

VILLAGE VOICE

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

MARCH 2020

OPEN GARDEN FOR National Garden Scheme

 **SUNDAY 1st MARCH**
12noon - 4pm
THE OLD RECTORY
Brinkley 

Two-acre garden started in 1973 when there was nothing there except a few large trees and snowdrops. Interesting trees planted since include a large liriiodendron (tulip tree) planted in 1975. In the spring, many snowdrops, helebore and winter flowering shrubs. Mixed herbaceous borders with roses, interesting perennials and pockets of annuals grown from seed. Traditional potager with box hedges.

Admission £5, Children free.



**SOUP &
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**
in

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL.

12noon - 4pm.

ALL WELCOME

IN AID OF BRINKLEY CHURCH.



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**Back by popular demand...**

**Burrough Green Reading Room**

**VILLAGE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10am - Midday**

**A delicious Full English breakfast cooked to order  
with a hot drink or juice.  
£6 adults £4 children**

Information: Joanne 508888  
Carla 508227

## OIL SYNDICATE - Burrough Green

The next oil syndicate order will be placed on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to be included in the delivery, please contact Pauline King on 01638 507796 or Dawn Hay via email to [dawnahay@gmail.com](mailto:dawnahay@gmail.com) no later than Sunday 8th March, with details of your order. Please be as accurate as possible and ensure all orders are accompanied by house name/number, postcode, telephone number and quantity of oil required (500 ltrs minimum). *Pauline and Dawn*

## SCRABBLE and MAHJONG

We meet in March on **Mondays 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</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*

## CARLTON PROJECT

Carlton Parish would like to invite you to an informal presentation of their plans for a parish room in the grounds of St Peter's Church. This is an exciting proposal for the village and local community, enhancing our facilities and enabling residents to be able to use the church for more social gatherings, functions and fund-raising events and to bring our community together.

We hope you will be able to join us on

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm**

**in St Peter's Church, Carlton.**

Please come along, find out more about the project and share your ideas and expertise in its development. Refreshments will be provided.

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QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 20th MARCH 7pm for 7.30

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Come along and have fun at our annual Quiz Night. Teams of 6, but couples or individuals don't be put off, we can make up teams on the night.

Supper of Shepherd's Pie & Veg, Veggie option.

Bar and Raffle

Donations of £12 per person at the door.

Please book your table(s) by 15th March for catering purposes.

Ring: Franca on 01638 508199

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BRINKLEY FETE 2020

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Brinkley Fete this year is on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> at Brinkley Hall. The initial planning meeting will be on **Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm** in Brinkley Memorial Hall for all who are interested or can help in any way. Please come and show your support for this big fundraising event.

*Martin & Ros.*

## 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; **3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

BURROUGH GREEN by the BUS STOP on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month - **25<sup>th</sup> March**



**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](mailto:Sandragreatrex@gmail.com) or call 07736 129733. Please leave a message if I am not available and I will return your call.

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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](mailto:k.f.butcher@btinternet.com) or call 07923 526555. Please leave a message if I am not available and I will return your call.



**THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN**

Our opening hours will differ slightly while we are away in March.



We will be closed all day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> we will be closed at lunch time. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

**We are now taking bookings for Mothering Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Early booking is advised to avoid disappointment.**

**Fish and Chips is back.** We now serve freshly cooked beer battered fish from 5pm on Fridays. Takeaway is available.

**Rob and I look forward to welcoming you  
01638 508333**

**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.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**BRINKLEY AUCTION** in aid of Brinkley Church. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 2pm. with viewing on Friday evening 1<sup>st</sup> May and Saturday morning. Details next month. Please start looking out items that could be entered in the sale. 01638 507484.

**PIANIST WANTED**

A pianist is needed for the Sing-a-Longs in the Community Room, Sheriff's Court in Burrough Green.



A keyboard can be provided. Please contact Mr P Allen on 07720 907441 if you can spare an occasional hour.

**RECYCLING**

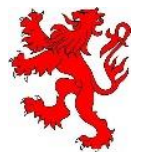
**Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :**  
Black bin - 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March .  
Blue & Green - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March.  
**Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Thursdays :**  
Black sacks weekly.  
Blue Lid - 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March.  
Green Lid - 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March

**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**

In March we'll be closed all day Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>. We're also closed for lunch Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and will not be open until 6 p.m. that evening.



**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Morning** at 10:30am

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - Village Meal**, 5:00 for 5:30pm. The menu is on our website. Please book for this.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> / Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - French Food Nights.** Pistou soup, Alsatian pizza, Coq au Vin, Moules Marinières and Alsatian "Baker's Oven" Stew. Please book for this no later than Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - Quiz Night** - please let us know if you are bringing a team.

