



## **BURROUGH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS**

The following extract is taken from the BuGLE - the headteacher, Keith Archer's, December newsletter.

I would like to thank and congratulate so many people for making this another successful term for the school. The children have done themselves proud. Last night's Nativity was fantastic; the PTA made over £400 through the raffle, the readers in the carol service spoke so well to the microphone; the football and netball teams performed really well to win and finish second in their respective Linton schools tournaments; and the School Council is making an amazing contribution to the development of our learning environment, ably supported by Carla Nicholson; Governors continue to support all this work behind the scenes.

Our whole school theme culminated in the opening of the Digging Deep Museum, which attracted record numbers of visitors. For lovers of statistics 46 parents and relatives came to try on the clothes, have a Roman makeover, eat Roman food and be generally educated and tested about the life and times of our ancestors and prehistoric animals. Oh and there was the small matter of that wonderful evening in October when we celebrated the opening of our new school buildings!

Some of the things visitors said they enjoyed about the Museum:

"Everyone was smiling."

"The children were so eager to show me what they had been doing. It's hard not to be interested when the information is presented in such an enthusiastic way."

"Seeing the children working so well together."

"Such an array of interactive exhibits. Fantastic!"

Some the things children said they enjoyed about the Museum:

"Have you seen the video in there? It's awesome!"

"Making an amphitheatre and cooking the food: it was the best museum ever!"

"I liked learning things I didn't know."

"I liked looking at the amazing stuff everyone had made."

We know that a lot of help came from home, as well, for which we thank you. Next term's theme will be *Around the World in 80 Days!*

Mention must also be made of the volunteer effort that supports so much of what happens in school. A small army of dedicated parents helps us to change books, listen to children read, administer spelling tests, photocopy and prepare resources, prepare for and tidy up after events, and greet your children every morning for the Walking Bus. This commitment is much appreciated. If you think you can offer a

regular time to support learning in this way we would like to hear from you.

*Keith Archer, December 2011*

In conclusion mention should be made of the Christmas tree that took pride of place in the school atrium. It became the 'Tree of Hope': every child made a decoration for the tree and attached his or her hope for the future to it. This tree has symbolised the hopes and aspirations of the children ranging from hoping for the safe return of service personnel from Afghanistan to the hope that Father Christmas would not forget their family.

We look forward to 2012, our school term starting on 4 January.

### **VILLAGE WEBSITES**

[www.brinklevillage.co.uk](http://www.brinklevillage.co.uk) [www.burroughgreen.com](http://www.burroughgreen.com)

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

### **Want to get out more?**

#### **Can't find a reliable babysitter?**

I'm eighteen, experienced with children of all ages,  
I've been CRB checked.

Call Joanna on 01638 507700 (Brinkley)

### **BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

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

### **CATHOLIC SERVICES**

#### **NEWMARKET & KIRTLING.**

##### Mass Times

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

Our Lady with St. Etheldreda, Exeter Road,  
Newmarket

Our Lady & St Philip Neri, Kirtling

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8LT. **Telephone:** 01638 662492

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Brinkley contact, John Conti 01638 508304

### **BRINKLEY PLAYGROUND**

I think everyone will agree that the play area is well used and much appreciated by the children. Just a reminder please that dogs are not allowed on the play area.

**NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE**

Happy New Year to everyone from the College!  
Have you heard that we have a brand new, state of the art fitness suite? If you haven't, you might like to pop down to Linton Community Sports Centre and take a look.

We have been aware that our fitness suite has been looking a little tired and that our loyal customers have been hoping for an upgrade for a while. Well, we do listen carefully to the views of the user group so we decided that new facilities were a priority if we were to retain our customers and recruit new members too. The special feature of our membership scheme is that we do not hold our members to a contract, so if you find that you have no future use for the gym you don't keep paying the fees. This is a member-friendly policy that other rival gyms do not offer. Getting out of a gym contract with some is virtually impossible and our way is much kinder on your pocket and your blood pressure. We do however request that members give us 1 month's notice prior to cancelling their membership. Why not drop by the Sports Centre and take a look at what we can offer?

We have been delighted to see the revival of the Friends of LVC group in recent months. First there was the summer pub quiz, then the huge success of the whole school sponsored walk and the third event they are running is a Burns Night on 27<sup>th</sup> January. Once more, this is an opportunity to meet up with friends in the community and enjoy an evening of fun together. Tickets for the event are available from the College reception at £17.50 each. The price of the ticket includes a three course meal and ceilidh.

On the very same day, we are holding the opening ceremony and plaque unveiling for our new building. Our guest for this auspicious occasion is Sir David Hemery. David was a gold medallist at the Mexico Olympics and in recent years he has been involved in a project with young people, linked to London 2012, called 'The Best You Can Be'. Our Year 7 students are completing the project this year. My memories of David are from my own childhood in the 1970's when he was a regular contestant on 'Superstars', one of my favourite shows. It is fitting in an Olympic year that a great Olympian is our guest of honour. The opening is just one of the events at LVC in 2012 which will have an Olympic flavour.

*Caroline Derbyshire*

**STORAGE REQUIRED**

Please could the person from Westley Waterless call Mark back about the storage 07775 953555 or 507504 as his message got deleted by accident!

**KATY'S BABYSITTING**

Katy Ensck - Aged 16  
01223 291947 (Carlton)

I have passed a babysitting course and a first aid course for young children.

