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# Stetchworth & Dullingham Newsletter

September 2025



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## Community Lunch

Would anyone be willing to help me set up a community lunch once a month in the Taylor Hall, Dullingham?

Please contact me on 01638 507736  
Ann Johnson

The summer holiday season is nearly over and the children are now back at school for a new academic year. Some will be starting new schools both primary and secondary. Others will be preparing for college and university and work after having received their examination results in August.

It is a time of new beginnings and Jesus is always ready for us to start again in many of the situations we face in our lives.

At every service we have an opportunity for a new start because in the Lord's Prayer are the words 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

This means there is always a new start. In the gospel of St. Luke we read the Lord's Prayer in about 37 words 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' (Luke 11:2-5).

Using this prayer on a regular basis reminds us there is always a new start available.

Go well

Patrick

**The Reverend Patrick McEune**

## HAVE YOUR SAY!

**Local Nature Recovery Strategies are an England-wide approach to targeting nature recovery. They set out priorities and actions to support nature recovery, inform sustainable land use planning and shape how nature-based solutions are delivered.**

The Local Nature Recovery Strategy for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough region is now open to public consultation and will run for 8 weeks, ending Thursday 11 September.

Have your say! - <https://yourvoice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lnrs/consultation/>

The link above takes you to the consultation page where you will be able to access the survey, full draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy document and the local habitat map. Printed versions of the survey and documentation will also be available at all 33 libraries within the region.

The team at Cambridgeshire County Council will be available via [localnaturerecoverystrategy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:localnaturerecoverystrategy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) to help answer any questions you may have.

## A Note from the Editor

The next edition of the Newsletter will be published in October. If you would like to share any items of interest, news, or information please e-mail me at [stetchworthnews@gmail.com](mailto:stetchworthnews@gmail.com). The deadline for articles is **20th September**. Note, I cannot guarantee that content received after this date will be included in the next issue.

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

Catherine Hartness, Editor

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## St. Peter's Church, Stetchworth

### SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER:

14th Septmeber – 9.00 am : Holy Communion

28th Septmeber – 6.00 pm : Evensong

July was busy, as anticipated! The show went well, despite a downpour just as the stalls were set out. The Knitted bible attracted quite a lot of interest, particularly on the Open Gardens day when teas were in the church – again we had rain that day so most people had their tea in the church and most people also walked round the church viewing the Knitted Bible display. August has not been quite so busy with just one service at Stetchworth – and so we move on to September, another summer almost over!

Our next fundraising event is the Annual Church Quiz which this year will be on 11th October. See more information elsewhere in this newsletter – teams of up to six, £15.00 per person, first question 7.30 pm. To include a two course home cooked meal.

Also in October we shall be saying Goodbye to Rev'd Patrick McEune who will be retiring. His last services in the group will be on 19th October at Burrough Green and Brinkley.

Lily Whymer – Tel: 01638 507576 / [lilywhymer@gmail.com](mailto:lilywhymer@gmail.com)

## Ellesmere Garden Club

After the unprecedented heatwaves of this summer, we will be back in the Ellesmere Centre for our autumn season of talks. We start on **3rd September** to hear Geoff Hodges talking on “**Winter colour – beating the winter blues**”. Sorry to mention winter so soon after that summer we’ve had, but we probably need Geoff’s insight!

The following meeting will be a practical session on **8th October** – “**Autumn Tubs and Baskets**”. This is the return of the popular “**bulbs, bangers and booze**”, so you know what to expect if you’ve been to this session before! There will be an array of seasonal plants and bulbs to purchase, and a small amount of compost for top ups, so bring along your own container and compost and have fun constructing your display.

These meetings start at 7.30 pm, and there will be the usual raffle and refreshments. Any prizes for future raffles would be very welcome please – bring them along to the meeting.

Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you soon. Any queries about the Garden Club call Sandie on 07903 584676 or speak to someone at a meeting.



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Play the organ year is designed to inspire a year-long effort by the whole organ playing community to increase the number of people learning to play the organ. The organ is a magnificent instrument and fun to play.

If anyone of any age would like to find out more about the organ or interested in playing the organ then please contact Josephine Roberts on 07469 730195 or Liz Gibson on 07745 627287.

## St. Peter's Church Stetchworth

### Quiz Night



**Saturday 11th October**

**Ellesmere Centre,  
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- first question 7.30pm  
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## News from the Ellesmere Centre

**We would like to thank everyone that took the time to complete the questionnaire we sent out earlier this year.**

**Your Suggestions have been noted and your kind words about the centre were really appreciated.**

**In response to some comments, we would like to let you know about the following classes and activities we already have running at the centre.**

<b>Fitsteps</b>	Wednesday 9.30-10.30am	Anne Catchpole	07799644053
<b>Fitsteps</b> (low impact)	Wednesdays 11am-12pm	Anne Catchpole	07799644053
<b>Healthy Walks</b> All welcome	Thursdays 2pm-3pm	Ellesmere Centre	01638 508212
<b>Little Kickers</b>	Mondays 9.30am onwards	18mths-4yrs	Ashley 07928765121
<b>Moo Music</b>	Fridays 10am-10.40	0-4yrs	<a href="https://moo-music.co.uk/areas/en/">https://moo-music.co.uk/areas/en/</a>

All adult and children's classes are available to see on our website [www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk](http://www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk) or copies can be found in the foyer.

