

VILLAGE VOICE

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

JANUARY 2024

Happy New Year

BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 8th & 22nd January 2024
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

GAMES EVENINGS

Sheriff's Court in Burrough Green are hosting Games
Evenings on

Tuesdays 9th & 23rd January 2024 from 7pm.

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

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Wednesdays :

Black bin - 10th & 24th January 2024.

Blue - 3rd, 17th, & 31st January 2024.

Green- 17th January 2024.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless -
Mondays

Black sacks weekly. TUESDAY 2nd, Wednesdays 8th,
15th, 22nd, 29th January 2024

Blue Lid - TUESDAY 2nd, Monday 15th & 29th January
2024. .

Green Lid - 8th & 22nd January 2024.

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: 18th January 2024

BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 4th THURSDAY of
each month between 1.10pm - 1.50pm:

25th January 2024

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.



BRINKLEY CHRISTMAS CARD 2023

We hope you enjoyed receiving your card again this
year.

Thank you to all who supported the Brinkley Christmas
card for 2023, After Gift Aid has been received it will
have raised £994 for Brinkley Church and £685 for
Marie Curie.

Thank you.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended the Burrough Green
Michaelmas Fayre in November.

The light Lunches and Refreshments raised £112 for
the Reading Room. The Stroke Support Groups in
Haverhill and Newmarket will receive a £50 donation
each from the Tombola and Preserves table.

Thanks to Sam, Helen and Ann for their contribution
as table holders and the Reading Room committee
members for managing the kitchen.

Best Wishes for 2024

Kathie

WINTER FAIR - BRINKLEY

Thanks to all the hard work on Saturday 2nd December
2023 involved with the Winter Fair it all went very
well, and there was a lovely atmosphere in the hall. So
nice to see everyone perusing the stalls, spending
money and enjoying having lunch with friends.

Together we raised £826.77 towards the upkeep of
our village church. A wonderful total and thanks are
due to all who turned out on the coldest day of the
year so far.

Brinkley PCC

THANKS FROM BURROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

On hearing the news of Les Field's retirement
Burrough Green Parish Council would like to personally
thank Les for his services to the village.

Les has been cutting the grass in the village for the
last 20 years and the Parish Council wholeheartedly
appreciate the time and effort taken by Les to make
our community look as beautiful as it does.

We wish Les and his family a very happy retirement
and you will be greatly missed.

Best wishes

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY



We are closed on Boxing Day. The remainder of that week we will be open for lunch and dinner, Wednesday through Saturday. New Year's Eve Sunday we will open earlier than usual at 9:00 for brunch and our last booking will be 2:30.

LAST ORDERS

Our last day open will be Sunday December 31st. We have enjoyed our time here but are moving on in January. A massive thank you to everyone that valued having a pub in the village and supported it when they could, and to others that were incredibly helpful to us in other ways. We will always value many lovely memories from these past 8 years.

01638 508707

Gwyn & Morris.

HEN HOUSE NEWS

Hello newsletter readers, well what a year of laying eggs it's been. It was sad to hear the news of so many of our cousins being attacked in the local area and going to the big hen house in the sky. We took up the role of keeping you all supplied to the best of our ability. Glad to say we now have new family members in the area ready to keep you all supplied. We did get our placards out and had an organised strike last month so we could keep the bedding we are accustomed to and the fresh vegetables; as a result we are going to be charging £2.00 for 6 of our beautiful eggs in the new year. (44 Green Park, Brinkley)



Just a moment to mention our human Mum, Helen, whose Ice Cream is still available to order or collect from the door when the sign is out. She has added Coffee and Walnut, Mint Choc Chip, Lemon Meringue, Banoffee and Raspberry following customers asking if they could be added.

Thank You to all her customers, Helen had no idea it would be so popular. What will she come up with next!!

Well it's time to get back to the nest box. I feel a double yoker is on its way.
Wishing you all a Happy and Eggcellent New Year.

From

Helen's Hens 🐔🥚

BURROUGH GREEN C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Hello everyone.

So much has happened at Burrough Green over the last month and it has such a great feel to it. Everyone has so much positivity about the school. It truly is a great place to be headteacher.

