

VILLAGE VOICE

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

APRIL 2019

SCRABBLE and MAHJONG

We meet in April on **Monday 8th** 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

KNIT & NATTER

Every Monday from 1:30 to 3.00pm 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. If you are interested in finding out more, please email Sandra on Sandragreatrex@gmail.com or call 07736 129733. Please leave a message if I am not available and I will return your call.

LUCY FRAZER MP IN BURROUGH GREEN

An Open Meeting with Lucy Frazer MP will take place on Tuesday 9th April.

This is an opportunity for residents to come and meet their MP and discuss any issues they would like to raise in person.

Lucy will be at Burrough Green Reading Room from 6.30pm to 8pm and is looking forward to meeting you!

CHARITY SPRING POP UP CLOTHES SALE

**MONDAY 8TH APRIL
10.00 am – 2.00 pm**

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Our well-known vintage / nearly new clothes
Vintage Jewellery : Plants / Herbs / Planters
Great Raffle : Deli
Café serving coffee, tea & homemade soup

ADMISSION £5

We really welcome **Donations** of immaculate clothes, Jewellery, plants etc. Call 07885 709665

Turn2Us & Success After Stroke

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday April 27th

at the Taylor Hall, Dullingham

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30 start

Tickets £10, includes a 2 course meal. Bar.

Teams of up to 6

To book please contact 07904 931615 or
fionamarywharton@gmail.com

In aid of Dullingham and Westley Waterless church funds

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 1st Tuesday of each month between 3.00-4.00pm - **2nd April**.

BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 4th Wednesday of each month - **24th April** at 3.50 - 4.10pm



WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY BRIDGE?

There is a small group of people in Burrough Green and the neighbouring villages who enjoy playing bridge.



They regularly meet and play in Burrough Green at a cost of £2 per evening with refreshments. We are a friendly group and do not take the game too seriously. We would like to invite a few more local bridge players (**or local people who would like to learn to play**) to join our group. If you are interested in finding out more please e mail Kathie on k.f.butcher@btinternet.com or call 07923 526555. Please leave a message if I am not available and I will return your call.



**Saturday 27th April 2019
4.00 - 5.30 pm**

MESSY MIRACLES

THE ELLESMERE CENTRE STETCHWORTH
Come and join us - have a go at various crafts
(adults too!) refreshments available

ALL WELCOME

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL AGM

Monday, 20th May 2019, 8pm in the Memorial Hall

We are a friendly and welcoming committee of Trustees who are looking for new members. If you are interested in your community and would like to keep our limited facilities going or have any suggestions as to what you would like to see happen in our Hall, do please come along and join us to see what we do. We meet 5 times a year so not a huge commitment of time.

RECYCLING

Carlton - MONDAYS : Black bin - Monday April 8th & Wednesday 24th April.
Blue & Green - 1st, 15th, & Tuesday 30th April .

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Thursdays : Except Friday 26th Black sacks weekly.
Blue Lid - 4th & 18th April. Green Lid - 11th & Friday 26th April.

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.)

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY



Coffee Morning - Wednesday 10th at 10:30

Food Nights - It's Thai in April. Friday 12th and Saturday 13th. Please reserve a table for this and mention you'd like our Thai menu. Summer rolls, grilled pork skewers, gai yang, green fish curry & pad see ew. We're doing Mexican food in May.

Good Friday the 19th. If you're planning on having lunchtime fish and chips with us please call and book a table. We're usually full for this.

Easter Sunday the 21st. We'll be doing our full Sunday Brunch/Lunch menu from 11:00 until 3:00. We will not be open on Easter Monday.

Quiz Night - Thursday 25th at 7:30. It's always helpful if we know you're bringing a team.
Gwyn & Morris.

01638 508707

reservations@redlionbrinkley.co.uk

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB NEWS

For our April meeting we welcome back Tom Cole to talk on the timely topic of "Garden Maintenance including fruit pruning". Come and hear Tom on Wednesday 10th April, at 8pm in the Ellesmere Centre as usual.

