

the Stetchworth Newsletter

February 2019

February Services at St. Peter's Church

10th February, 9.00 am : Family Communion service followed by
a PCC Meeting

24th February, 3.00 pm : Taizé style service



If you wish to book a baptism, wedding, etc., please contact Nikki (her usual working days are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, of course), or one of the churchwardens, details as below:

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Encountering God

I heard a great quote recently 'Going to Church does not make you a Christian, anymore than going to McDonalds makes you a hamburger!'

This is particularly fitting as we soon move into the reflective season of Lent a time when we are invited to take stock of our lives, our faith, our footprint on the world. On 3rd February we celebrate 'The Presentation of Christ' where Mary and Joseph take their son to the temple to present him to the Lord. This shows us how important ritual is, how important being faithful to one's faith is. It is not just Mary, Joseph and Jesus who are touched on this occasion but also the older prayerful Simeon and prophet Anna who for years have prayerfully waited for a glimpse of the Messiah. And immediately they know it, they see it in this child Jesus and their hearts are filled with joy and they are at peace. That meeting with the Christ is enough for them to know that in this world and the next 'All will be well'.

Yes going to Church doesn't make you a Christian, but meeting and receiving Christ does, and Church is a great place to do this (but don't rule out in McDonalds either!) God can be found anywhere and everywhere, we just need to be open to the encounter.

May you encounter the joy and peace of God this month,

Nikki

The Rev'd Nikki Mann

Taizé Service †

Join us for a reflective Taizé style service on **Sunday 24th February at 3pm** in Stetchworth Church.

Pancakes and Pledges & Learning in Lent

The popular pancake and pledges for the 40 days of Lent takes place on **Tuesday 5th March** at Westley Waterless Church. Followed by Ash Wednesday communion service with ashing at Brinkley Church on **Wednesday 6th March**.

We will also be running a Lent Course starting **Sunday 10th March at 7pm** in The Rectory and **Monday 11th March at 10am** at Clare Farm in Dullingham. All warmly welcome.

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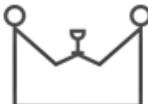


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Daphne Coote

Daphne Coote passed away December 10th spending her last 2 years at Gracewell of Kennet after living 61 years in Stetchworth, the village she loved since moving there after being a navy wife from Malta back in 1955.

Mum and Dad enjoyed every part of village life, WI with the various competitions making the best dressed garden in a saucer or the prettiest hankie, Parochial church council, holy dusting at St Peter's, the chapel, cooking for the old folks, the sandwiches, buns, jam tarts we would watch her make them but not allowed to taste, they would be packed away in her trolley and off she would go down the footpath we did the left overs but by then after 2 trips in the trolley we had a bit of cucumber stuck to the bottom of a bun, we were allowed the burnt ones though when time got the better of her.

Fuchsia club when even her and Dad were in competition against each other, the village fete with the longest bean, the yummiest jam, chutney and cakes, biggest flower head, photograph of a child, she entered many categories and would come home proudly showing off her



place cards. Carpet bowls competition and practise which she taught her grandsons, (don't recall her having that much patience with Irene and I).

I recall one winter when the newspaper man couldn't do the Sunday papers for a few months, I think he may have been poorly, anyway Mum announces we were doing them for him, used to take all Sunday morning because after week 1 we not only delivered the papers but were sent off with kindling and a thermos of tea, mum had found some of the older villagers that needed last night's fire cleared out, re-set, and re-lit along with a cup of tea. Dad and us kids just went along with her, wouldn't have it any other way.

Mum was a Nanna to Tom and Jack, wife to Gordon, Mum to Irene and me, we all loved her and are missing her so very much, had a lovely funeral with many of her friends from the village (thank you Mel) and family which she would have liked, but she had the last say even then, The Rev'd Nikki Mann did a lovely graveside farewell when we were interring her ashes reuniting her once again with Dad, but we had her put in a beautiful cylinder showing the bluebell woods, but I had forgotten to tell Michael that she was in a cylinder not a casket and as I lowered her in to the prepared plot of course she didn't fit, so we left the church yard with the top 3 inches of Mum sticking out watching us go. (Thank you Michael Whymer for making her fit after we'd gone).

Thank you Stetchworth, you made my parents very happy, you gave us a brilliant childhood for which we will always speak of fondly.

Diane Eldridge, nee Coote

Stetchworth and Cheveley United Reformed Church

Services and Events

Sunday 3rd February, 11.00 am : Mr R. Lewney (Stetchworth)

Sunday 10th February, 11.00 am : Revd P. Whittle (Cheveley, Holy Communion)

Sunday 17th February, 11.00 am : Revd Dr J. Tollington (Stetchworth)

Sunday 24th February, 11.00 am : Mrs W. Roe (Cheveley)



Craft 'n' Coffee

Meetings will be on the 13th and 27th February in Stetchworth

Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th February, 10.00 – 12.00 at Stetchworth

News from the Ellesmere Centre



All Glammed Up - East Anglia's Premier Glam Rock Tribute Band

Saturday 23rd February ... Come along for a great night and bring a crowd



For tickets call Andrea on 07393 296540. Cost £10



Joanna Eden & Rodney Branigan on Friday 1st March

Joanna Eden will open the evening, performing some of her own outstanding songs, including some from her new album Truth Tree



RODNEY BRANIGAN - "A First Class US Import!"