I sent out my termly questionnaire (it is the same as the one Ofsted send out before an inspection) to parents earlier this month and had 27 responses. The most overwhelming piece of data that came from that was that all 27 parents would recommend the school to another parent. This is a truly remarkable piece of data and one which I have not seen - 100% recommendation - since the Ofsted questionnaires have been in existence. It is verification of the journey the school is currently on and shows that we are on the right track. The purpose here is to give parents a non-threatening environment (the comfort of their own homes) in which they can truly voice their thoughts and feelings and tell us what we are doing right - or not! All data collected has been analysed and discussed in the various forums we have in school - all of it is valuable!

On the 11th of December our school governors met. Please find below key points from our last governor's meeting (11-12-23)

- Governors are pleased to see an increase in attendance rates (attendance is now at 97% which is well above the Cambridgeshire and National average) and the positive approach being taken to support our parents.
- Governors are encouraged by the continued interest and demand in the wraparound care provision.
- It is wonderful to see the Headteacher strengthening the links to the wider school community and actively engaging with parents/carers.
- The positive outcomes achieved by the pupils are pleasing to see alongside the rigorous progress monitoring to supporting them to achieve.
- Governors are thrilled to hear about so many exciting activities that have taken place outside of school, such as the bowling trip, small schools cross-country and the Y6 residential trip.
- Governors are delighted that the school has been welcoming several external visitors this term and plan even more in the new year.
- The school business manager was welcomed to our most recent meeting to share financial updates.

Again, such positive messages.

Last month, I wrote about the quality of meals provided by our chef. It is such an important concept that I wanted to put it out there again - the correct nutrition is vital to our young people and the best food gives them the very best chances of making the most of all the learning opportunities that are presented to them. So, without apology, here is the paragraph from the last article:

Bryan Brasnett, our chef, cooks and prepares all menu items fresh on site (except the sausages - which have a much higher meat content than ones usually used in schools). We source our own 'shopping' and he creates the most wonderful, healthy and nutritious meals. For example, Bryan uses fresh beef mince and makes his own burgers and meatballs. Pizzas are all fresh (including the base) and even the bread the children get is warm and freshly baked. All sauces for pasta etc. are made fresh with nothing coming from a jar or packet - some of the ingredients even come from our own school garden! School dinners are becoming a huge hit here and we are proud to be giving our young people the very best meals that we can.

More and more parents are using the wrap-around-care service we provide. There are places available on all days and we always take late bookings as we appreciate that life throws us a curveball now and again. On the 19th December (long gone by the time you read this newsletter), we are holding the very first Larks and Owls Christmas Party - this is organised by our amazing wrap-around-care staff and they have been planning it for weeks now. This will give our children a chance to celebrate the festive season in a more relaxed atmosphere - we all cannot wait!

Larks and Owls is becoming so popular. To remind you all, morning sessions (Larks) run from 7.30am - 8.45am and evening sessions (Owls) run from 3.30pm to 6pm (even on a Friday, as this is a day many schools will offer a reduced service) - this is much later than local schools offer and has been a real game-changer for working parents. We have had parents look around Burrough Green solely because of this, so it must matter to them.

I had the pleasure of taking 8 year 3, 4 and 5 students to Cambridge Ten Pin, to compete in a bowling tournament. The children had an amazing time and really enjoyed themselves - the sports programme put together by South Cambridgeshire really is excellent. One of our bowlers came second overall - there were around 150 bowlers there!

Mrs Harris took over 20 students to Milton Country Park for the small schools cross-country races in November. Our Year 6 boys' team came second overall - an amazing achievement with our small cohort (maybe it's the incredibly healthy and nutritious meals!). All the children really enjoyed themselves and were proud to represent Burrough Green.

Parents have been into school. They have been to our 'sharing' assemblies which are then followed by an opportunity to learn with their children and they were invited in to have dinner with their children. All of these events went down really well and the children were pleased and proud to have their parents in school.

During the week beginning 18th December our new website will go live. Our whole team has been working very hard on this and we are proud of it. As ever, if there is anything not covered or if you have any questions please contact the school office and help will be provided.