We also have our first visit of the year - to Reed Cottage, Wilbraham on Saturday 27th April. We leave the Ellesmere Centre at 10.40am to share cars. Costs are £5 entry to the garden and £2 for refreshments.

Coming up - back by popular demand, the Spring Plant Sale takes place on Saturday 11th May from 10 am - 12.30 pm. Come early to get the best bargains in bedding plants, perennials, vegetables and herbs, including plants from members' 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.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings or events. You can always bring a friend, or just come along even if not a member - you will be very welcome. Club evenings cost only £1 per member or £2 for non-members.

If you have any questions about our events or the club in general, just give Sandie a call on 01638 507542.

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

CATHOLIC SERVICES

NEWMARKET & KIRTLING.

Mass Times

Saturday	6.00pm	Newmarket
Sunday	9.00am	Kirtling
	10.30am	Newmarket
Holy Days	9.00am	Newmarket
	12noon	Kirtling
	7.30pm	Newmarket

Our Lady with St. Etheldreda, Exeter Road, Newmarket

Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Kirtling

Main Address: 14 Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. **Telephone:** 01638 662492

Email: office@olise.co.uk

Brinkley contact, John Conti 01638 508304

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**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.

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FREE TO A GOOD HOME
Sturdy children's play house with
slide and steps

Please contact 01638
508357. (Brinkley)

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

ELLESMERE ARTS  
presents

**RELATIVELY SPEAKING**

A farce by Alan Ayckbourn  
at The Ellesmere Centre

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm  
Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm  
Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm

Tickets £8 from  
[ellesmereartstickets@gmail.com](mailto:ellesmereartstickets@gmail.com)  
or Post Office, Stetchworth  
Bar will open at 7 pm

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CAMBRIDGE GLIDING CENTRE

Open Day, Sunday 5th May, 10am - 4pm.

Come and visit Gransden Lodge Airfield to find out about the sport of gliding. All welcome. Discounted trial gliding lessons with our qualified instructors will be available using a choice of winch launch, aerotow or motor glider. Call the office on 01767 677077 to book your flight in advance or just turn up on the day. Refreshments. Free admission. Free talks about gliding and static displays.

Airfield entrance on the B1046 between Little Gransden & Longstowe, opposite Gransden Lodge Farm (enter SG19 3EB into your SatNav). More information online: <http://www.camgliding.uk/> or via Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeGlidingCentre/>

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COFFEE MORNING

on Wednesday 3rd April
9.30am-12pm
at the Ellesmere Centre

in aid of our new
Chair Based Exercise Group for people suffering
from Parkinson's, MS and Polio.
Homemade Cakes and a Raffle.

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**WESTON COLVILLE EVENTS**

**Weston Colville Reading Room - 'Pub' Quiz**

We're holding a quiz on Wednesday, 10th April at 8pm. Up to 4 per team, entry £2 per person. Bar includes wine, cider and draft ale. All welcome.

**Weston Colville Cinema Club**

CC is having an Easter Break this month and for our last film before the summer break, in a Cinema Club first, we're showing an Irish film. The characters in Sanctuary are a group living with disability and they are played by actors who are disabled. It subverts received ideas about disability in its very approach to filmmaking - as the Guardian reviewer has it 'care, chaos and comedy in the community'. Come and see this - it'll make you think, it'll make you laugh inside and I hope you'll leave the Reading Room feeling glad you watched it. Wednesday 1st May 7.30pm. All welcome, refreshments available .

For all events in Weston Colville - refreshments available, all welcome, details on our website. [www.thereadingroom.org.uk](http://www.thereadingroom.org.uk)  
Enquiries: [jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com)  
01223 291475

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ITALIAN STUDENT SEEKING PAID WORK

My name is Andrea (male), 21 years old and living in Brinkley. I am a qualified garden designer, looking for any gardening work in the surrounding area. If you are interested, please contact me on 01638 508199 or email on johnandfranca.holden@gmail.com.

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**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2003**

**In loving memory of George Jaggard**

A dear Brother-in-Law  
Still sadly missed

Love Bet

## **Marsh Mail - News from Linton Village College**

The national press has been dominated by very sad news of teenagers whose lives have been tragically cut short as a result of knife crime. Sometimes it is tempting to believe such issues happen elsewhere; that extreme anti-social behaviours are restricted to other parts of the country and are not relevant to our own communities.