*Gwyn & Morris.*

**01638 508707**

**BURROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Burrough Green Parish Council Tax Precept 2020-2021**

We have calculated that our precept request this year would equate to £62.24 per household over the year, and is a 0% increase on last year's figures. This was agreed at the January 2020 meeting by Full Council. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Clerk on [clerk.bgpc@ymail.com](mailto:clerk.bgpc@ymail.com) or Tel: 07712 232920

**LHI SCHEME 2019/20 - Hartfield Road/ Brinkley Road**

Works to make improvements on Top Road, with the junction of Hartfield Road are due to start on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Highways will be carrying out works to; install advanced junction warning signs 100 yards from the junction of Hartfield Road; replace the junction markings and to align the edge lines with both sides of the junction at Hartfield Road, this will give the impression of pulling the junction of Hartfield Road further forward.

**Eco Initiatives on The Green**

The Parish Council are working with Greener Growth, (a not-for profit charity) to introduce some Eco initiatives, such as wildflower planting in flowerbeds, bird & bat boxes, an Owl box, Hedgehog House and an Insect Hotel. There are also plans for a Nature Walk with Information Boards and some improvements to the pond, such as seating and a pond dipping platform and some works to tidy up the trees and bushes. The idea of a volunteer group to help with the scheme and aftercare and maintenance was discussed. If you have any suggestions or would like to be involved in the project, please contact the Clerk [clerk.bgpc@ymail.com](mailto:clerk.bgpc@ymail.com) Tel: 07712 232920.

**Brick Bus Shelter Update**

Following the demolition of the unsafe brick Bus Shelter just before Christmas, the Parish Council have now chosen a design and contractor to erect the new shelter. The shelter is to be in-keeping with the Conservation Area and style of building in the village. The shelter will be once again brick built, with a new foundation and a slightly pitched slate roof. To view the plans & design contact the Clerk on [clerk.bgpc@ymail.com](mailto:clerk.bgpc@ymail.com) or Tel: 07712 232920

**Burrough Green Parish Council are looking for new Councillors**

The Parish Council currently has a casual vacancy. Burrough Green Parish Councillors:

- ✓ Are available for PC meetings, held approximately six times a year after 7pm in the evenings. Usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday (January, March, May, July, September & November).
- ✓ Attend the odd training sessions.
- ✓ Attend occasional consultation events and informative local authority meetings.
- ✓ Undertake any actions delegated to them from meetings.

- ✓ Receive and respond to PC emails in between meetings.
- ✓ May help with the Village activities or Village Litter pick etc.

You must be:

- ✓ 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".

HOW TO APPLY:

Please send your application in writing/email to The Clerk, 3 Scott Avenue, Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7LT or [clerk.bgpc@ymail.com](mailto:clerk.bgpc@ymail.com), stating why you think you are suited to the position and how you meet the eligibility criteria and what areas you may be able to take a delegated responsibility in.

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**ELLESMERE ARTS EVENTS
At Ellesmere Centre**

FILM DAY

SATURDAY, 14th MARCH

LION KING (2019) PG

3.30 pm for 4 pm

All children to be accompanied

Donations : popcorn : soft drinks available

GOLDFINGER PG

7.30 pm for 8 pm

Donations : Bar

ELLESMERE ARTS

Presents

HI-DE-HI

Thursday, 4th June 7.30 pm

Friday, 5th June 7.30 pm

Saturday, 6th June 7.30 pm

Tickets £9.00

Available from: ellesmereartstickets@gmail.com
and Stetchworth Post Office from 1st March

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## NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

This year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last year of World War 2. Some dates, such as VE Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May, will be celebrations; other dates have been, and will be, commemorated in a very different spirit.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January was Holocaust Memorial Day and marks the date of the liberation of Auschwitz by the Soviet Army. Throughout the week the College held assemblies and Year 7 Religious Studies lessons focussed on the 'Shoah' or calamity of the Nazi's attempted genocide. The Holocaust is a grim reminder of what humans are capable of doing to each other and that is exactly the reason why we are required to teach it. Understanding the Holocaust is essential in helping students realise why we must treat others as equals and protect the vulnerable. Students never forget learning about the Holocaust and I hope that continues to be the case. If we succeed in that, perhaps the Jewish prayer of 'Never Again' will be fulfilled.

February was also LGBT History Month. In the 25 years I have been teaching, the shift in attitudes around LGBT issues has been nothing less than monumental. Legislation such as the 2010 Equality Act and new media attitudes have been significant in influencing change. Students who identify themselves as LGBT do so in an environment that is unrecognisable from the one that existed a quarter of a century ago. On the whole, schools and communities are much more at ease with themselves as a result. In fact the shift has been so great, that part of the point of LGBT History Month is to remind and educate students that some of our great historical figures, such as Alan Turing, had to contend with levels of prejudice that meant their contributions and identities were hidden.

