

# VILLAGE VOICE

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

MAY 2024

## RED LION BRINKLEY

An exciting month since my first note here has seen lots of progress around the pub which I cannot wait to show off once we open. I can promise I won't keep the doors from opening any longer than necessary!



Highlights this month have seen new floors going into the kitchen, among other areas, and I hope to have most of the kitchen installed by the time this is being widely read!

This progress brings hope we can announce an opening date within the next couple of weeks for just before the end of May.

Please do follow us on Instagram @redlion\_brinkley or sign up for emails on our website [www.redlionbrinkley.com](http://www.redlionbrinkley.com) - These will be the first places I announce our opening date.

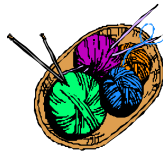
I hope to welcome everyone roughly a month from the time of reading!

Best, George

## 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

## ELLESMERE CENTRE VILLAGE SHOP

will be celebrating its

40th Birthday

on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Please come along and join in the celebrations between 9 am and 12 noon.

Serving the community for 40 years

## BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM

The Annual General Meeting of

Burrough Green Reading Room

will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

at 7pm in the Reading Room

All welcome to attend in support of this lovely village facility.

## 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

## BRINKLEY COFFEE AND CAKES

MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May 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

## RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - WEDNESDAYS :

Black bin - 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May

Blue & Green - 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - MONDAYS

Black sacks weekly. Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Tuesdays 7<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> May.

Blue Lid - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Green Lid - Monday 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

CARLTON cum WILLINGHAM PC

Annual Parish Meeting

At St Peter's Church

8pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME

A chance to air and share local issues. Drinks and nibbles will be served after the meeting.

A formal Parish Council AGM will start at 7.15pm, before the Parish Meeting.

Edith Osborn Parish Clerk

**BURROUGH GREEN CHURCH FETE**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Next Planning Meeting - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
at 7pm

At The Hall, Church Lane, home of Lucy and  
Peter Talbot

PLEASE come and help plan the final details of the  
fete. We are looking for stall holders and donations  
for the silent auction. We would be very grateful for  
all offers of help.

25% will be donated to the Scouts who are coming to  
help with the fete.

Do join us at the meeting or get in touch if you can  
manage a stall on the day, we provide everything you  
need.

Please get in touch, look forward to hearing from you,  
thank you so much.

Lucy 07910 158463

email [peterandlucyt@btinternet.com](mailto:peterandlucyt@btinternet.com)

**NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE May 2024**

**May Half Term Activities**

With Prestige Sports Development

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

To book please contact

<https://www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com/mega-activity-holiday-camps>

**The Ellesmere Community Sharing Shed  
is now OPEN!**

With thanks to

The Joshua Tree for Supplying the shed  
and

Dave Blair and Rob Algar for erecting it

Please leave any donations of Seeds, Plants or  
Produce in the shed.

**#letsgetsharing**

Dates for your Diary!

**The Ellesmere Summer Show  
and**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Flower and Craft Show**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

12pm

**Live Music evening with Johnny Wright and  
Friends**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August

BBQ and Bar

Bring a Blanket or a Chair

**More details to follow....**

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter

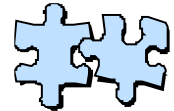
**@CentreEllesmere**

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

**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  
[denisehrebniak@yahoo.com](mailto:denisehrebniak@yahoo.com)

**MOBILE LIBRARY**



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

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

They stock a great selection of books for all  
ages, plus NHS hearing aid batteries. They  
can even check and replace the ferrules on  
walking sticks.



Make use of this wonderful resource.

**WANTED**

**GARDENER - 2hrs a week.**

All tools supplied and refreshments provided.

Call Geoffrey on 01638 507390. Brinkley

**ELLESMERE ARTS**

will be performing

**THE GOOD LIFE**

on

**23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**7.30 pm**

at The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

Tickets: £9

[ellesmereartstickets@gmail.com](mailto:ellesmereartstickets@gmail.com)

or Ellesmere Centre Village Shop

**ROBIN WYLIE**

**16<sup>th</sup> November 1932 - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

A much loved member of Carlton Village and the  
surrounding Parish, Robin passed away peacefully at  
home in Carlton at the age of 91. He had been a  
resident of The Parish for 88 years and served as  
Church Warden for 50 years.

**A Thanksgiving service will be held to celebrate  
his life at St Peter's Church, Carlton**

On

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2pm**

and afterwards at

The Old Rectory, Carlton for refreshments.

