

# VILLAGE VOICE

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

MAY 2017

## SCRABBLE and MAHJONG

We meet in May on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7.30pm in the Community Room at Sheriff's Court. Do come and join us in a game.. £2 includes refreshments.

Trish 01638 507495

## BRINKLEY OPEN GARDEN

**THE OLD RECTORY, HALL LANE, BRINKLEY** is opening its garden on **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May** as part of the **National Garden Scheme**.

Open 1.30pm - 5.30pm

Admission £3.50 children free

Refreshments will be served in the Memorial Hall during the afternoon to raise funds for Brinkley Church. If you can help sometime during either of the two afternoons by making cakes, serving teas, washing up, etc. we would be very grateful. There will also be a Tombola, prizes for that would be gratefully received. Please make a note

in your diary and contact Ros or Trish 01638 507240 / 507495.

Many thanks. Brinkley PCC

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## BURROUGH GREEN CHURCH FETE

SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017

**25% of Proceeds to EAST ANGLIAN AIR AMBULANCE**

Put the date on your Calendar NOW

Not to be missed!

BARBEQUE & BEER TENT

From 1.00pm

FETE OPENS AT 2.00 pm

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We need Silent Auction ideas and contributions, helpers to run stalls, and bake cakes.

Please do come and join us over a glass of wine

At The Hall, home of Lucy and Peter Talbot

**On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm**

Bring your ideas, all welcome.

This is a Village event, so **PLEASE** come forward don't wait to be asked. If you can't make the meeting but can help in any way call Lucy on 01638 507060 or email to [peterandlucyt@btinternet.com](mailto:peterandlucyt@btinternet.com)

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## BRINKLEY FETE

SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017 AT BRINKLEY HALL.

BBQ & Bar start at 12.30p.m.

The fete will be opened at 2p.m by Lucy Frazer MP.

We are busy organising all the stalls and attractions but still need some help. This year we have the additional attraction of a **Dog Show** section. There will be several categories for entry, which will be published next month. Entries on the day.

1. **Please start collecting** the following items: Bottles for the tombola, plants, old china, ladies accessories, bric-a-brac and any home-made produce. These will be collected during the week before the fete or you can deliver them straight to the Memorial Hall on the evening of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.
2. **Running a stall.** We hope to run a few more this year but still need volunteers. Collecting items and selling of raffle tickets are also needed before the fete. If you can help us please contact us.
3. **Setting up and dismantling the fete** requires man power and if possible trailers. Please indicate if you can help on the Saturday morning and or the Sunday morning and evening.

The Fete is a fine village tradition and it raises funds for both the church and the Memorial hall. With fine weather, it will be a fun afternoon for all. Please contact us to offer help and support.

**The next Meeting is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30p.m. in the Memorial Hall.**

Please come along and hear our progress. A final leaflet with all stalls and attraction details will be delivered to all nearer the final date.

Lastly: thanks to all who have offered sponsorship, prizes, help and supported so far. We are proud to be able to put on this fete.

Martin & Ros Pates 507240; [rosrates@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rosrates@yahoo.co.uk)

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## TALK and PLANT SALE from JOHN HEWSON

WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MAY at 7.30pm


Sheriff's Court Community Room

Come along and hear John talk about summer planting and see the wonderful array of plants he has for sale. Trish 01638 507495




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Peter & Gill Tarry invite you to  
a **Coffee Morning**  
at **Glebe House , Brinkley**  
on  
**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**10.30 - 12.30**  
In aid of **Marie Curie**



**Bring & Buy**  
**Raffle**



**READING ROOM BURROUGH GREEN**

I often see articles in the Village Voice appealing for support for local events and charities from hard working volunteers in our community. For a relatively small population, we are privileged to have local access to various amenities, clubs and a couple of excellent pubs! It is clear though, that support for these facilities comes from a small pool of people and with the best will in the world, not everyone can support every event every time.

