

the Stetchworth & Dullingham Newsletter

May 2024



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For information about the Benefice, please see our website www.raddesley.com

Newmarket Foodbank

Donations to this much needed cause can be left in the porch of St Mary's Church, Dullingham any day from 10am-4pm, or at the Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth.

Many thanks to all who contribute.

ROGATION

At this time of the year Rogation Sunday (5th May 2024) is celebrated. We are in the heart of a thriving rural community. As Christians we have a duty to cherish God's creation and care for the environment.

What does Rogation mean? Rogation comes from the Latin verb 'rogare' = to ask. We have to ask God to help us look after his creation, use it wisely and efficiently to enable us to live together. We have to be careful not to turn Rogation Sunday into 'ASKING' Sunday. If we are not very careful asking can be at the centre of our prayer and our understanding of what praying is. It could appear that we are trying to persuade God to do something which he is not in fact already doing because we don't trust him. We are not asking God to do any more than He is already doing. He is looking after his world, although with natural disasters, wars, famine, climate change it appears differently like the recent earthquakes which change countries for many years to come. These are the impacts of centuries of our effect on earth.

Patrick

The Rev'd Patrick J McEune

Mobile Library

The mobile library visits on the third Thursday of every month, and is at Jubilee Court, Stetchworth from 2.25pm - 3.00pm, and at Kettlefields School, Dullingham from 3.10pm - 3.40pm.

Each mobile library vehicle carries up to 3,000 items of stock including fiction, non fiction, large print, books on CD and cassette and children's books.

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SERVICES FOR MAY:

12th May – 9.00 am : Communion service

26th May – 6.00 pm : Evensong

WORK AT CHURCH: We had a good service at the church on Good Friday – our last service before the work was due to start. The workmen duly arrived at the church on 8th April and we currently have scaffolding around the outside of the chancel and also inside the chancel and the vestry.

The church is closed during the week whilst the work takes place but we are able to have our usual Sunday services on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The altar has been moved out of the chancel to the chancel step, the vestry has been emptied and a temporary vestry formed at the back north west corner of the church.

I will keep you informed of progress.



Plaster off in vestry

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Ellesmere Garden Club

As mentioned last month, there will not be a plant sale this year, but instead we are having a practical session **“Prosecco and plants”** on **Wednesday 15th May**, at 7.30 pm in the Ellesmere Centre. Please note that this is a **Members Only meeting** as we have limited resources. We are sorry for any disappointment but hope to reinstate the usual sale next year. Please bring your small to medium-sized containers, ready filled with compost, which you can plant up during the evening. There will be bedding plants and a small selection of vegetables for purchase, plus refreshments and a raffle of course!



Our first garden visit of the year will be on **Wednesday 22nd May to Isaacson Farmhouse in Burwell**. Dr Dyer will give a brief history of the house and garden and a glass of wine for a fee of £10, which goes to the National Garden Scheme. The visit is booked for 6.30 pm and everyone including visitors is welcome. Look out for an email nearer the time with arrangements for meeting up for transport.

We are also working on another visit for the following month - just waiting for details from a few possible alternatives, so watch this space!

Finally, please note that the **Ellesmere Show** will be on **Sunday 7th July**, and Show schedules are now available, so you can get planting and planning for your entries now.

Please do come and enjoy our events, and remember if you have any queries, you can contact Sandie on 07903 584676.

What's On...

May Half Term Activities

With Prestige Sports Development

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May

To book please contact

<https://www.prestigesportsdevelopment.com/mega-activity-holiday-camps>

The Ellesmere Community Sharing Shed is now OPEN!

With thanks to

The Joshua Tree for supplying the shed

and

Dave Blair and Rob Algar for erecting it

Please leave any donations of Seeds, Plants or Produce in the shed.

