VILLAGE VOICE

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

OCTOBER 2025

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 13th & 27th 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

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RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green – WEDNESDAYS :
Black bin – 1st, 15th, & 29th October
Green & Blue Bin - 8th & 22nd October

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless – MONDAYS
Black sacks weekly.
Blue Lid – 6th & 20th October
Green Lid –13th & 27th October

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BINGO NIGHT WITH CASH PRIZES

BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM

FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER
7pm.
Eyes down 7.30pm.
Adults only.
Raffle
BYO drinks and snacks

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QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER 2025

Brinkley Memorial Hall
Doors open 7.00 pm – first question 7.30 pm
Teams of up to six people
£14 per person to include a two-course home-cooked meal
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINK AND GLASSES.
Raffle
To book your meal and your team call Trish on
Tel: 01638 507495
or email trish.bull50@btinternet.com

IN AID OF BRINKLEY CHURCH

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BRIDGE

Do you play Bridge?
Are you Interested in Learning to Play Bridge?
Burrough Green has a small, very informal, and friendly Bridge Group and would be very pleased to welcome more players and novices. The Group meets on Tuesday afternoon 14.30 – 16.30 in Burrough Green at Sheriff's Court. If you would like to come along and see if you like us, please call Kathie on 07923 526555

email k.f.butcher@btinternet.com

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GAMES EVENINGS

Sheriff's Court in Burrough Green are hosting Games. 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

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HELEN'S ICE CREAM

Dear customers,
Sorry to say I am not going to be able to sell ice cream after 22nd October 2025 and until the new year.
So if you would like to stock your freezer, come and see me or call so you can empty my freezer, or I can make an order for you to get you through the first part of the winter.
Halloween - so sorry children, but I will not be able to join in with Halloween this year.

Helen Brown 07470 950631

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

Postponed

This event was due to take place on Thursday 9th October.
A new date will be announced as soon as possible.
Lucy Talbot 07910 158463

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BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2025

The winner of the photo competition for the front of this year's card is Gill Tarry. Congratulations, Gill. The back of the card will feature a photo taken by Mark Egar. Details on how to subscribe to this will be in November Village Voice.

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NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Badminton and Cricket

We have some slots become available for Badminton and Cricket Nets in the Sports Hall on a Monday, Friday evening and on Saturdays. If you would like to book, please call or email the office to check current availability

Christmas Market

This years Christmas Market is on Sunday 16th November.

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

Hot Food Refreshments Raffle

£1 Entry

The Ellesmere Community Hub

The hub is open to all on Wednesday and Friday mornings and Tuesday afternoons.

As we head into the wintery months why not come along and enjoy a Hot drink and Biscuit in a warm and welcoming environment.

We also hope to have some homemade soup

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

www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk-

Web Site www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Alternatively call us on 01638 508212

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY SHOP AND THE POST OFFICE.

OPEN WEEKDAY MORNINGS

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BURROUGH GREEN C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

RECEPTION OPEN EVENTS

Will your child be starting school in September 2026?

Join us for a tour and meet our teachers.

A talk about Burrough Green Primary Academy by Mr Sandford and Year 6.

Visit Yr 1/EYFS class to see learning (including phonics).

Kitchen experience from our very own chef!

WEDNESDAY 15th October – 9am

WEDNESDAY 12th November – 2pm

Call 01638 507236 or email at

office@bg.act-academytrust.org

Take care all – David Sandford, Executive Headteacher at Burrough Green and Great Wilbraham

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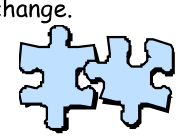
BOOK AND JIGSAW EXCHANGE - BRINKLEY

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.

Any questions please email denisehrebeniak@yahoo.com

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THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Autumn is upon us and the nights are drawing in. A big thank you to everyone who supported us during the very nice weather, let's hope it comes back soon.

We have some nice new wines in, come and have a try.

If you would like to book a pre-Christmas meal now's the time to start looking, there are only a few limited places left, don't be disappointed.

We can hold your works party - come in and have a chat see what's on offer.

Our chilli was very popular last autumn, so it's back, come and have a try you'll enjoy it just as much.