It is with this in mind, that I invite your thoughts on the future of the Reading Room in Burrough Green. The hall is run by a team of volunteers and is supported by fundraising activities and the occasional hire of the facilities. The Reading Room costs £2000.00 per year just to exist - utility bills, insurance, licences, gardening etc, etc. It is a constant battle to raise this amount of money every year with private bookings decreasing and organised events being poorly attended.

So Burrough Greeners, the trustees need to know what you want from your Reading Room and how, as a community, we can continue to support our village asset.

You are therefore invited to the village meeting  
on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm**  
to give your thoughts and views. Members of the committee will be there to listen to your ideas - no matter how radical! We look forward to seeing you there.

*Best Regards, Carla Nicholson, Chair.*

**ST AUGUSTINE'S, BURROUGH GREEN**  
**MAINTENANCE DAY**

A very big thank you to all those who helped to give our beautiful church its annual Spring Clean and Maintenance on Saturday 8th April.

It was great to see so many helpers and the Church has benefitted hugely from all the work.

Everyone enjoyed lunch afterwards in the garden enjoying the sunshine.

**WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION  
BRINKLEY**



It's Cinco de Mayo May 5<sup>th</sup> and since Gwyn does some really great authentic Mexican we'll be doing **Mexican Tapas food the evenings of May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>**. Eat as little or as much as you like, bring friends, drink a lot, have fun, but please do call and let us know you'd like a table for this. So far we're planning Tacos (fish & pork carnitas), chicken mole with Spanish rice, chiles rellenos, chicken avocado quesadilla, churros & chocolate sauce and flan mexicano. Maybe one or two more if we can source a few ingredients in time.

**Coffee morning is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30am.**

**Steak night is Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.** Two flat irons and a bottle of red wine for £29. Upgrades to ribeye or sirloin if you prefer.

**Family Meal is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.** We'll have the best American fried chicken outside of America you will find, with coleslaw, BBQ beans and then a pineapple upside down cake for afters. £10 adults, £5 children, please book by the 20th. If you've never had fried chicken, you should come and join us. We've spent many years making ours something special.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June we're doing Curry Nights.** As the Village Voice goes to print we're thinking cauliflower, spinach and chickpea with dahl and maybe a Goan monkfish curry too. Have one or have smaller portions of both. We'll put the final choices on the *Events* page on the website shortly.

**Father's Day is June 18<sup>th</sup>,** please call if you'd like a table.

*Gwyn & Morris.*  
**01638 508707**

**NHS HEARING AID CLINIC**

NEWMARKET DAY CENTRE  
Fred Archer Way, Newmarket.  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
No appointment necessary.

**MOBILE LIBRARY**



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month between 3.00-4.00pm; **2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 3.50 - 4.10pm; **24<sup>th</sup> May**



**BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL AGM**

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 8pm  
in the Memorial Hall**

The Trustees are looking for residents from Brinkley and Carlton to join them in running the Memorial Hall. We have limited facilities in Brinkley and Carlton and do not want to lose the Memorial Hall due to lack of help to run it. The Trustees have worked very hard fundraising to improve the building over the last few years, putting down a new wooden floor and dry-lining the main hall. We are planning to refurbish the kitchen this year.

We are losing our Chairman in May and would ask for your help and support. It is not a very arduous or time consuming task and we are a very friendly committee, so if anyone can spare a few hours now and then, the Trustees would be very grateful indeed.

If you are interested, please come along to the AGM or talk to one of us to see what we do.

Many thanks

Franca Holden

Secretary & Trustee to Brinkley Memorial Hall

**RECYCLING**

**Carlton - MONDAYS** : Black bin - 8<sup>th</sup> ,22<sup>nd</sup> May.  
Blue & Green - **Tuesday** 2<sup>nd</sup> May, **Monday** 15<sup>th</sup> May,  
**Tuesday** 30<sup>th</sup> May.

**Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless** -  
Black sacks weekly: **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May then Thursdays.**  
Blue Lid - **Friday 5<sup>th</sup>** , **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.**  
Green Lid - **Thursdays 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Ink Cartridges** *The Opportunity Group* which meets at the Ellesmere Centre would be very grateful for your old ink cartridges to help with fund raising. Please drop them in the box on the gate at White Hart Cottage, High Street Brinkley or in the box at the Ellesmere Centre. Thank you.

