

the Stetchworth Newsletter

April 2022

April Services at St. Peter's Church

10th April, 9.00 am : Palm Sunday Communion service with Ven Alex Hughes

15th April, 7.00 pm : Good Friday service with Rev'ds Andrew and Rosemary Rycraft and the Kitchen choir

Please note there will not be an Evensong Service in April



If you wish to book a baptism, wedding or have any other queries please contact one of the churchwardens initially:

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The season of Spring in our wonderful climate often catches us by surprise. We can have the most glorious sunshine – it might look very warm but walk down to Devil's Dyke and you will regret not taking your coat. We might have rain, but sometimes it is warm and refreshing. For many of us, of different faiths or none it is a time that reminds us of new life. From when we first see buds forming on what almost look like dead sticks on our trees up through the times of May Blossom (now often seen in April, of course) we are reminded that life renews. I remember the woodland on the Chiltern Hills where I had grown up being significantly damaged by the 1987 storms with many trees uprooted and the landscape looking rather desolate. Yet nature has its way of renewal and it has been fascinating to see that over the years. In some parts this has been managed by specific planting but in others areas have been left deliberately letting nature take its own action. It's difficult to say which looks better now.

As a Christian I believe that Christ's resurrection at Easter shows us a victory over death; the signs of new life around us act as a reminder of that. Even at times that can feel quite desperate in terms of the news and as we look back over a year since we lost our beloved Rector we believe that God will heal, and the renewal of nature and the signs of fresh life around us help to confirm this.

You will be very welcome at any of the Easter Services in the Benefice which are listed in this newsletter.

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Stetchworth Parish Council



Parish Councillors find that the two subjects most regularly raised by residents are dog fouling and parking/speeding in the High Street.

Dog fouling: The Council has done what it can with regard to dog fouling by providing dog waste bins, putting up notices and reminding people from time to time in the newsletter. However, the sad fact is that most people clear up after their dogs all the time and some people never clear up and it is difficult to change the mindset of the latter group. It is an offence to allow your dog to foul on both the tarmac pavements and the public footpaths around the village. The District Council will prosecute, if evidence is available.

Parking/speeding in the High Street: Parking in village streets causing congestion has become a common problem for many villages. In our case there will always be some residents' cars in the street as their properties do not have any off-road parking. However, the main problem is the nursery in the middle of the village which does not have parking or drop-off points but does have parents delivering and collecting children and in addition staff who need to park.

History re: Parking: When the Stetchworth school closed the building was put up for sale as suitable for light industry, etc. A planning application was made by an interested company showing some alteration to the building and provision for parking 16 vehicles. For whatever reason this did not go ahead and when the building was subsequently sold there was no need for any planning application as no major change to the building and, as it was still to be used as a school, there was no need to make any application for Change of Use of the building and therefore no opportunity for the Parish council to make any comments with regard to parking.

After some years, when planning permission was sought for the nursery extension the Parish Council did request that some parking provision be made and two spaces were designated at the back entrance in Stroller's Way. As soon as the Nursery opened it became apparent that parents' cars were causing problems in the High Street at busy drop off and collection times. The Parish Council therefore had an official arrangement with the then owner of Jubilee Court whereby parents were able to park in the Jubilee Court Car park whilst delivering and collecting their children. That worked well for several years but things move on, residents change and whereby originally only one resident and the warden had a car, now the residents' cars take up the car park and space is not available for Nursery parents. The Parish Council has asked whether a PCSO could attend one day at a busy time to monitor the situation and give advice, but this is not possible. The nursery does ask parents to think before they park/park sensibly but it is very worrying to note the number of carers who get children out of cars into the road. With regard to staff cars, at one time several were able to park at the British Legion until it was closed and subsequently sold. The Parish Council made some enquiries to see if land purchase and provision of a car park could be possible, but the cost of this was prohibitive. The owners of the nursery then approached the parish council and asked whether an extension of the car park at the Ellesmere centre would be possible to enable staff to park there. The Parish Council arranged this with the Nursery paying a contribution towards the cost and several staff members parked there. This seems to have become unpopular (too far to walk?) and staff cars are regularly parked in the High Street – a line from the URC up to the Post box and a line on the other side from the Alley almost to the Beeches. The gap between the two lines of cars seems to get smaller and at times it would be impossible for a large lorry or farm machinery to negotiate the gap. The Parish Council has contacted the nursery on several occasions asking if staff could please park at the Ellesmere centre and they say they will ask, but cars continue to be in the High Street. It is difficult for drivers to negotiate the High Street and it is annoying to say the least when drives are partially blocked and/or visibility splayed blocked. It is difficult to know what more the Parish Council is able to do other than request and encourage, as the cars are legally parked – though with a lack of consideration for residents, nursery parents and users of the High Street.