Our Christmas performances went off really well and I was so proud watching them perform - from the Early Year/KS1 children in the Nativity, to the beautiful solo of 'Once in Royal David's City' it was a truly mesmerising experience. Staff worked really hard to put these performances on, creating yet more unforgettable lifelong memories for our children.

As ever we have space in all classes. If you are interested in securing a place for your child in any year group, please contact the school and an appointment will be made for you to visit the school, have 'the tour' to see the school at work and see our wonderful facilities (including a swimming pool!).

Finally, as we draw this busy term a close, it leaves me the pleasure of wishing you all an incredible and restful Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

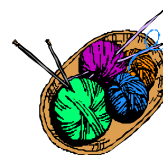
Take care everyone and see you in 2024!

David Sandford
Headteacher

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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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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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## THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN

Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for the support over Xmas.



Our speed quizzing is going from strength to strength, the next quiz night is on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 starting at 7.30pm, get there early to get the best seats.

The last Sunday of January I will be trialling Sunday roast, booking is essential, as there is limited space. It will be only one sitting to start with, and as we get more customers, we will increase to 2 sittings.

My daily special of chicken curry is going down so well I will be putting this up as an everyday choice in the new year. So please watch this space, things can be found out on our Facebook page, at any time, or by calling 01638 476424 if there are any enquiries.

*Tina , Danny and Staff*

## VILLAGE WEBSITES

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

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

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

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

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

## ELY DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT JOB

The diocese has been given time-limited funding for two new posts to help our diocese with the national Net Zero Carbon programme. The adverts are out now and the deadline is **4 January**.

Diocesan Synod in October committed to pursuing NZC 2030. The Church Buildings Team is now seeking to recruit an enthusiastic expert Net Zero Carbon Officer and a NZC Administrator who will help us to achieve this. Both roles are part-time, but there is the possibility of combining the roles into a nearly full-time post.

Is this something that you would be interested in applying for? Perhaps you have had a professional role and are looking for a part-time retirement job or maybe you are a parent wanting a part-time role to fit around child care. The Officer role requires environment experience: the administrator role does not. For more information contact the Diocesan Environment officer, the Rev'd Nigel Cooper - [nigel.cooper@elydiocese.org](mailto:nigel.cooper@elydiocese.org) Details of the posts are at:

<https://www.elydiocese.org/net-zero-carbon-officer-and-net-zero-carbon-administrator.php> - deadline **4 January 2024**.

## ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

We have a talk to look forward to in January, when we welcome back Tom Cole. Tom will be talking to us on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 about "Interior plants - right plant, right place in the home". Meet in the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30 pm as usual.

Our AGM takes place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February after which there will be a quiz, so please mark your calendars ready for a new year of gardening activities! As always, for any queries about the club you can contact Sandie on 07903 584676.

## NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

*Happy New Year to you all*

### **Get fit in the New Year**

**Pilates with Louise, every Monday 6.15-7pm**

All Levels Welcome. Just bring yourself and a mat  
First Class FREE

Contact Louise Kennedy -

[studio@louisekennedypilates.com](mailto:studio@louisekennedypilates.com)

### **COMMUNITY HUB**

Don't be alone this winter - Come along to the Community Hub open every Monday and Wednesday from 9am-12pm.

Enjoy a warm, friendly space with refreshments (all free of charge)

*Suffering from Anxiety or depression? Have you recently been bereaved? Just struggling to cope?*

*Come along and have a chat with Sue (a Local Counsellor) If you just need someone to talk to Sue is in the hub to help.*

**Live Music on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

**8pm until midnight**

**with**

**"Back in Time"**

**£8 per person entry**

**Raffle & Licensed Bar**

**Its Panto Time!**

**Oh no it isn't!!**

**The Ellesmere Devils Pantomime Society Are Performing**

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND**

**from 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January**

**Tickets are available from**

**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/EDPS](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/EDPS)**

**Follow us on Facebook or Twitter**

**@CentreEllesmere**

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



## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**DABBERS OUT !!**  
for  
**WESTLEY WATERLESS**  
**POP UP PUB**  
**& BINGO NIGHT**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Bar Open 6.30pm**  
**Eyes Down 7pm**

**Drinks by**  
**BULLS BRIDGE BARS**

**Pizza by**  
**FRIENDLY HERRING PIZZA Co.**

**Dabbers: £6 to play**  
**Non-Dabbers: £1 entry**

More details to follow on  
[westleywaterless.com/events](http://westleywaterless.com/events)

**All proceeds to**  
**Westley Waterless Village Hall**

## ECDC NEWSLETTER

### **Energy efficiency and benefits advice**

Whether you need help with housing, benefits or bills, representatives from East Cambridgeshire District Council are here to offer advice to anyone struggling to make ends meet this winter.

