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Stetchworth & Dullingham Newsletter

November 2026



St. Peter's Church, Stetchworth and St. Mary's Church, Dullingham

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In these next couple of months we will be celebrating and commemorating very different events; we have Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, and then of course, Advent and Christmas, which we will be thinking about all too soon. The first two mark, in the case of Bonfire Night, a single event, at a time of enormous upheaval and fear. Then of course it is a time to remember, to think about our nation's history, and to pause and recall those acts of enormous sacrifice, courage, steadfastness in the face of terrible suffering and threat, and that firm belief that the path ahead must be taken no matter what the cost. These were acts of faith, if you like.

The word 'faith', when used in the religious sense, has so much 'baggage' around it which unfortunately hides its real meaning – that is, simply, trust. Christians trust that God really is how Jesus revealed him to be – a God of love and forgiveness. Christians trust that Jesus, by dying and rising again, has dealt with our human flaws and opened the way to God's eternity. At a time when the world feels more uncertain and dangerous than ever, we might reflect on these events and commemorations and be more anxious than ever of what is to come. But Christians are those who step forward in hope, those who take the path God has laid before them and leap into life, trusting that Jesus is willing and able to see us all safely home.

During these next weeks, may you be emboldened by the love and grace of God to live lives of hope and faith, and in our acts of Remembrance please do join us in one of our services on November 8th, in Dullingham, Westley Waterless or Carlton, perhaps pausing to reflect, and to consider how we can work together to make all our lives worthy of the sacrifice of so many.

Prayers and blessings for you all

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A Note from the Editor

The next edition of the Newsletter will be published in December, and will cover December and January. 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 November**.

Note, I cannot guarantee that content received after this date will be included in the next issue.

–Harrison Ling, Editor

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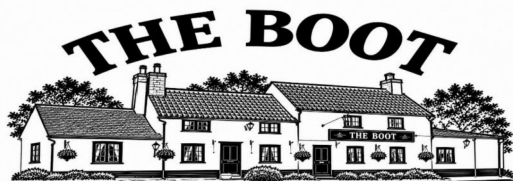
NEW Landlady's at The Boot Dullingham

After 5yrs in the safe hands of Andy Spooner,
The Boot in Dullingham
will be taken on from
Monday 16th November by Gail & Karen.

We would love for you to join as for a drink and a
friendly welcome.

There will be regular Food Trucks, more details and
news of events etc to follow once we have settled in.

We will not be serving lunches until 2027.
But we are still here for you! If you have a specific
requirement please get in touch,
we would love to help.



Opening Hours until end of 2026

Monday	---	5.00 - 10.30pm
Tuesday	12.00 - 2.30pm	5.00 - 10.30pm
Wednesday	12.00 - 2.30pm	5.00 - 10.30pm
Thursday	12.00 - 2.30pm	5.00 - 10.30pm
Friday	12.00 - 2.30pm	5.00 - 10.30pm
Saturday		11.30 - 11.00pm
Sunday		12.00 - 6.00pm

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St. Peter's Church, Stetchworth

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2026:

Sunday 8th November 10.55am: Remembrance Day Service at Dullingham

Thursday 9th November 6.30 pm : Compline

Sunday 22nd November 3.00pm : Evensong

Church pews available: The PCC has obtained permission to remove the back two pews on the south side of the nave and the back pew on the north side. This is to allow more space as we gather for coffee after a service. The pews are to be sold with the funds going towards the cost of the work. They are offered here in order to give parishioners the chance to purchase should they wish. There are three pews - 1.6m long, 3.6m long and 4.3m long. The shortest is priced at £100 and the two longer ones at £200 each. The buyer would have to arrange transport from the church. If interested, please contact me as below. We do not yet know exactly when they will be available.

Christmas Tree Festival: This is on Saturday 5th December (2.00 pm - 4.30 pm) when we invite you all to come to the church and view all the trees that will have been installed and decorated by community groups. The Kettlefields school choir will be there to entertain us all. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available, also a jam and cake stall and a raffle.

Carol service: Our Carol service will, as always, be held on Christmas Eve at 6.00 pm. If anyone would like to read one of the lessons, please contact me. Thank you.

Church cleaning: Is there anyone who would be prepared to take a turn in cleaning the church? We currently have three teams of cleaners (usually two people). Each team cleans the church weekly for one month at a time, currently covering four months per year. Obviously, if more teams were added each team would have fewer cleaning months each year. The cleaning consists of vacuuming carpets and sweeping or vacuuming wooden and stone floors and dusting.

