



VILLAGE VOICE

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



DECEMBER 2015

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Burrough Green Playgroup would like to invite you to join us for some festive fun on **TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER** at our annual Christmas lights switch on from 3.30pm onwards.



Join us for mince pies, mulled wine, BBQ, cakes and biscuits.

Elsa from the Disney hit 'Frozen' will also be there as will the big man in red himself Father Christmas. Face painting, stalls, raffle and lots more. Please come along and join the fun.

CHRISTMAS TREES

DIRECT FROM THE GROWER
AVAILABLE WEEKENDS 5/6th,
12/13th, and 19/20th DECEMBER
9.00am - 4pm



From R. D. JAGGARD
Charter House, Burrough Green
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BURROUGH GREEN OIL SYNDICATE

If you would like to fill your tank before Christmas, we will soon be placing the last oil order of 2015 to the lowest bidder.

Please contact Pauline King on 01638 507796 or Dawn Hay via email to dawnahay@fsmail.net by Monday 7th December 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 litres minimum).

Wishing you all a very Happy and cosy Christmas.
Pauline and Dawn

WHAT'S ON AT THE RED LION, BRINKLEY Under new management



Gwyn and I would like to introduce ourselves to you. I'm Morris and married to Gwyn. We're both Chefs whose culinary experience has been in America and Ireland. Gwyn is born and bred American, Morris is Scottish. We came here to do two weeks of holiday cover, agreed to stay for several more and are delighted to say we're going to settle here in the village having been offered the opportunity to manage The Red Lion.

We'll actively update our Facebook page and always have up to date menus and dinner special information on it. You can find us at

<https://www.facebook.com/RedLionBrinkley/>

December- Coffee Morning is Wednesday 9th and the Pub Quiz is Tuesday 15th.

If you plan to come in for Sunday lunch please make a reservation ahead of time. We've been fully booked this past few weeks, we only have two tables for the 20th and are very busy on the 27th as well.

In December we'll be adding some festive food. We now have a children's menu and we'll improve it in the next week or so. We'll be doing "Sunday Lunch" on Saturday December 26th and Sunday December 27th with reservations available at 12:00, 12:30, 2:30 and 3:00. (Closed Christmas Day)

New Year' Eve - We'll be open in both the bar and restaurant area until after the bells. In the restaurant area we'll do something that's ticketed. Buffet food, passed food, a first drink and a glass of bubbly at the bells for £25. Starts at 8 p.m. We're also going to open on the Friday morning, 1st January 2016 for Brunch at 10:30am. Light egg dishes for the early to beds and serious fried foods for the hangovers.

In January we're going to try a Family Meal on Sunday nights at 5:30. A main course and dessert for £12 per person at one long table with big bowls of everything to pass around just like you would at home. And no washing up to do! Somewhere for the kids to colour in or play and an opportunity for everyone to talk and laugh and just have a good time for a few hours. In January we'll also be opening at 10:30 on Sunday mornings for Brunch in the bar.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Red Lion 01618 508707

SCRABBLE and MAHJONG

We meet in December on **Mondays 14th** 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

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**BURNS SUPPER**

**Brinkley Memorial Hall**

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016**

7:00pm for 7:30pm start

Haggis; Neeps and Tatties : The Immortal Memory : Toast to the Lassies : The Response from the Lassies : The Piper.

What's not to Like?



Booking Essential with Donation of £20 per head.

A few tickets remaining & there will be a waiting list. If you have a ticket and for some reason are unable to attend please ring Mike so someone else can take your place. Thank you. 01638 507896

**BRINKLEY WINTER FAIR**

Thanks to everyone who supported the Winter Fair on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The total raised was £617.50; whilst not as much as in previous years, it was a lovely get together over lunch and an opportunity to catch up with the neighbours, which is just as important as raising funds for the church. Many thanks from Brinkley PCC.

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**

Thank you very much to everybody who contributed to the Poppy Appeal this year, and a special thank you to those who did the house-to-house collecting in Brinkley, Carlton and Willingham Green. Everybody's giving raised £534.56.

