

VILLAGE VOICE

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

FEBRUARY 2021

THANK YOU

During the lockdowns due to Covid 19 restrictions, several people are being extremely kind, generous and community spirited. Providing meals, help, transport and shopping to others. They are the unsung heroes of our villages and much appreciated. In particular thanks to Rob & Katrina at The Bull in Burrough Green for the lunches they provided to the staff at both the school and playgroup as a kind gesture to thank them for taking care of our local children.

Thank you

BURROUGH GREEN OIL SYNDICATE

The next oil syndicate order will be placed on Monday 15th February. 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 no later than Sunday 14th February, with details of your order. Please be as accurate as possible and ensure all requests are accompanied by a house name/number, postcode, telephone number and quantity of oil required (500ltrs minimum).

Pauline and Dawn

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

A belated Happy New Year to one and all. At last we have some good news of an event which IS going ahead for a change! Of course, our forthcoming meetings cannot be in person and face-to-face at the moment. But in the next couple of months we have two talks over Zoom to entertain you. In February we have the ever-popular **Andrew Sankey** who will give a talk on **Tuesday 23rd February** on "Six Great Gardens". Members will get an email with the appropriate link to join the Zoom meeting nearer the time. If you are not a member but would like to hear Andrew's talk, please email our secretary judith.mahoney@btinternet.com who will get you onto the list.

Then in March we are pleased to welcome once again **Tom Cole**, who had to postpone his live talk last year at short notice. So once again join us on Zoom to hear his talk on "Perennials" on **Wednesday 10th March**. Our Zoom meetings will take place at 7.30 pm on the appointed day, but it's worth logging on to the link beforehand in case of any problems. In good community spirit we are throwing these meetings open to non-members, but we'd be delighted if you then decide you'd like to join the Club. Contact Judith for any membership queries.

TREE PLANTING



A number of young trees have been planted within the Carlton cum Willingham parish by representatives of the parish council. We'd like to thank Peter Coppen, John Kay & Thurlow Estate for supporting the planting of the trees on the field verges. We hope that the trees will be enjoyed by the

local community & by future generations.

MORE THANK YOUS

A huge thank you from the PTA and our little learners to everyone who supported the Burrough Green School Auction Of Promises which raised £1283 for the Reading Book Campaign.

Playgroup Autumn Raffle - We were all thrilled with the response from the local community with prizes and ticket sales. We raised a whopping £725.40. This will go towards all sorts of wonderful things for the playgroup. Thank you all for your support.

Sarah and Kayleigh

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY



Pubs will be closed until after Easter. We will continue to offer takeaway food. Takeaway alcohol is no longer permitted - sorry.

Please order Sunday roasts by Saturday. To be sure of a Friday evening slot please call as soon as you know you would like an order, and please order pizzas the day before so we can make dough. 01618 508707 - our menu is at http://redlionbrinkley.co.uk/takeaway/Takeaway_nov_2020.pdf

We will be out working in the front flower beds soon. It'll be great to not be barrowing 20 tonnes of dirt around this year before we can plant anything. Give us a wave if you pass. It has almost been a year and we have missed seeing so many people so very much.

Gwyn & Morris

01638 508707

BRINKLEY CHURCHYARD

Aarrgghhh cellophane flower wrappers in our new brown bin!!!

Would all visitors to the churchyard please note that the green and brown bins are both for grass and all greenery ONLY? All other rubbish should be put into the black dustbin in the corner. Thank you

Brinkley PCC

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Please call us or follow us on Facebook to keep up with the ever changing rules and regulations on what is permitted at the Centre.

Currently we are closed apart from the Shop and Post Office which is open from 9am-12pm weekdays only. Entrance at the far end of the building.

The Staff and Trustees hope that you are keeping safe and well and we look forward to seeing you all again soon. Be assured that we will open as soon as we get the go ahead and will do our utmost to keep you safe within government guidelines when we do.

Thank you so much for all your support and generous donations.