All Welcome

## THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



We would like to let everyone know our plans now that we've been open for 1 year.

Spring is coming, the warmer weather and hopefully lots of sunshine will arrive soon.

We have recently purchased a generator, for the sole purpose of helping our village when in need, if the power ever goes down again, (due to windy weather, or just a good old power cut) we now have the facilities to be able to continue trading and helping the community with somewhere warm and cosy to go.

### **Opening hours**

We are open from 8.30am for breakfasts, and the kitchen does not close until 8pm every day during the week. The pub closes at 10.30pm except Fridays and Saturdays when we close at 11.00pm and on a Sunday we open from 11am, again the kitchen doesn't close until 8pm and the pub closes at 10.30pm.

So everyone, when in need, can come in and have the warmth of the fire if it's cold outside, breakfast, lunch, or evening meal, knowing this is a place for warmth, food, a friendly atmosphere and good company, where you can sit and relax with friends, family, or even by yourself and read a book.

Coffee is always available, or maybe a fresh glass of wine or beer.

Our *Up and Coming* events are still the last Sundays of the month for roast dinners, which we might add are going very well. We also have a fab female singer for you to listen to while eating. She's great. We can now offer the choice of 2 meats, along with all trimmings.

Speed quizzing is on the 15<sup>th</sup> May, starting 7.30pm. We are always packed so come early and have some food before starting. It's a great night to enjoy yourself.

Once again, I would like to say thank you for the support you are giving to both myself and Danny. We are really enjoying our time here and hopefully continue to do so for a long time to come.

Tina & Danny

01638 476424

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## BURROUGH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



Hello everyone and I trust you have all had a restful and relaxing Easter - and that there are no remnants of chocolate anywhere in your houses! I spent a few days in York with my family and we booked ourselves onto a chocolate making experience - if you are ever there you must do this - an absolute gem of an experience. I didn't think it was possible to put that much chilli and ginger into a chocolate bar. Interestingly, this particular chocolatier melted chocolate with hot air to avoid various chemical reactions that I didn't understand. So there we all were, with hairdryers, melting chocolate! Other than that, the 2 weeks disappeared in a whirl of work, walks and day trips to various places (you must go to Bubble Planet in London if you haven't already - great fun!)

Our very own Assistant Headteacher - Mrs Leadbeter - was pounding the streets in the London Marathon on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April and the whole school community wished her the best of luck. She kindly set up a Just Giving page for the school and it currently stands at just over £1000 - this will go to fund a whole school trip to the coast during the summer term. She completed it in 4hrs 52mins- an amazing run Alice - thank you

I have been invited (19<sup>th</sup> April) to attend the Young Writers on Horseracing at the National Horseracing Museum. One of our students - Lottie Corbett (Year 6) - is a finalist. This is an incredible achievement. The whole school community is so proud of her. She worked in her own time.

I have, with her permission of course, included her short story for your enjoyment.

### **Gasping for air**

#### **By Lottie Corbett**

*Before entering the auction ring in Newmarket, my horse had rested his feet on the cold tarmac which was glazed with the remnants of the morning's frost. I could tell he was bulging with excitement and couldn't help breaking into a trot, sending his handler into a nervous stride. As I watched the beast stride into the ring like a showman, I stopped to take a minute for my excitement to bubble down. As I knew this horse was special and will be a future star, I couldn't help but feel my face break into a broad grin like a theatrical mask.*

*As it entered, I could hear a relentless chatter around me. I could see the horse's bright eyes dance with glee as he raced around the ring. I was startled at first to hear the starting price but it soon escalated.*

*"Can I have eight hundred?" began the auctioneer. "A well-bred thoroughbred son of Frankel. Eight hundred, anyone?" A hush settled on the ring sending everyone*

into an awkward silence. My smile dropped quickly, to be replaced for a look of sheer terror. Then, I didn't see it but I heard it - a bid!

Even though I was not smiling there was a glint of disbelief in my eyes. "One thousand, anymore?" the auctioneer yelled in his speedy tone as if he was reading something out that he detested.

A surge of excitement shot up my spine like a blazing bullet. Two thousand, three thousand, four thousand... The bids got bigger and bigger while my grin increased. My elation was an almost unbearable bubble in my stomach. I knew that sons of Frankel went for a lot, but not this much. As the bids increased, I felt as if I was on top of the world and a glow - not just a glow, a spotlight of delight - spread like wildfire through me. I could hear the colt's whinny come out. It was like he knew what was happening, the auctioneer's words slipping out from his tongue.