Speed quizzing on Wednesday 1st October is so popular we were fully loaded last time. Get here early to avoid not having a table.

Open MIC night – Thursday 16th October. We have some fantastic singers. If you fancy a try feel free to come along or just come and listen to some fab music. Sit back relax and enjoy some live singing, have something to eat, a nice cool beer or glass of wine. It's a great evening.

Check out our Facebook page for up and coming events.

See you soon

Danny and Tina

01638 476424

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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

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BRINKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council represents everyone in the village at a local level and also manages various amenities such as the children's playpark. Parish Councils are elected bodies and play a small but important part in the UK democratic process. Whilst we have few direct powers to affect the larger scale issues, we are consulted by the authorities that are making these sorts of decisions and so we are a key conduit to ensure residents' wishes and concerns are raised with the right people. We are also able to access various grants to help improve the village.

We have meetings every three months or so which are open to the public. They are announced in advance on the village noticeboard and the website. At the start of each meeting there is an opportunity for residents to raise any issues that are important to them. Representatives from the District and County councils will also be present to hear what you say. Briefly, the main points discussed at the last meeting in September were:

- The planning applications for Kingsway Solar Farm and Willingham Green Stud. The Kingsway Action Group had requested a donation to help produce some publicity banners and this was agreed to reflect the strong views in the village.
- The District/County reorganisation - there is a question as to whether Brinkley will be grouped with Cambridge or Fenland/Peterborough.
- Highways - an improved system for reporting issues will be going live.
- Allotments - the purchase of the land is complete; plots are available.
- Street furniture - the village sign and post box were repainted and the white village gates will be attended to next.

We are always eager to hear about issues affecting anyone in the village and would welcome more engagement from residents and would especially be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to become a Parish Councillor. Contact details and other information are on the website: www.brinkleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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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.

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LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

We've had a brilliant start to the new academic year here at LVC. Our new Year 7 cohort have settled in really well and are already an integral part of our school community. It's amazing how quickly they adapt to new routines.

With the new school year also come some exciting changes at Linton. One of the key developments is the relaunch of our Linton Learner ethos. Originally introduced around ten years ago and based on six core values, we've taken the opportunity this year to refine and focus the concept. After careful consideration, we've distilled the Linton Learner values down to two: Caring and Independent. We believe these truly capture the essence of what it means to be a learner at LVC.

LVC Junior Leadership Team

The newly appointed Junior Leadership Team at Linton Village College are passionate about making a meaningful impact. From enhancing student wellbeing and communication to improving facilities and celebrating creativity, Head Students Ruvi, Declán, and Sree are committed to fostering an inclusive, inspiring school environment where every student feels valued and empowered to thrive.

It was great to open the school to visitors for our Open Evening at the end of September. We are also offering morning tours during the school day for prospective families ahead of the secondary school application deadline at the end of October. Please get in touch via reception@lintonvc.org to arrange to visit.

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DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 9th October 2025
8pm
The Taylor Hall, Dullingham. CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a Demonstration
By Brenda Tubb
Entitled 'Great to be in Orange and Black'
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
Thursday 13th November 2025
Demonstration by Rachel Borenkova

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ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY DEMENTIA SUPPORT IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

We have a team of fully trained Dementia Advisers who are here to support everyone affected by dementia or worried about memory, their family members and carers.

As well as providing you with information, we can help you to understand dementia better, for example, helping with communication, eating and drinking, washing and dressing, etc. We will work with you to find strategies to cope with the difficulties that you face. Our staff will offer you a listening ear and a safe space to discuss the emotional impact of this. Our service is free and confidential, and can be accessed at any point and as often as needed.

We can help you to access benefits and any other services that may support you. We can also help you to plan for the future. We have a range of services including one-to-one support, groups, information sessions and are available in over 60 GP surgeries around the county.

If there is any way we can help you, please give us a call on **01223 620962** or email at **cambridgeshiredementia@alzheimers.org.uk**.

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KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION

Have your say at the Statutory Consultation

The statutory consultation will run from **Wednesday 17 September to Wednesday 29 October.**

Formal notification has now been sent to all households by Kingsway Solar with the dates of their events to present the updated design and further information about the proposed solar farm. We strongly encourage you to attend these events, ask questions and raise your concerns.