The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.

www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Tel 01638 508212. Email

office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

ROADWORKS - Common Road, Brinkley

I am writing to advise you that our contractor Cambridgeshire Highways, will commence carriageway patching and preparation works on Friday 5th February 2021, in advance of carriageway Surface Treatment in 2021.

Works are anticipated to last 2 days, and whilst the work is in progress, during operational hours, the road will be closed from 8am to 4pm, and vehicular access will be restricted. A signed diversion route will be in place for through traffic.

In order for the contractor to complete the work with minimum disruption, it is essential that no vehicles are parked on the road. If you have particular access requirements, please speak to a member of the crew onsite who will be able to assist.

Access to properties within the closure area will be possible, but are subject to working conditions, and delays are to be expected. Please look out for the advanced notices on site, as these will give the most up to date information; or contact our call centre or email as above.

There will obviously be some noise and disruption associated with the work, and I apologise for any inconvenience that you may suffer.

If you have any queries regarding the works please use the above contact details.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

Martin Gowler Network Management Officer

local.highways@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



Please check on Facebook for current situation

Rob and I look forward to welcoming you soon. 01638 508333

MOBILE LIBRARY



The Mobile Library will be at BRINKLEY Memorial Hall on the 1st Tuesday of each month between 3.00 - 4.00pm;

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



It was in Brinkley in January but you will need to check if it will be coming in February.

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :

Black bin - 8th & 22nd February.

Blue - 1st & 15th February.

Green - 1st February.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Thursdays :

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 4th & 18th February.

Green Lid - 11th & 25th February.

ANSWERS TO JANUARY QUIZ

1. Honeysuckle
2. Atonement
3. Only the Lonely
4. Trombone
5. Sierra Leone
6. Maisonette
7. Indonesia
8. Stonewall
9. Baritone
10. They all have the word ONE in the answer

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

I hope you were all happy with the 2020 Brinkley Village Christmas card. It has been suggested that I change the cover design, and I have already had an alternative offered to me.

With that in mind, I would like to invite villagers to submit a photo or other picture, depicting Brinkley, to me by August 31st, to rospates@yahoo.co.uk, or drop it in to 18, Green Park.

Ros

WANTED

Dear Village voice readers and neighbours; we have just moved to Brinkley and would like to get a dog. We would like to ask for help or recommendation either for Breeders or if anybody in the area has just had a litter and any puppies are available.

Thank you

Tim, Olane and Mark

Contact Email: Tim@wavelength.org.uk



CHESS project supports households struggling to pay their energy bills

Do you know someone who is struggling to pay their heating bills? Have you checked that your family and friends are managing to stay warm this winter? The newly launched Cambridgeshire Home Energy Support Service (CHESS) is on hand to help residents in East Cambridgeshire with their energy bills.

The global pandemic of Covid-19 has caused an unprecedented time of anxiety, financial instability, and feelings of isolation. Two local charities, PECT and Cambridgeshire ACRE, have teamed up to help improve the health and wellbeing of households who are suffering from, or at risk of, fuel poverty.

Cold, damp housing has serious impacts on our health and wellbeing. It increases the risk of developing respiratory illnesses - such as Covid-19 - plus cases of strokes, heart attacks, pneumonia, and depression. Right now, the health issues linked with fuel poverty are further exacerbated by COVID-19, putting an additional 200,000 households at risk. Stuart Dawks, Director of Operations at PECT comments: "We feel that the CHESS project will make a real difference to households who have fallen into fuel debt as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We know the next few months are going to be particularly difficult for many people and we want to help as many local residents as we can through this service."

The aim of the project is to help households cut their heating costs by offering free impartial advice on accessing home improvement grants, fuel debt relief, switching energy supplier, signing up to the Priority Services Register and finding solutions to damp and condensation.

Kirsten Bennett Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire ACRE said "As part of this project we hope to recruit local volunteers to be the 'eyes and ears' of the scheme within our communities, helping us to identify people in need of this support and advice. Please consider supporting the CHESS project by volunteering to promote this scheme and refer people to us for the support they may desperately need."