The Texan local who learned to play in Austin, perform in Los Angeles, craft songs in Nashville, and put it all together in London

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- BBC Cambridge call him a "Living Legend" – and Blues magazine France called him '... the revelation of the year or even decade'

'Outstanding showmanship' BBC Radio 2

Vocally comparable to Jeff Buckley and Simon & Garfunkel - Music Week

Tickets from the Ellesmere Centre Office



NEW : Lily's Inflatable Stay & Play sessions

on at the Centre on Wednesday mornings, starting on 30th January
from 10.30am - 12.30pm

The Ellesmere Centre, Ley Road, Stetchworth, CB8 9TS. <https://ellesmerecentre.org.uk/>
Tel: 01638 508212. e-mail office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Dullingham and Stetchworth Oil Syndicate

If you are filling your oil tank don't forget the Oil Syndicate. To get a good price e-mail or telephone Mark Robertson, the co-ordinator, at dullinghamoil@hotmail.co.uk, or call 01638 507266.

Mobile Library

Jubilee Court, Stetchworth

The mobile library visits every fourth Wednesday of each month, arriving at 2.25pm and leaving at 3.00pm.

Further information, together with charges, can be found on the Cambridgeshire County Council website,
http://www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20010/libraries/327/libraries_charges/

Waste & Recycling Dates

Blue Bins: Thursdays 7th and 21st February

Green Bins: Thursdays 14th and 28th February

Black Bags: Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th February

Don't forget the Ellesmere Centre for your recycling as it brings in money for the Centre.



Ellesmere Garden Club

Welcome, everyone, to a new gardening year. Already the days are lengthening, although almost imperceptibly, and we can look forward to extra hours in the garden before too long. But while we are in the winter season what better way to get inspired about your garden than to come to a talk.

Our **AGM** takes place on **Wednesday 13th February**. Unlike other AGMs you may have attended, ours is very short, and as soon as the required business is over we will have a talk on “**Aquatics and Marginal Bog Plants**” from **Ian Seager**.

Your committee have been hard at work planning a new programme, and details will be available at the AGM. This is also when subscriptions for the coming year will be due, which have once again been pegged at £15 per person or £20 for a couple. Unbelievably good value!

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our meetings, and remember you can always bring a friend, or just come along even if not a member – you will be very welcome. Club evenings cost only £1



per member or £2 for non-members. Our March meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th** when **Peter Gooch** will talk about “**Clematis**”.

If you have any questions about our events or the club in general, just give Sandie a call on 507542.

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Please call Mark

day time: 07968 525733

evening: 01638 508902

Please note we do not stack logs due to H&S reasons
Goods subject to availability



WHAT'S ON AT THE BOOT?



Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 12.00–2.30pm, 5.00–11.00pm

Saturday 11.00am–11.00pm

Sunday 11.00am–7.00pm

Food:

Monday to Friday 12.00–2.00pm

Fresh rolls made every day

FISH & CHIPS

*Every Wednesday
5.00pm to 7.30pm
eat in or takeaway*

St. Peter's Church, Stetchworth

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, Saturday 8th December and presentation of the BEM : What a fantastic day I had. I felt as though my feet weren't on the ground! Thank you to all those who planned the event, helped or assisted at the event or who came to support the event. What an honour to receive the award and to receive it in the midst of the community – thank you all. Many thanks too to all those clubs, schools and organisations which decorated a Christmas tree for the festival. The church looked lovely – particularly when all the trees were lit up.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Our Christmas services on 23rd and 24th December were well attended and, I think, enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Kitchen Choir for singing at the Carol service and thank you to all those supporting the services.

TAIZÉ STYLE SERVICE: Our service on 24th February will be a Taizé style service instead of Evensong. We hope that people might like to come and join this different style of service.

UNSTABLE GRAVESTONES: Thank you to those families who have had relatives gravestones made safe. There were several graves no longer visited (probably because there are no living relatives) and the PCC has had those stones repaired and made safe. These were not the type and style that could be laid down within a kerb. We will, of course, carry out an annual check on all the gravestones. If you tend a grave in the cemetery please check from time to time to see if there is movement.

OPEN THE BOOK: A small team of people from our group of Parishes will be going into Kettlefields School for a monthly visit to 'Open the Book' reading and demonstrating, with the help of some of the children, a different bible story each month. The first visit will be on 24th January. Another team will be going for a monthly visit to Burrough Green School.