Dates and Times for Kingsway Solar meetings.

- ***Wednesday 1 October**, 2pm – 8pm, Balsham Pavilion, Church Lane, Balsham, CB21 4DS*
- ***Thursday 2 October**, 2pm – 8pm, The Reading Room, 46 Chapel Road, Weston Colville, , CB21 5NX*
- ***Friday 10 October**, 2pm – 8pm, West Wratting Village Hall, West Wratting, CB21 5LU*
- ***Saturday 11 October**, 10.30am – 2.30pm, Swaffham Prior Village Hall, High Street, CB25 0LD*

In addition, KSCA will be hosting our own workshop events to help residents prepare responses to the consultation. Submitting a letter is vital: this stage is your opportunity to comment on the specific design and details of the proposal, not just to state opposition. The more responses received, the stronger the community's voice will be. See the **Get Involved** page at kingswayaction.org

Workshop dates and locations for Kingsway Solar Community Action

- **Sat 4 Oct** – Balsham Sports Pavilion, 10.30am–12.00pm
- **Sun 5 Oct** – West Wratting Village Hall, 10.30am–12.30pm
- **Sun 5 Oct** – West Wickham Village Hall, 2.00–4.00pm
- **Sat 11 Oct** – Weston Colville Reading Room, 10.30am–12.00pm
- **Sun 12 Oct** – Brinkley Memorial Hall 10.30am–12.30pm

Display a sign and say No Way Kingsway!

Signs, banners and posters are now appearing across our villages. If you'd like one, please complete the **online Sign Request Form**. We are not charging for these, but donations via our **GoFundMe** are greatly appreciated. You can also download and print your own poster and A3 wheelie bin stickers are now available and being distributed.

As well as our GoFundMe page, we have launched a **CrowdJustice** campaign to fund the legal challenge against Kingsway Solar. With legal costs expected to top £150,000, every donation counts.

Keep recording your wildlife sightings

As part of our *Step Into Nature* campaign, we encourage everyone to continue logging wildlife sightings on **iRecord**, especially now, as migratory birds begin to arrive. These records are vital in showing the diversity of wildlife that could be affected by the solar farm's glass panels, fencing, lighting, and noise. Every sighting counts.

Useful links

* **Become a KSCA member** to stay involved https://kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-join-us/

* Request a No Way Kingsway sign

* Donate to KSCA campaign via GoFundMe 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

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FREE TO A GOOD HOME
14 ft trampoline.
Ian and Dulce 07810 140412
Burrough Green

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

BURROUGH GREEN
READING ROOM
Saturday 29th November
2025
10.30 – 15.00

Enjoy a browse through the gifts with 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

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ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting will be a practical session on **8th October**

'Autumn Tub and Baskets'

this is the return of the popular 'Bulbs, Bangers and Booze'. There will be an array of seasonal plants and bulbs to purchase, and a small amount of compost for top ups, so bring along your own container and compost and have fun constructing your display.

On November 12th 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 meetings, which start at 7.30 pm. Any prizes for future raffles would be very welcome please – bring them along to a meeting.

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.

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BURROUGH GREEN CRICKET CLUB

A disappointing end to the 2025 season saw Burrough Green CC fail to achieve promotion, with a loss away to Barley confirming their promotion to 2 South for next season in the last remaining promotion place. We followed up this disappointment with a loss to Audley Wenden, although this game allowed us to change our normal bowling and batting orders significantly, with James Baldock claiming four wickets, in his first bowl in four years. We did, however, welcome two new players to the ranks in the form of Guy and Seb, who both made their debuts for the Green since our last update.

This set of results see us finish 4th in Junior 3 South, and we will remain in this division next season. Peter Bragg led the batting awards with his 416 runs putting him second in the division. On the bowling front, there were 19 wickets for Ed Riddell, who also placed second in the division.

Thanks must again go to Peter Bragg and his team for pitch preparation and to Matt Ashcroft for skippering this season, ensuring we managed to again complete all our matches, and remain competitive in a strengthened league.

We would also like to thank The Bull for the ongoing support throughout the season as well as to all those who came down to support. As always, we welcome anyone interested in joining the cricket club going forwards as we look to prepare for 2026 and beyond.