*Peter Tarry, Poppy Appeal Organiser.*

**WESTON COLVILLE CIRCULAR WALK**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

We're meeting at the Reading Room at 11am for a c.5 mile circular walk, followed by lunch in the Reading Room. Wear walking boots (or wellies if it's been a rainy week and the ground's wet) BYO lunch, and maybe something to share. You can put your lunch in the fridge before we set off, if you'd like, and refreshments will be available.

*Jacqueline and Alastair Douglas*

01223 291475 [jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com)

**MOBILE LIBRARY**

The Mobile Library will be at Brinkley Memorial Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month between 3.15-4.30pm; **23<sup>rd</sup> December**. Westley Waterless by the telephone kiosk on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month - **10<sup>th</sup> December** at 4.10-4.25pm The Westley Waterless library bus is a different one from the Brinkley bus so you can get a really good choice of books.

**INTO THE WOODS!**

Lower Wood, a glorious fragment of ancient woodland is owned and managed by Cambridge Wildlife Trust and access is open and free to all. It is situated between the parishes of Carlton and Weston Colville with easy access from the top of Mill Road, Weston Colville, or by footpath from Willingham Green and Carlton. Coppicing work parties are taking place on the last Saturday of each month (28th November, 2nd January, 30th January and 27th February).

Volunteer helpers are needed and more than welcome. No prior knowledge or tools required - just willing hands, and the work is fun and invigorating. We will be there from 10 a.m. until about 2 p.m. and children and dogs can join in too. More information from Lower Wood Warden, Duncan Mackay, on 01223 517000, or Caroline Revitt, a Carlton tree champion on 01638 507334. (or go to Cambridge Wildlife Trust website: [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org))

**Date for your diary 2016**

**Quiz Night** - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in Brinkley Memorial Hall.

**STAY WELL THIS WINTER**

In the past year as many of one in four residents in Cambridgeshire visited A&E when they could have used an alternative service or looked after themselves at home.

Each visit to A&E costs the local NHS £87, and that's before any treatment is given. When you look at the figures, this costs the local NHS over £4million a year. In turn this is the equivalent cost of 677 hip replacements, or 287 liver transplants or 115 more dementia nurses.

Using A&E when you don't need to can also have a knock-on effect to the rest of the hospital, as busy A&E departments resulted in 500 cancelled operations and procedures because a bed was no longer available, and longer waiting and referral times.

But you can help

- Stay healthy - get a flu vaccination if you are eligible
- Look after others - check on elderly friends, relatives and neighbours especially in spells of cold weather, help them to keep warm and have the medication they might need
- Be prepared - get your prescriptions in early before the holidays and see your pharmacist or GP for any issues you might be putting off
- Choose the right service - your local pharmacy can provide confidential, expert advice and treatment for a range of common illnesses and complaints, without having to wait for a GP appointment.

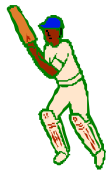
For help with finding local NHS services visit <http://www.cambsandpeterboroughchoosewell.co.uk/>

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NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Junior Cricket

If there are any young cricket teams out there that would benefit from practising at the Ellesmere Centre if we were to purchase cricket nets, please could you let the office know as we are applying for a grant to do this at the moment.



New Class:-



Kickboxing on Thursday evenings from 7-8pm with Adrijana. Call 07564 536688

The Carpet Bowls Club meet on Monday evenings and would welcome new members.

Please contact John on 01638 507636.

Table Tennis Club for children aged 8yrs+ meet on Tuesday evenings at 6pm and they have spaces for new children. Please contact the office for more details.

Open Mic- date for your diary Saturday 9th January. Call Rob on 01638 507997 if you would like to perform.

Football- If anyone would like to play football on Thursday evenings from 6-7pm there is a Five-a-Side team looking for new members. Please contact the office.



Panto- This year's production by the Ellesmere Devils is **Robin Hood** and is looking to be as funny as previous years.

For tickets please go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps. Booking is simple but if you do not have access to a computer or are having difficulties booking please visit Julie in the office and she will be happy to help you.

"Put in your diaries, mark on your calendars!



'The Unbearable Pleasure of Being a Woman' - a show destined for the Brighton Fringe and the Edinburgh Festival next year, is coming to the Ellesmere Centre on Friday 12th February, 2016! Look out for further announcements and information!"

