

VILLAGE VOICE

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

MARCH 2021

A VERY INTERESTING QUERY

I chanced upon the following story published in *Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper* of 16th October 1910. If anyone can throw any light upon this unusual case, which doesn't appear to be satirical, I'd be more than grateful!

Michael Hrebeniak (mh433@cam.ac.uk)

GIRL'S STRANGE DISEASE

Walking Band of Music' to be Operated on in London Hospital

The Newmarket Guardians were yesterday negotiating for the removal to the London Hospital of a young girl, named Ruth Parr, who is suffering from a most peculiar disease. The girl was admitted into the union infirmary from the parish of Brinkley, where she was known as 'the Band of Music Girl', from the fact that from her body are heard musical notes of varying loudness and in all keys. The local doctors could do nothing for her.

The Rev WR Bray, in moving that the guardians should pay for her removal to the London Hospital, said the girl was not likely to be cured if she remained where she was, and if she was not cured she would live her life in the workhouse. Dr Collen King had suggested to him that she should be got into a hospital in London as an interesting case. They had tried to cure her in the infirmary and had tried at Cambridge, and the only chance of the girl's future was for her to go to London. The Rev Colville Wallis seconded the proposition, which was carried.

BRINKLEY AUCTION

Every couple of years Brinkley PCC organise an Auction of household and garden items: furniture : china : glass : tools: pictures : etc.etc. This raises much needed funds for Brinkley Church.



The last year of Covid restrictions has meant the income of our church has fallen dramatically as we have been unable to have our usual fund-raising events. Our running costs still have to be met though.

We are really hoping that we can hold an auction in the autumn. If you have been having a clear out during lockdown and think you have items that we could auction to raise funds for St Mary's, then please hang on to them for a little while longer!! We may be able to store some items. Call John on 01638 507484 if you would like to know more.

RECYCLING

Carlton & Willingham Green - Mondays :

Black bin - 8th & 22nd March

Blue & Green - 1st & 15th & 29th March.

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Thursdays :

Black sacks weekly.

Blue Lid - 4th, 18th & WEDNESDAY 31st March.

Green Lid - 11th & 25th March.

BRINKLEY CHURCHYARD



A few members of Brinkley PCC will be having a tidy up in Brinkley Churchyard on **SATURDAY 6th MARCH** from 10am.

As it is quite a large area and we can work safely distanced we would be very grateful if you could spare an hour or two to help. Please bring your own tools and come along.

JOYCE HAMMOND

One of Brinkley's favourite residents sadly died on 31st January 2021. Joyce had been so much a part of Brinkley life for over 50years. I'm sure many of you will have lovely memories of Joyce. Due to the current restrictions her funeral was a small affair, but many locals lined the route out of Brinkley to say their goodbye. The family has sent the following message....

Joyce's funeral was a lovely memorial to her life and a lovely way to say goodbye; what made it so special was seeing all her friends and neighbours standing in the rain and cold all the way up to Running House Corner.

We just hope Heaven is in need of another brilliant gardener and baker and is in need of a multitude of soft furnishings!

Thank you to all of you for giving her the best send-off we could in these unprecedented times.

Stay safe

Helen, Toni-Ann, Hattie and Glen.

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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



DOG POO BAGS

While picking up dog poo into small plastic bags should be encouraged, it is not acceptable just to leave them beside a footpath, dangling from a hedge, in a ditch, or anywhere in the countryside. At the moment, it is particularly bad on the footpath leading from the road at the Carlton end of Brinkley towards the stream. Please could anyone who is doing this put the bags into the appropriate bin: there is one at the top of Old School Lane and another in the middle of Brinkley. It is actually preferable NOT to collect the poo in a plastic bag, which is then left to despoil the environment, but to remove the poo into a hedge, or somewhere off the paths, where it will degrade in a few days.



An exasperated local.

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION BRINKLEY

We're glad to have seen the roadmap of where we are maybe going, and we'll see how things firm up during March.



Thank you all that have ordered takeaways, and please think about helping us by maybe doing that once again in March. Stay strong. We're all hopefully on our way out of this.