The project is funded through the Energy Industry Voluntary Redress Scheme, please visit www.energyredress.org.uk for more details.

If you would like to support the CHESS project, and protect vulnerable households, we are currently recruiting volunteers to help identify households in need. For more information, contact 01353 865048, email enquiries@cambacre.org.uk or visit www.pect.org.uk/warmhomes

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**WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO HELP IMPROVE CANCER SERVICES LOCALLY?**

Then please consider joining the Addenbrooke's Cancer Patient Partnership Group (CPPG). It has a flexible membership of people who have had cancer or are living with it. Carers are welcome too. Members participate as much or as little as they like, some just via email and others form part of a committee of 15-20, meeting every two to three months. The group works alongside staff to improve services and information for cancer patients at Addenbrooke's.

I joined the CPPG last year and have already been involved in the Reader Panel assessing the wording used in a number of patient information leaflets. I have also volunteered to be involved in the new Cambridge Cancer Research Hospital project by bringing patients' views to the table.

The CPPG is actively trying to widen the diversity of this group. For more information please contact Lenja Bell on [cpgg@addenbrookes.nhs.uk](mailto:cpgg@addenbrookes.nhs.uk) or 07729 105550, or see: <https://www.cuh.nhs.uk/our-services/cancer-services/cancer-support-services/addenbrookes-cancer-patient-partnership-group/>

*Glenn Edge  
Westley Waterless*

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2523 LINTON RAF AIR CADETS.

Linton now have both wing and regional approval to return to face to face training when the lock down is lifted and the National Youth Agency guidelines is amber.

Cadets continue to achieve through our classification syllabus. Upon completion of the Master Cadet award we issue a BTEC Level 2 in Aviation Studies. This is alongside those cadets completing their BTEC Level 2 in Teamwork and Personal Development. There is still plenty of lockdown success to be had yet!

The squadron Civilian Committee are poised to purchase two brand new, high tech, squadron "quad" drones. This opens up another stream of air minded training achievable locally with a syllabus of ground school and drone piloting techniques.

The drones come alongside the additional first aid training aids purchased in 2020 - the Civilian Committee is committed to enhance all aspects of cadet training ahead of our return, giving cadets access to the latest equipment and resources.

With face to face training to resume soon, our first priority will be to get current cadets back up to speed and to finish the BTEC and Duke of Edinburgh awards outstanding from 2020. Once this is complete we will be looking to invite new cadets to the squadron.

If you are 12 years old and in year 8, or know someone that would like to join, please contact me on the details below and see www.2523linton.co.uk.

*Bradley Wright Pilot Officer RAFAC
Training Officer training.2523@rafac.mod.gov.uk*

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**MARSH MAIL News from Linton Village College**

It's incredible just how much has changed in the space of a month. All of us have had to adjust to being in lockdown once again and the impact that this has had on children's education.

At Linton Village College, needing to revert back to remote learning and closing the College to the vast majority of our students came as a shock at the end of term. However, the resilience and adaptability of our staff, students and families has been remarkable.

While the press is quick to criticise teachers and teenagers, I have the privilege of working alongside both and observing how hard both have worked to make online learning a success. Overnight, teachers changed curriculum plans and upskilled to move their regular lessons onto Microsoft Teams. Students stepped up, with the support of their parents and carers, to take greater responsibility for their learning.

Our partnership with Cambs Youth Panel continues with many families benefiting from access to technology through this means, in addition to devices issued by the Department for Education.

Meanwhile many members of our support staff have been working hard in school to supervise vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. Those learning in school have engaged brilliantly with the remote provision and new routines.

Other members of staff and volunteers from the local community have contributed to the setup of a rapid Covid-19 testing centre on site. The College's sports centre has been converted into testing bays and the trained testing team, expertly led by our Sports Centre Manager, is now working hard to administer lateral flow tests for staff and students based in school.

In time, as we welcome back more teachers and students to work and learn in school, more testing will be required. While not as accurate as the lab-processed PCR Covid-19 tests, the lateral flow devices can help us to identify asymptomatic cases amongst the College community.