**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. This month's date is **January 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**RECYCLING**

Brown sack dates for January are Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Black sacks **Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**, then normal Thursdays.

**LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE**

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS UPDATES**

A very Happy New Year to you!  
January is upon us and we have just the thing here at Linton Community Sports Centre to help shift those festive pounds - our brand new fitness suite!! All of the latest equipment is housed in a spacious, friendly environment that we are sure our users will love. As a New Year incentive we are offering new members in January a free Body Stat fitness test and personalised programme worth £30. Unlike other more corporate sports centres we do not ask that you sign a contract, our motto is, 'No contracts, no hassle' - or pay as you go!! We also offer a variety of fitness classes, new for January is Belly Dancing on a Friday evening from 7pm so come along to get fit and have fun. Visit our website at [www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk](http://www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk) for further details. Alternatively give us a call on 01223 890248 or email us at [lcsc@lvc.org](mailto:lcsc@lvc.org)

We are currently accepting enrolments for our adult education programme, whether you want to master the art of sugarcraft or learn basic computer skills we have something for you..  
50 plus yoga sessions take place on a Thursday morning 10:30am - 11:30am. Ideal for anyone over 50 who has existing health problems or who just wants to get fitter in a relaxed and friendly environment. For further information on these and other courses please email [adulthoodeducation@lvc.org](mailto:adulthoodeducation@lvc.org) or call us on 01223 891233 and select option 4.

We hope to see you throughout 2012

**VILLAGE VOICE - FEBRUARY**

Please send articles for February Village Voice to [villagevoicenews@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:villagevoicenews@tiscali.co.uk) 01638 507495 by 23 January .

**EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT**  
**COUNCILLORS NOTES (DECEMBER 2011)**

**Energy for Homes**

In the autumn, we were invited to the opening of the nine new shared-ownership homes in Ox Meadow, Bottisham, which have been built for the Cambridge Housing Society. These homes have air-source heat pumps to provide their central heating. Fourteen new homes were also completed in 2010 by Hastoe Housing Association, which have ground-source heat pumps instead of gas or oil boilers. Heat stored naturally under their gardens during the warmer months is extracted in the colder months for heating.

Other events we attended recently were hosted by the Town and Country Planning Association and the County Council. These looked at ways of providing energy from sources apart from gas or oil, which are increasingly being imported, and at rising cost.

The Government has entered into international agreements and has passed the Climate Change Act. Carbon dioxide emissions need to be reduced to about a quarter of current levels by 2050. New houses will last beyond then, so should be built with this in mind.

The national 2016 Building Regulations will require all new homes to obtain their net yearly energy for their installed heating and lighting from renewable sources located on the properties themselves, or in the district. Yet higher standards of heat insulation will be required, and ways to trap heat from the sun when it is colder outside. New homes are likely to have ground and air source heat pumps and solar thermal and electric panels. There will be incentive payments to home owners for the heat and electricity generated. District sources may include community wind turbines, solar panel arrays, or facilities to burn dry renewable materials (biomass) or to digest silage or wet crop residues to make biogas. House builders will pay towards these "allowable solutions" according to the degree of shortage of energy generated at the homes that they build.

Energy to run electrical equipment that is not wired into homes when new will not come under the Building Regulations. However, this electricity will increasingly come from national renewable sources. For example, there soon will be 350 wind turbines off the East Anglian coast and there are plans for another 2,000. Most future base-load, back-up and peak-cover electricity is expected to come from gas-fired, nuclear and hydroelectric power stations, and international connections. Coal-fired stations may only continue, or new ones built, if their emissions can be captured and stored. Six nuclear power stations are proposed on existing sites. The more energy that comes from carbon-free sources,

the less fuel will need to be imported and carbon dioxide and other waste products produced. The Building Regulations for new homes will improve opportunities for energy generation for existing homes, either on the properties themselves or in the district. However, the "Green Deal" scheme, to be introduced in 2012, will provide ways of energy-saving for existing homes. Owners will pay by instalments on their energy bills for the work carried out, but the bills will be lower because of the energy savings. '

*District Councillors Kevin Ellis (01223 813034) and Robert Stevens (01223 811643)*

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**BROWNIES**

Thank you to all the Rainbows, Brownies and their parents for supporting the Rainbow fundraiser on 1st December. We raised £51.10 for unit funds and East Anglian Children's Hospices. The sweets made by the Rainbows were very popular.

If you have a daughter aged between 5 and 7 years who would like to join us in the New Year, please contact Edith Osborn, Unit Leader on 01223 291375.

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**BRINKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Update from the December meeting.

- As part of a community payback scheme, there will be a group of people clearing ditches of litter and repairing the fence posts to the play area. Hopefully this will be in January/February.
- Their remains one vacancy on the Parish Council - please contact the Clerk if you are interested.
- The date of the next meeting will be available on the notice board.

**Brinkley Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Prosperous New Year.**

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**CAROL CONCERT**

Thank you to the Brinkley Occasional Singers conducted by Tim Brown, and to all those who took part, for the wonderful Concert of Carols, Readings, and Solo instruments which was held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December in Brinkley Memorial Hall. Thank you too to all who provided mince pies and mulled wine for the interval, and sandwiches and soup for the performers after their rehearsal.

It was a good way to start the festive season's events.

The Memorial Hall committee wish you all a successful New Year.

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