- Lily Whymer

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH STETCHWORTH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2026

2.00 – 4.30 PM

Come and see the Christmas Trees that have been decorated by Community Groups

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

RAFFLE, CAKE AND JAM STALL

**ENTERTAINMENT FROM THE
KETTLEFIELDS CHOIR**

Stetchworth and Cheveley United Reformed Church

Services and Events

Sunday 1st November 11.00 am: Mr Ron Wade

Sunday 8th November 11.00am: Remembrance Service at Dullingham Parish Church

Sunday 15th November 11.00am: Revd Chris Baker (includes Holy Communion)

Sunday 22nd November 11.00am: Mrs Wendy Roe

Sunday 29th November 11.00am: Revd Elizabeth Caswell

Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 14th November 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.



NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE NOV 2026



Christmas Market

Sunday 15th November

Visit Santa's Grotto 11am-3pm

Lots of beautiful stalls and homemade refreshments.
Come along and buy your Christmas presents and stop for a bite to eat.

Restorative Yin Yoga and Sound Bath Sessions



Will be running on alternate Mondays at 10.45am.
For more details contact marta.maj@mmhealthandfitness.co

Pickleball

is now available at the Ellesmere. Court hire is £9 per hour £7 concession
Instructions provided. Call today to book 01638 508212

Bingo

Friday 4th December
Come and join us for Bingo with the **Panto Dames**.
Fully licensed bar. Doors and Bar open at 7pm.
Eyes down at 7.30pm

Book Club



Anyone interested in starting a Book Club
at the Centre please contact the office and we will put you in touch.

Visit our Santa's Grotto

This will open on the day of the Christmas Market until Wednesday 23rd Dec. Santa will not
always be in residence but will leave it in good hands. Please bring your little ones in for a visit.
Santa will leave a sack of toys. Cost £4

Line Dancing



Baby and Me Line Dancing

Starts on Thursday morning Nov 12th 10.30-11.30am

Tuesday evening Line Dancing classes (1 or 2 places left).

So come along and join us. We start back on Nov 10th 6-7pm or 7-8pm.

Daytime Line Dancing Thursday mornings if enough interest.

Booking essential -contact the office

Email: office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Web Site www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk

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Dullingham Community Lunch

Every first Tuesday of the month, 12 - 1:30pm,
at the Taylor Hall, Dullingham.

This is a free lunch, although we do ask for donations.

**Drivers needed for community lunch, on the first Tuesday of every month, for details contact Ann
Johnson 01638 507736 or email panda41@btinternet.com**

If you have any allergies or want any further information, or would like to volunteer contact Ann Johnson
01638 507736

Cambridgeshire County Council Report

This month I'd like to start with something very close to my heart.

Urgent campaign for more adoptive families

Across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, 35 children are currently waiting for adoption, including young children and sibling groups who can often wait longest to find the right family. Sadly, fewer people are coming forward to adopt, both locally and nationally. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Adoption Service provides support throughout the entire process, from initial enquiry through to placement and beyond.

To find out more: visit www.cpadoption.co.uk, email adoptionenquiries@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 0300 123 1093.

Pension Credit campaign

Cambridgeshire County Council is working with district and city councils to help residents claim Pension Credit they may be entitled to but are not currently receiving. More than 700 households across Cambridgeshire are being contacted directly and supported through the application process. Pension Credit can be worth thousands of pounds each year and can also unlock access to other forms of support. If you receive a letter or call about this scheme, I strongly encourage you to explore your eligibility.

Breaking Cycles, Building Communities

In October, I brought a motion to County Council supporting a Nurturing Cambridgeshire approach. The aim is to encourage councils and other local services providers across the county to work together to provide support earlier, make services easier to access, and offer support without making assumption. By recognising the impact of trauma and adversity, we can help break cycles of disadvantage, improve wellbeing and create stronger communities for residents of all ages.

Highways improvements

I'm pleased that of the eight highway improvement schemes approved in October by Highways Committee six are in the Woodditton division and will now move forward to the design and consultation stage. These include proposals in Ashley, Bottisham, Burrough Green, Swaffham Bulbeck, Westley Waterless and Woodditton.

Brinkley Road, Dullingham

At last, we have got the improvements between the Kings Head and Eagle Lane over the line, which I hope everyone is pleased with. I know there are still other issues in other locations and I will continue to work with parishes and county officers to push for these.

EV cable channel trial

A new countywide trial has launched to help residents without driveways charge electric vehicles safely at home using pavement cable channels. Initial installations are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis through Kerbo Charge. Further information is available at www.kerbocharge.com.

Bus Services Reimagined?

