

the Stetchworth Newsletter

September 2021

September Services at St. Peter's Church

12th September, 9.00 am : Communion Service, Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft

26th September, 6.00 pm : Evening Prayer, Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft



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 Harvest is Safely Gathered In

At least I hope it will by the time you read this newsletter!

In years gone by, when a high proportion of the population of these villages were working in various capacities on the land, harvest was an important time, not only of the agricultural year, but of the whole cycle of seasons for everyone. When the corn was ripe for harvesting, it was a question of 'all hands to the pumps'. A remaining legacy of which is that the school holidays still span the month of August, when in those days most of the harvest would be gathered in, with children helping to providing the extra hands when the whole operation relied largely on physical labour.

The mixed and uncertain weather has made this a difficult year for farmers. Drilling in the Autumn was delayed because of the wet conditions, resulting in more Spring planted crops and the last few months have seen all extremes of weather from drought to flood. Nevertheless, I understand that some farmers have been pleasantly surprised by yields this harvest.

Church Harvest Festival Services have long been an opportunity for parishioners to give thanks for the harvest, and to show this by bringing offerings of fresh produce along to Church, which can then be offered to those less fortunate in the area. The tradition of celebrating the Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843 when, at Morwenstow in Cornwall, Revd Robert Hawker conducted a special thanksgiving service at his church and blessed the crops. A year later, Revd Henry Alford's hymn, 'Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home!' was published and soon became a regular favourite.

There is still much to celebrate at this time of the year. You may have noticed that, regardless of all we have gone through in the last 18 months because of the Covid pandemic, the beauty and abundance of God's creation has 'blossomed' - totally unaffected by the virus that has changed our lives possibly forever.

We are fortunate to live in a country with four distinct seasons. Despite the apparent effects of climate change on our weather, in the words of the popular Harvest hymn 'We plough the fields and scatter' - God still provides 'the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain'. We must hope and pray that the international cooperation at the forthcoming Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, starting at the end of next month, will produce proposals to counteract the human activity that is causing the climate to change, thus ensuring that our farmers will continue to reap ab ensuring that our farmers will continue to reap abundant harvests in the years to come.

May you all be blessed this Harvest-tide.

Andrew Rycraft (Revd)

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CIRCULAR WALK: We have reluctantly decided to postpone our walk again. So far we have been unable to arrange for a knowledgeable guide; so we will renew our efforts to find someone and hope to arrange a date in 2022, possibly in June.

RIDE AND STRIDE - 11TH SEPTEMBER: This is the annual Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle ride/walk church to church. If you are walking or cycling, gain as much sponsorship as you can and submit it via your local representative (that's me for Stetchworth) when you have collected from all of your sponsors. Half of the funds raised will be returned to Stetchworth Church and the other half will be for CHCT who give grants and loans for church repairs and improvements. I can provide sponsor forms etc. I am also happy to sponsor anyone who is riding/walking for Stetchworth church.

QUIZ: We will be holding a Quiz at the Ellesmere Centre on 9th October. More details in the October newsletter.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL: We will again be having a Christmas tree festival at the church. This will be on 11th December when we will have some stalls and refreshments – though the trees will be in the Church from that date until after Christmas.

JAM AND MARMALADE: is available – ring me if you would like to buy some.

Lily Whymer, 507576, lilywhymer@gmail.com
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7.30 pm on Saturday 16th October 2021

at The Ellesmere Centre

*To book tickets please e-mail
tessclarke63@hotmail.com*

or call 07990 513836

*£18 to include welcome drink and
3-course meal*

COVID Community Champions

People across our local area have gone above and beyond to help others during the pandemic, and to recognise their fantastic efforts I have launched a COVID Community Champions award. From collecting medication and groceries, to looking out for elderly neighbours, or volunteering or supporting the NHS - there are many stories of support that have taken place across our local communities during the pandemic.

I am keen to highlight the significant efforts of those who have made a contribution during this tough time for our area and country.