Lily Whymer, Chairman
Stetchworth Parish Council

St. Peter's Church, Stetchworth

CEMETERY: As previously reported, work will be carried out in the Cemetery at the end of March to remove the heap of excess soil thereby freeing up more usable plots. At the same time, relatives looking after graves where unofficial kerbs and, in some cases, stone chippings have been placed are being asked to remove these by the end of April in order to conform to the Churchyard regulations <https://www.elydiocese.org/churchyards-and-memorials.php> The PCC is contacting each family concerned, though does not have a contact point for some of these. If you know relatives of Les and Eileen Halls or Ray and Valerie Barnes please let them know about this. The PCC is aware that this request might be upsetting but has to conform to the regulations.

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE WEEKEND: The Jubilee Event Committee has not yet held its second meeting so no further news. However, look out for the May newsletter for more details – including a return slip letting us know whether you intend to be at the events – for catering purposes as we do need to know if catering for 50 or 150!! Several people have offered help and more would be welcome as organising three events within a few days is quite an undertaking!

- **Thursday 2nd June** at 11.00 am: At the Village Green a short service (a hymn and a prayer) and the raising of the Union Flag followed by light refreshment – a toast to the Queen
- **Friday 3rd June:** An Open Air Music event from 5 pm – 8 pm with a live band, BBQ and bar.
- **Sunday 5th June:** 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm A tea party with musical entertainment again taking place on the field and open to all. A competition for children to make 'A hat/crown fit for a Queen'. Tea served at approximately 4.00 pm in the large hall.

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Woodditton Division, March 2022

Cambridgeshire County Council & East Cambridgeshire District Update

Since my last report, there have been meetings of Highways & Transport Committee and a Full Council meeting of the County Council.

I spoke at the Highways & Transport Committee about my grave concern over the safety of the A1303 between Newmarket and Bottisham, considering that there have been two deaths on that road within the last two months and am very concerned over the safety of this road. I have asked for a briefing from officers about what can be done about reducing the danger. As your County Councillor, I want to ensure that travel within the area that I represent is as safe as possible. I have thoughts on how we can achieve safer roads, but welcome comments from residents on any concerns or solutions that you may have.

There was a Full County Council meeting on the 15th of March and I have many concerns about the attempt by the ruling Liberal Democrat administration to suppress democracy.

There were two examples of this, with the first being a change by the ruling Administration preventing items relating to planning or items of major national significance being debated by Cambridgeshire County Council. This change was brought by the ruling group because at the previous Full Council, the ruling group refused to vote on a motion brought expressing concern about a proposed incinerator in Somersham that has concerned many residents in that locality. This will mean that items such as East West Rail and Sunnica will not in future be debated by the County Council, so your Councillor will be suppressed from commenting on those issues and representing residents.

The second example is the motion that I brought before Council at the meeting expressing the concern of residents over the proposed imposition of congestion charging in Greater Cambridge that will hit the poorer members of society the hardest, and asking that the Liberal Democrat Ruling Group consider voting against any such proposals on the Greater Cambridge Partnership, when attending as representatives of the County Council.

My motion was opposed by the ruling group, and they voted to ignore genuine concerns from residents.

The solution to solving the traffic problem within Greater Cambridge is a difficult one, but I will continue to strive to achieve a solution that represents the aims of all residents.

I look forward to updating residents further next month and continue to work on your behalf.

If any resident wants to discuss any issue, then please feel free to contact me.