I am incredibly proud of how colleagues and families have responded in the current challenges. The volume of appreciative messages and comments of support have also helped to keep morale high and community relationships strong.

Helena

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ON-LINE EXERCISE

Packets of live-streamed classes on ZOOM or recorded sessions of your choice. You decide which classes will be included in your packet. You can choose from: Vinyasa Yoga, Yin Yoga, Pilates, Body Shred and dance classes.

Contact: marta.maj@mmhealthandfitness.co

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**CAMBRIDGE FIRE & RESCUE BULLETIN**

**Reflections on 2020**

Despite 2020 bringing unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued to deliver vital services to the residents of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

While maintaining an effective emergency response, staff have been delivering safety advice and supporting the health sector with the battle against COVID-19.

**Follow the latest Covid-19 restrictions**

Coronavirus cases are rising rapidly across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives. You must also continue to:

- Wash your hands - keep washing your hands regularly.
- Cover your face - wear a face covering in enclosed spaces.
- Make space - stay at least two metres apart - or one metre with a face covering or other precautions.

Protect our loved ones, the most vulnerable in our communities and the NHS, to help us get back to the things we love sooner. If you are symptomatic, you need to book a test. To get a test, call 119 or visit <http://bit.ly/3ni1ftl>.

**Fire Authority seeking an additional £1.44 per year for a Band D property**

Are you happy to pay an additional £1.44 a year for your fire and rescue service (based on a Band D property)?

With no increase to our government grant this year and additional costs managing the Covid pandemic, we are proposing a small increase to our share of the council tax to help meet these costs and fund enhanced first aid training for our firefighters who are often first at the scene of an incident.

You can provide your feedback about the proposed increase via this short survey (just two questions).

**What3Words**

Have you downloaded what3words?

Emergencies can happen anywhere and identifying precisely where help is needed is critical.

In an emergency, where a location is difficult to describe or there are no obvious landmarks nearby, you can give your three word address from the what3words app to our control room.

Already this year it has helped us rescue two people, one stuck in flooding and one who was reporting an outdoor fire.

Be prepared. If you have a smart phone you can ownload it now for free from your phone app store.

## Home Schooling

As home schooling resumes, we know there will be lots of children disappointed they haven't been able to visit our stations, or for us to come and see them in school.

To make home-schooling fun for little ones, we've put together some resources to help keep them entertained and educated.

Head over to our website, where you'll find everything from colouring in, to tours of a fire station. We've also signposted to some other topical resources that you might find useful.

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

## THE PETER & RUTH LLOYD TRUST AWARD

With predicted GCSE & A level grades and lectures watched by 'Zoom', our young people faced a difficult start to sixth form and university life this year! Let us hope that by September 2021 things may be beginning to resemble normality again. For those from our villages looking to embark on this next chapter of their academic life do please apply to our local trust to get some financial help!

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2021. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year to the amount of £1000.

Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following:-

Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wrattling Common airfield - Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, West Wickham, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wrattling, Weston Colville and Withersfield.

The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc.

Final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level/Baccalaureate results and University offer are known.

For further information about the trust and award please contact:

Jonathan Drury 01223 290968

For an application form please apply via email to: [peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com](mailto:peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com)

The application form and supporting documents must be received at the latest by 31st March 2021.

## DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

### SOUTH CAMBS *Henry Batchelor & Geoff Harvey* Happy New Year

Happy new year from your local councillors, Henry and Geoff. With a prolonged episode of lockdown and social restrictions looking to carry on well into 2021,

If either of us can be of assistance at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

[Henrybatchelor89@gmail.com](mailto:Henrybatchelor89@gmail.com)

[geoff.harvey@gmail.com](mailto:geoff.harvey@gmail.com)

### Local Authority Covid Support

At time of writing, we are about to enter the New Year in 'Tier 4', which has its own set of restrictions as laid out by government, which can be seen here - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home>