If you would like to nominate a local individual to thank them for the work they have done across Cambridgeshire then please email me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk with:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your email
- Name and contact email of the individual you are nominating for the COVID Community Champion Award
- The reasons why you are nominating them

The closing date for nominations is 30th September. I will be announcing the winners in the autumn, and holding a special event in Parliament to recognise their hard work. I look forward to sharing their stories with you.

Lucy Frazer MP

Ellesmere Garden Club News



As the summer appears to be drawing to a close, we are not giving in to autumn just yet, and so have two more visits planned: **Wednesday 8th September** evening visit to **Pavilion House garden, Dullingham** and **Saturday 18th September** afternoon visit to **The Old Rectory Garden, Brinkley** (note change of date from previously advertised). These visits will need to be booked in advance so please contact Judith Mahoney if you'd like to go on either one or would like further details at Judith.mahoney@btinternet.com. There will be an email to members nearer the time.

The following month we have a session in the Ellesmere Centre: **Practical winter tubs and baskets** with nibbles on **13th October**. Look out for more details next month.

The **Tender Shoots Garden Network** have a packed schedule of talks from fantastic horticultural speakers:

- Sep 1st Wed - Peter Moore - Buddleja
- Sep 8th Wed - John Baker
- Sep 16th Thur - John & Gail West Shores - Grasses
- Sep 22nd Wed - Glenn Duggan - The Fantastic Flora of Australia
- Oct 13th Wed - Vic Aspland - A Brighter side of Winter
- Oct 20th Wed - Afternoon talk from Joe Tierney - Life and Gardens of Capability Brown

There are two ways to join these meetings:

- 1) To join the zoom directly, please click the link below (or enter the Meeting ID on the zoom start screen and enter the Passcode when prompted). It's the same login for all meetings:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4043014750?pwd=SVRibEovRW5mTUJFqdG1NblVxSlJPZz09>
Meeting ID: 404 301 4750
Passcode: bonsai
- 2) Or you can also go to the YouTube page when the talk is about to start (at 7.30pm) as we simultaneously stream the meeting Live on YouTube. To join just enter this link:
www.youtube.com/c/TenderShootsGardenClubNetwork
or search YouTube for the 'Tender Shoots Garden Club Network' and then click on our yellow logo. The advantage of YouTube Live is you can start the talk from the beginning if you arrive late, you can pause, rewind and skip any bits and still ask questions to the speaker via YouTube chat box.

Evening meetings start at 7.30 pm, and the afternoon one at 2.30pm.

Stetchworth and Cheveley United Reformed Church

Services and Events

- Sunday September 5th, 11.00 am: Revd Elizabeth Caswell
- Sunday September 12th, 11.00 am: To be arranged
- Sunday September 19th, 11.00 am: Revd Dr Janet Tollington
- Sunday September 26th, 11.00 am: Dr Janet Bottoms

Please note, the Cheveley URC building is no longer in use, so all services will be at Stetchworth in future.



Craft 'n' Coffee
The meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Woodditton Ward, September 2021

Cambridgeshire District Council Update

We are in the summer period for Local Authorities, so meetings are not normally held in this period. However, I have a few items since the last report.

The County Council met on 20th July, and it is sad to report that the current administration reneged on the previous Conservative County Council's decision to downgrade the A1123 in the centre of the District to a B road, which would have helped to take traffic off this road. The pressure to get an acceptable solution for residents will continue.

Speeding through rural villages and along rural roads is an issue that causes concern to many residents. I have been working with parishes in my division to get bids accepted for road calming measures and will continue to do so. However, the speed in the villages is only part of the issue, as coming upon the aftermath of an accident on the B1061 earlier this month, excess speed along rural roads is a massive concern. I am working with Highways on improving visibility at that junction.

My County Division covers 11 villages, as well as a large part of Newmarket, and in all those communities, excess speed is an issue. I will continue to work to get a resolution to each of the different issues. Everyone should remember that the speed limit is not a target, but a maximum.