LVC places huge value on enriching the students' curriculum and we are fortunate to have staff that supports that ethos. During the February half term over 120 students went on the LVC ski trip. It is a major organisational feat led by Mr Kerley, the Head of PE, and 15 other staff who gave up their break. Even before everyone gets on the coaches the LVC administration and finance teams spend hundreds of hours sorting out everything from protocols to finance. To see the students' faces when they return is wonderful and the trip is always amongst the students' top memories.

By the time you may be reading this, 40 of our Year 10 students will be on their GCSE 'Chateau' trip in France for a week. There is, quite simply, no substitute for being immersed in another culture to accelerate students' language acquisition. Having said that, as with the ski trip, it doesn't just happen. Once again the support staff at LVC have been putting in the hours with Mrs Fenn in the Finance Team bearing the

brunt of the work. Schools at their best are genuinely extraordinary places where dedicated staff make special things happen for our young people - we are fortunate to have such staff working at LVC.

*Mr Doug Brechin*

*Assistant Principal*

## CAMBRIDGE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

### **Test your smoke alarm!**

Did you know that you should test your smoke alarms at least once a month? Or that you should have smoke alarms on every floor of your home? Or that Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service do free home visits to make sure your home is fire safe?

Visit this website for helpful tips and advice:  
<https://firekills.campaign.gov.uk/>

It only takes one accident to start a fire. Fire kills. Let's prevent it.

Safe and Well Visits - Helping you to stay independent in your own home.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service wants everyone in the county to be safe from fire at home and know how to escape safely if a fire starts.

That's why we visit people in their own homes to make sure they have working smoke alarms and a good level of fire safety awareness to help prevent fires and save lives.

To help keep our communities safe we offer FREE Safe and Well visits across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

A Safe and Well visit is a home visit that lasts no longer than an hour, at a convenient time for you, carried out by trained staff. During the visit we will:

- Talk to you about fire safety in the home
- Check your property to identify any fire hazards
- Check that you have at least one working smoke alarm on each level of your home
- Fit FREE ten-year smoke alarms as appropriate
- Provide you with fire safety advice and show you how to test your smoke alarms
- Talk about escape plans, so that you can escape safely if a fire starts
- Provide advice, or link you into organisations that can help you, if you need support with other issues such as health, wellbeing or crime prevention.

To find out if you are eligible for a visit, call us on 01480 444500 or email us at [firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk](mailto:firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk).

Like us on Facebook for regular updates [www.facebook.com/cambsfrs](http://www.facebook.com/cambsfrs) or follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs. For more information or to get in touch contact us at [firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk](mailto:firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk) or on 0800 9179994.



**NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE**



**Open Mic - 21st March 7.30 for 8pm start.**

Come along for another evening of great music, licensed bar and refreshments available. The evening will introduce a new band to the Centre 'Isle Ave a Shanty' and end with 'Kelly and Woolley' **Entrance £3.**

**Wet Felting Workshop - March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.45pm**

Suitable for beginners who want to have a go. All equipment and materials provided. £25 which includes refreshments. To book email:- [madetomakeasmile@gmail.com](mailto:madetomakeasmile@gmail.com)



**Over 65'S Feel Good Feet**-is a new service offered in the Gredley Room. The aim will be to look after the care and hygiene of feet for both men and women

and will involve a warm foot bath, toe nail trim and tidy, a gentle exfoliation with a foot and leg massage to aid circulation and hydration. The sessions will run once a month and will cost £10. Toenail painting will be an extra £3. Tea and coffee will be served along with cake and biscuits.

**2nd Wednesday OF EVERY MONTH** (1st session on 11<sup>th</sup> March) Call Keri on 07876 068099 to book.

**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).

**WESTON COLVILLE EVENTS**

**Weston Colville Circular Walk c5 miles**

Our next walk will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, meeting in WC Reading Room at 10am. As the River Stour rises in our parish, and the Stour Festival are including the walk on their website, the route will take in part of it. BYO lunch and maybe something to share back in the Reading Room afterwards. Come and join us - all welcome, refreshments available.

**Weston Colville Cinema Club**

On 4<sup>th</sup> March, we'll show the iconic and acclaimed film Bladerunner, regarded as one of the best sci fi movies ever. Then as the first Wednesday next month falls on 1<sup>st</sup>, we'll be celebrating April Fool's Day with a comedy, chosen from the select few films given a four-star rating in Halliwell's Film Guide. It's a French film, but without subtitles - none is needed. Come and laugh! Both films will be shown in the WC Reading Room 7.30pm. All welcome, refreshments available.

**Weston Colville 'Pub' Quiz**

We're holding the next quiz on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8pm. Up to 4 per team, entry £2 per person. Bar with wine, cider and draught ale.