This will of course have some impact on people and local business. There is a small support grant for business that is forced to close due to Covid, available from the District Council -

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/businessgrant>

Also available from SCDC is a 'Covid Co-Ordinator' who can assist with most things Covid related, including advice and directing to these various grants. Her name is Vicky Hoover - [Vicky.hoover@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:Vicky.hoover@scambs.gov.uk)

There is also support available from the County Council, via their 'Hub' which can be contacted through their website -

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/covid-19-coordination-hub-your-community-needs-you>

### Local Plan

The joint Local Plan, being drawn up between South Cambs and the City councils, is still moving forward. If you'd like to see any of the documents, including the proposed locations of developments, you can see all the information here -

<https://www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/emerging-plans-and-guidance/greater-cambridge-local-plan/document-library/>

### Resurfacing

As previously reported, the County Council are resurfacing some roads in our area, this is due to occur in the first few months of the year.

### Vaccine Transport Volunteers

The County Council are looking for volunteers to help transport elderly people, who aren't able to drive, to their Covid vaccination appointments. If you can assist, please register here -

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/appeal-for-volunteers-to-transport-people-to-vaccination-appointments>

### Uttlesford and West Suffolk Local Plans

Some of you may remember that last year Uttlesford District Council (directly to the south of us, North Essex) submitted plans to a government inspector to allocate 5,000 houses near Gt Chesterford as part of their Local Plan. The inspector told them to go away and start again, which they are now doing and are asking for public engagement in this process.

Geoff and Henry will keep you as up to date as possible from the local authority angle but do keep your ears to the ground!

Sunnica Solar Farm Consultation : Not strictly in our area but there are proposals for an enormous solar

farm based in East Cambridgeshire, across 4 sites. The company is currently consulting on these proposals and anybody can comment here - <https://sunnica.co.uk/proposals/>

### **EAST CAMBS**

**Bottisham Ward** - Charlotte Cane & John Trapp  
As we write this, England is in lockdown due to Covid-19. The rules and guidance change frequently, so please check the government website for the latest rules - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. The simple message is to avoid leaving home unless you have to, or for daily exercise, and avoid contact with people who are not in your household. When you have to go out, eg on public transport or at shops, wear a face covering. Use the disinfectant made available while you are out and wash your hands thoroughly at home. Following these rules will help keep you and our community safe. If you need any help or advice, East Cambs has advice and links to other advice at

<https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/content/covid-19-information-and-support>.

There is government help and voluntary help to cover most needs, so if you need help please ask John or Charlotte or follow these links.

The vaccinations are being rolled out to care homes and people who are 85 and over and will then be rolled out further. This holds out hope for the future, but it is vital that we keep ourselves and others safe by staying at home as far as possible.

Some people have used lockdown to try new things. For example, if you would like to see flies in a new light you could try <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/events/2021-02-17-flies-good-bad-and-ugly-john-showers-online-and-optional-outdoor>. Or for craft/design/history fusion you could try

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/info/make-and-do>.

Or go sightseeing from the comfort of your home - <https://www.visitengland.com/things-do-to-at-home-bored>

We shall be holding our next Councillor's Surgery by Zoom on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30 p.m. The Meeting ID is 631 542 4066, and the Passcode is 938720. If you prefer to follow a link, it will be on Charlotte's Facebook page -

<fb.me/charlottecanelibdem>. If you prefer to join by 'phone, you can join the meeting by dialling 0203 901 7895 and entering the meeting ID and password when prompted. If you join for the Surgery, you will be held in the waiting room if there is already someone in the meeting with us, so that any discussions with us during the Surgery remain confidential. The Surgery will be followed by 'Meet your Councillors' on the same Zoom link, and this will be a group meeting to listen to, and discuss, your ideas and opinions with others.

Charlotte Cane - [charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane@eastcambs.gov.uk) - 01638 741064

John Trapp - [john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:john.trapp@eastcambs.gov.uk) - 01223 812120

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Woodditton Ward - Alan Sharp & Amy Starkey

We hope that everyone is keeping safe in the current situation.