We really hope you are maybe about to enjoy some better weather, maybe sending your kids back to school, some gardening, meeting some friends or family members or getting a vaccine or an appointment for one.

Just knowing how many of you are doing has been good for us. Thank you for letting us know. We're going to garden, maybe get more chickens, finish doing some things inside and outside, and definitely watch Norwich marching towards winning the Championship since we have yet again more unexpected time to watch TV sports these days; as we've only been able to go to one game this year. We may even put our signed Norwich strips up on the walls before you're allowed to come visit again

Gwyn & Morris.

01638 508707

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

EAST CAMBS :

Bottisham Ward :Charlotte Cane & John Trapp
Snowdrops are out - which means Easter is on its way. Don't forget that there will be temporary changes to the waste collection dates. (See dates under Recycling Ed)

And after Easter, it must be time for elections... On Thursday 6 May we will be voting for our County Councillor, Police and Crime Commissioner and Mayor. Covid may bring additional challenges to attending the polling station, so you may want to arrange a postal or proxy vote. With a postal vote, the Council will post you your ballot with a pre-paid return envelope, you vote before election day, so that your ballot is delivered back to ECDC by polling day. With a proxy vote you nominate a trusted person to cast your vote for you at the polling station. You can get the forms to apply for postal or proxy votes on-line <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/elections-voting/ways-vote> or by email

Democratic.Services@eastcambs.gov.uk or phone the Elections Office 01353 665555

The Finance and Assets Committee discussed the budget for 2021/22. Although the draft budget for next year is balanced, by drawing funds from reserves, by 2023/24 the Council will have a budget shortfall of £4.6 million on a total net expenditure of £12 million. The Finance Manager "strongly recommended that early consideration is made as to how savings in future years will be made."

The Committee also approved the Climate Change Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). There were many comments from individuals and groups that felt that the SPD did not go far enough to counter climate change, with interesting and thoughtful contributions, and we hope that most of these suggestions can be incorporated into the new Local Plan. Unfortunately, an SPD cannot go beyond the provisions in the current Local Plan, but it does contain some useful guidance. We were disappointed that several large housing developers had sought to water down the proposals.

The Operational Services Committee renewed the grant to the Newmarket CAB, but for one year only. The paper presented to the Committee recommended that "Once the pandemic and its associated restrictions ease, the Council's Housing and Community Advice service will seek to create a housing and advice hub in the Newmarket area." We are concerned by this because many people are more comfortable going to Citizens' Advice than they are going to the Council, because they see Citizens' Advice as independent. We therefore think the grant should be continued in future years.

Our next virtual District Councillors' Surgery will be on Wednesday 24 March at 6.30pm, followed by Meet

your Councillors from 7.00pm. The Zoom meeting ID is 631 542 4066 and the passcode is 938720.

Woodditton Ward : Alan Sharp & Amy Starkey

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

Current working arrangements during COVID-19 (as of writing this report)

During the current lockdown, the Council offices continue to be closed to visitors. Please use online facilities or call 01353 665555 to speak to the Customer Services team. Some of the Council 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 further 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

The Finance & Assets Committee on 25th January approved implementation of CSAS, 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. Sadly, this was not a unanimous decision, being opposed by Lib Dem councillors.

Repairs to pathways and footpaths

The county Council at their budget setting meeting announced a budget of £4million per year for the next five years to bring the footpaths around the County up to an acceptable standard. Please contact Alan with an local issues that need to be addressed as part of this scheme.

Flooding Issues

We have had an exceptionally wet winter, and this has caused flooding issues around the country.

The County Council has set up a group to log the issues around the County. From that information, plans will be drawn up as to how we can address those issues. Please email Alan with any details of flooding, that should be included in this work.

Surgeries

If you wish to discuss a Council issue in confidence, whether it relates to East Cambridgeshire District Council or Cambridgeshire County Council, please contact us and we will set up a virtual call.

Stay Safe

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Amy Starkey: E amy.starkey@eastcamb.gov.uk Tel 07901716233

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE BULLETIN

Family and friends raise money for hospital iPads in memory of Danny

Family and friends of firefighter Danny Granger who sadly died in February, have set up a Go Fund Me page to raise money to buy iPads and holders for the Addenbrookes intensive care unit.