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Kitchen Choir

Dates Spring/Summer 2022

Good Friday Service - Friday 15th April
7pm at St Peter's Church, Stetchworth

Jubilee Afternoon Tea - Sunday 5th June
2pm at The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

'Everything but the Kitchen Sink'
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7pm at Hartest Church, Suffolk

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Raddesley Benefice Services for April ≈ All Welcome

<p>3rd April 5th Sunday of Lent (Purple) Isaiah 43: 16-21 Philippians 3: 4b-14 John 12: 1-8</p>	<p>9.00 am Brinkley Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty 10.30 am Burrough Green Rev'd Dr. Colin McCarty</p>	<p>Holy Communion Family Service</p>
<p>10th April Palm Sunday (Red) Isaiah 50: 4-9a Phillippians 2: 5-11 Luke 22: 14 – end of 23 or Luke 23: 1-49</p>	<p>9.00 am Stetchworth The Ven. Alex Hughes 10.30 am Dullingham The Ven. Alex Hughes 6.00 pm Carlton Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft</p>	<p>Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evensong</p>
<p>11th April Monday in Holy week(Purple)</p>	<p>7.00 pm Dullingham Mr. Peter Allan</p>	<p>Compline</p>
<p>12th April Tuesday in Holy week(Purple)</p>	<p>7.00 pm Dullingham Mr. Peter Allan</p>	<p>Compline</p>
<p>13th April Wednesday in Holy week(Purple)</p>	<p>7.00 pm Dullingham Mr. Peter Allan</p>	<p>Compline</p>
<p>14th April Maundy Thursday Exodus 12: 1-4 (5-10)(11-14) 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26 John 13: 1-17, 31b-35</p>	<p>7.00 pm Dullingham Rev'ds Rosemary and Andrew Rycraft</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday Service To include the stripping of hangings etc.</p>
<p>15th April Good Friday (hangings removed)</p>	<p>7.00 pm Stetchworth Rev'ds Rosemary and Andrew Rycraft</p>	<p>Ecumenical Good Friday service Hangings removed</p>
<p>17th April Easter Sunday (Gold or White) Isaiah 65: 17 - end Acts 10: 34-43 John 20: 1-18</p>	<p>10.30 am Westley Waterless Rev'ds Rosemary and Andrew Rycraft 10.30 am Burrough Green</p>	<p>Easter Communion service Lay led Family Easter service</p>
<p>23rd April</p>	<p>1.00 pm Dullingham Rev'd Andrew Rycraft</p>	<p>Wedding</p>
<p>24th April 2nd Sunday of Easter (White) Acts 5: 27-32 Revelation 1: 4-8 John 20: 19-end</p>	<p>10.30 am Dullingham Rev'd Andrew Rycraft</p>	<p>Holy Communion NO EVENSONG AT STETCHWORTH TODAY</p>

Ellesmere Garden Club News

Our visit to Cambridge Botanical Garden, for a guided walk with an emphasis on Spring, will be on **Easter Sunday, 17th April**, starting at 2pm and leaving at 4.30 pm after a visit to the cafe. The price is £6.80 admission fee (standard adult) + £6 tour fee = £12.80 per person. Lifts can be shared by meeting at the Ellesmere Centre at 1.10 pm, and non-members are welcome. Please let our secretary Judith know if you intend to come along, (see contact details below) however you plan to travel.



Looking ahead to May, we have a talk from one of our long-standing members, Sue Park, who was instrumental in setting up the garden at Dullingham station. So join us in the Ellesmere Centre at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 11th May** to hear all about this award-winning venture! Then Saturday 14th May is the date of our annual Plant Sale. If weather permits it will be held outside once again, under gazebos, from 2 – 4 pm. This is always very popular, so come along early and bag your bargains! More details next month.

Members and visitors are equally welcome, and if you have any queries about the club please contact either our Chairman Sandie, phone 07903 584676, or our Secretary Judith, phone 07740 100660.

News from the Ellesmere Centre



Roller Skating is now taking place on Wednesdays from 3.30-5.00pm.

There will be a snack bar and teas and coffees so come along straight from school and join in.

£2 to skate and £1 for skate hire.