Lily Whymer, 507576, lilywhymer@btinternet.com
22 Cooper's Close, Stetchworth

After a fantastic sell-out concert at
The Ellesmere Centre and some very enjoyable nights
carol singing around the pubs THE KITCHEN CHOIR
are very proud to announce that the grand sum raised for
East Anglian Air Ambulance
is £1,133.73

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed

We have just started back after the Christmas break, and if you wish to
join us then come along and give it a go
Monday's at The Ellesmere Centre in the Small Hall
7.30 to 9.30pm

Pilates

Monday:

- 9.30 – 10.30 am Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth
- 11.15 – 12.15 pm 50+ : Catholic Church, Newmarket
- 6.20 – 7.20 pm Catholic Church, Newmarket (Intermediate)
- 7.30 – 8.30 pm Catholic Church, Newmarket (Beginner/Intermediate)



Tuesday:

- 9.30 – 10.30 am Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth – **Cardiolates** (a new, faster paced Pilates class! Mixing low impact exercises with traditional Pilates for strength and flexibility)
- 10.35 – 11.35 am Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth
- 7.10 – 8.10 pm Bedford Lodge (booking taken at Leisure Club)

Wednesday:

- 9.20 – 10.20 am The Fulbourn Centre (All levels)
- 10.30 – 11.30 am The Fulbourn Centre (Beginner)
- 6.00 – 7.00 pm The Fulbourn Centre – **Fitness Pilates** (an active class for those with a reasonable level of fitness)
- 7.30 – 8.30 pm Landmark School, Fulbourn (Beginner/Improver)

Thursday:

- 9.15 – 10.15 am Moulton Village Hall
- 11.15 – 12.15 pm Catholic Church, Newmarket
- 6.00 – 7.00 pm Bedford Lodge (booking taken at Leisure Club)

Personal training and small group classes are available by arrangement

For further details and to book, please call Alison on:
01638 507784 or 07752 360839, or e-mail: alisonwilson6@hotmail.co.uk

Stetchworth WI

At our January meeting we shared stories of our first jobs. This was a very interesting and entertaining evening where we learned a little more about each other and what we did in our first job and where that took us in later life. It was amazing how many of us worked for Woolworths!

One of our members was celebrating her 80th birthday which we celebrated with a delicious chocolate cake made by the President and a glass of wine.

Our February meeting will be our Annual Meeting followed by a Bring & Buy Sale and Quiz. : Tuesday 5th February at 7.30 pm, Jubilee Court, Stetchworth.

There will be no competition.

Teas: Maggie Feltham & Sue Durrant



Guests welcome: £2 to include tea/
coffee and biscuits.

Please contact Lynn 01638 508777
for further details



You are invited to

DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

**Thursday 14th February 2019
8.00pm**

The Taylor Hall, Church Close, Dullingham
(opposite The Boot Public House)

*Come and join us for a
Valentines demonstration by
Valerie Phillips
entitled
'Romance is in the Air'*

**Admission £5
to include refreshments**

Raffle

Please contact Lesley Bird
for further information

Tel: 01638 507658 or 07786 817154

**DATE FOR DIARY:
Next meeting - Thursday 14th March 2019**

Please visit the Stetchworth village website at <http://www.stetchworth.webs.com/>

You can e-mail the website at stetchworth2002@yahoo.co.uk or via the 'Contact Us' page

Church Services in February

3 February Presentation of Christ Mal 3:1-5 Heb 2:14-end Luke 2: 22-40	9.00 am Brinkley 10.30 am Burrough Green	BCP Holy Communion Family Service
10 February Isa 6: 1-8 1 Cor 15: 1-11 Luke 5:1-11	9.00 am Stetchworth 10.30 am Dullingham	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
17 February Jer 17: 5-10 1 Cor 15: 12-20 Luke 6: 17-26	9.00 am Burrough Green 10.30 am Brinkley 7.00 pm Carlton	Family Communion Morning Prayer Evensong
24 February Gen 2: 4b-9,15-end Rev chapter 4 Luke 8: 22-25	10.30 am Dullingham 3.00 pm Stetchworth	Holy Communion Taize Evensong

Stetchworth - Relief in Need Charity



For over forty years this charity has been working with residents of Stetchworth to offer relief in times of need. It has helped a wide range of people for lots of different reasons. The amounts are not life changing, but they can help a little, particularly at this time of year when things such as fuel bills and warm school clothing can become a worry. To be eligible, the applicant needs to have lived in the village for at least two years.

For further details please contact either Lily Whymer or Anna Taylor. Application forms can be picked up at the Ellesmere Centre Post Office. Please be assured that all applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

A Note from the Editor

Dear Reader, the next edition of the Newsletter will be published in March. If you would like to share any items of interest, news, or information in the next edition, please e-mail me at stetchworthnews@gmail.com.

The deadline for articles is 20th February.

Catherine Hartness
Editor

From the Archive

A photo, from 1945 of the Wedding of Sybil Osbourn to Frank Dale at St Peter's Church.



Further historical material, including images, documents and memories which have been collected over the years can be found in the Stetchworth Community Archive, www.stetchwortharchives.co.uk