All welcome to all the events. Enquiries: [jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com) 01223 291475

**2523 LINTON AIR CADETS.**

We continue our strong start to the year by getting three of our newly qualified cadets airborne within the first few days of achieving their first-class cadet classification. A few comments from our first-time flyer cadets:

Cadet Vellacott; "Flying was the most exhilarating experience I have ever had. Only when you have completed a flight for yourself can you truly appreciate the wonder of aviation."

Cadet Spall; "I was able to go flying in a Grob Tutor 2 seater aircraft. I went to RAF Cranwell and actually FLEW the plane! At first I was nervous but after doing it I am eager to go again."

Cadet Sainsbury; "It was amazing! The weather was fantastic, and I got a chance to fly the plane. The instructor did some aerobatics with me - loop the loop, barrel rolls, and more."

Continuing with the aviation theme Linton fulfilled six part task trainer allocations where ground school including principles of flight training, along with practical glider simulations, resulted in various blue and bronze wings awards.

Presentation evening was a success and it always amazes me to see how much the squadron achieves in 12 months. As Training Officer it is my favourite event of the year. Every cadet on squadron was awarded a new badge, qualification, promotion or award.

The squadron moves from strength to strength with the appointment of two new Cadet Forces Commissions. Debbie Keenan and I successfully completed uniformed staff training and assessments resulting in being appointed as Acting Pilot Officer (RAFAC).

We are always welcoming new cadets to the squadron, so if you are aged 12 and in year 8, or older, please get in touch about joining with the details below.

*Bradley Wright Acting Pilot Officer (RAFAC)*

*Training Officer*

[training.2523@aircadets.org](mailto:training.2523@aircadets.org) 07943 873272

**BRINKLEY CHURCHYARD**



**MAINTENANCE DAY**

Please can you spare an hour or two on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 10am - 12 noon to help with a bit of tidying in Brinkley Churchyard. All help is much appreciated. Please bring your own tools.

Thank you

## **REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCILS - Carlton**

### **A1307**

As everyone will have seen, the upgrades to the road are moving forward. The eastbound bus lane and speed limit changes outside Linton are now implemented, along with the upgraded foot/cycle path next to the road. The next dates to note - the work on the traffic lights and altered pedestrian crossing at the junction at the top of Linton High Street will begin on February 11<sup>th</sup> and run for up to 6 weeks but are likely to complete sooner, so expect some disruption to journey times.

### **Local Plan Consultation**

The next phase of public consultation on South Cambs forthcoming Local Plan began on January 13<sup>th</sup> and runs until February 24<sup>th</sup>. It's a document that will mould how South Cambridgeshire will look for the next few decades. Full detail and comment form can be done here.

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/greater-cambridge-local-plan/>

### **Council Tax Bill**

South Cambs are trying to encourage people to sign up to receive their council tax bill digitally, rather than receive a paper copy. As an incentive, there is an iPad up for grabs to those who do sign up - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/council-tax/sign-up-for-council-tax-e-billing-to-win-an-apple-ipad/>

### **East-West Rail**

For those who have an interest in rail travel, you may have seen that the government have announced the route for the new rail line between Oxford and Cambridge, named East-West rail. This is what is called the 'Northern Route' and will come into Cambridgeshire via Cambourne and then go south down the side of the city to link up with the new Cambridge South Station at Addenbrookes hospital.

### **Cambridge South Station Consultation**

Which leads us nicely into a plug for a consultation by Network Rail on the detail of this new station. They are the ones who are implementing it, so are consulting on the detail around final location, access, connectivity etc. The consultation is open now and runs until 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Full detail and ability to engage can be done here - <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/anglia/cambridge-south-station>

### **3 Free Trees**

The District Council, in their bid achieve their carbon neutral target, are offering each parish in South Cambridgeshire 3 free trees to plant in their village. It's a relatively small step, but one in the right direction as well as an indication that they are taking this seriously.

### **Marshalls Relocation**

The relocation of Marshall's airfield has made some progress in identifying a site for this. They had a shortlist of 3 locations, with Duxford airfield being one. Marshalls have now ruled out Duxford, so the

relocation will be one of the other two sites, which are both some way from the city and us.

### **Bus Passes**

Unfortunately, the County Council no longer offers bus passes in paper form. To apply for concessionary pass you need to call 0345 045 1367 or go to <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/buses/free-bus-pass/>

### **Zero Carbon Community Grant**

This was a new grant offered by the District Council to encourage community groups and parish councils to engage in green projects that will reduce their carbon footprint. The pot for this fund will be topped up again soon as the number of bids in its debut year was staggering.