While less rural areas may be more prone to criminal behaviours, this does not make villages such as Linton immune to them.

Young people have always been susceptible to risk-taking behaviours. The adolescent brain is in the process of regulating thrill-seeking impulses. Meanwhile, the transition to adulthood creates greater independence and opportunities that may compromise children's safety and wellbeing.

At Linton Village College, our PSHE (personal, social, health and education) curriculum helps students to develop an appreciation of how their bodies and minds work. We encourage our learners to be reflective and self-aware as well as educating them about potential harmful influences in order that they can keep themselves and others safe and healthy.

In recent months we have developed stronger educational links with Cambridgeshire Constabulary. Our students have benefited from police sessions entitled 'What's the Point?' including an appreciation of the facts and consequences of carrying weapons. The police have also contributed to input about County Lines (gangs that target young people to take and sell drugs across county borders). It is important that our children are aware of practices that seek to exploit them and entice them into being involved in criminal behaviours.

Peer pressure has become more sophisticated and significant with the development of technological communication and mobility. Research into the rise in online grooming, facilitated by social media platforms, has coincided with a spike in adolescent mental health issues.

The African proverb 'it takes a village to raise a child' is particularly relevant at the moment. More than ever, our young people need responsible adults in their communities to keep them safe and prevent them from seeking acceptance by more dangerous means. Reporting concerns to the College

[thinkpink@lvc.org](mailto:thinkpink@lvc.org),

the police [www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-a-concern](http://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-a-concern) and students' families is integral to this.

Helena Marsh

## **GUIDING NEEDS YOU!** **RAINBOWS**

### **What volunteering is all about**

Volunteering with us isn't just about campfires and helping girls to get their next badge - although those are special moments that we all share. It's about empowering girls and giving them new experiences. It's being a role model and helping girls to realise their full potential. It's sharing and developing your skills.

### **Do something for you and your community**

- Meet new friends living near you.
- Share a skill or specialism.
- Make a difference to the lives of girls in your community.
- Spend time laughing, playing and being inspired by incredible girls and young women.

### **Build skills for life**

Working with young people and other volunteers helps develop valuable, transferable skills like event planning, time management, leadership skills and budgeting.

You choose the volunteer role that matches your skills and time. Then we'll help you build skills with training opportunities suited to your role that make your CV stand out. Take our Leadership Qualification, become a trained first aider or get qualified for outdoor activities such as climbing and kayaking.

### **Be an inspiration for girls**

We are looking for volunteers in this area, so please contact: Louisa Powell-Owens, District Commissioner 01223-833776

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### **PADDOCK AVAILABLE FOR SHEEP OR HORSES**

CARLTON GREEN

Please ring 01223 290266

07917 666030

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### **OUTDOOR HORSE RUGS FOR SALE**

WEATHERBEETA 5.6 SECONDHAND  
IN GOOD CONDITION  
HAS BEEN WASHED AND REPROOFED  
£15

J.H.L. 5.9 NEW  
NOT BEEN USED  
£15

CALL RAY ON 07919 815216 Burrough Green

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## BURROUGH GREEN READING ROOM

In early March we unveiled our wonderful new kitchen to the community by hosting a delicious village breakfast.

It was a very busy Sunday morning; we served over 60 people a Full English and were delighted to see so many people supporting The Reading Room. Everyone agreed that the kitchen looks fantastic - the oven and hob were properly tested - as was the brand new dishwasher! I would like to thank the committee for their hard work and to all those who attended. We will be hosting another breakfast in the near future along with afternoon teas and occasional lunches.

We now have a full set of crockery and glassware, so if you are hosting a party at home and wish to hire this for your event, please give me a call - reasonable rates guaranteed!

The committee have continued to work hard to update the hall's interior; the next time you visit, you will notice that one of the walls has been re-plastered and the walls and ceiling have a new lick of paint. We also have new curtains to compliment the fresh, more modern look. Huge thanks to the organisers of the bridge event held last year which funded these improvements.