(The Opportunity Group provides one to one care for children with special needs and their siblings, also provides respite for their parents/guardians.)

**CARLTON cum WILLINGHAM PC**

*Annual Parish Meeting  
at St Peter's Church*

**8pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

A chance to air and share local issues and obtain an update on: broadband in Carlton and surrounding areas, Willingham Green Highway improvements and use of the BT phonebox.

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

**NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE**

**Open Mic is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.** Along with many other talented musicians this month we are pleased to be featuring local blues band 'Vagabond Shoes' back by popular demand.



A great night not to be missed with entrance just £2. Bar and snacks available from 7.30pm.

Any act wishing to perform please book in advance by calling Rob on 01638 507997.

**The Garden Club Plant Sale** will

be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am. Come along and stock up with a great range of plants and stay for some homemade refreshments.



Date for your diary: **The Summer Show** will be on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

Show schedules are now available from the Centre.



**The Fetching Hound Dog Parlour** is now in business and is situated in the Centre car park.

For a friendly service for all your dog's needs call Stacie on 07584 624911.

**Burglary Update**-New doors were finally fitted in the Centre this month. The Centre was badly damaged in the burglaries in September but we have finally had much stronger more secure doors fitted and are in the process of installing a new alarm system.

**The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.**

**[www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk](http://www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk)**

**Tel 01638 508212.**

**Email [office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk](mailto:office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk).**

**PADDOCK AVAILABLE FOR HORSES OR SHEEP IN CARLTON GREEN**

Please ring 01223 290266  
07917 666030

**WESTON COLVILLE CIRCULAR WALK**

Our next circular walk will be on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May.** If we wake to a fine day, we'll walk a 6-mile route. Meet at Weston Colville Reading Room at 10.00am, BYO lunch, and maybe something to share. You can put your lunch in the fridge before we set off, if you'd like, and refreshments will be available.

Jacqueline and Alastair Douglas 01223 291475,  
[jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com))

**UNDER 25 and LIVING IN BRINKLEY?  
COULD YOU USE UP TO £500 FOR A PROJECT?**

The Elizabeth March Charity has funds available to support an educational project for anyone under 25 living in Brinkley but we need you to contact us and tell us why we should be funding your plans.

This is how it works:

- You explain what you would like the money for and exactly how you intend to spend it. The application must be in writing, stating what you have in mind and how much money you would need for it.
- The Trustees consider the application. We decide whether we can support you and how much we can afford to provide. This could be up to a maximum of £500.
- We provide the funds and you complete your project.
- You send us details of exactly how you have spent the money - we expect you to provide evidence of what you did with it.

We can look at all sorts of projects but they need to have some educational purpose. We have helped towards a range of overseas travel projects, provided money to help buy special equipment for A-level studies and helped with the costs of attending courses and events with the Guides. If you are applying to an apprenticeship scheme, or to a university, the award could help towards the purchase of books, IT, material, equipment etc. If you are not sure whether your idea is suitable you can email the Trustees (Briony Gimson, Belinda Hull and Judith Haste: [elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com)) before you write your application.

We can consider applications at any time, but preferably by the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 as our resources are limited, so the sooner you get in touch the sooner we can let you know whether we can help. The Trustees will make their decision by the end of August 2017.

You should send your application to: [elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmarchbrinkley@gmail.com)

**BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

**Gutters**

The Trustees would like to thank Azurevac for cleaning out the gutters on the Hall, last month. This was undertaken free of charge.

It was a very professional operation and you will find their details in the adverts in Village Voice.

**Quiz Night**

We would also like to thank everyone who supported our Quiz at the end of March and helped to raise £700 towards Hall funds. A most enjoyable evening.

**ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB**

Well, we learned so much in March about the humble spud! Not only that, but also which family members are good to eat, which beneficial, and which are toxic - and importantly how to tell them apart! By the time you read this we will also be well-versed in creating hanging baskets from our April demonstration.