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL IN 2016**



The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS.
www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk
Tel 01638 508212. Email office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk.

**DECEMBER BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

IT is the time of year when we're enjoying a tippie with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke:

- Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking festive fancies. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they conform to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @cambsfrs. Contact: 01480 444500, www.cambsfire.gov.uk

LINTON HEALTH CENTRE

Christmas is coming but remember that the Health Centre only closes for the 3 additional public holidays: Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. We are open as usual between Christmas and New Year. Christmas is a busy time for everyone at the Health Centre, but particularly for our dispensers. Our dispensary staff do not take annual leave in the run up to Christmas so that we ensure that all the requests are completed by Christmas Eve. Of course, in theory only those patients who would normally be collecting their repeat medication on the three public holiday days, or those who are actually going away for a week or so, would need to order early, but experience tells us that those weeks before Christmas are exceptionally busy. If you can keep to your regular order pattern it would help our dispensary team enormously. Please try to collect any prescriptions by 4:30 pm on Christmas Eve to enable the team to tidy up and be away at 6 pm.

When the practice is closed our phone lines are diverted to the out-of-hours service. Local GPs will be providing an emergency service over the Christmas and New Year break as they do every weekend. *We wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas.*
Dr Wheeler & Partners.

OPERATION HUNTER TACKLES BURGLARY



RESIDENTS are being urged to check their home security to help prevent a rise in burglaries over the winter months. Dwindling hours of daylight and the Christmas period often combine to result in more break-ins at homes in the county.

The force is prioritising burglary as part of a new campaign called Operation Hunter and is using all tactics available to reduce the number of crimes through prevention work and catching and putting offenders before the courts.

However, as part of the operation, detectives are also urging members of the public to do their bit by taking precautions and making their homes unattractive to burglars.

In the three months from August to October last year, there were 569 dwelling burglaries in the county, compared to 628 during the following three months (November-January), a rise of more than 10 per cent. Detective Chief Inspector Mike Branston said: "Burglary is a top priority for the force because it leaves victims feeling vulnerable and can have a massive impact on their lives.

"A series of burglaries in a particular area can also leave communities feeling vulnerable so we are committed to tackling this type of crime from all angles.

"We are relentlessly targeting offenders but we also need the public's help to make it as hard for the crooks as possible.

"Taking security steps at home and remembering to always leave your windows and doors locked is a great start but we would also ask people to keep their eyes and ears open and report any suspicious activity to police.

"Information we receive from the public is crucial and people should never hesitate to report something that appears unusual or suspicious in their neighbourhood." Residents are urged to:

*Always keep doors and windows closed and locked or in a ventilated but locked position, even when they are inside the house. Always check and lock doors with a key - never assume that just pushing up an internal handle will lock the door.

*Remove keys from window and door locks, but keep them in a familiar and safe place where all members of the family know where to find them in the event of an emergency.

*Never leave items such as keys, bags, presents and money on show through a window.

*Consider the position of key racks or shelves next to a door and ensure that they cannot be reached through the letter box.

*Use timer switches to turn on lights and radios when you are going to be away from your house at dusk.

*Consider the use of lights at the front and rear of your property that are activated when someone approaches.

*Consider the use of bolts and padlocks on side gates. Place the bolts at the top, middle and bottom of the gate, as just a top bolt might be easy to reach and open.

*A visible intruder alarm box can prove to be one of the biggest deterrents to an opportunist burglar, so consider installing a DIY or supplier installed system.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

RECYCLING

Carlton - Tuesdays : Black bin - 1st, 15th & Wednesday 30th December Blue - 8th & 22nd December . Green - 8th December .

Brinkley, Burrough Green, Westley Waterless - Thursdays : Black sacks weekly. Blue Lid - 3rd & 17th December. . Green Lid - 10th & 24th December.

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.)

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH BURROUGH GREEN



We are sadly losing 2 of our regular flower arrangers this year. If you enjoy arranging flowers I would like to hear from you. You do not have to live in the parish of Burrough Green.

We could also do with some help with the cleaning for around 3 times in the year.