Ed Riddell Club Secretary BGCC

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RED LION, BRINKLEY

The last of the summer weather has been a pleasure this weekend, and we hope there are a few more opportunities to enjoy the pub garden before the weather sets in and the fires are lit!

Dare we mention the word Christmas?! - As always, it's creeping towards us, and I have appreciated receiving a few menu and booking enquiries. Our private room will fill up fast, so do please get in touch as soon as you can if you're planning a table for more than 6 people, as this remains our maximum number in the dining room. The private room upstairs can accommodate tables of up to 12 people.

Our 'Fine Reds' wine list is now in full flow alongside our usual wine selection, and our new cheeses from Cambridge Cheese Company have been a popular option. We have just rotated to the latest pairing; Lord Nelson and Perl Las.

As ever, we continue to run on our usual hours, so do pop in any time to see us, or take a look online to book.

If ever you can't see the availability you are looking for, please call us and we'll endeavour to accommodate you where possible!

Best

George

www.redlionbrinkley.com info@redlionbrinkley.com

01638 650879 redlion_brinkley

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

CONCERT

in St Augustine's Church, Burrough Green
7 pm,
Friday 7th November 2025
A classical concert incorporating Mozart and Bach
Details to follow
Further enquiries,
Lucy Talbot 07910 158463

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE BULLETIN.

Stay fire safe in your kitchen

More than half the fires crews attend in the home start in the kitchen. This can be down to a number of things.

Below are some simple safety tips to help you stay fire safe in the kitchen:

- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob. Keep matches and saucepan handles out of their reach to keep them safe.
- Take care if you're wearing loose clothing – this can easily catch fire.
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob.
- Double check the cooker is off when you've finished cooking.
- Don't store items on top of hobs.
- Take care if you need to leave the kitchen whilst cooking, take pans off the heat or turn them down to avoid risk.
- Make sure saucepan handles don't stick out – so they don't get knocked off the stove.
- Keep electrics (leads and appliances) away from water.
- Check toasters are clean and placed away from curtains and kitchen rolls.
- Keep the oven, hob and grill clean and in good working order. A build-up of fat and grease can ignite a fire.

Come along to one of our Older Driver Workshops

We are hosting a series of Older Driver Workshops throughout October and November. These are free sessions designed for those over 65 and currently driving, to help them keep driving safely for longer. We discuss how driving can become more challenging as we get older, and what simple checks we can do at home to keep ourselves fit to drive.

This interactive, two-hour session covers the following topics:

- Age-related changes when driving
- Eyesight and driving
- Conducting a vehicle check
- Licence renewal
- Signs to be aware of
- Alternatives to driving.

Visit our website (https://bit.ly/4n4hBoG) to find out more and book your place.

Get your chimney swept and keep your home fire safe!

The Service attends around 50 fires a year involving chimneys, most of which could be avoided by following some simple safety tips:

- Appoint a skilled and technically competent chimney engineer. To find your nearest local HETAS Approved Chimney Sweep visit: https://www.hetas.co.uk/find-chimney-sweep/
- Keep the flue shafts clear and ensure they are well maintained
- Only use properly treated wood to build a fire
- Always use a fireguard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers
- Make sure embers are properly put out before you go to bed.

We always advise getting your chimney swept at least once a year, preferably before lighting it for the first time when the cold weather arrives. There could be a buildup of debris that's accumulated over the year, which can be set alight when heating the home and could cause a significant fire.

Some will also be looking at using a chimney for the first time, that may not have been used for many years. It is really important to make sure it is swept and inspect the brickwork before lighting it for the first time.

Help your local community – become an on-call firefighter!

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit more on-call firefighters to help local communities by responding to emergencies.

On-call firefighters are a vital part of your fire and rescue service. They respond to a wide range of incidents, from fighting fires and attending road traffic collisions to recuing people and animals in need. They also respond to medical emergencies.

In addition to responding to emergency incidents, on-call firefighters support their communities by providing a range of safety advice helping people to keep safe in their homes.

Being an on-call firefighter has many benefits. As well as being paid an annual wage and for the time spent at incidents or training, there are also opportunities to develop first aid skills and heavy goods vehicle driving qualifications.