The fundraising page, which has already reached nearly £4000, has been set up in Danny's memory to help families of those in the critical wards see and speak to their loved ones while visiting is restricted.

Fire service staff pitching in to support vaccination rollout

We are supporting vaccination sites around the county to help get residents vaccinated against COVID-19.

Staff from across all areas of the Service, from emergency call handlers and support staff to fire officers and both on-call and wholetime firefighters, have all been giving help at vaccination sites.

Take care in the kitchen

Most kitchen fires occur when people are distracted or leave things unattended. Make sure you stay safe when cooking, and follow our top tips:

- Don't leave pans unattended. Take them off the heat if you have to leave the room.
- Keep electrical leads, tea towels and cloths away from the cooker.
- Keep the oven, hob and grill clean. A build-up of fat and grease can easily catch fire.

And most importantly, make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home. They will alert you to a fire and give you precious minutes to escape to safety. Make sure you have one on every floor of your home, and test them regularly. You can buy them from most large supermarkets, DIY stores and online.

THE BULL BURROUGH GREEN



Please check on Facebook for current situation

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

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.



GIRLGUIDING LINTON DISTRICT

This month, it is all about achievements by our girls and leaders, that have happened in Linton district.

During the last year from January 2020 to December 2020 our district has earned well over 1,000 badges. Quite an achievement considering we are not allowed to meet face to face. This covers every age and section from Rainbows 5-7, Brownies 7-10, Guides 10-14 and Rangers 14-18. We have also had one of our Rangers, Morgan, gain her Commonwealth Award. Our County Commissioner, Claire, presented it to her at one of their virtual meetings. We have had one Brownie, Ella from Horseheath Brownies, gain their Brownie Gold Award. The Gold Award is the highest achievement that can be gained in each section. Megan who is one of our Guide leaders has been presented with her Leadership Qualification. All this has been achieved whilst we have had Covid-19 and not been allowed to meet face to face.

If you are interested to find out more about us or would like to join us as a girl or help one of our units look up <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/> If you are over 18, would like to join an adult only group, have you ever thought of joining the Trefoil Guild? There is one in Linton and they are having all sorts of fantastic fun, currently virtually due to restrictions, then, look them up at <http://cambseastguides.org.uk/about-us/trefoil-guild>

Whatever you would like to do, whatever age you are and however much time you have to spare there is something for you. You can even get involved and never leave the house, even when we can meet face to face.

Louisa
Linton District Commissioner
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2523 LINTON AIR CADETS.

On the 5th of February 2021 the Air Training Corps celebrated its 80th year. And what a long way the organisation has come from its formation in 1941.

Over 40,000 active cadets and 15,000 staff and volunteers are testament to how relevant the organisation is today. With a fantastic offering of air minded training and air experience flying, shooting, adventure training and life skills such as first aid and leadership all make the ATC the best youth organisation in the UK.

The past year has been one of the hardest years for the ATC. It is amazing to see the perseverance of

the cadets and staff, adapting quickly to new ways of delivering training and of learning. The way in which our Linton cadets have met this challenge has been extraordinary.

Usually we would mark such a milestone with a parade, but in true modern fashion this has been held online. Cadet Vellacott spoke of his experiences within the ATC and about what he hopes to achieve before the end of his cadet career as Linton's contribution to the parade.

As the UK's vaccine program rolls out further and with schools announcing their reopening 2523 look forward to getting back open and parading once again; keeping the best bits of virtual learning whilst returning in person to the activities, and the ATC, we are proudly part of.

If you or someone you know is 12 and in year 8 please visit www.2523linton.co.uk and get in touch to join.
Bradley Wright Pilot Officer RAFAC
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HOW HAS COVID AFFECTED YOU?

The East Cambridgeshire COVID-19 Coordination Hub continues to ensure that communities are supported and have access to the help and services that they need during all stages of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Hub is currently seeking the views of residents aged 60 and over, in order to get a more comprehensive picture of the current COVID-19 situation within our communities and prepare for any issues that may emerge.

We want to understand how COVID-19 has affected the lives of residents and would like to request your help in distributing this survey to your residents, contacts or clients aged 60 and over.