Current working arrangements during COVID-19

During the current lockdown, the Council offices have been closed to visitors. Please use online facilities or call 01353 665555 to speak to the Customer Services team. Some of the team will be working on COVID specific duties rather their normal duties, so please bear with us if the response is longer than normal. Please contact us if you are having difficulty getting the response that you require.

The Government has announced more grant schemes for businesses forced to shut, such as pubs and restaurants. The District Council will be administering these grants, which are designed to keep these businesses afloat during the crisis. Please check the ECDC website for further details.

Dedicated car parking enforcement

Work has progressed with the Council setting up a CSAS (Community Safety Accreditation Scheme), as a dedicated car parking enforcement resource for the District. Subject to agreement of the Chief Constable, for ECDC to implement car parking enforcement under section 38 of the Police and Crime Act 2017. This will mean that officers of the Council will be able to issue tickets to vehicles that offend parking law. We will keep you updated.

Protection for villages from unwanted development

Each village has a development envelope, outside of which development is only allowed under certain circumstances. Each planning authority, in our case ECDC, must be able to show a 5-year housing supply, without which the planning authority has more difficulty in defending each village's development envelope. Since April 2020, the Council has been able to demonstrate in excess of a 6- year supply, which has withstood several challenges from developers, with Planning Inspectors finding in our favour.

On Tuesday 19th January, the Council were advised that they had passed the Housing Delivery Test with a mark of 87%, the pass mark being 75%. The Housing Delivery test is a measure of the number of houses built within the District against the target.

This gives us even greater protection against unwanted developments and is a great reflection on the work done by the planning team.

Surgeries

If you wish to discuss a Council issue in confidence, please contact us and we will set up a virtual call.

Stay Safe : Alan Sharp: Tel 07794 292941

E alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk

Amy Starkey: Tel 07901 716233

E amy.starkey@eastcambs.gov.uk
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**BURROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Tax Precept 2021 -2022**

We have calculated that our precept request this year will be the same as last year at £10,190 (£64.49 for a Band D property). This was agreed at the January 2020 meeting by Full Council. The impact of COVID-19 is likely to see an increase in unemployment and the number of households entitled to Local Council Tax Reduction Support (LCTS). Increases in LCTS has the effect of reducing the number of properties available to pay council tax (i.e. the taxbase) across the County, the overall taxbase has fallen by 1.4 per cent as a result of increased LCTS. So although our total Precept request has not increased, due to LCTS this would equate to an increase of £2.25 per household over the year.

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

**Winter Walks**

Many people are out and about enjoying the countryside at the moment, so it's important that we all please remember to follow the The Countryside Code:

**Respect other people**

- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow
- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear

**Protect the natural environment**

- Dog poo - bag it and bin it : •Keep dogs under effective control : •Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home : •Don't have BBQs or fires

**Enjoy the outdoors**

- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures : •Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared

**Support during the Covid-19 Lockdown**

Burrough Green has a community phone which you can ring or text if you need help with:

- Picking basic groceries up : •Collecting medicines
- Posting mail : •Or just a friendly chat!

Tel: 07715 574 296

Please use this service when you need it. If the phone goes to voicemail, just leave a message and someone will get back to you ASAP. The coordinator will then pass your request to a volunteer.

**Keep It Clear**

Our sewers and drains are designed to carry the three P's - Pee, Poo and Paper (toilet).

However, local residents are suffering the effects of blocked mains sewer pipes, made worse by heavy rainfall.

80% of sewer blockages are avoidable and caused by items that should be put into the bin. To prevent this

from happening again, please follow the Anglian Water advice:

How you can help in the kitchen...

- Water is the only thing you should put down your sink.
- Used cooking oil should never be poured down the sink. Instead recycle it, compost at home or wait until it is cool, pour into a plastic bottle with a lid, and take to a Household Waste Recycling Centre for recycling.
- Use kitchen towel to absorb cooled liquid fat from cooking pans and trays
- Leftovers, peelings and food scraps should never go down the sink. Use a sink strainer to stop them going down the plughole and empty into the food waste bin. Peelings can be composted at home

In the bathroom...

