletter & other information please visit the website.

<http://www.olise.co.uk/wordpress/>

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