Our lovely Reading Room is available to hire for parties and events at very reasonable rates. If you wish to take a look, give me a call, I will be very pleased to show it off!

Carla Nicholson  
Chair (Tel 508227)

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BURROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Defibrillator

The Parish Council would like to remind residents that there is a Community Public Access Defibrillator located on the wall of the School, by the entrance. In the case of an Emergency, please call 999 for assistance and they will direct you to the Cabinet where the Defibrillator is kept. The cabinet is locked with a key code. The parish Council have supplied each house in the village with a Key Fob and a Fridge Magnet with the code for the Cabinet. The Key Fob and Magnet should have been **delivered with this copy of the Village Voice**. Our thanks to the Village Voice and Rachel Lewis for their help with this.

CIL Fund Village Projects Consultation

The Parish Council has received £4,405.00 from the CIL Scheme to fund projects within the village. Suggested items discussed have been refurbishment to the Pond, towards the refurbishment of the

Reading Rooms, a Pedestrian Crossing & Street Lighting. The Parish Council is holding a public consultation between now and the May Annual Meeting, if residents have any ideas or suggestions of how to spend the money within the village, we would welcome your opinions.

Please contact the Clerk on clerk.bgpc@ymail.com or post ideas to 3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall IP28 7LT

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council would like to remind residents and dog owners to kindly clear up their dog's mess, and place in the bin provided next to The Green.

Elections

Parish Elections are due to be held on 2nd May 2019, the polling station will be located at the Reading Rooms, and residents will need to select 7 of the candidates nominated to be elected.

If you are interested in standing for nomination, please contact the Clerk for details and a nomination form, or visit <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/elections-voting/current-upcoming-elections>

The eligibility criteria you need to meet is detailed below:

- ✓ A British Citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union;
- ✓ Be 18 years of age or over
- ✓ During that 12-month period resided in the council area; or
- ✓ Have during the whole of the 12 months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the council area; or
- ✓ have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area; or
- ✓ You can also satisfy the criteria to be elected if you have lived in the council area or within 3 miles of it for the whole of the 12 months preceding the "relevant day".

Village Litter Pick 24th March 2019 at 11am, on the Village Green

Come and help clean up our Village and join our litter pick!

Everyone's Welcome!

Sacks, Litter Pickers, Gloves & Hi-Visibility Vests are provided.

Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like more details, please contact the Clerk on 07712 232920 or email:

clerk.bgpc@ymail.com
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## NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Do you or a loved one have **Parkinson 's disease, MS, Polio or have you been referred by a doctor to attend exercise classes?** A new group will be starting in April-date TBC- offering chair-based exercise and gentle use of spin-bikes. The group welcomes all abilities and partners and carers are welcome to watch or join in. Refreshments will be available afterwards. Please contact Julie in the office if you are interested in coming along.

**Family Yoga Sessions** are now running on Tuesdays from 4.15pm-please contact [marta.maj@mmhealthandfitness.co.uk](mailto:marta.maj@mmhealthandfitness.co.uk)

### Holiday Activities

**Multisports and Craft Days** with SL Sport on Tuesday 9th , Wednesday 10th, Tues 16th and Wednesday 17th of April. To book visit [www.slsportanded.co.uk](http://www.slsportanded.co.uk) Please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Gymnastics Fun Day-** on 11th April with Helen Snook. Contact [helen.snook@btinternet.com](mailto:helen.snook@btinternet.com) to book your child on.

**Roller Skating-**on Thursday 18th April from 2-4pm. All abilities welcome £2 to skate £1 for skate hire. Tuck Shop. Just come along-no need to book.

**The Gym has now reopened after its refurb.** This is our mini-gym which has a Cross Trainer, a Treadmill, an Upright Bike and a Spin Bike. The Gym has been decorated and is looking much brighter. Cost £5 per hour with exclusive use(a maximum of two friends can share the slot with you). Call for details.

**Volunteers and Trustees-**If you think you could find time to offer your services in any way at the Centre please give us a call or pop in for a chat.