Find out more about becoming an on-call firefighter by visiting our website: https://bit.ly/CFRSOncall

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

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BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

Balsham Picture House October film night

Saturday 4th October
THE SALT PATH (12)

starring Gillian Anderson and Jason Isaacs and although the author of the book on which the film is based has received some undesirable publicity recently, nevertheless, the film has spectacular scenery and received much acclaim when released.

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

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A NOTE OF THANKS TO ANSA KHAN

Thank you for your dedicated service as a Parish Councillor, including 4 years as the Chair of Burrough Green Parish Council. Your commitment, leadership, and tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on our community, and your thoughtful guidance has helped steer the Council through both challenges and achievements. We are deeply grateful for the time, energy, and expertise you brought to the role. As you step down, please know that your contributions will be remembered with appreciation and admiration.

Burrough Green Parish Council

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COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Councillor for the Woodditton division

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The development of proposals for new 'unitary' authorities is ongoing. Your district councillors John Trapp and Charlotte Cane have shared a link to the county council survey, which sets out the case for the preferred option of the County Council and all our local parishes. Please offer your feedback for this option to help us together fight for the best outcome.

Interestingly, fresh analysis from Westminster shows replacing the 21 two-tier systems across the country with 58 new unitary councils with populations as low as 300,000 could end up costing £850 million over five years and deliver no long-term savings. If they stick to 500,000 populations, this will hopefully favour the preferred local option.

ADULTS & HEALTH

Cambridge Children's Hospital contractor appointed.

A building contractor has been appointed to Cambridge Children's Hospital, which will be built on the same site that houses Addenbrooke's and Royal Papworth hospitals. Bouygues UK is expected to start within the next 18 months.

'Good' rating for adult social care services

Cambridgeshire County Council's adult social care services have been rated as 'Good' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC), with its assessment finding that early support and flexible options are helping people stay independent longer.

www.cqc.org.uk/care-services/local-authority-assessment-reports/cambridgeshire-0825

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Improvements in support for care leavers

The County Council has improved the support and stability it provides for care leavers in Cambridgeshire, according to a recent Ofsted report.

https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50285468

Could you be a foster carer?

Having attended numerous events for our children in care over the past month, I wanted to take the opportunity to raise awareness of foster caring.

Cambridgeshire Fostering Service is looking for compassionate individuals and families across Cambridgeshire to become foster carers. By offering a stable, loving home, you can make a life-changing difference for children and young people who are unable to live with their families.

Fostering doesn't have to be a long-term commitment; the council also needs carers for short-term fostering and respite care.

Follow any of these channels to find out more:

0800 052 0078 .

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/fostering-and-adoption

Facebook www.facebook.com/CCCFosteringService/

Instagram www.instagram.com/cambsfostering/

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

New highways system to go live in September

The County Council's new system goes live on Monday 22 September. The current system will be taken offline on Thursday 18 September.

The new system should vastly change the experience of its predecessor and will give more transparency of; reported issues, work ordered and will retain issues through to satisfactory completion of quality checks.

This is going live shortly after a re-structure of the highway's maintenance teams, designed to deliver a more effective service for all. Having met this new team and sharing all the local issues known to me, I am confident we will start to see far improved outcomes across our area.

Local works

Since becoming your County Councillor in May, I have worked hard to resolve many highways issues that had been neglected for years. I'm delighted that my intervention has led to the road between the Kings Head and Eagle Lane in Dullingham, finally, being resurfaced between 6-8 October, weather dependent. I will continue to work with our officers to resolve other issues.

KINGSWAY SOLAR

As many will all be aware the Statutory Consultation on Kingsway will be starting imminently. As your County Councillor, although being very supportive of green energy, I am very sceptical about the local and environmental impacts of this proposal for many reasons and will be working with parish councils and other colleagues to make sure our response is strong.

Cllr Jonny Edge, 07974 348141,

jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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District Councillors' Report – Bottisham Ward

There was very little activity in the Council in August. The Leader of the Council is still pursuing Option B (with East Cambs joining Fenland, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough) for the Local Government Re-organisation. The County Council has organised an online survey so that residents can have their say to their proposal for re-organisation, and this can be found on

https://yourvoice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/your-future-councils/.