The online survey can be completed and submitted here - <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/community/impact-covid-19-residents-aged-60-and-over-survey> and can also be printed out, completed, scanned and returned to covid19@eastcambs.gov.uk or posted to East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, Cambridgeshire. CB7 4EE.

Please could completed surveys be returned by 14th March 2021.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

MARSH MAIL - News from Linton Village College

Young people are fabulous. At a time in their lives when they would customarily be enjoying additional freedoms and independence, they have needed to adhere to restrictions to support the health of their communities. They have done so with stoicism and maturity.

While there is much in the press calling students' educational progress a catastrophe this does not reflect the amazing engagement levels that have typified LVC students during lockdown. Attendance at live lessons that mirror the regular curriculum have been exceptionally high and the quality of students learning outcomes have been impressive. Students have also been appreciative of the excellent remote pastoral care on offer at this time. Amongst the narrative of the need for children to 'catch up' in terms of their academic progress, it's actually the relational aspect of their formative years that will be most fundamental: catching up with friends and engaging with others face to face.

Teenage school years are often fondly remembered for the friendships and extra-curricular events such as trips and clubs. It has been a shame that so many enrichment opportunities have been cancelled or postponed due to the current context.

While it is not possible to run our regular enrichment offer, we have launched the 'Connections' Arts project, encouraging students to create compositions and creations that reflect on this theme. LVC students are also participating in a Trust-wide writing competition which will be judged by award-winning published authors.

I am proud of what the LVC community continues to achieve remotely and the support and appreciation of our families.

Helena Marsh

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by **22ND March 2021 please**

ST MARY BRINKLEY AGM

The annual meeting of Brinkley PCC will take place on Monday 19th April at 7pm. Format and location will be decided on any restrictions in place that time.

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.

Rev'd Nikki Mann 01638 507980

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LEISURE

by

William Henry Davies

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

FROM THE RECTORY

ONE YEAR ON

This month marks the first anniversary of lockdown. It offers a time to reflect on all we have lost and missed so much, but also on what we may have learned and discovered.

On March 23rd, there will be a National Day of Reflection, an opportunity to unite in memory of those who died, and with those who have lost loved ones - whether directly through the pandemic or in other ways.

The changes to the way we have been able to hold funerals has been profound- both intimate and difficult. It has been hard for many not be able to say their goodbyes and celebrate a life in the usual ways.

The National Day of Reflection although marking a great sadness is also being seen as an occasion for hope. The symbol of Spring flowers marking this. As we unite in sadness, we also remember the good times, the love and the joy that person brought into our lives. We also remember with deep gratitude the many who served on the frontline and their great sacrifice of care.

As we look back and reflect on the year that has passed let us also hold onto the memories and learnings that have made us smile. That have reassured us of community and of a greater humanity.

Easter, which is just around the corner adds to the above the great eternal hope. The continuity of life and love - shown to us through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

Peace and hope be with you,

Nikki

MARCH CHURCH SERVICES & UPDATES

It is likely our churches will be closed for services for most of March. They will 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 email any opening updates with our **Weekend Connection Reflection Service** (nikkimann40@hotmail.co.uk) and via our website: www.Raddesley.com



**Mother's Day Zoom Service
14 March 10am**

(the room will be open from 9.45am for a chat!)

Do join us!

(contact Revd Nikki for the link)



**Palm Sunday Zoom or Outdoor Service
28 March 10am**

(If an outside service - further details via Weekend Connection email & raddesley.com)



**Holy Week Compline - Night Service by Zoom
29 - 30 March**

(contact Revd Nikki for a paper copy or the link)



Marie Curie- National Day of Reflection

On 23 March, let's come together to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future.

We're inviting you to take a minute to reflect and a moment to connect.

Join the minute's silence at 12 noon on 23 March



Community Thank-You

A huge thank-you to all who have contributed to our Communities' wellbeing during lockdown. Donating and delivering food, and medicines, making PPE, tending the footpaths and churchyards, cleaning, litter picking, working, telephoning, teaching, checking in, chatting, isolating and so very much more.

THANK-YOU