Ring Marilyn on 01638 508177

ELLESMERE GARDEN CLUB

'Tis the season for a party! Members should have received their email invitation to order their (and guests') meals for our Christmas party to be held this year in the Ellesmere Centre on **Wednesday 16 December** at 7pm. If you have not received yours, please contact Judith on 508336.

Our first meeting in the New Year will be on **Wednesday 20th January**, when we welcome back **Andrew Sankey** who will give his talk "Amusing quotes from famous gardeners". Come along to join us at 8pm in the Ellesmere Centre, where you are most likely to find us still in festive mood! Everyone welcome.

CHURCH ORGAN PLAYING - Brinkley

From January 1st Brinkley Church will require an organist for, normally, one service a month. The organ is scarcely more complicated than a standard piano and a small payment is made for each service. Please call John on 01638 507484 for more details.

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**CATHOLIC SERVICES**

**NEWMARKET & KIRTILING.**

Mass Times

|           |         |           |
|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Saturday  | 6.30pm  | Newmarket |
| Sunday    | 9.00am  | Kirtling  |
|           | 10.30am | Newmarket |
| Holy Days | 9.00am  | Newmarket |
|           | 12noon  | Kirtling  |
|           | 7.30pm  | Newmarket |

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Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Kirtling

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

**Email:** [office@olise.co.uk](mailto:office@olise.co.uk)

Brinkley contact, John Conti 01638 508304  
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DERBYSHIRE POST

This will be my last Derbyshire Post and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Editors past and present for tolerating my monthly ramblings about life at LVC or education in general.

I can't tell you how much of a privilege it has been to be Principal of this wonderful school. I have seen a generation pass through my care in the last decade and it has been a time of great change and excitement. We have witnessed new uniform, a new logo, new buildings, we became an Academy, then a Teaching School and then a Multi-Academy Trust. We achieved an Ofsted 'Outstanding' rating twice, weathered three Governments and half a dozen Education Ministers, each with the desire to make a mark on their job.

During this decade of change I believe that the College has also remained the same in all important essentials: the staff do an amazing job and go the extra mile for the children all the time. They are Linton's unsung heroes. The students are delightful to work with. They are so often well-mannered, modest and thoughtful and I have enjoyed their company tremendously. The College remains a busy hub for community life in a way that would have pleased its founder, Henry Morris. It's a very hard place to leave, but I go on to become Headteacher at Saffron Walden County High School having learned so much in my first headship. Linton Village College and the staff, parents, governors and students who have been part of the place will always be special to me.

Caroline Derbyshire
Principal
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**CRUSE BEREAVEMENT CARE**

When someone you love dies, it can feel as though a piece of you has died too. But you don't have to go through it alone.

Cruse Bereavement Care is here to support you through one of the most difficult experiences you will ever have to face.

Cambridge Cruse Bereavement Care is your local branch of the voluntary national bereavement care organisation. Established in 1965 with the active support of the Mayor and City Council of Cambridge, Cambridge Cruse Bereavement Care now has over a hundred specially trained volunteers working in Cambridge, Fenland, South Cambs, East Cambs, Uttlesford, Ely, Newmarket, Saffron Walden and Haverhill.

Cambridge Cruse operates in your Parish.

Bereavement is a very personal and unique experience for each individual. Yet the intense feelings and emotions we experience at the time of substantial loss are normal.

Cruse provides well trained, understanding Bereavement Support volunteers to whom you can talk in complete confidence. Our volunteers are able to give support over a period of time appropriate to individual needs. There is no charge.

Get in touch: Cambridge Cruse Helpline: 01223 633536. Cambridge Cruse Office (admin only) 01223 302662.

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Cruse Bereavement Care

The national bereavement charity
"Awareness in Bereavement Care"

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The Cruse nationally accredited Bereavement
Volunteer training course.

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until 25th June 2016

at The Meadows Community Centre, Cambridge

Open Evening for more information to be held on

Monday 7th December 7.00pm - 9.00pm
at The Meadows Community Centre

Further information & application forms from:
cambridge@cruse.org.uk or 01223 302662
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**BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

If you wish to hire the hall, please contact  
Susie Shuter on 01638 508729

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



A warm welcome awaits you this festive season at the newly refurbished Bull in Burrough Green. Delicious homemade food served Tuesday to Saturday & our yummy roast dinners on Sundays are sure to tantalize your taste buds.