### **Business Support Service**

South Cambs have started up a new business support service, to assist small-medium sized enterprises in South Cambridgeshire. The assistance is advice only, not financial, but has a team of 4 professional officers who are willing to help. Details here - <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/new-business-support-service-for-south-cambridgeshire/>

### **Uttlesford Local Plan**

As we have previously reported, there has been a longstanding proposal in Uttlesford's (Essex) Local Plan to build a 5000-house new town at Great Chesterford, just over the border from us in South Cambridgeshire. Some relatively good news on this, the government inspector who is judging this plan has unequivocally told Uttlesford that this location is hugely unsuitable for development and if they were to continue with this idea, the Local Plan would be outright refused. They actually said, out of the 3 locations in Uttlesford that were being considered for a new town, the Gt Chesterford site was the worst. So, it's back to the drawing board for them. A flip side of this is that they no longer have a 5-year land supply, so we may see small-medium sized developments springing up on our side of Essex.

*Henry Batchelor & Geoff Harvey*

### **ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB NEWS**

For our next meeting we welcome a new speaker, Colin Ward, who will give his talk - "**Colin's Choice for Plantaholics**" on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**, at the new regular start time of 7.30 pm.

It's now a very busy time for all gardeners but we hope you can take time out to come to our following talk too, on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April** - "**Growing for showing**" with **Nigel Start**.

We have an exciting new programme ready for this year, so to make sure you don't miss anything. Do take a look on the website:

<https://ellesmeregardenclub.wixsite.com/egc1>

If you have any questions about our events or the club in general, just give Sandie a call on 07903 584676.

## MEMORIES OF BRINKLEY

The following article was written by a gentleman who was evacuated to Brinkley at the beginning of World War II. The willingness of a family to take in a complete stranger and the effect it had on his future is a heartwarming story.

My name is Tom Knott and I'm 91 years of age and a widower with two married daughters and four grandsons. I have lived most of my adult life in Canvey Island having originally lived in the heart of London.

This is the story of my evacuation...

When war broke out I was 9 years old and living with my eldest sister Rachael. My mother and father had died and Rachael and her husband Wally had taken me in. Although I had seven brothers and sisters, they were much older than me and were working, so were unable to escort me to my new evacuation home. Entering Liverpool Street Station I remember feeling a little apprehensive about the unknown experiences that lay ahead. My brother in law Wally's mother, was taking me to my evacuation destination which was to be Brinkley in Suffolk.

The journey to Cambridge train station took well over 2 hours so this gave me a great opportunity to meet and make several friends. One particular lad was called Ronnie Stocker. He was to become a great support and comfort to me during the first year of my evacuation stay. When we arrived at Cambridge railway station a bus transported us to the village of Brinkley. The bus stopped just outside the village at a place called Six Mile Bottom Lane. We vacated the bus with our belongings. Huddled together, we started to walk towards the village hall, and we were led into a well lit, large room and lined up for the upper class residents to choose the children that they wished to take in. Once the children that were chosen first left the village hall, Ronnie Stocker, me and two other children were left. We must have looked the roughest out of all the children and obviously not very appealing to the eye.

Having said goodbye to Wally's mum I was led with the rest of the children that hadn't been chosen, along a very dark lane. Initially, as we left the hall, I thought that I had gone blind as it was so dark without any street lights. Coming from Bethnal Green, the street where I lived, Menotti Street, was always well lit.

I ambled with the rest of the group continuing cautiously down the lane. Once my eyes adjusted to the night sky, I could see that we were approaching a small row of cottages. We stopped at No 1 Cottage School Lane. A woman that was leading us knocked on the cottage door and a large man, who I later discovered was called Percy, appeared in the doorway. Percy greeted me by placing his hand on my head. I cowered as he ruffled my thick, black curly hair with a hand that resembled the size of a tennis racket. I had come from a violent home life where it wasn't

unusual for my father to hit my mother or anyone else who got on the wrong side of him once he'd had a drink. I once got glass in my hand when I was about 8 years old, and I can remember writhing under the kitchen table and my father cutting it out with a pen knife, I still have the scar.

Even now, closing my eyes I can still remember stepping down into the cottage parlour, and standing by the kitchen sink was Doris, Percy's wife, holding their newborn baby Dennis. The cottage was warm and felt cosy, so it wasn't long before I felt at home. I had a bedroom of my own which was a luxury as in Bethnal Green I had, in the past, had to share a room with many siblings. As Doris and Percy's children were born, they joined me in my bedroom. Doris's brother lived with us and had a bed at the top of the stairs and if anyone stayed, they shared Doris and Percy's bed.

Once I had settled into living at the cottage I was taken to the local school where not everyone was so welcoming. My teacher was Miss Misson who showed us evacuees nothing but love. But some of the other pupils could be quite unkind to us. I remember a school bully who had taken an instant dislike to me. He was forever punching me and then, because I was smaller, would also get the better of me and run away. Once, after yet another confrontation, the school bully was running away which frustrated me so much that I scooped up a cow pat and threw it down his back. The cow dung slid all the way down his back to the top of his shorts. Nothing gave me greater satisfaction than seeing that lad sit down and cry because he was going to get a hiding from his mother for getting his new shirt dirty. Needless to say the school bully never picked on me again!