- A bin is the best place for all your unflushable waste. Put one by the loo, so nobody's tempted to flush rubbish. ; •Put wipes, nappies, cotton wool, floss and cotton buds in the bin.
- Use bags or toilet paper to discreetly dispose of sanitary products waste - again, in the bin.

These items quickly mix with other sewer debris to create a blockage. This leads to sewer flooding in homes and pollution of the local environment, which is distressing, costly to put right, and potentially devastating for our local wildlife and waterways.

[clerk.bgpc@ymail.com](mailto:clerk.bgpc@ymail.com)

Contact details for Parish Councillors on [www.burroughgreen.com](http://www.burroughgreen.com)

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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 Churchwardens ; details as below.

**Rev'd Nikki Mann** 01638 507980

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**FROM THE RECTORY**

**Mud- Not Yet Glorious!**

It's February- many of us are tired- fed up and running on empty. Covid- and everything that goes with it- continues to cast a real shadow, to cause real heartache, pain and strain. It's really hard. And to add to our gloom this time the copious amounts of rain have meant mud, mud everywhere!

But thankfully there is hope on the horizon and oh how grateful we are to our NHS and all its staff; for the scientists and the vaccines that are being rolled out. And we can begin to smell Spring and the coming of lighter, longer days. Shoots and early blooms are peeking out, the birds are increasing their chatter. It is comforting to me, and perhaps to you, to know that the seasons roll on and God's mercies and beauties of creation are new every morning.

This month also brings us into Lent. Don't tell the Bishop - but I am not advocating a restrictive Lent - gosh haven't we more than done this over the last year! What I suggest instead is 40 days of Spiritual Connection. In the Lent Course (anyone is welcome to join by Zoom or I can point you to materials) we will be looking at and trying out different ways to pray and connect with our spiritual self and the spirit of God. More generally it is about seeing ourselves and God as connected spiritual beings, as part of an entwined story which we can seek to connect with more deeply. We might read a biblical passage and set ourselves as one of the characters, what words would we say to or wish to hear from Jesus? We might pick a leaf and consider the hands of the creator who made it, who made us. We might hold a piece of soft material to our cheek and consider God as our great comforter and how that speaks to us of who God is ...

Jesus talks a lot about little things making a big difference. He talks about the widow's mite- a tiny financial contribution given with a big heart. He talks about a tiny bit of yeast raising a whole basin full of flour. He talks about a mustard seed of faith growing into a great tree. He talks about someone who offers a little one a cup of water being rewarded in heaven. Locked down as we are, we may feel helpless or useless, but we can all be receivers of and bringers of light, encouragement, comfort and hope.

God's love surround you,  
Nikki

**February Church Services & Updates**

It is likely our churches will remain closed for services during February but remain open for Private Prayer &

Reflection NB Dullingham & Stetchworth are closed Saturdays and Burrough Green and Carlton are currently closed for building work).

We will continue to email out our **Weekend Connection Reflection Service** and are also pleased to also offer the following- 'Open to All' Zoom events:



**Tuesday, 16th February Zoom Live Pancakes!** (Gather and chat from 5.45pm; Start 6.00pm. Let us know if you will require ingredients 😊)



**17th February Ash Wednesday Zoom Service** (Gather and chat from 6.45pm; Start 7.00pm.)

The links for both of these will go out with the Weekend Connection. If you would like to be included in the weekly email or register just for the link/s for the Zoom events above please email: [nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk)

For a hard copy please contact Revd Nikki or a Churchwarden. [www.raddesley.com](http://www.raddesley.com)

**Lent Course by Zoom**

This FREE - Open to All - Lent Course on 'How to Pray' will take place on:

**21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March 7-8pm**

Email [nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk) for the link.

**Church Notice Board Humour**

*With thanks to Alix Allan*

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin

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