"Five thousand, five hundred," belted out a man. A gasp toppled over the crowd. A frown settled on the auctioneer's face as he asked, "Five thousand, five hundred is the bid, anymore? Can I have six thousand?" Owing to the fact that this was Frankel's son a hand went up and the auctioneer didn't even have time to write down the bids. Would six thousand be the last of them?

Could this be the end? Eighteen long months of watching this colt zoom around paddocks, drinking its mother's milk and most of all the delight shining through his eyes like beams from a torch when he felt the warm touch of his mother's fuzzy nose.

"Seven thousand." The auctioneer's words were like a jump scare. I shot up ready and alert of the bids. Eight thousand, nine thousand, and then ten thousand.

There was a deep silence of shock from the crowd. Whoa, it didn't stop there, not even nearly. I pressed my lips together tightly so that my smile wouldn't break free. And then I couldn't help it, a smile beamed out as somebody said, "Thirty thousand!" Thirty thousand? I must be dreaming. It's too much for a horse.

My legs felt weak. I decided to sneak out to the bar to get a cheeky drink. I'm dreaming, I thought to myself. It's mad that a horse can go for so much. I ended up not seeing the bids increase or the auctioneer glaring at the bidders. Everything had gone black.

Later, when I was lying on my hospital bed, someone told me that in the end he had gone for 2.5 million. Two and a half million! I remember glaring at my lawyer, my feet barely sticking out the hospital bed as I could feel the gown rubbing on my skin causing a mark. My breath started to exhale into short shallow breaths as if I was at the bottom of a swimming pool, ripping my lungs out to find any air, as I slowly sunk down into the bed as I got told the news of how I got here.

Hope you enjoyed reading this.

Einstein Class have already enjoyed a trip to the Polar Museum in Cambridge - they are learning about polar explorers (Ernest Shackleton in particular) in History this term. They all had a great time and learnt a lot.

Our Mayday celebration will happen on May 1<sup>st</sup> this year and class teachers are already planning this.

By the time you read the next issue, our Year 6 children will have taken their SATs Tests. They have to take 6 exams in 4 days - a challenging time for any child. They have been working really hard and (some!) are looking forward to the experience. We all wish them the very best of luck and all of them will be in our thoughts during the process.

That's all from me this month.

I hope the weather improves for us all.

Take care

David Sandford

Headteacher

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**ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB**

As mentioned last month, there will not be a plant sale this year, but instead we are having a practical session "Prosecco and plants" on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May**, at 7.30 pm in the Ellesmere Centre. Please note that this is a **Members Only meeting** as we have limited resources. We are sorry for any disappointment but hope to reinstate the usual sale next year. Please bring your small to medium-sized containers, ready filled with compost, which you can plant up during the evening. There will be bedding plants and a small selection of vegetables for purchase, plus refreshments and a raffle of course!

Our first garden visit of the year will be on **Wednesday 22 May to Isaacson Farmhouse in Burwell**. Dr Dyer will give a brief history of the house and garden and a glass of wine for a fee of £10, which goes to the National Garden Scheme. The visit is booked for 6.30 pm and everyone including visitors is welcome. Look out for an email nearer the time with arrangements for meeting for transport.

We are also working on another visit for the following month - just waiting for details from a few possible alternatives, so watch this space!

Finally, please note that the **Ellesmere Show** will be on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**, and Show schedules are now available, so you can get planting and planning for your entries now.

Please do come and enjoy our events, and remember if you have any queries, you can contact Sandie on 07903 584676.

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**TENNIS IN WEST WRATTING:**

**New Season 1st May**

Great value local tennis club membership for all the family. New members always welcome! The West Wrattling d'Abo Tennis Club is open to existing, returning and new members from across the local area. Our full-size, all-weather macadam court is located in a peaceful corner of the village recreation ground.



For more information, to sign up and to make court bookings, visit: [www.WestWrattlingTennis.co.uk](http://www.WestWrattlingTennis.co.uk) or contact [admin@westwrattingtennis.co.uk](mailto:admin@westwrattingtennis.co.uk).