Our fresh fish and chips are served every Thursday Evening.

We have a few slots available still for Christmas party bookings please call us and speak to one of our friendly staff on (01638) 508333 to discuss options available.

Also we are taking bookings for Christmas Day. Drop me an e-mail for a copy of our Christmas Day menu thebullburroughgreen@gmail.com.

New Year's Eve please feel free to join us in bringing in 2016 with a bang.

01638 508333

WESTON COLVILLE CINEMA CLUB

THE INNOCENTS

Wednesday 2nd December

Weston Colville Reading Room

7.30pm with a pre-screening talk.

Donations, refreshments available.

December is a good month for drawing the curtains and experiencing a good ghost story. Let us bring you a 'classic'. This superb ghost story was the first big screen adaptation of Henry James' novella 'The Turn of the Screw', a pioneering work of ambiguous, psychoanalytical horror which inspired countless subsequent works, most prominently Shirley Jackson's 'The Haunting of Hill House'. Surprisingly, 'The Innocents' was adapted by Truman Capote and John Mortimer, and it stars Michael Redgrave and Peter Wyngarde and Deborah Kerr.

Laurence.staig@onetel.net. 01223 291212

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Very good condition - plus accessories

£150

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Westley Waterless

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 Marilyn Field 01638 508177

ITALY - 2016 HOLIDAY SEASON

Beautiful old Italian farmhouse in rural Le Marche, sleeps 10. Private and quiet with swimming pool but only a 5 minute drive to the main town of Appignano. An easy 2 hour flight from Stansted to Ancona on Italy's Adriatic Coast.

If you are interested, please email:

johndfranca.holden@gmail.com for further details and photos



Burrough Green Reading Room

Saturday 5th December 2015

4.00 - 5.30 pm

MESSY ADVENT

ALL WELCOME

Come and join us - have a go at various crafts (adults too!)

Refreshments available

If you would like to help with this event please contact:

Lily Whymer 01638 507576

lilywhymer@btinternet.com

Or Sheena Brusell 01638 508908

sheena.brusell@sky.com

St. Peter's Church

Stetchworth

Christmas Tree Festival



Saturday 12th December

2.00 pm - 4.30 pm

Come and see the Christmas Trees that have been decorated by Community Groups

Refreshments available

Raffle and Christmas Goodies for Sale

During the Interregnum please contact your Churchwarden if you need the services of a minister. They will be able to advise you of the person to call.

Burrough Green: Lucy Talbot Tel: 01638 507060, email: peterandlucyt@btinternet.com

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

Brinkley: John Robertson Tel. 01638 507484

Carlton: Stephen Roberts 01223 290372 or Stephen.roberts28@btopenworld.com.

Rural Dean: Rev'd Michael Banyard tel: 01638 721616 e-mail: banyardmq1@yahoo.co.uk

**St Mary's Church Dullingham
QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday, February 27th at 7pm
(first question 7.30pm)

In the Taylor Hall Dullingham

Teams of up to six people

Tickets £12 to include a meal, bring your own drinks

To book tickets, please contact Fiona on:

stmarysdullingham@gmail.com or 01638 508672

ROBIN HOOD - What a Legend!

Pantomime at The Ellesmere Stetchworth

Wednesday 27th January to Saturday 30th January

Come and join in with the fun - boo the baddies,
cheer the heroes, sing along with the chorus and
PLEASE.....laugh at the jokes!

Tickets are available from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/edps or can be bought from
the Ellesmere Centre Stetchworth. Please call 01638
508212 or our ticket hotline 07513 346381

Visit

<http://www.ellesmeredevelopspantomimesociety.co.uk/> f

or more information and find us on Facebook and
Twitter for all the backstage news.

VILLAGE WEBSITES

www.burroughgreen.com

<http://www.parish-council.com/Brinkley/>

www.carlton-cambridgeshire.org.uk

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

New to Burrough Green? Burrough Green website now
has a Welcome Pack for new residents.

**ARTICLES FOR JANUARY 2016
VILLAGE VOICE**

To

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01638 507495

by 23rd December 2015 please

Please note that January 2016 Village Voice will not
be with the distributors until 6th January 2016.