The survey closes on 3 October 2025, so do please engage with it as soon as possible.

Surgery

Our next surgery will be on Thursday 30th October at Brinkley Memorial Hall from 6.30pm and after an hour we propose to go to the Red Lion, Brinkley. The County Councillor, Jonny Edge, will also be present.

It is not only at surgeries that you can contact us; residents can always contact us by email, letter or telephone at any time.

Cllrs Charlotte Cane MP
charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk) and
John Trapp (john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk)

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District Council Report - Woodditton Ward

Highways

The repairs to the B1061 on the hill coming out of Dullingham have been brought forward in the programme to be done this year. The work is due to start on 6th October and this is very welcome, but it does blow out of the water that the decisions have been made on data obtained on all of the roads in Cambridgeshire, rather than the whims of Highways Officers.

I am very pleased that officers in the Highways Department have finally listened to my complaints over the last two years about the lack of maintenance on this road, as it has been reduced to a very dangerous level.

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

Council Reorganisation

As mentioned last month, the response to the Government's imposed Council reorganisation continues to develop.

There are four options currently being worked on.

This new proposal was being discussed by a Full Council meeting of Peterborough City Council on 23rd July and Peterborough are pressing ahead with this proposal.

A lot of the work being done is not around the best geographical fit, but financial and operational considerations, due to the heavy debts that some Councils have.

It 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 the end of October, so please give your views and attend one of the public engagement meetings. I will post those details on my Councillor Facebook page.so please take the opportunity to visit that page for further information.

Waste Services

I have updated previously about the new waste collection service.

This will commence on 1st June 2026 and will involve a black bin instead of the black sack collection and a food caddy, which will be collected weekly, for all food waste.

Full details are being sent to every resident and I will place those details on my Councillor Facebook page, so please visit that.

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.

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REPORT FROM CHARLOTTE CANE MP

I've been working hard both in Westminster and across Ely and East Cambridgeshire to champion the issues that matter most to our communities.

One of the biggest concerns I continue to hear about is poor broadband and mobile signal. I raised this directly with Minister Chris Bryant and the Chair of Building Digital UK, sharing your frustrations and concerns about the conduct of contractors working on Project Gigabit. I've secured a commitment from BDUK to investigate, and I'll be following up to ensure your voices are heard.

Transport remains another key issue. I've joined fellow Lib Dem MPs in calling for a freeze on rail fares. With services often delayed or cancelled, it's simply not fair to ask commuters to pay more. A fare freeze would be a step towards a more reliable, affordable rail network.

In Parliament, I've spoken up for families and children in several important debates. I called for better support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and urged the Government to reverse cuts to the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund. These are lifelines for many families in our area, and I'll keep pushing for long-term certainty and fairness.

I also led a debate on supporting neurodivergent people into work. I shared inspiring examples from our local schools and businesses that are already making a difference. Everyone deserves the opportunity to thrive, and I've asked the Government to update its guidance so that disclosure and support reflect real-world experiences.

Closer to home, I joined Cambridgeshire's Rural Crime Action Team on shift during Rural Crime Action Week. It was a valuable insight into the challenges they face, and I've called for more funding so they can provide a 24-hour service to keep our rural communities safe.

I've also been advocating for our environment. I visited the dried-up River Snail with Cllr Yannifer Malinowski and raised the issue of chalk stream protection in Parliament. These unique waterways are vital to our biodiversity, and I'll continue pressing for action. I also challenged the Prime Minister to commit to a Land Use Framework—something that would help balance the needs of farming, housing, energy, and nature.

Supporting our local economy is another priority. I visited Cambridge's Biomedical Campus to hear about their expansion plans and the infrastructure improvements needed to support growth. I also visited a local sugar beet farm to discuss the future of British farming, and visited the East Anglian Air Ambulance to learn more about their vital work.

My team and I have now closed over 7,400 cases where constituents have asked me for help, information or advice, and we're always here if you need support. Constituents are warmly welcomed to book a slot with me at an upcoming surgery, booking online here https://bit.ly/bookasurgery or by getting in touch using the details below.