#letsgetsharing

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

The Ellesmere Summer Show

and

32nd Annual Flower and Craft Show

Sunday 7th July 2024, 12pm

Live Music evening with Johnny Wright and Friends

Saturday 17th August

BBQ and Bar

Bring a blanket or a chair

More details to follow

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ELLESMERE ARTS

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on

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or Ellesmere Centre Village Shop

ELLESMERE CENTRE VILLAGE SHOP

will be celebrating its

40th Birthday

on Friday 24th May 2024

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the celebrations

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Services and Events

Sunday 5th May, 11.00 am: Revd Dr Janet Tollington

Sunday 12th May, 11.00 am: Revd Elizabeth Caswell

Sunday 19th May, 11.00 am: Mrs Wendy Roe

Sunday 26th May, 11.00 am: Revd Chris Baker

Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 11th May 10.30 - 12.00. All welcome. This will include a **Jigsaw Swap** - bring a jigsaw you have finished with and take a different one home.



St. Mary's Church, Dullingham

SERVICES FOR MAY:

5th May – 1.00 pm : Baptism

12th May – 10.30 am : Morning Prayer

26th May – 10.30 am : Holy Communion

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR APRIL: Susan Owen and Maureen Baldwin please.

CHURCH CLEANING: Julie Bampton and Sally Peyton please.



NEWMARKET CRICKET CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS OF ALL AGES & ABILITIES!

We are welcoming and inclusive club providing 5 senior sides at various levels with fixtures every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday from mid April to September. Whilst we try to be as competitive as our abilities allow, our main focus is on a fun and welcoming environment.

Our 2024 Junior Cricket Coaching Programme for boys and girls aged between 6 - 17 starts on Tuesday 14th May until Tuesday 23rd July, that will run from 6.15pm - 7.30pm at our home ground in Dullingham. 11 fun sessions at £55 for 1 child, please enquire for sibling discounts.

Make new friends, learn new skills and most importantly have lots of fun.

Newmarket Cricket Club
Dullingham Sports Field
Stetchworth Road
Newmarket
Cambridgeshire
CB8 9UJ



For more information about joining, please visit the website: www.newmarketcricketclub.co.uk

Our charity event, on Sunday 14th July from 12 noon, sees our club taking on the famous racing and trainers side in a cricket match with a bar, BBQ, raffle, silent auction and kids activities.

The Dullingham Parish Council Annual General Meeting

is being held on

Thursday, 9th May, 18.00 hours

in the newly refurbished

Dullingham Sports Pavilion

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Cambridgeshire County Council / East Cambridgeshire District Council Report

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC)

Buses

As I mentioned last month, I mentioned that the CPCA mayor is looking at bringing in a franchising model, but that had taken a huge step backwards as the independent audit of the model was continuing with challenges by the auditor.

That audit has been completed, but details of the proposals are yet to be revealed and the Bus Service Improvement Plan has to be submitted by 12th June to Government.

The increase in precept of 200%, will only allow a small number of extra services. Without any government funding bus improvements will not happen, but despite many requests to see the draft plan, we are now hurtling towards a deadline to get the plan completed. I will keep you updated on the progress on this.

Highways

The state of the roads continues to cause massive concerns and our group continues to push the CCC for more funding into roads maintenance, but more importantly better workmanship. Too many repairs are breaking up within weeks of the repair being done. I mentioned last month about a delay in implementing a new Highways reporting tool. I have now been told that procurement of the new system was stopped in February and a new procurement exercise is underway to source a new system. The current system is not fit for purpose, as it gives no information on the progress of each request or

whether the request has even been accepted. I will continue to update with what process has been made.

Swaffham Heath/ A1303 Crossroads – Staggered Junction

As I mentioned last month, the work on this was due to start on Monday 4th March and last for 15 weeks. The legal issues have now been resolved, but due to the summer events at the Newmarket racecourses, the police have requested that the start date is delayed until September. This is very frustrating to have such a delay in getting road safety improvements to this important junction.

East Cambridgeshire DC

Sanctuary Housing

After meetings with Sanctuary Housing, they have begun a programme of bringing empty properties back into use. I have a meeting with their management at the end of April to see what progress has been made. I will update further next month.

I am here to represent you, so if there are any issues that concern you, please contact me. If I am not aware of an issue, I am not able to solve it.