Settling into village school life was fairly easy as Doris's nephews also attended the school and they just lived a few doors down from us. The school building consisted of one large room which was partitioned with a sheet down the centre. One side of the room was for the younger children and the other side of the partition was for the older children. Miss Misson would walk from one side of the room to the other teaching children from the age of 5 to 14 years of age. Miss Misson was a firm but fair teacher and was not a woman to get on the wrong side of. During the school day I would lose concentration and would be sent down to the school coal bunker to think about the errors of my ways. As the cottage, which I was staying in, backed onto the village school it gave me a great opportunity to run home. Doris would always have some fresh lemonade made and a freshly cooked cake or bread. I would grab these treats and run back to the coal bunker and when Ronnie Stocker would be sent to collect me again to go back to class; Miss Misson would say "I hope you've learnt your lesson, Knott!" The village school and cottage no longer exist as they were demolished during the 1960s to make

way for a housing estate. But I still have very fond memories of village school life.

During the war we didn't really experience any shortage of food in the country and Percy would often return home with a pheasant or rabbit for us to have in a delicious stew. Doris and Percy grew their own vegetables, so food was in abundance. They also had fresh eggs and flour available, so bread and cakes were in plentiful supply. We had a village store selling essential items and also a van which would come to the village on a weekly basis selling absolutely anything you could think of. The van company was called Summers. There were obviously some things I missed about London. My mother would often take my brother Jim and I to the pictures on a Friday. We would have the afternoon off school. Doris had never been to London, let alone the pictures, but was a very happy, contented person. In fact, Doris would walk with two children 3 miles each way to visit her mother in law and think nothing of it.

Some children who were taken in as an evacuee were expected to work but Percy never asked me to do anything really, so I was left to have a lovely life of freedom. My only chore was to wash up every night and if I did that my reward was a cigarette! The other job I loved doing was during the harvesting time I would be asked to lead the horses when the farmers were ploughing the field. I was paid quite a generous sum for doing this. It was great sitting with all the men having lunch in the hay enjoying the banter, it made me feel as if I was part of the community. Percy and Doris were very loving people and I can only remember ever being chastised once by Percy. Ronnie Stocker and I were playing Cowboys and Indians and thought it was a great idea to chase some cows around the field. By the time Percy had realised what was happening, the cows were sweating profusely and foaming at the mouth. He knew the seriousness of our actions as the cows wouldn't be able to be milked because their milk would have become congealed. The stick I had been using to chase the cows was immediately seized from my hand and Percy subsequently took a swipe at the back of my legs. Although that incident happened over 80 years ago I can still remember how painful that was.

Coming from the East End of London not far from Brick Lane I loved the freedom of the countryside and scrumping was another one of my favourite pastimes. During one of my scrumping adventures I was balancing on the wall and passing down the apples to my mate. As I turned to pass the last lot of apples to my friend instead of him being there to catch them there was the local policeman. My friend had seen him coming and scarpereed leaving me to take the full brunt of the crime being committed. There wasn't any point in my running away because Brinkley was such a small village, and everyone knew each other so I just went along with the policeman who escorted me back to the

cottage. I stood outside the cottage awaiting my fate. But after a while, when the policeman emerged from inside, he had tears in his eyes and just patted me on the back. This certainly wasn't the reaction I was expecting. Apparently, Doris had told him that I was an orphan and about my home life and that was enough to let me off the hook. Doris was great like that. There was another time when a friend and I were accused of stealing something off the altar of the village church. Doris defended me which I'm glad she did as I didn't have any knowledge of the crime in question.

Gradually quite a few evacuees started to trickle back to London, even though London was getting heavily bombed. Ironically, the children that had gone to the wealthy families were the first to return to the city. I can only guess it was because culturally they were so different to the families they were staying with and it was hard for them to settle in. My family often came to see me and were made very welcome by Percy and Doris. This reassured my family that I was being well cared for. During the 5 years I stayed with the Smith family a further three sisters were born. I say sisters because I looked upon the Smith family as now my own. I think that is why I still visit them today. Dennis, the first born, has since died and the youngest daughter Jackie and her family still live in Brinkley, and her sister now lives in the next village. The middle sister had died during my stay there as she was asthmatic and had a severe attack one evening and there wasn't a hospital or medical centre there during the war. On my numerous visits back to Brinkley, I've met many local people who didn't know what effect the war years had on Brinkley and the very important role it played. As did so many villages throughout Britain.