Finally, if you haven't yet taken part in my local health survey, there's still time—your feedback helps shape my work on improving NHS services in our area. It's possible to complete the survey here: ecld.org.uk/healthsurvey

With best wishes,

Charlotte

P.S. Keep up to date with my work for Ely & East Cambridgeshire by signing up to my newsletter here: bit.ly/newsfromcharlotte

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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
www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk

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

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VILLAGE WEBSITES

www.westleywaterless.com
www.burroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk
www.brinkleyparishcouncil.gov.uk
carltoncumwillinghampc.org.uk

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

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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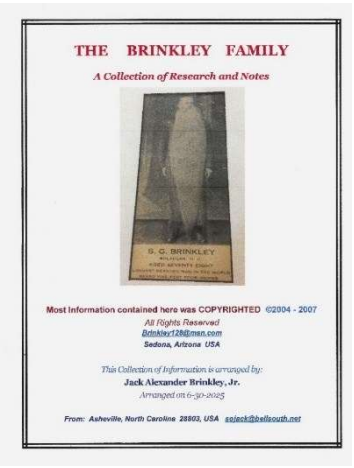
BRINKLEY FAMILY

Following the visit of the Brinkley family from North Carolina in August when we were given this wonderful book. I put an article in September Village Voice about their visit and the book, 'A Collection of Research and Notes'. I also sent them a copy of the newsletter. This is their reply.



Hello again, Trish!

We made the newsletter! That was a nice gesture on your part. We did indeed enjoy the visit with everyone there. Thanks so much for making us welcome.

One correction. I did not do the research in the book. The credit is listed on the cover. A relative in Arizona and a man near us did the work. I just put it together in the notebook. I just wanted to get the information out there and be a reference for those interested.

Such nice memories. Please say Hi to everyone

I am happy to put the record straight.

Trish - Editor

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH STETCHWORTH
QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 11th October 2025
Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth
Doors open 7.00 pm – first question 7.30 pm
Teams of up to six people
£15 per person to include a two course home-cooked meal
To book your meal and your team Tel: 01638 507576 or email lilywhymer@gmail.com
Licensed Bar Raffle

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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 5th October **16th After Trinity**
9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley
10.30 am Family Service Burrough Green

Lamentations 1: 1-6 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 Luke 17: 5-10

Sunday 12th October **17th After Trinity**
9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham

Jeremiah 29: 1,4-7 2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Luke 17: 11-19

Sunday 19th October **18th After Trinity**
9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley

Jeremiah 31: 27-34 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5
Luke 18: 1-8

Sunday 26th October **Bible Sunday**
10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham
Rev'd Dr. Lynne Broughton
3.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth
Alastair France

Joel 2: 23-end 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Luke 18: 9-14

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I was baptised as a child and years later Confirmed and later still ordained to the Priesthood all in the month of October.
So it is special month for me and this year in October I will be leaving full time church ministry and leaving the Raddesley Group of parishes.
October 18th we think of St. Luke and his ministry of Healing which is an important part of the Church's ministry. Jesus, in the New Testament, spent a great deal of his time healing. St Luke, who wrote Acts of the Apostles and St Luke's gospel was a doctor and was involved with the sick.
It is important in our church services that we remember those who are sick and pray for them and those who care for them. If you have family or friends who are sick and would like them to be prayed for in church, do pass their names (with their permission) to a churchwarden or church member.
I wish you well as I prepare to leave the Raddesley Group of churches and that your Churchwardens and PCC members look forward to your new priest in the New Year.
Go well
The Reverend Patrick J McEune

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Revnd Patrick McEune will be retiring and leaving our Raddesley Group of parishes this month. His last service with us is the Morning Prayer service at Brinkley on Sunday 19th October 2025.
Come and join us at St Mary's Brinkley to wish him well in his retirement to Norfolk after many years in the ministry.

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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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PLAY THE ORGAN YEAR 2025

Play the organ year is designed to inspire a year-long effort by the whole organ playing community to increase the number of people learning to play the organ.
The organ is a magnificent instrument & fun to play.
If anyone of any age would like to find out more about the organ or interested in playing the organ then please contact Josephine Roberts on 07469 730195 or Liz Gibson on 07745 627287

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