So now our attention turns to May which brings the ever-popular Spring Plant Sale, to be held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 12.30pm. See separate notice below.

Our first visit of the season will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May to Nine Chimneys Lane, Balsham, departing the Ellesmere Centre at 6.30 and sharing cars. The cost of £7 per person includes refreshments.

The following month we will enjoy a visit to Quercus in Burrough Green, on Wednesday 21 June, for which the cost of £5 per person includes tea and cake. This is followed by our midsummer BBQ on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June in Stetchworth. More details of both these events next month.

If these events appeal to you and you are not a member, don't worry, you can come along as a guest for a small extra fee. For more information about the club and its activities, including the benefits of joining, come along and talk to a committee member or contact Sandie on 01638 507542.

**ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB SPRING PLANT SALE**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10 - 12.30**

This is your chance to get the best bargains in bedding plants, perennials, vegetables and herbs including plants from member's own gardens, and from local nursery Paugers Plants. As well as a great selection of choice plants there will be home-made refreshments to tempt you and a seasonal raffle.

Our charity to benefit from the sale this year is Marie Curie, providing care and support through terminal illness. We hope you agree this is a very worth-while cause, and by shopping at our sale you will help to raise much-needed funds.

So come along to the Ellesmere Centre to shop at one convenient stop, but don't leave it too late or you will miss the best of the selection! We look forward to welcoming you.

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME**

**A white computer desk**

**01223 290372 (Carlton)**

**BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

If you wish to hire the hall, please contact

Susie Shuter on 01638 508729

The charges to hire the Memorial Hall are £8.00 per hour for VV cluster and £11.00/ hour for outside. We cater for one off parties and Groups looking for a venue. The Hall can cater for 80 people.

**BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

**Do you own or run a business locally? Attend one of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service's FREE business seminars and 'keep your business in business'.**

On average there are 165 fires in business premises each year and many of those businesses don't go on to trade again.

Attend a **FREE** Business Seminar with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and get the support you need to keep your business safe from fire.

We are determined to support and inform business owners across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on fire safety legislation and to help you put together a **FREE** Fire Risk Assessment to protect your business.

Whether your business runs out of a small industrial unit, is a side-street coffee shop or a licensed premises, our **FREE** workshops will help you to understand important legislation and build a comprehensive risk assessment to protect you and your business.

Seminars run across the county in various locations and can additionally be arranged ad-hoc to requirements wherever possible.

Contact us today - For more information on upcoming seminars or to book a place contact us on: 01480 444 500 or book online at [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk).

For more information on firework and bonfire safety log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

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**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

There will be a Bread and Soup Lunch at Stetchworth United Reformed Church on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 12 noon to 2.00pm for Christian Aid.

Donations for this cause will be gratefully received

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**TALK: JOHN ROGERS ON JUPITER**

**Weston Colville Reading Room  
Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Continuing our series that celebrates the expertise we have in our midst here in Weston Colville, John has offered tell us about the planet which he has studied throughout his life, from boyhood sketches through watching comet impacts to today's collaborations with NASA. Come and find out about the largest planet in the solar system - and why it's kept John fascinated for so long.

No ticket required, all welcome, refreshments available.

Enquiries: [jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com) 291475

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**MARTIN REYNOLDS**

Some of you may already be aware of the recent death of Martin Reynolds. Martin was a stalwart of the Carlton community, and his passing means that he will be sorely missed by a very large number of local people. For many years, Martin was both Chairman and then Clerk of Carlton Parish Council. His drive and leadership resulted in many social and community events within the village, not least of which was the Carlton Horse Show. He was also a leading figure in the campaign to prevent most of Carlton being submerged under a proposed reservoir some years ago.

Additionally, he was a school governor at Linton Village College, and for many years President of Haverhill St John's Ambulance. I've been told he was extremely proud to have received the St John's medal at Buckingham Palace for his service.

May I on behalf of the local community register our sorrow at his passing, and send our deepest condolences to Brenda and her family. The funeral service for Martin is being held at Carlton Church at 3-30pm on Monday 8th May.