### Minutes Secretary

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Minutes secretary. The role would involve attending monthly meetings, taking minutes, typing up and emailing out to trustees.

This role does not require you to become a Trustee.

If you would like more information, please contact the office on 01638 508212 / [office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk](mailto:office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk)

### AGM & GENERAL MEETING

We are pleased to invite you to the Annual General Meeting of The Ellesmere Centre. This is an opportunity for you to hear about our achievements over the past year and our plans for the future.

#### Your voice and participation matters!

Join us from 7pm

We look forward to seeing you there

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e-mail: [office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk](mailto:office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk)  
or alternatively call us on 01638 508212

## Stetchworth and Cheveley United Reformed Church

### Services and Events

Sunday 7th September, 11.00 am: Mrs Margaret Beatty  
Sunday 14th September, 11.00 am: Mrs Wendy Roe  
Sunday 21st September, 11.00 am: Mrs Pat Stevens  
Sunday 28th September, 11.00 am: Revd Elizabeth Caswell

### Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 13th September 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 SEPTEMBER:

14th September – 10.30 am : Morning Prayer  
28th September – 10.30 am : Holy Communion

**FLOWERS:** Sarah Simpson

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Louise/CicilyRobertson

## Report from Charlotte Cane MP

As your MP, I've been out across Ely and East Cambridgeshire, meeting residents, visiting local businesses, and listening to your concerns.

Recently, I joined paramedics at Ely Ambulance Station, witnessing firsthand the dedication of our emergency services and the challenges they face. I continue to press ministers on the growing NHS dental crisis—our area is a 'dental desert'—and the lack of access to GP appointments, a concern raised by many constituents.

With numerous renewable energy projects underway, I continue to raise concerns about large-scale battery storage facilities planned nearby. I've pressed ministers in Westminster on battery safety and launched a petition demanding stronger regulations and mandatory consultation with local fire services. Please sign and share: [bit.ly/batterystoragesafety](https://bit.ly/batterystoragesafety)

On education, I'm advocating for urgent reform in SEND funding. My colleagues and I propose capping profits for private SEND providers at 8%, following research showing some firms making tens of millions with profit margins over 20%. These profits often go to offshore firms while families struggle for support. Funding meant for SEND children must be spent on their education—not shareholder profits.

Supporting local businesses remains a priority. I visited Harry Specters chocolate factory in Ely, whose founder was awarded an MBE for employing young autistic people and promoting independence. I also met with Tiger's Eye in Milton, a start-up improving women's performance and breast health, including developing a high-performance bra for women in combat roles.

To help businesses connect and thrive, I've launched a local business network, with our first roundtable held in July and more events planned. I've also started a publicans' network, recognising the vital role pubs play in our communities. At our first meeting at the Three Kings in Haddenham, issues raised included VAT relief on food, rising business rates, and employer national insurance contributions. If we want our pubs to survive, we must support them—use them or lose them.

I've recently been back out on the doorsteps in Sutton, Burwell, and Stretham, listening to residents and taking their concerns forward. I'm proud to share that my team and I have now helped close over 6,000 constituent cases—thank you to everyone who's been in touch. If you need support or would like to book an advice surgery appointment, please email [charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:charlotte.cane.mp@parliament.uk) or call 020 7362 1601. Alternatively, if you run a local group or business and would like to meet, I'd love to hear from you—please don't hesitate to get in touch.

With best wishes,  
Charlotte

P.S. Keep up to date with my work for Ely & East Cambridgeshire by signing up to my newsletter here: [bit.ly/newsfromcharlotte](https://bit.ly/newsfromcharlotte)

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## East Cambridgeshire District Council Report

**Highways** : Residents will be aware of the resurfacing of Hall Farm Road, which was included in the schedule to be done in this financial year. However, the decision to pick this road before the B1061 out of Dullingham up to Eagle Lane seems strange.

I understand that the repairs to the B1061 is being brought forward in the programme to be done this year. This is very welcome, but it does blow out of the water that the decisions have been made on data obtained on all of the roads in Cambridgeshire, rather than the whims of Highways Officers. I asked officers at the Highways & Transport Committee meeting on 4th March this year to bring forward the repair to this road else it would be damaged to an even more dangerous level than it is already. Perhaps, they have finally listened.

If there is any work that you believe requires work, please contact me and I will raise this with Highways and try to get it done.

**Council Reorganisation** : The response to the Government's imposed Council reorganisation continues to develop. The three options being considered that I mentioned last month continue to be worked on, although there is an additional option being pushed by Labour MPs close to Peterborough, namely what is effectively a Greater Peterborough proposal. This would involve the current Peterborough Unitary authority together with the northern parts of Fenland and Huntingdonshire. The remainder of Cambridgeshire would form a southern unitary authority. This new proposal was being discussed by a Full Council meeting of Peterborough City Council on 23rd July and Peterborough are pressing ahead with this proposal.