At the end of the war I was 14 years of age and my sister Rachael came to collect me and take me back to London. I got a job in a factory and I can clearly remember standing in front of the machinery and crying because it was such a culture shock from my last 5 years in the country. As soon as I had the opportunity I moved out of London and have lived most of my married life in Canvey Island but I know that the 5 years that I spent during the war years in Brinkley shaped my life for the better and gave me an insight in to living out of the city environment.

*Tom Knott*

As told to his daughter Deborah before he died in November 2019 age 91 yrs.

Jackie and Richard were told many other memories during Tom's visits to them. Sadly Tom died before they could all be written down in his memoirs.

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BREAST SCREENING

Are you a woman aged 50 or above? Did you know that you are called to breast screening once every 3 years until you reach the age of 71, and then you can self-refer for a free breast screening once every 3 years?

The Breast Screening Mobile unit will be due in Newmarket at the end of April/Start of May. It parks at Newmarket Hospital, with a new spot on site next to the X-ray building from this year. If your GP is in Newmarket you will be called to the unit, or if your GP is in Linton you will be called to the Cambridge service...but you can ask to be screened at Newmarket if this is easier for you. There are 45000 cases of breast cases in the UK every year: if it's caught early the outlook is better, with treatment and survival rates better. The majority of women will get a clear result, but around 5% of women go for a second part of the test...this will be at the West Suffolk Hospital in the case of being screened at Newmarket, and to Addenbrookes if screened by the Cambridge service. The majority of these women will be OK, 7/8 will not be diagnosed with breast cancer.

When you are screened: the staff on the screening mobile unit are all female. You will have the procedure explained to you once your details are checked, and the mammographer will take at least 2 pictures of each breast, using gentle compression. The whole thing will take around 5 minutes. Compression holds the breast still, spreads out the tissues, shows the fine details and reduces the amount of x-rays needed to take the picture. Results are back within 2 to 3 weeks and if all is well, the next screen would be due in 3 years' time.

Common Questions:

Doesn't it hurt? Most women will find it a little uncomfortable, but the whole process is very quick. If you want to stop, please say so.

I bet it hurts if you're bigger/smaller? Nope size really doesn't make a difference, it more depends on the firmness of your tissue and how relaxed you are.

I can't do steps, can you still screen me? Yes, just do let us know and we can rearrange an appointment at the West Suffolk Hospital

I'm 52, and I've never been called? You will usually have your first call up by the age of 53

I have found a lump and I've been called for screening. What should I do? You should see your GP in the first instance, screening is not the right pathway to getting breast problems looked at.

Indeed, if anyone, Male or female finds a breast problem, you should see your GP ASAP.

I have implants, can you still screen me?: yes absolutely no problem, but you need to aware that some breast tissue will be hidden behind the implant.

But I don't have a family history, do I really need screening? You can make your own choice on deciding if you come to screening or not, no-one at the service, will ever try to get you to change your mind. Only 5 to 10% of breast cancers run in families, so not having a family history doesn't mean you won't get breast cancer

I know I'm a carrier of a higher risk gene, BRCA gene, can I get extra screening? Yes, you can, and we should be aware of you: if you are not being offered regular screening please speak to your GP who can get in touch with the service.

The biggest risk factors for breast cancer are being female and getting older, so remain breast aware and come to regular screening when offered.

There is lots of information online about breast screening: please see www.gov/topic/population-screening-programmes/breast or www.nhs.uk/conditions/breast-cancer-screening/

West Suffolk Breast Screening 01284 713941
Cambridge Breast unit 01223 217627

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

KINDLING

I am a 14-year-old year 10 student at Linton Village College, Cambridgeshire. I am currently fundraising for a trip to Cambodia at the end of Year 11 with Camps International. The trip involves working with the local community on various projects to improve their standard of living such as: building of schools, building medical centres, building water wells etc.

We will also be trying to help preserve and protect the wildlife and environment through projects such as: planting of new trees to tackle Cambodia's deforestation crisis. I am passionate about environmental issues and protecting our planet which has fuelled my desire to go to Cambodia, where I can help to make a difference.

My friend and I are currently selling kindling to help raise money for the trip,

Joshua Shane

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT - Brinkley & Westley Waterless

East Cambs will shortly be sending out a questionnaire about buses, walking and cycling between 9-14 March. Please use this to share your views about what you want in or local area. You can post it back to the Council, or drop it off at the Red Lion pub, or you can complete it on-line -

<https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/roads-transport/bus-services-and-cycling-and-walking-routes-consultation>.