*Stephen Roberts (Chairman of Carlton Parish Council)*

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**POP-UP CHARITY SHOP**

We're taught 'ne'er cast clout til May is out' and to that end, next month we're hosting a 'pop up charity shop' in Weston Colville Reading Room, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10.00am-4.00pm. Bring winter clothes on their way to the back of the wardrobe, bring summer clothes that you don't want to bring to the front - maybe things are still in good condition, but that don't pass the 'have I worn it in the last year?' test. Then go home with a bargain. We'll have a little section for books, and one for toys, too. Drop items into the Reading Room during Tea & Cakes the day before, or on the day from 9.00am, as you prefer. In aid of local charities Little Miracles helping children with autism, and Our Special Friends, who help the less able to keep their pets with them. All welcome, refreshments available.

Enquiries: [jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com) 291475

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**BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM.**

We are licensed to cater for 100 people and are available on various days of the week.

The charges are £8.00 per hour for village and £10.00 for outside.

To hire the Reading Room,

Please contact Joanne Harrison on 01638 508888

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**THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN**



Hello everyone,  
We hope you all had a fantastic Easter !  
We, at The Bull, were extremely busy and had a wonderful time with old and new customers of all ages. A fun bank holiday all round made even better by the nice weather we experienced 😊  
We are fast approaching our 2 year anniversary here at The Bull, and as a little thank you to our fantastic customers, we will be providing a free buffet here on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please do pop in and have a drink and some food with us to celebrate 🍷🍷🍷. We appreciate all the support you have shown us over the past 24 months and we also have made some truly wonderful friends along the way.

We were able to have our newly purchased bouncy castle out which was a massive hit with the kids, as well as the new play equipment in the back garden, letting all the adults relax and enjoy their time here. We hope to have it out a lot more over the coming months.

We hosted a great party here last Saturday night. We can always cater for small or large parties and very much enjoy working alongside our clients with planning their perfect celebration. Do drop us an email at [thebullburroughgreen@gmail.com](mailto:thebullburroughgreen@gmail.com) to discuss or get a quote.

We still have our usual midweek offers:  
Wednesdays- Steak night  
Thursday - fresh fish and chips.  
We are now introducing our lunch club offer:  
Tuesday & Wednesday lunch times we will be offering any 2 sandwiches and two soft drinks for £12:50.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our family & dog friendly pub in the near future.  
Telephone: 01638 508333  
Email: [thebullburroughgreen@gmail.com](mailto:thebullburroughgreen@gmail.com)  
Like our Facebook page  
<https://m.facebook.com/thebullatburroughgreen/>

Ellie, James and all our staff here at The Bull Burrough Green 😊

**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2003**  
**In Loving Memory of Dear George.**  
**Still Sadly Missed**  
**Sister -in-law Betty**

**RAF WRATTING COMMON**

**May Memorial Service Sunday 28 May 2017**

A short open air service will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 28 May 2017 at the RAF Wratting Common Memorial, to commemorate the opening of the airfield on the very same day, Sunday 28 May, in 1943 and to remember all those who served at the airfield, especially the 260 who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. We look forward to seeing some 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:  
[rafwrattingcommon@gmail.com](mailto:rafwrattingcommon@gmail.com)

We are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with the Airfield Memorial. With just the 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 key Community legacy will survive from generation to generation.

**WESTON COLVILLE CINEMA CLUB**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, our film will be **Passport to Pimlico**, - a charmingly whimsical British classic from Ealing Studios, hailed by the BFI as a 'cherished comedy', with the wonderful Stanley Holloway and Margaret Rutherford. It's about ordinary people in a small community to which extraordinary things happen. That community finds it's exempt from what's happening to the rest of the UK, so maybe it speaks to us in these times of independence. Weston Colville Reading Room, 7.30pm, pre-screening talk, refreshments available, all welcome. Then we'll begin our summer break, and Cinema Club will return in the autumn. Enquiries: Jacqueline Douglas 01223 291475 [jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com) and Jeremy Newton [newtonjed@gmail.com](mailto:newtonjed@gmail.com)

**VILLAGE WEBSITES**

[www.burroughgreen.com](http://www.burroughgreen.com)  
<http://www.parish-council.com/Brinkley/>  
[www.carlton-cambridgeshire.org.uk](http://www.carlton-cambridgeshire.org.uk)

Do have a look at the websites which contain lots of information about the villages and the school and have links to archive material. The Village Voice newsletter is available on Burrough Green & Brinkley sites for the current month and several previous issues.

