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Hello – Happy February.

I hope you are not hibernating too deeply during these dark and cold February days and evenings as there is still plenty going on in the parishes.

Why not wrap up warmly and go along to the Fish and Chip film night (p.32) Gardening events (p.23&27) or perhaps a Music concert (p.36)? I am sure a warm welcome will await!

Additionally keep an eye out in next month's magazine for details of an outing from Cobham Village to a West End show, Chris from the college has plans!

Enjoy Pancake Day and, for the romantics amongst you, Valentine's Day.

With best wishes - Tina

COBHAM YOUTH CLUB

Friday 2nd February
Friday 16th February
Friday 1st March
Friday 15th March



They run from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the Meadow Rooms, The Street, Cobham, DA12 3BZ.

The youth club is intended for young people from Year 6 to Year 9.

Cobham Parish Council Meeting dates

7.30pm on 6th February at the St Mary's Church Rooms

8pm on 5th March at the Meadow Rooms

7.30pm on 9th April at St Mary's Church Rooms - *Annual Parish Assembly*

8pm on 23rd April at the Meadow Rooms

8pm on 21st May at the Meadow Rooms - *Annual Parish Meeting*

8pm on 2nd July at the Meadow Rooms

8pm on 3rd September at the Meadow Rooms

8pm on 1st October at the Meadow Rooms

8pm on 5th November at the Meadow Rooms

8pm on 3rd December at the Meadow Rooms



A letter from the Rev'd Pam Davies

Dear Friends,

No sooner are the Christmas decorations down on Twelfth night than the Easter Eggs start appearing in the shops - one of our modern signs of spring!

We don't just jump straight from Christmas to Easter. In the Churches' calendar the season of Lent comes between the two, and this year it starts in February.

Lent used to be a formal 40 day period of fasting, so rich food and drinks couldn't be consumed in that time. Hence the tradition of eating Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday the day before Lent begins, the day when people would have gone to church to confess their sins before the fasting began, and also the day they would have eaten up all the food they wouldn't be able to eat during Lent.

Modern Lent is a little different: you'll often hear people talking about giving up chocolate, cake, alcohol or Facebook. One year in my teens I gave up TV for Lent. It was amazing to see what else I got done instead! But why do we do it? The original idea was that it symbolised the period of self-denial saying 'no' to some of the things we crave to help us focus more on God. And in my book that is always a good thing. But just giving up things for the sake of it may not help us with that aim our focusing more on God and his character.

For a number of years I've joined an on line challenge run by Christian charity Stewardship, called 40Acts. It gives 40 daily ideas for living more generously during Lent. Some things they've suggested in the past are: give blood, forgive someone, live on £5 for a week, phone a relative to say hello, thank someone e.g. bus driver or local shopkeeper. I'll be doing it again this year and if you want to join me, go to <http://www.40acts.org.uk/> and sign up to do Lent generously because for me, generosity is one way in which I can learn to reflect the generous character of God who loved the world so much that he gave His only Son.

And in case you find the giving-up just all too much, remember that the Sundays in Lent don't count: all Sundays are always a remembrance of the resurrection and Christians don't fast on such a joyful day. You heard it here first.

With my best wishes

Pam



Why tea is “the drink of getting things done”

The drinking of tea has found an unexpected new champion: James May, the former Top Gear presenter.

Speaking recently on Radio 4, James May said: “I’m just worried that the cult of coffee is going to destroy tea. And I don’t like coffee, it is just rubbish. I like tea.” He added: “Tea is the drink of getting things done.”

How did tea get so embedded in UK culture? Food historian Polly Russell says the answer lies in the Industrial Revolution of the mid-18th century. “Tea became less expensive and at the same time you had agricultural wages slumping, and agricultural workers literally not able to buy food, to buy fuel, or to afford a hot meal. So, tea became a way of having something hot and restorative – often with sugar – and that habit then also translated into the urban, as the industrial revolution expanded into our cities.”

And so it was that “tea became absolutely central to the diet of the working poor.” And this provided the basis for the idea “that tea and sugar were fueling the industrial nation.”

James May argues that tea drinking is still fundamental to “bringing everyone together and ensuring happiness as well as productivity.”

He believes: “Tea in the British workplace is more than a drink, it’s a social glue. Britain is falling apart because we don’t drink enough tea.”

Tarry Awhile: Wisdom from Black Spirituality for People of Faith The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2024 By Selina Stone



‘Tarry here and watch with me ...’ (Matthew 26:38)

Tarrying is a Black Christian spiritual practice in which believers actively wait to experience the manifestation of God's presence. It answers yes to the question Jesus once asked His disciples: will you tarry here and watch with Me? Whether in the vibrancy of music and singing, or in the hushed silence of the congregation, people of all ages anticipate an encounter with God that will transform what they know, feel and experience day to day. This book makes the wisdom of Black spiritualities and faith available for all people. It focuses on seven themes: darkness as a place of encounter with the divine; the unity of all things; movement, belonging and migration; the Spirit as one who moves in unexpected ways; quiet contemplation as essential to spiritual growth; healing in community; and weeping that turns to joy. *Tarry Awhile* offers wisdom for all who hope to encounter God in the midst of wearying times.