*Cally Wilson*

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**WESTLEY WATERLESS**

**?? ? QUIZ NIGHT ? ? ?**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Max 8 per team / £6 person on the door

Send team names in advance to [hallbookings@westleywaterless.com](mailto:hallbookings@westleywaterless.com)

Quiz starts promptly at 7pm

Pop-Up-Pub from 6pm by **BULLS BRIDGE BARS** (no 'BYO' please)

Catering by: **PIMP MY FISH** 5-8pm

Pre-orders only on

[www.pimp-my-fish.co.uk](http://www.pimp-my-fish.co.uk))

If only using the bar

we respectfully request an entry donation in support of Westley Waterless Village Hall

**WESTLEY WATERLESS OPEN GARDENS**

**For the NGS**

**Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> 12.30 - 5.30pm**

Church Lane House: Church View

41 Main Street: Westley Waterless,

CB8 0RL

Teas and cakes Plant sale

All proceeds to the NGS

**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.

**LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS**

In March, audiences were treated to an evening of exceptional talent at our annual dance show. With the theme of 'Iconic Singers', over one hundred pupils from years 7 to 11 performed in an array of genres to the tunes of Frank Sinatra, Amy Winehouse and Elvis Presley. The audience feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

*"I really felt the emotion and enjoyed the purity the show gifted. A very special evening with a genuinely positive vibe"*

*"That dance show last night was something else. I thought last year was good but...."*

The show also demonstrated the wonderful skills of our student technical and backstage team who artistically delivered the lighting and sound for the show with the support of professional lighting/sound company 'Blushed'.



Our Dance department is also continuing our partnership with DanceEast, who are currently delivering a series of workshops to our Lower School Dance Company, developing students' performance skills and industry knowledge.



DanceEast have invited us to contribute to a highly prestigious sixth form project this summer involving performance and choreography expertise from professional dancers from the internationally acclaimed Hofesh Shechter Dance Company.

We look forward to seeing the amazing outcomes of our students' work, which will culminate with the

opportunity to perform their piece at DanceEast in the Autumn.

We are also excited about our involvement in 'Stage 24', Anglian Learning's first ever dance festival which will be hosted at Bottisham Village College in July and will enable primary and secondary schools to showcase dance skills across the Trust.

*Helen Frost  
Head of Dance Linton Village College*

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**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

*Charlotte Cane : Bottisham Ward (Brinkley & Westley Waterless)*

The Council is advertising for an independent person to serve on its Audit Committee. The independent person will work alongside the elected councillors on the Committee. Appointing a robust independent person to the Audit Committee is the first step to creating an Audit Committee which can ensure strong governance and risk management. If you are interested in the role, more detail can be found at - <https://www.eastcamb.gov.uk/job-vacancies/independent-person>

Charotte, John and colleagues asked some robust questions about increased agency costs, unrealistic fuel costs, and other elements of the ECSS budget. In 2023/23 East Cambs District Council paid East Cambs Street Scene an annual fee of £3 million to collect waste and recycling, and clean the streets. Two years later the council administration has just signed off a £4.6 million payment to deliver exactly the same service—an increase of fifty-three per cent. Mark and colleagues voted against the business plan.

The Operational Services Committee agreed the Council's Vulnerable community strategy. Charlotte asked why no formal assessment had been carried out of disabled parking spaces across the district, why restrictions on disabled spaces ceased in the evenings, and how disabled parking spaces were enforced—answers were unavailable at the meeting. After the meeting the Council simply confirmed that it had not carried out a survey and that it accepted no responsibility for on-street parking.

The budget for the Health & Wellbeing strategy was confirmed to be just £5,000, and questions were asked whether this was sufficient for the actions in the strategy, and what the service could do with more money.

The ECDC business plan for 2024/5 was approved by a majority. Charlotte, John and colleagues voted against the plan but were defeated. The company is not delivering more than thirty per cent affordable housing, which is what is required of any commercial developer, and it is not delivering a surplus for the council.

The Climate change and nature restoration chapter is the first step in the replacement of the council's increasingly out of date local plan. This piece of work is somewhat hampered by the Government's announcement that council local plans will not be allowed to be more ambitious for carbon reduction than current building standards.

Charlotte proposed that the council should ask officers to update us regularly on how far other councils are able to move the dial on this, and that we should ask the Chief Executive to write to the Minister pointing out the short-sightedness of his announcement, but we were defeated.

Consultation on the new chapter will take place in due course.

Hedgehogs were chosen by public vote to have their own Supplementary Planning Document. This proposed policy contains a number of measures such as creating 'hedgehog highways' via gardens through simple measures such as small holes created at the bottom of fences. For larger developments, the policy seeks wider habitat creation suitable for hedgehogs.

Consultation on the new policy will take place for a minimum of four weeks after the Police & Crime Commissioner elections in early May.

Our next Councillors' Surgery is Tuesday 14 May 6.30-7.30 at The Fassage Hall, Lode.