I am due to have a meeting with the A1102 group shortly, who are concerned about some of the proposals of the Greater Cambridge Partnership, which could affect residents who travel into Cambridge along Newmarket Road. This is an ongoing issue, and I will keep residents informed and updated on all the issues.

I received a call from a resident recently about scam messages that they had received, and they were very alarmed by the incident. These messages and phone calls are unfortunately a problem of life currently. This resident thought that they were being targeted personally and asked how have they got my number, as I am ex-directory. The criminals operating these scams are using random numbers to call and very rarely do they have any personal details of you. That is what they are trying to obtain. If you receive such messages/calls, do not give out any personal details. Seek support from neighbours/friends and if you are really concerned, from the police. Please call me if you need guidance on who to seek advice from. Most importantly stay safe.

I look forward to updating residents further next month.

Alan Sharp Cambridgeshire County Councillor – Woodditton Division
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East Cambridgeshire District Council Update

Like the County Council, there have been no meetings in August.

Full Council

At the latest Full Council meeting of the District Council on 15th July, the Council agreed with the Boundary Commission proposal for the new parliamentary constituency to consist of the whole of East Cambridgeshire District together with Waterbeach and Milton. Currently the South East Cambridgeshire constituency excludes the northern half of the District, but includes more villages from South Cambridgeshire. To have the whole of the District within the proposed new constituency seems to be a good proposal. There is the local authority boundary issue and the arbitrary boundary, where over 800 homes are in Cambridgeshire, but physically part of Newmarket. Those residents are represented by your County and District Councillors but removing the boundary and making it all part of Cambridgeshire would help local democracy. Please let us know your views on this issue, as this is an important issue, that needs to be addressed in the foreseeable future.

Surgeries

If you wish to discuss a Council issue in confidence, whether it relates to East Cambridgeshire District Council or Cambridgeshire County Council, please contact us.

Stay safe

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RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

11TH SEPT.
2021

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Like many charities, churches have been affected by the pandemic, particularly through the loss of local fundraising activities and a decrease in grants for major repairs. Help us support this unique heritage by taking part in Ride and Stride this September. There are numerous ways you can do this:

- Bike, walk or ride around the beautiful Cambridgeshire countryside, stopping off at as many churches and chapels as you can along the way.
- Be a virtual visitor – if you aren't able to physically visit churches, try using the National Churches Trust's explorer website to visit some virtually <https://www.explorechurches.org/>. You could set yourself a challenge, for instance, 10 minutes to visit as many different dedications (church names) as possible.
- If Covid-19 restrictions allow, be a 'church welcomer'.

Be sponsored for your visits or time spent volunteering, or simply make a donation to the Trust.

Find out more at
www.camhct.uk

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News from the Ellesmere Centre



Welcome back - please come along and join us for our amazing Live Music Nights

Stetchworth's very own Johnny Wright and Friends on Saturday 4th September

Back by popular demand. Weather permitting this will be outside so bring a blanket or chair and a picnic.
The bar will be open so please do not bring your own drinks.
Bring the children along to play on the park whilst you enjoy the music.
Tickets £3 per adult are available from the office.



The Joanna Eden Band

Friday 17th September at 8pm / Tickets £12.50 / Licensed Bar

Joanna has performed all over the world and supported Jamie Cullum and more recently Van Morrison amongst others. She has performed at the Centre many times.
On this occasion she will be performing a combination of Latin music and her original songs.
Not to be missed.



Walking Football

We are really keen to try to start this up again, preferably in the daytime.
If you would be interested please send an email or drop into the office one morning.
(We have had a few responses to this and just need one or two more!)

Dick Whittington

Would you like to audition or help behind the scenes at this year's panto?
If so come along to our Kick-off meeting on Thursday 2nd September
at the Ellesmere Centre to find out more.



Art Class

We have a new tutor for our Tuesday afternoon Art Class.
Please give the office a call if you are interested and would like more details.

Classes

Most of our classes are restarting from September so it would be good to see you all back.