**The Ellesmere Centre, Ley Road, 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).**

### CARLTON WEBSITE

The parish of Carlton cum Willingham, together with other villages in our area has its own website. This can be found at <http://www.carlton-cambridgeshire.org.uk>

The website contains information about the history of the parish, as well as current events and news. The parish council minutes of meetings can also be found on it too.

The website has for many years been overseen by Hedley Francis, whose family are leaving the village shortly. Hence, the parish council are looking for someone to take over this role which is obviously a

resource greatly valued by the community. I'm assured that the task is not an onerous one, nor does it require a high level of technical expertise.

If this is something which you feel you could undertake, then please get in contact with me and we could discuss it further. Hedley is more than happy to brief whoever takes over from him on what is required.

Stephen Roberts  
(01223) 290372  
[Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com](mailto:Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com)

### CAMBRIDGE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE BULLETIN

**Do you own or run a business locally?**

- **Have you taken the steps you need to in order to protect the business from fire?**
- **Would you like to come along and hear from a Fire Protection Officer to find out more about keeping your business in business?**
- **Would you like the help you need to build a FREE risk assessment for your business?**

**Sign up today for a FREE business seminar with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service.**

On average there are 165 fires in business premises each year with many of those businesses not going on to trade again.

Attending a **FREE** Business Seminar with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service can help you to get the support you need to keep your business safe from fire and to ensure those working there are protected.

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 help you to protect your business from fire.

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

Our 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).**

**BUMBLE BEES BABY AND TODDLER GROUP**

The Bumble Bees Baby and Toddler Group is held every Tuesday (term time only) from 10am to 12 noon in The Reading Rooms, Weston Colville. £2.50 per session (with an additional 50p for, every additional sibling). There are many different toys suitable for 0-5 year olds, a different craft activity each week, a garden with outside play equipment, songs, stories and a drink & snack for both adults and children. Come along and join in the fun!

Term Dates & planned craft activities for the start of the Summer Term are as follows:

- Tuesday 2nd April - Fluffy Sheep
- Tuesday 9th April - CLOSED (Easter Holidays)
- Tuesday 16th April - CLOSED (Easter Holidays)
- Tuesday 23rd April - St. George's Day Dragons
- Tuesday 30th April - Junk Modelling
- Tuesday 7th May - Handprint Sunshine
- Tuesday 14th May - Blossom Trees
- Tuesday 21st May - Cress Growing
- Tuesday 28th May - CLOSED (Half Term) Sessions return on Tuesday 4th June.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH BRINKLEY

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Brinkley PCC will take place in the church on TUESDAY 9th APRIL at 8pm.

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**BURROUGH GREEN CHURCH FETE  
Sunday 9th June 2019**

We are pleased to announce the date of our Fete this year.

This year will be the 25th Anniversary of our Fete, and we are determined to make it the best one yet!

Please put the date in your Diaries, Sunday 9th June 2019 and help us make this a very special year!

Our next planning meeting is at  
The Hall, home of Lucy and Peter Talbot on

**Wednesday 24th April at 8pm**

Do come and have a drink with us and help plan this event, we are always looking for new ideas.

If you are unable to attend but can offer any support, please ring Lucy and Peter on 507060 or email [peterandlucyt@btinternet.com](mailto:peterandlucyt@btinternet.com)

Thank you

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CARLTON PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Carlton Parish council has a vacancy for a parish councillor. As I'm sure you'll be aware, councillors make a very valuable contribution to the smooth running of our communities. Ideally, this position should be filled in time for the Annual General Meeting which is being held on Thursday 9th May. If this is something you feel that you could fulfil, then please contact me for a discussion about it.

Stephen Roberts.
Chairman of Carlton Parish Council
Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com
(01223) 290372

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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)

If you wish to book a baptism, wedding etc., please contact Nikki. Her usual working days will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, of course, or one of the Church wardens; details as below.