The Ellesmere Cafe (Serve yourself)

The Gredley Room is now open from 9.00am-4.00pm for people to come and have a tea or coffee.

It will be a great opportunity to meet up with friends, mums and babies, knit and natter and book clubs or just somewhere to come to meet others.

The Forget-Me-Not Cafe

will be on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00-4.00pm for those suffering with Dementia and their families/carers.

This will be a chance to meet up with others in a similar situation in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy a cuppa and some cake.

Multisports with SL Sport and Education

from 3.45-4.45pm 4-6 year olds and 4.45-5.45pm 7-12 year olds on Friday afternoons at the Ellesmere centre.



EASTER ACTIVITY CAMP - Thursday 14th April 8.30am -3.30pm.

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e-mail: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk or alternatively call us on 01638 508212

Stetchworth and Cheveley United Reformed Church

Services and Events

Sunday April 3rd, 11.00 am: Service led by the members

Sunday April 10th, 11.00 am: Revd Elizabeth Caswell

Sunday April 17th, 11.00 am: Mr Keith Cakebread (Easter Sunday)

Sunday April 24th, 11.00 am: Revd Dr Janet Tollington



Coffee Morning

In the light of events in the news it was decided to donate the proceeds of the March Coffee Morning to help the Ukrainian refugees. We are delighted to announce that we raised £220, which will be sent to the Disasters Emergency Committee. We would like to thank all those who attended and contributed so generously.

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 9th April, 10.30 - 12.00. This time the proceeds will be for church funds. **All welcome.**

Girlguiding Linton District



I had the honour of attending The Promise Ceremony of our new Brinkley Guides and Rangers on Thinking Day. I also remade my promise as a Trefoil Guide along with the Guides and Rangers. Every Year on the 22nd of February everyone in the movement thinks about Guiding around the world. Our Founders Lord and Lady Baden-Powell were both born on the 22 February. On this day we celebrate and think of the 152 countries around the world that have Guiding. We all collect our thinking day pennies together and it helps fund the work that the world association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts does around the world. As part of being international, every 4 years, at Huntington racecourse, Cambridgeshire Scouts host Cam Jam, a jamboree for scouts, Guides, Explorers and Rangers all over the world. At the last one in 2019 our girls met people from as far away as Sierra Leone, Pakistan and Luxemburg 3 of the many countries attending.

How lucky we are to have such devoted leaders giving up their time to create such wonderful memories and inspiring girls to be whatever they dream of. How incredible that what was started by our founders over 112 years ago has had over 10 million girls join. This year's Thinking Day theme is 'Our world, our equal future' #WTD2022.

Today, Tomorrow, together

If you would like to join us or see what opportunities are available please contact

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Green Bins: Monday 4th and Tuesday 18th
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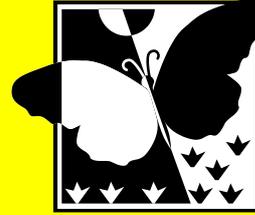
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Next meeting:

Thursday 12th May 2022

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Stetchworth WI

Stetchworth WI met in March for a talk by John Harris about his life for 32 years as a submariner and commander of three submarines. He described his life on board for up to 14 weeks at a time. His wife, Sandie, then told us what it was like to be the wife of a submariner and how the wives coped with their husbands' absences. It was a very insightful and interesting talk on a subject we knew little about. Also Mr Harris confirmed that they don't shout "Dive, Dive, Dive" as they do in the films.

On **Tuesday 5th April** we will have a talk by Sue Stubbley about Disappearing Hedgehogs; 7.30 p.m. at the Ellesmere Centre.

Competition: A Hedgehog (In any medium)
Teas: Sue Anderson & Lane Groves

On **Tuesday 3rd May** will be Curry Capers - The Business & Me - a talk and cookery demonstration by Julia Latif; 7.30 p.m. at the Ellesmere Centre.

Competition: A spicy recipe
Teas: Lily Whymer & Margo Bristow



Guests welcome - £2 to include tea/coffee and biscuits

For any other information contact Lynn Curtis on 01638 508777 or visit our website stetchworthwi.weebly.com