**The staff ensures that regular sanitising takes place and we do our utmost to keep you all safe.
At present masks are still required when in the corridors, toilets, shop and post office. Thank you.**

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



Stetchworth Parish Council

You will probably all have noticed that the dog waste bin has been moved from the Village Green and is now located in Church Lane at the end of Dovehouse Lane – a much more suitable location. We now have a new sign placed there instead pointing to the church and giving the time of the Sunday service. Our church is not exactly prominent in the village and people drive through without knowing that we have one – even people looking for it sometimes have difficulty – though one would think that Church Lane would be a good clue! Anyway, it is hoped that the new sign will aid people unfamiliar with the village and perhaps coming for a wedding or a funeral, to find the church more readily.

Lily Whymer
Chairman, Stetchworth Parish Council

Girlguiding Linton District



As you read this the summer is well and truly here. Those of you who managed to, I hope, enjoyed our Linton Mystery Trail held during August. There were some lovely days for a picnic with the family too. Our Guiding County of Cambs East organise events for our girls to do to enable them to meet up with others from around the county. I am pleased to say our weekend at Grafham Water in September is going ahead this year. It will just be with reduced numbers. We have had units cooking out and one unit even managed to get away for a night cooking on campfires and having some fun doing so. Our incredible team at the Jarman Centre have been busy as the centre is now fully open. Several of our units have had a go at the Archery there already. Some of our girls have also been climbing too. We are all looking

forward to a new term back to indoor meetings where possible and zoom if not. It has been good to see our older girls able to have the Vaccine before they start college and we wish them all well in their next adventure. INSPIRE our group for 18+ has had a campfire and our Linton Trefoil Guild finished the summer off with a lovely Tea party in Daphne's beautiful garden. Celebrating our Regions Anglia 50th Birthday 1971-2021. We will all be making birthday cards in our units too to be sent around our Region.

Whatever age you are come and Join the fun, it starts here... <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk>

Louisa Powell-Owens
Linton District DC
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Kitchen Choir is BACK

"HALLELUJAH"

Had enough of lockdown?

we meet at

The Ellesmere Centre,
Stetchworth

Monday's at 7.30pm

For more info ring 01638 507997

Would you like to audition for a role on stage in our latest Panto?

Would you like to help out behind the scenes??

Would you like to come and have fun with local friendly like-minded people???

Please come and join the fun - The Kick-off meeting is **8.00p.m 2nd September** at The Ellesmere Centre Stetchworth, where you can find out lots more information - with auditions for on-stage roles **8.00p.m 9th September** - We look forward to seeing you there !



It's Panto
Time Again!
(Oh Yes It Is ...)

*Dick
Whittington*

*A Village Panto by
The Ellesmere Devils
Panto Society*

AUCTION

BRINKLEY MEMORIAL HALL

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SATURDAY
25th September

2pm

VIEWING

FRIDAY 24th September

5pm - 8pm

SATURDAY 25th September

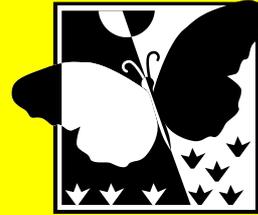
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NOTE FOR DIARY:

Next meeting - Thursday 14th October 2021

Stetchworth WI

The July Zoom meeting was a talk by Darren Hughes, Recycling Officer at East Cambs District Council. We were shown a couple of short videos on how best to recycle our waste and what happens to it. These 3 minute videos are available on YouTube. He talked about which packaging is recyclable and what to do with unusual items. The green waste is turned into compost over a matter of 8 days and is available for free at the Waterbeach site for gardeners. See website for details. Take your own bag and shovel. A great talk for keen recyclers.

August saw us being given a demonstration of Indian cooking by Judith Mahoney who produced some delicious samosas and green chutney.

Our meetings from now until Christmas will be held at the Ellesmere Centre as it provides more space. Our next Meeting is **Tuesday, 7th September at 7.30 p.m.**
Laughing Yoga by Lottie Mickleson.