**ARTICLES FOR JUNE VILLAGE VOICE**

To [villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com](mailto:villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com)  
01638 507495  
by 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 please



**MARSH MAIL - News from Linton Village College**

May marks the start of the examination season. Year 11 students at Linton Village College are preparing for their GCSEs, including the new style maths and English exams, and our Year 10s sit internal exams this month in all new GCSE subjects.

The move towards 9-1 grading, the removal of controlled assessment/coursework and the increase in required curriculum subject knowledge has created additional challenges with regard to what students are required to comprehend, retain and recall.

The traditional 'jug and mug' concept of education, models children as empty vessels to be filled with knowledge during their schooling. As our students engage with necessary revision and exam practice, it can feel as though the primary purpose of education is to remember and regurgitate.

It is essential to balance the demands of test preparation with retaining children's desire to acquire knowledge and skills. Teachers and parents need to support children to be ready to perform to the best of their ability, while avoiding the process becoming too much of an arduous and stressful slog.

Recent news that the number of students nationally opting to take A levels in maths and English has plummeted this year, with a drop of 20% and 35% of entries respectively, is concerning. This has been attributed to the new, tougher GCSEs and students being less inclined to risk failure with these harder subjects.

It is a shame that a by-product of an insistence on high standards in the 3Rs may be a demise in the interest in and enjoyment of these subject disciplines. At LVC we are academically ambitious for all of our young people. Being in the top 5% of all schools nationally for progress and exceeding all other OECD

countries' PISA test scores is evidence of our students' achievement. However, these measures are only one factor of educational excellence.

Being able to achieve strong results in exams is important for young people - it will help them to open doors in the future. However, it is equally important to help children to develop and sustain the keys to open these doors: motivation, self-esteem and a thirst for learning.

Helena Marsh  
Executive Principal

ELLESMERE ARTS PRESENTS

# The VICAR OF DIBLEY

THURSDAY MAY 18 AT 8PM  
FRIDAY MAY 19 AT 8PM  
SATURDAY MAY 20 AT 8PM

AT THE ELLESMERE CENTRE, STETCHWORTH

TICKETS\* £8 EACH ON SALE AT  
VICAROFDIBLEYTICKETS@OUTLOOK.COM  
OR BY PHONING TESS ON 07990 513836  
OR FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE POST OFFICE

DOORS AND THE BAR OPEN AT 7.30PM  
\*SEATING IS NOT ALLOCATED

PLEASE NOTE, THERE IS SOME BAD LANGUAGE IN THE PRODUCTION

The Vicar of Dibley was written by Richard Curtis, Paul Maguire-Archer and KE Hesketh-Hankey, adapted for the stage by Max House and is performed by permission of Tiger Aspect Productions

MAGPAS  
THE RED BALLOON CENTRE  
TURNZUS

## THE 3 COUNTIES COMMITTEE RAISING FUNDS FOR DESERVING LOCAL CAUSES SPRING CLOTHES & PLANT SALE

ON THURSDAY 18TH MAY, 2017

AT DULLINGHAM HOUSE, NEWMARKET, CB8 9UP

COME AND SPEND A FEW HOURS IN THIS BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

BROWSE OUR MANY STALLS, HAVE COFFEE AND DO SOME SPRING SHOPPING

ADMISSION: £5 ON THE DOOR

10.00 AM TO 3.00 PM

CAFÉ

LIGHT LUNCH AVAILABLE

ICE CREAMS



BASKETS, JEWELLERY, DELI, GARDENING GIFTS, TABLEWARE, CHINA, BEAUTY PRODUCTS,