Our energy advisors can provide information and advice on grants and initiatives designed to keep homes warm and energy efficient. While our housing and community advisors will be able to help with cost of living, housing, tenancy and benefits advice.

Simply call into the council's offices at The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Monday to Friday between 10am and 4pm, or look out for one of our On Tour events,

For more information visit the cost-of-living pages on East Cambridgeshire District Council's website.

### Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is there to help households most in need with the rising cost of living, including families, pensioners, unpaid carers, care leavers and disabled people. Speak to our Housing and Community Advice team for more details, we operate a drop-in service between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday or you can call 01353 665555 to make an appointment or to ask for advice.

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LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

It was lovely to welcome back the Class of 2023 at our Presentation Evening at the end of November to collect their GCSE exam certificates as well as awards nominated by their teachers for academic achievements. Tutors gave some humorous and heartfelt speeches recounting their years with their tutor groups, many of whom had taken them through from years seven to eleven. After the speeches and presentations, guests were treated to an amazing spread kindly put on by the Friends of LVC.

You may have spotted LVC students walking through the village and local countryside during our annual sponsored walk the following day. It was great to have the whole school involved on the 12-kilometre route fundraising for the Friends of LVC. With the fancy dress theme of 'At the Movies', students and staff made an amazing effort and made the walk that bit more colourful. Friends volunteers did a fantastic job of marshalling the route. We are very grateful for the support of this amazing group of parents/carers and community members to enhance and enrich LVC students' educational experiences.

The autumn term has seen a fantastic array of arts events and activities. Platform 23 exhibition at Michaelhouse Café in Cambridge showcased wonderful artwork from our students alongside pieces from all Trust secondary schools. We hosted a Year 2 singing festival involving our feeder primary schools, which also included a performance from our choir, Linton

Voices. Students taking Dance as an option were also involved on a trip to Dance East to develop their theatre technical skills and work with professional dance companies in some intensive

workshops. Lots of students across all year groups were involved in our Christmas Arts Showcase.

BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE

Saturday Jan 6th 2024

The Great Escaper (12A)

starring Michael Caine and, in sadly her last film role, Glenda Jackson and is the true and beautiful story of the Normandy RN veteran, Bernard Jordan, breaking out of his care home on the South Coast in 2014 and getting over alone to the Normandy beaches to be present at the 70th Commemoration of the D Day landings in 1944. An inspiring feel good film!

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

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## **SERVICES FOR JANUARY**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January      Baptism of Christ/1st  
Sunday of Epiphany**

9.00 am Holy Communion      Brinkley  
10.30 am Family Service      Burrough Green  
*1 John 2: 29 - 3: 6    John 1: 29-34*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January      2nd Sunday of Epiphany**

9.00 am Holy Communion      Stetchworth  
10.30 am Morning Prayer      Dullingham  
*1 Samuel 3: 1-10    Revelation 5: 1-10    John 1: 43-end*

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January      3rd Sunday of Epiphany**

9.00 am Holy Communion      Burrough Green  
10.30 Morning Prayer      Brinkley  
*Genesis 14: 17-20    Revelation 19: 6-10    John 2: 1-11*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January      Epiphany 4**

10.30 am Holy Communion      Dullingham  
3.00 pm Evensong      Stetchworth  
*Deuteronomy 18: 15-20    Revelation 12 1-5a    Mark 1: 21-28*

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## **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](http://www.raddesley.com)

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## **RURAL DEAN**

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Vicar of Burwell with Reach

Rural Dean of Fordham and Quy Deanery

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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](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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by 22nd January 2024 please

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