John and Charlotte are holding three meetings to listen to your ideas and your discussion, all at 7.30 pm - Monday 23rd March in the Poppy Room at the Bottisham Sports and Social Club, Monday 30th March at the Memorial Hall in Brinkley, and Thursday 2nd April in the Small Hall in Swaffham Prior Village Hall. The Council is also consulting on two Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). One covers Self-Build and the other covers the Natural Environment. The SPD on the Natural Environment is especially important for our area, as we are in the Devils Dyke 'buffer zone' and the Dyke goes through some of our villages. We also have Green Belt and other areas of significant natural habitat. These SPDs add policy to the Council's Local Plan and will become criteria against which planning applications will be judged. You can take part in these consultations at -

<https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/local-development-framework/supplementary-planning-documents>

The Operations sub-committee has decided to stop supporting Citizens Advice Rural Cambridgeshire with an annual subsidy of £47,000, but instead augmenting the ECDC advice service. There were many members of the public who stated their preference for an advisory service independent of the Council, and for one that would have more breadth and depth. We have 'called in' the decision, so that it will be reviewed by Full Council. The subsidy to Citizens Advice West Suffolk based in Newmarket, which is probably of more use to residents in our ward, will continue. The Citizens Advice in Cambridge is also available. Other sources of advice in the area are ECDC, telephone 01353 665555, who have an out of hours service for emergencies. Charlotte and John are also happy to help and our contact details are published in the village magazines and websites and East Cambs website.

Our next Councillors' Surgery is on Tuesday 31st March at 6.30 in Lode Village Hall, followed by meet your councillors at the Shed in Lode. NB this is a change of date from that previously advertised. Our following surgery will be on Wednesday 22nd April in the Memorial Hall, Brinkley.

Charlotte Cane & John Trapp

**CATHOLIC SERVICES
NEWMARKET & KIRTILING.**

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

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE DAY

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH,
Burrough Green**



SATURDAY 4th April from 10.00 am

If you are able to offer an hour or two of your time to help with the annual cleaning and maintenance of St Augustine's we'd be very grateful. It's good fun and we always have time for tea and biscuits and some homemade soup for lunch. Do join us and help preserve this wonderful historic building and churchyard. Thank you.

Contact Church warden: Lucy Talbot: 01638 507060

COMFORT PLUS PRODUCTS

Are giving a presentation of their products
**at 10.30am on Tuesday 10th March
in the Community Room at Sheriff's Court
in Burrough Green**

They sell adjustable beds and chairs for the less mobile and will also have a range of their household products to make life easier for those with disabilities.

All welcome. Refreshments provided.

STAN STARVIS
Died 13th March 2004

In loving memory of my darling husband
Stan.
Loved and remembered always.
Still sadly missed.
Your ever-loving wife
Betty

MARCH SERVICES - ALL WELCOME

Sunday 1st March 1st Sunday of Lent

9.00am BCP Holy Communion Brinkley
10.30am Family Service Burrough Green
Gen. 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 Rom. 5: 12-19 Matt. 4: 1-11

Sunday 8th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.00am Holy Communion Stetchworth
10.30am Morning Service Dullingham
Gen. 12: 1-4a Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17

Sunday 15th March 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.00am Holy Communion Burrough Green
10.30am Morning Service Brinkley
3.00pm **FROGS!** Dullingham
Exod. 17: 1-7 Rom. 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42

Sunday 22nd March 4th Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion Dullingham
3.00pm Evensong Stetchworth
7.00pm Lent Course The Rectory
Exod. 2: 1-10 2 Cor. 1: 3-7 Luke 2: 33-3

Sunday 29th March 5th Sunday of Lent

10.30am Family Benefice Communion Westley Waterless
7.00pm Lent Course The Rectory
Ezek. 37: 1-14 Rom. 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45

Dignity with God

The 40 days of Lent correspond with Jesus's 40 days of temptation in the wilderness. Where Jesus, God in human form, is tested. Why? Perhaps so he can look at each one of us who struggles with sin, addiction, overwork, the inability to say 'no', and say 'yeah it's tough'!

Throughout Jesus's life he met intimately those who were struggling and publicly identifies with them saying 'whatever you do for the one who struggles, you do it for me'. There is no judgement, no commendation but rather a touching, intimate connection one on one, and in so doing, Jesus reveals their infinite dignity, before the face of God.

Can you imagine, that even when you don't feel able, worthy enough to look up at God, God is already sitting with you.

As we reflect this Lent on what it is in our lives we might need to amend, get help or support, know that we don't do it alone. We have the very one who created us rooting for us and thankfully they have a whole army of angels behind them!

In these 40 days, may you find stillness, may you find healing, may you find God.

Nikki

Explore God in Lent

We will be running a Lent Course starting Sunday 22nd March at 7pm in The Rectory and Monday 23rd March at 10am at Clare Farm in Dullingham. All welcome.

Considering Baptism or Confirmation?

Baptism: Open to all, any age, no entry requirements
Confirmation: Open to those (aged 11-111) interested in exploring God and faith

To discuss either of the above do contact me, I would be delighted to hear from you. Revd Nikki nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk Text 07738 266057

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

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 Churchwardens ; details as below.

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