**MANY MANY THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO
SO KINDLY DELIVER VILLAGE VOICE TO EVERY
HOUSE IN OUR FOUR VILLAGES;**

THANK YOU



*Wishing you a very Happy
Christmas*

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SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday 6th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley
Rev'd Dr. Lynne Broughton
10.30 am Family Worship Burrough Green
Dr. Gina Radford
Baruch 5 Philipians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6

Sunday 13th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Family Communion Stetchworth
Rev'd Dr. Lynne Broughton
10.30 am Morning Prayer Dullingham
Dr. Gina Radford
Zephaniah 3: 14-end Philipians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7-18

Sunday 20th December 4th Sunday of Advent

9.00 am Family Communion Burrough Green
Rev'd Robert van de Weyer
10.30 am Morning Prayer Brinkley
Dr. Gina Radford
Micah 5: 2-5a Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-45

THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00 pm Carol and Crib service Westley Waterless
Carol Taylor
6.00 pm Carol Service Dullingham
Anthea Kenna
6.00 pm Carol Service Stetchworth
Alastair France
11.30 pm Midnight Mass Stetchworth
Canon Dr. Malcolm Brown
Isaiah 9: 2-7 Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14

FRIDAY 25th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 am Holy Communion Brinkley
Rev'd Dr. Lynne Broughton
10.30 am Family Communion Dullingham
Rev'd Dr. Lynne Broughton
10.30 am Lay led Christmas Service Burrough Green
10.30 Lay led Christmas service Carlton
Isaiah 52: 7-10 Hebrews 1: 1-4 John 1: 1-14

Sunday 27th December

NO SERVICES IN THE GROUP

Christmas is nearly upon us - here we are in Advent already! What happened to the year? Advent is a special time in the Church's year - it's a time when we prepare ourselves for Christmas - not in terms of shopping for presents or sorting out who is going to whose relatives. It's a time for preparing ourselves for the fact that God Himself, in the form of Jesus, became human and whose birth we celebrate at Christmas. This birth is a truly wonderful moment for us all - it offers hope and assurance of God's love in reaching down to mankind and providing a way for us

to experience Him personally and eternally. Not a bad Christmas present!

Advent is also the start of a new year in the Church's calendar - a fresh beginning of the annual cycle of remembering and celebrating the love of God shown in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. At this difficult time in world events, it is good to pause, to take a fresh look at the essential message that is the Christmas story and remember the words the angels said that first Christmas "Peace on earth, goodwill towards all men". That is my prayer for us all this Christmas - that we might know peace and goodwill, and experience for ourselves the joy and hope that the Christmas story offers us all.

On a different note, this is also the start of something new for me. I am almost at the end of my training to be a priest in the Church, and will be ordained in July 2016. I have also been dual running as your Licensed Lay Minister. It has been decided that this cannot continue, as I need to be completing my training and undertaking my curacy with a vicar present. We will be getting a new vicar in the benefice, but they are not yet in place and it may be a few months before that happens. Therefore from January I will be moving from supporting this benefice to work just up the road with the Anglesey benefice, where in July I will also become its curate. I will NOT be moving house and will still be part of village life in Dullingham, and will keep in touch with all the wonderful friends I have made around the benefice. So this month will be my last for the moment supporting the six churches. I would like to say how wonderful an experience it has been - it is a real privilege to worship and work alongside such an interesting and caring group of people. I have a deep passion for rural ministry, and am so very grateful for everything I have experienced here, and most particularly for the people I have met and ministered to. As I said - I am not going from Dullingham, and will always be here to support in any way I can as part of our community. The intention is that services will continue in the benefice as currently, as we have been fortunate, thanks to the hard work of Lily Whymer, to have a number of priests who are willing to step in to take services. If in doubt - check the newsletter each month!

With all my thanks and wishing you all God's joy. Peace and love this Christmas and into whatever the future holds for us all

Gina Radford
Licensed Lay Minister and Ordinand

Gina's last service in our Benefice will be in Brinkley Church on Sunday 20th December at 10.30am. Do come along and join us in thanking her for her wonderful ministry in our Parishes.