I've been challenging the Combined Authorities Bus Services Reimagined proposals, which would provide most villages with a two-hourly service between Newmarket and Haverhill, whilst others will lose regular bus services altogether. I am campaigning for a network that reflects how residents would actually like to travel, with better connections to Cambridge for work, education and healthcare. I will continue working with officers and others on this until

the new services come into effect in August 2027.

Kingsway Solar Farm

The Kingsway Solar Farm proposal is expected to be resubmitted to the Planning Inspectorate by the end of October. I have continued to press the developer for further details, in doing so they have confirmed that the revised submission is expected to remain substantially similar to previous proposals. I will continue to keep residents informed as the process progresses.

If you have any queries or need support with a particular issue, do get in touch.

Cllr Jonny Edge, 07974 348141 / jonny.edge@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Stetchworth WI

This month **Nicole Smith** led an active presentation about chair yoga. Nicole gave us a brief introduction to yoga, explaining that the practice had been around for 5000 years. There are many types of yoga, ranging from Hatha yoga, Ashtanga yoga to more modern variations of beer yoga and goat yoga.

Modern yoga combines posture and breathing techniques. Nicole made the point that she feels it is important to bring yoga techniques into everyday life. She was enthusiastic about making yoga accessible for all and to this end, runs chair yoga classes in Newmarket and Stetchworth. The physical poses, breathwork and meditation in yoga all help to reduce stress, aid relaxation and improve sleep. The final part of the presentation involved WI members being led through seated yoga techniques. It was excellent, very effective and enjoyed by all.]



If you would like to have further information, please see Nicole's website www.calmwithnicole.com
The next WI meeting will be on **Tuesday November 3rd**: Making Christmas decorations

Teas: Kath Mackrill and Marian Harrington

If you are not a member of the WI, but would like to find out more, please join us at one of our sessions. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at the Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth. Guests are welcome (18+), £3 to include tea/coffee with biscuits. For more details check our website <https://stetchworthwi.weebly.com/>

East Cambridgeshire District Council Report

Local Government Reorganisation

After my report last month, we continue to await the timetable from Government setting out the conclusion to the Local Government Reorganisation.

This decision to delay the reorganisation means that East Cambridgeshire District Council elections will go ahead in May 2027, where we will be defending our record of 13 years of no increase in our portion of the Council Tax bill, achieved with no reduction in services. This success has been partly achieved by the successful management of the Council's two trading companies that have produced over £6 million pounds over the last ten years, which has resulted in your bills remaining low, whilst offering good services.

Kingsway Solar

Readers will remember that the application for the solar farm on 3,750 acres of prime agricultural and around Weston Colville and West Wratting was withdrawn by the developer.

I understand that the application will be resubmitted shortly and will then be subject of a public consultation.

I would urge residents to read the submission by the developer when they are published and comment accordingly.

I will provide more information next month, by which time, it is likely that the application will have been submitted.

The Ellesmere Centre Post Office

Work on restoring our Post office is ongoing and we are trying to raise funds for the legal expenses involved.

I will give a report next month about my thoughts on the current state of our Highways.

Please contact me if there is any issue concerning you.

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



St. Mary's Church, Dullingham

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER:

8th November—10.55am: Remembrance Day Service

22nd November—10.30am: Holy Communion

CHURCH CLEANING:

Maureen Baldwin

Diane McDonnell



Christmas Lights in Dullingham Churchyard

The church is seeking sponsorship for the popular Advent Lights again this year. If you enjoy seeing them please consider sponsoring a particular date for £10 - maybe a birthday, an anniversary, a special occasion or just for fun?

Available dates are from Sunday 29th November (Advent) to 6th January (Epiphany). If you would like to sponsor a date please email:
fionamarywharton@gmail.com

Any additional funds will be used for repairs to the church clock and footpath through the churchyard. In order to make this as environmentally friendly as possible, the lights are LED.

Please join us for an

Advent Fair and Switch-on of the Advent Lights

At St Mary's Church Dullingham
From 4.15pm on Sunday 29th November
Lights will be switched on at 5pm.