**Option 1** splits the area, west and east, with Huntingdonshire, South Cambs and Cambridge City in the west and Peterborough, Fenland and East Cambridgeshire in the East. **Option 2** has South Cambs and Cambridge City together, with Peterborough, Huntingdonshire, Fenland and East Cambridgeshire as the other unitary. **Option 3** has the area split north/ south, with Peterborough, Fenland and Hunts in the North and South Cambs, Cambridge City and East Cambs in the south.

The response to Government stating that the final decision from the councils is required by 28th November and there is still a lot of difference of opinion on the preferred model. A lot of the work being done is not around the best geographical fit, but financial and operational considerations, due to the heavy debts that some Councils have. East Cambridgeshire District Council has no external borrowing and pride itself on strong financial management. I am the Chairman of the Finance & Assets Committee at East Cambs, so know how vital looking after your money is to residents. In my opinion, whilst geographically it looks sensible, Option 3 would put East Cambs in with a debt-ridden Cambridge City, as well as South Cambs, who have a 4 day week policy, where staff are paid for a full week's work, but only work 4 days. That cannot be a good use of your money. Indeed, only recently the Lib Dem controlled South Cambs Council debated the benefits of the 4-day week policy highlighting an "independent report" written by a

supporter of such policies. Hardly Independent!

Whilst I agree that there was a need for a reorganisation, this has been imposed by Government with little discussion and no opportunity for residents to comment. The whole process now seems to be driven by various political priorities, especially in Peterborough, Cambridge City Council and the County Council. It should be about what is best for delivering quality services to residents.

I will continue to keep you updated, but welcome and feedback or comments.

**Kingsway Solar** : Kingsway Solar is the 3,700-acre proposed solar farm, which will start next to Brinkley and encircle West Wrattling and Weston Colville. It will take prime agricultural land out of food production and will destroy communities. This cannot be right.

The power generated will then be taken by overhead pylons to the substation at Burwell, a distance of over 10 miles. The statutory consultation is due to start in September, so please look out for it and share your view. There will be some public engagement meetings, so please take the opportunity to attend those. I will keep you updated.




If there is anything concerning you, please contact me. I am here to help on any matter over which you have concerns. I have not done surgeries previously, because I am able to visit residents or meet them, wherever is suitable for them, rather than making residents come to me. I am available to all.


**Alan Sharp**, East Cambridgeshire District Councillor – Woodditton Ward, Telephone: 07794 292941 / [alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:alan.sharp@eastcambs.gov.uk)



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**DATE FOR DIARY:**  
Thursday 9th October  
demonstration by Brenda Tubb

## Stetchworth WI

The Strawberry Tea raised £400, £200 was donated to a Parkinson charity and the balance will go towards The Wellness Garden in memory of Janet Blair at the Ellesmere Centre.

Our August meeting was 'A Style Masterclass' by Amanda Sutherland. Amanda came to talk to us about the importance of identifying body shapes and choosing the best clothing styles to make the most of your appearance, whether you are a warm or a cool person and what colour choices are the best options to compliment your skin and hair tones. From hourglass to athletic shapes, she showed us clothing and colour examples to compliment each shape with easy to follow clothing ideas to combine fashion along with a variety of creative clothing hacks. At the end of Amanda's talk she had a variety of clothes, hats, scarves and her hand made eco jewellery for members to buy at a WI discount.

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2nd September** and will be: Ant, Dec, the WI and Me. As seen on TV. Our Speaker is Lindsey Barrell.  
Competition: A Shell  
Teas and Coffees: Linda Dicker and Karen Grey

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## Raddesley Benefice Services for September ≈ All Welcome

<p>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September  12<sup>th</sup> After Trinity (Green)  Jeremiah 18: 1-11  Philemon 1 -21  Luke 14: 25-33</p>	<p>9.00 Brinkley  10.30 am Burrough Green</p>	<p>Holy Communion  Family Service</p>
<p>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September  Or 13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity (Green)  Numbers 21: 4-9  Phillippians 2: 6-11  John 3: 13-17</p>	<p>9.00 am Stetchworth  10.30 am Dullingham</p>	<p>Holy Communion  Morning Prayer</p>
<p>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September  14<sup>th</sup> After Trinity (Green)  Jeremiah 8: 18 – 9:1  1 Timothy 2: 1-7  Luke 16: 1-13</p>	<p>9.00 am Carlton  10.30 am Brinkley</p>	<p>Holy Communion  Morning Prayer</p>
<p>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September  15<sup>th</sup> After Trinity (Green)  Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15  1 Timothy 6: 6-19  Luke 16: 19-end</p>	<p>10.30 am Dullingham  6.00 pm Stetchworth</p>	<p>Holy Communion  Evensong</p>



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