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**BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE**

BPH are showing the Oscar awarded film

**THE HOLDOVERS (15 )**

**on Saturday. May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

It is a good natured comedic drama set in a 1970s USA private school with an unpopular teacher, a rebellious student and recently bereaved school cook stuck in the school over the Christmas Break and who form an unusual bond!

Normal start time of doors open at 7pm and film at 7.30pm. Dave's bar open as usual before the film for refreshments !

In an advance notice our film for June will be the acclaimed true story of Sir Nicholas (Nicky) Winton, entitled ONE LIFE (12). This will be shown on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> and stars include Anthony Hopkins and Helena Bonham-Carter

It is a deeply moving film telling the story of Nicky Winton visiting Prague in December 1938 and over the next months rescuing more than 600 predominantly Jewish children, and finding families in the UK to take these children into their homes in a race against time, before the Nazis close the borders. Fifty years later and haunted by the memories he is surprised by a That's Life TV programme and this starts a journey of discovering the lives which befell these rescued children.

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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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**BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

Trustees of the Memorial Hall are putting out a call for more members to help in the running of our valued Hall. We have about 4 evening meetings a year to discuss ways in which we can raise funds and organise events keeping our community alive and for the ongoing upkeep of the Hall. We are looking for people with new ideas and some knowledge of social media for the benefit of us all. Become part of a very friendly team working together for the benefit of your fellow villagers and others in surrounding areas.

Our next meeting and AGM is on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall, please come along if you can help in any way. You don't have to live in Brinkley to join our committee so please do pop in on 30<sup>th</sup> to see us.

For further information or a chat please contact Franca on 07765 435776

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**DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**8pm**

The Taylor Hall, Dullingham  
CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a demonstration  
By **Brenda Tubb**  
Entitled

**Weddings! Weddings! Weddings!**

**Admission £8** (includes Tea/Coffee and Biscuits)  
Raffle - The raffle will include all the arrangements that are made on the evening.

Please contact Lesley Bird  
Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

**DATE FOR DIARY**

Next Meeting - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
Demonstration by Mary Deleviegne

**R.A.F. WRATTING COMMON**

**May Memorial Service Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

A short open-air service will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at the R.A.F. Wrattling Common Memorial, to commemorate the anniversary of the commissioning of the airfield. The last Sunday in May was chosen for this annual service as it was the same day in 1943 that the airfield was commissioned. The Memorial is dedicated to those who served at the airfield, especially the 260 who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. We look forward to seeing some relatives of the Veterans who served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade. The Memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville, CB21 5NR and all are very welcome to attend the service.

For further information please email: [rafwrattlingcommon@gmail.com](mailto:rafwrattlingcommon@gmail.com)

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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**WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**  
**PLANT SALE**  
*Something for everyone*  
*Friendly people & expert advice*  
**SATURDAY 18 MAY**  
**10.30 - 12.00**  
*at*  
**WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL**  
*Payment by cash or cheque preferred*  
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**SERVICES**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley  
10.30 am Family Service Burrough Green  
*Acts 10: 44 - end 1 John 5: 1 - 6 John 15: 9 -17*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May Sunday after Ascension**

9.00 am Holy Communion Stetchworth  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham  
*Acts 1: 15 - 17, 21 - end 1 John 5: 9 - 13 John 17: 6 - 19*

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost/Whit Sunday**

9.00 am Holy Communion Burrough Green  
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley  
*Acts 2: 1 - 21 Romans 8: 22 - 27  
John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b - 15*

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday**

10.30 am Holy Communion Dullingham  
6.00 pm Evensong Stetchworth  
*Isaiah 6: 1 - 8 Romans 8: 12-17 John 3: 1 -17*

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**ROGATION**

At this time of the year Rogation Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> May 2024) is celebrated. We are in the heart of a thriving rural community. As Christians we have a duty to cherish God's creation and care for the environment.

What does Rogation mean? Rogation comes from the Latin verb 'rogare' = to ask. We have to ask God to help us look after his creation, use it wisely and efficiently to enable us to live together. We have to be careful not to turn Rogation Sunday into 'ASKING' Sunday. If we are not very careful asking can be at the centre of our prayer and our understanding of what praying is. It could appear that we are trying to persuade God to do something which he is not in fact already doing because we don't trust him. We are not asking God to do any more than He is already doing. He is looking after his world, although with natural disasters, wars, famine, climate change it appears differently like the recent earthquakes which change countries for many years to come. These are the impacts of centuries of our effect on earth.

*The Reverend Patrick J McEune*

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