Competition: Best Joke
Teas: Liz Puddick and Sue Park



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

For any other information
contact Lynn Curtis on
01638 508777.

Raddesley Benefice Services for September ≈ All Welcome

<p>5th September 14th After Trinity (green) Isaiah 35: 4-7a James 2;1-10(11-13)14-17 Mark 7: 24-end</p>	<p>9.00 am Brinkley The Ven. Alex Hughes 10.30 am Burrough Green The Ven. Alex Hughes</p>	<p>Holy Communion Family Worship</p>
<p>12th September 15th After Trinity (green) Isaiah 50: 4-9a James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-end</p>	<p>9.00 am Stetchworth Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft 10.30 am Dullingham Rev'd Andrew Rycraft</p>	<p>Holy Communion Morning Prayer</p>
<p>19th September 16th After Trinity (green) Wisdom 1: 16-2:1, 1-22 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37</p>	<p>9.00 am Burrough Green Bishop Stephen 10.30 am Brinkley Bishop Stephen</p>	<p>Family Communion Morning Prayer</p>
<p>26th September 17th After Trinity (green) Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 James 5: 13-end Mark 9: 38-end</p>	<p>10.30 am Dullingham Rev'ds Rosemary or Andrew Rycraft 6.00 pm Stetchworth Rev'd Rosemary Rycraft</p>	<p>Holy Communion Harvest Evensong</p>

Dullingham

Village Fete and Fun Dog Show
Sunday 5th September, 2-4 pm
on Dullingham Village Green

Fun dog show, raffle, cream teas, games
and competitions, cake, bric-a-brac,
bottle stalls and more

All welcome. Please come along and join the
fun; parking available on the Green

A Note from the Editor

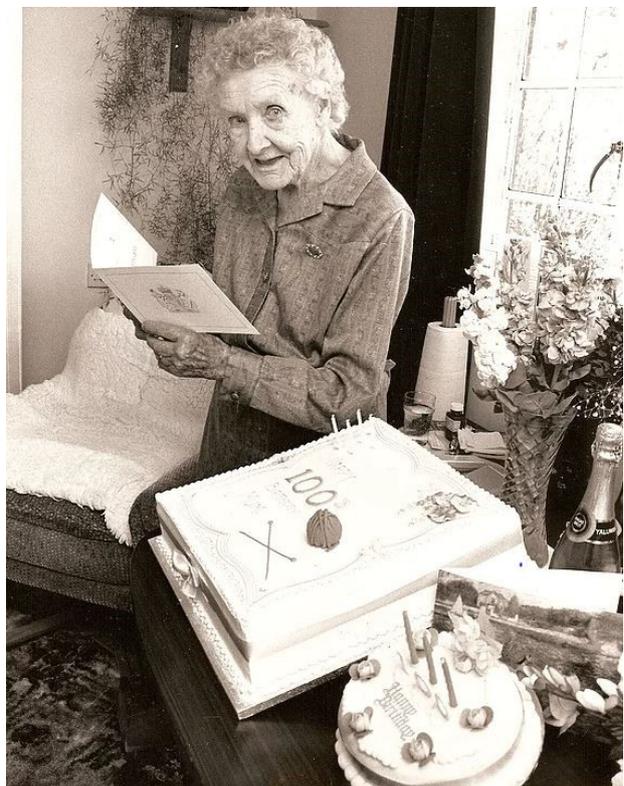
Dear Reader, the next edition of the Newsletter will be published in October. If you would like to share any items of interest, news, or information in the next edition, please e-mail me at stetchworthnews@gmail.com.

The deadline for articles is 20th September.

Catherine Hartness
 Editor

From the Archive

A photo from 1991 of Stetchworth resident, Mrs Annie Osbourne, celebrating her 100th birthday.



Further photos, documents and memories which have been collected over the years can be found in the Stetchworth Community Archive, <https://ellesmeregardenclub.wixsite.com/scarchive>