**Rev'd Nikki Mann** 01638 507980

The Vicarage, 23 Stetchworth Road, Dullingham. CB8 9UJ

**Burrough Green:** Lucy Talbot Tel: 01638 507060, email: [peterandlucyt@btinternet.com](mailto:peterandlucyt@btinternet.com)

**Westley Waterless:** Ms. Deborah O'Riordan, Tel: 01638 507741, email [d.a.oriordan@btinternet.com](mailto:d.a.oriordan@btinternet.com) and Mrs Liz Gibson, Tel: 01638 508600, [lizgibson@me.com](mailto:lizgibson@me.com)

**Brinkley:** John Robertson Tel. 01638 507484

**Carlton:** Stephen Roberts 01223 290372 or [Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com](mailto:Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com).

**Rural Dean:** Rev'd Sue Giles 01223 812726

e.mail : [suethovic@btinternet.com](mailto:suethovic@btinternet.com)

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ARTICLES FOR MAY VILLAGE VOICE

To

villagevoicenewsletter@btinternet.com

01638 507495
by 20th April 2019 please

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**APRIL SERVICES**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00am Family Communion Carlton

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

9.00am BCP Holy Communion Brinkley  
10.30am Family Service Burrough Green  
*Isa 43: 16-21 Phil 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday**

9.00am Holy Communion Stetchworth  
10.30am Family Service Dullingham  
(with Donkey Procession)  
*(Readings Stetchworth Only)*  
*Isa 50: 4-9a Phil 2: 5-11 Luke 22: 14-23*

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April Holy Week**

7.00pm Compline Dullingham

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday**

7.00pm Maundy Thursday Communion Dullingham

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday**

12 Noon Ecumenical Good Friday Service Stetchworth

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April Easter Day**

10.00am Easter Family Communion Dullingham  
*(with choir and egg hunt)*  
10.30am Easter Family Service Burrough Green  
*(with egg hunt)*  
*Isaiah 25: 6-9 John 20: 1-18*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

10.30am Holy Communion Dullingham  
6.00pm Evensong Stetchworth  
*Acts 5: 27-32 Revelation 1: 4-8 John 20: 19-end*

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**Empty Promise?**

Over 2000 years ago, the shock discovery of an empty tomb by Jesus' close female companions caused pain and confusion. Instead of a sealed and guarded tomb containing his body, they found it open and empty, save the cloth used to wrap him in death. It was bad enough that Jesus, their teacher and Lord was dead. Now it seemed, someone had taken the body.

Why that tomb was empty is of utmost importance. If it was empty because someone had indeed stolen Jesus' body - if a criminal's death and an ordinary burial was all that took place over those three days then hope died with him on the cross. Trust in all he had said was destroyed - His promises nothing more than a devastating and life-shattering let-down.

Individuals and communities across the world will greet Easter day with shouts of 'Alleluia! He is Risen!'. Many of us, Christian or not, will give Easter Eggs, the hollow egg is traditionally a symbol of that empty tomb.

We shout 'He is risen!' because beyond all expectation, hope did not stay dead. The impossible happened on that first Easter day. It blows our rational minds to even think it - despite some very compelling (and rational) evidence that supports it! The first disciples took some convincing too - Jesus appeared to them several times, but had to let them touch him and eat with them to bring the divine reality home.

He is alive! - His words were true! He was indeed part of God's own self who came to us in love, to give us hope and reassurance for the future, for each day.

And for that we celebrate! Do join us!

**Easter Blessings,  
Nikki**

Easter Day Family Services

10am Dullingham Church with choir, bells and egg hunt!!  
10.30am Burrough Green Church with egg hunt!!

Family Midweek Communion

Our short service where babies and tots (with their grown-up!) and everyone else are welcome returns to beautiful Carlton Church the first Thursday of the month at 10am starting 4 April

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**EASTER CHURCH SERVICES**

SUNDAY 14 April Palm Sunday  
9am Stetchworth

10.30am Family Service Dullingham (with Donkey Procession)

MON-WED 15-17 April  
7pm Compline Dullingham Church

THURS 18 April  
7pm Maundy Thursday Service Dullingham

FRI 19 April Good Friday  
12noon Good Friday Ecumenical Reflection Service St Peter's Stetchworth

**\*\*\* Easter Day \*\*\***

10.00am Easter Family Service, Choir & Egg Hunt Dullingham  
10.30am Easter Family Service & Egg Hunt Burrough Green  
All Very Welcome

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