There will be Mulled Wine & Mince Pies,
Cake Stall, Raffle,
Local Craft & Preserves and more

Offers of help and donations to stalls welcome
Please contact Sally Peyton sallypeyton65@gmail.com
or 01638 507543

the Kitchen Choir

Coffee Morning

Friday 6th November, 10 – 12noon
Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

raising funds for



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An Evening 'neath the Eaves

Tuesday 8th December, 7.30pm, Granary Estates, Woodditton

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DULLINGHAM FLOWER CLUB

Thursday 12th November

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*Come and enjoy a fun
evening
with a Demonstration by
Jennifer Allan-Thompson
entitled*

*'Let there be Music and
Flowers'*

Admission £8

(includes tea/coffee and biscuits)

Raffle

The raffle will include all the
arrangements

that are made on the evening

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Next Meeting:

Thursday 10th December

Demonstration by

**Xmas Supper and Demonstration (2 course
supper to be booked ASAP)**

NO MEETING in January

Fighting for better NHS dentistry in Ely and East Cambridgeshire

As I write this column, I'm preparing to return to Parliament after a long recess of party conferences, and looking ahead towards the Chancellor's upcoming Autumn Budget.

We've heard much from Labour about generating growth in each local area. We all want to see our communities growing and thriving, but this means that Government must first address the pressures and challenges faced by people in rural areas.

Here in Ely and East Cambridgeshire, transport and travel are key to growth. Where our towns, villages and cities are separated by many miles of farmland, being able to move easily by road is critical. However, Cambridgeshire's soil-affected roads present a unique problem for the area, and one that has not yet been addressed by Government.

As winter approaches, many of us will be fearing the opening of more potholes, cracks, and dips in the road surface, as the underlying peat soil expands, contracts and moves with rain and ice. At the current rate, some of the most important roads in the area are failing faster than they can be repaired, becoming dangerous and costly both for road users and Cambridgeshire County Council.

In Parliament, I'm calling on Government to recognise this unique challenge to Cambridgeshire and make vital changes to the highways funding formula to recognise the additional cost of maintaining soil-affected roads.

Growth in rural areas such as ours requires investing in our vital infrastructure. So, when the Chancellor takes to the dispatch box to deliver the Budget, I want to see measures that specifically address the challenges faced here in Ely and East

Cambridgeshire, including our soil-affected roads. I'm currently running an online petition calling on Government to fix our soil-affected roads, recognising the unique challenge it places on local highways authorities with new streams of funding. To add your name, please follow the QR code to my Linktree.

Another area of ongoing concern is access to NHS dentistry in our area. That's why I've launched a constituency-wide survey to build a clear picture of the challenges residents are facing in accessing NHS dentistry. The survey takes just five minutes to complete – and your response will help strengthen my case for urgent Government action. To take the survey, type in

<https://bit.ly/ccmp-NHSDentistrysurvey>

<https://www.facebook.com/charlottecanelibdem>

If you have any other concerns or issues which you would like to raise with me, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Raddesley Benefice Services for November~ All Welcome

Sunday 1st November All Saints Day (White) Revelation 7: 9-end 1 John 3: 1-3 Atthew 5: 1-12	9.00 am Brinkley 10.30 am Burrough Green 6.00 pm Westley Waterless	Holy Communion Family service All Souls' Memorial service
Thursday 5th November	10.00 am Carlton	Mid week Communion
Sunday 8th November Remembrance Sunday (Green or Red) Wisdom 6: 12-16 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end Matthew 25: 1-13	10.55 am Dullingham 10.55 am Westley Waterless 3.00 pm Carlton	Remembrance day services
Sunday 15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent (Green) Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30	9.00 am Burrough Green 10.30 am Brinkley	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
Sunday 22nd November Christ the King (Red or white) Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1: 15-end Mathew 25: 31-end	10.30 am Dullingham 3.00 pm Stetchworth	Holy Communion Evensong
Sunday 29th November Advent Sunday (purple) Isaiah 64: 1-9 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24-end	10.30 pm Westley Waterless	Benefice Communion

Ellesmere Garden Club

As the seasons change and we race towards the end of the year, the next meeting of the club is slightly different. The speaker we had originally booked for our **11th November** meeting has had to cancel, so we now have a different plan: an **Open Forum**. The idea of this is that we all share our knowledge and experience of gardening, especially, perhaps, in the difficult conditions we have had this year. For example, you might have had unexpected success with some plants, or found new ways to adapt to the weather, and we could all learn from each other. Wine and nibbles will also be served.

In preparation for this, we would like you to send us your questions and/or topics in advance, so that we have something to get started with. We can then group the topics under headings such as vegetables, perennials and so on. You can send photos relating to your questions to Marion at marion@smithowen.com, or 07941 198796.

If you can, please let us know by 4th November if you are coming, even if you don't have any questions to raise, as knowing the numbers will help us arrange the seating in a more informal way than usual.

It should be fun, so please come along and join in! Meet at the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30 pm as usual. For any general queries about the Garden Club call Sandie on 07903 584676.

Reminder – if you have booked for the Christmas meal it's at the **Hole in the Wall at Little Wilbraham – 9th December 7pm**