Alan Sharp - Cambridgeshire County Councillor - Woodditton Division

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Stetchworth WI

Despite the April showers, a large audience gathered for the evening's talk by guest speaker Leonard Priestley, who shared with us his fascinating tales of life as a lorry driver and furniture removal man. From the start, Len captivated us with his anecdotes and humour, ensuring an evening filled with laughter and entertainment.

Len's journey into the world of driving began with his parent's mobile shop, which eventually led him to manoeuvring huge delivery lorries for a local business. However, an unexpected redundancy served as a turning point in his career, prompting him to seize the opportunity to become self-employed. His ventures into delivering flowers and furniture provided ample material for his repertoire of stories, each one more amusing than the last.

Len's presentation was made all the more engaging by his visual aids, including model lorries that brought his tales to life before our eyes. Plus a knitted medal, a token of appreciation from a delighted customer, aged 86!

Why not join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday 7th May at 7.30pm** at The Ellesmere Centre including a talk **The RNLI through 200 years by Geoff Heathcock**.

Competition: A nautical item

Guests welcome (18yrs plus) - £3 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.



For any other information
contact Liz Brown on
07757 251010 or visit our
website
stetchworthwi.weebly.com



You are invited to

DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 9th May 2024

8.00pm

The Taylor Hall, Church Close,
Dullingham CB8 9XE

*Come and enjoy a fun evening
with a demonstration by
Brenda Tubb
entitled
'Weddings! Weddings! Weddings!'*

Admission £8

(includes tea/coffee and biscuits)

Raffle

**The raffle will include all arrangements
made on the evening**

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DATE FOR DIARY:

Next Meeting : Thursday 13th June
Demonstration by Mary Delevingne

WESTLEY WATERLESS

??? QUIZ NIGHT ???

Friday 7th June

Max 8 per team / £6 person on the door

**Send team names in advance to
hallbookings@westleywaterless.com**

Quiz starts promptly at 7pm

Further details to follow in next month's Newsletter

Services for May in the Raddesley Benefice ≈ All Welcome

5th May 6th Sunday of Easter WHITE Acts 10: 44 – end 1 John 5: 1 – 6 John 15: 9 -17	9.00 am Brinkley 10.30 am Burrough Green 1.00 pm Dullingham	Holy Communion Family Service Baptism
12th May Sunday after Ascension WHITE Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 – end 1 John 5: 9 – 13 John 17: 6 - 19	9.00 am Stetchworth 10.30 am Dullingham	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
19th May Pentecost/Whit Sunday RED Acts 2: 1 – 21 Romans 8: 22 – 27 John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b - 15	9.00 am Burrough Green 10.30 am Brinkley	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
26th May Trinity Sunday WHITE Isaiah 6: 1 – 8 Romans 8: 12-17 John 3: 1 -17	10.30 am Dullingham 6.00 pm Stetchworth	Holy Communion Evensong



Ladies Netball



Thursday evenings, 6-7pm Ladies Netball
on the Astro at The Ellesmere Centre.

If you are looking to meet new people
and have some fun come along to
our Netball sessions.

We do a warm up
(including a chat and catch up),
some shooting and passing practice
(with a little more chat),
and then we play a game
(by which time we are too
out of breath to chat!),
followed by a cool down
(sometimes with Gin)

No need to know the rules, we don't play
against other teams or clubs - it's just some
exercise with a lot of fun thrown in.

Please message me, Hayley Bell,
on 07749 793757 if you would like
more information

Catholic Parish Services

Newmarket: Saturdays 6.00pm and Sundays 11.00am

Kirtling: Sundays 9.00am

For a full list of weekday services, the newsletter and
other information please visit the website
<http://www.olise.co.uk>

A Note from the Editor

The next edition of the Newsletter will be
published in June. If you would like to share any
items of interest, news, or information please
e-mail me at stetchworthnews@gmail.com. The
deadline for articles is **20th May**.

**Newsletter content does not reflect the editor's
views.**

Catherine Hartness
Editor