I've been replaced by a Robot!

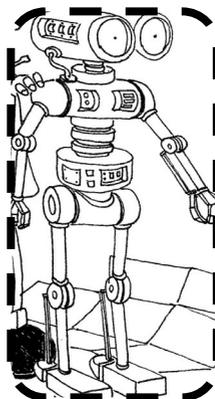
I've been replaced by a robot -
His name is 'Chat GPT.'
He is a poet of a robot -
And that's what troubles me.

He can read in a moment
Shakespeare, Keats, and Lear -
More in that one single moment
Than I can read in a year!

He has an acceptable metre;
His work runs quite nicely to time,
His work gets neater and neater,
And he is quite good with a rhyme!

In fact, so good is his manner
The robot is quite hard to see:
So, I'll have to dumb down my
grammar:
"This poem, it woz writ by me!"

By Nigel Beeton



Luddesdown & District Rights of Way Group.

We are a small friendly group that usually walks from The Cock Inn, Henley Street, Luddesdown, Gravesend DA13 0XB, at 11am on Wednesdays. We walk at a gentle pace for some 90 minutes in beautiful countryside. Occasionally we lead weekend walks.

With four Socials a year in Luddesdown Village Hall and a twice yearly Newsletter, we would be delighted if you joined us for a walk or two. Becoming a member costs £7 per person a year.

Please contact Walks Co-ordinator Janet Ferguson, preferably by email janetferguson@hotmail.fr .

Sole Street WI

As you can see below, the members of Sole Street WI enjoyed a very convivial New Year lunch at the Golden Lion in Luddesdowne.



Our January and February meetings take place at 2pm in the St Mary's Church Room to avoid hazardous wintry weather on dark evenings. January's meeting was social time with a quiz and games. On Tuesday 27 February our speaker is Michael Bunn with a presentation entitled "From The Medway To The Mediterranean".

The Walking Group's activities continue weekly on Tuesday mornings, now starting from Sole Street instead of Jeskyns and discovering new footpaths throughout the parish. We will be investigating new hostelrys for refreshments of coffee and hot chocolate....Craft meetings will resume and be held at Helen's - watch this space !

Jacqueline Aviolet will be our speaker on Tuesday 26 March, 7.30pm in the St Mary's Church Room and her talk has the intriguing title "I'm A Tulip, What Are You ?"

If you would like further information on this or all our activities, you will always receive a warm, friendly welcome at our monthly meetings and please contact President, Yvonne by telephoning 01474 813455.

Molly Isaacs

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THE TUESDAY POP-IN

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Next pop-in Tuesday 13th February.

CONTACT: MARY PALMER - 01474 816788



Diary of events in St Mary's Church Room Sole Street

DAY	Event	Date	Contact
Monday	Monday Club for the retired	Every week 2-4 pm	Brian Williams 814049
Tuesday	U3A Choir Singing Group	1 st and 3 rd in the month 9.45-11.45. am	Sheryl Diddams 813476
Tuesday	WI	4 th in the month 7.30-10.00 pm	Yvonne Martin 813455
Wednesday	Midweek Worship	Every week 9.00-10.45am	Ron Chamberlain 814250
Thursday	LFG Coffee Morning	2 nd in the month 10.30 - 12.00	Su Rowe 814560
Friday	U3A Sign Language	2 nd in the month 2.00-3.30pm	Roy Lingham 815908



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Hello Everyone,

In December we had our festive meet up. We enjoyed seasonal refreshments, a quiz with some tricky embroidery based questions, a 'Secret Santa' Christmas card swap where members had made their own cards, a festive raffle and a 'Show and Tell' session.

The 'Show and Tell' was based on a day school with Jennie Rayment called 'Textured Land and Seascapes' which some of our ladies had taken part in earlier in the year. Many of the pieces have now been completed.



You can see Veronica's work depicting Norway and the northern lights here.



We also had our postcards project to share.

Some of our ladies had completed a 'postcard' embroidered following the theme of a Christmas door which could be open or shut and with or without a wreath.

For our upcoming meetings please look at the website (see below) or check out our QR code. If you are looking for a new hobby or would like to pick up an existing pastime there might be something that would interest you.

If you would like to join our group or would just like to find out a bit more about us then please pay us a visit - look at our website

<https://northkentembroiderers.co.uk/>

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or contact our Chairman, Eileen on 01474 324734

Happy stitching, Karen

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Teaching programme for Autumn Winter 2023/2024

During the autumn and winter of 2023/2024, we shall be exploring Paul's letter to the Romans, with the help of the Bible Society's Romans Course. This will be made up of ten sessions, each of which will consist of a video presentation of a section of Romans by the New Testament scholar Andrew Ollerton. It will run at the St John's Centre on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00-3.15pm, and by Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7.45-9.00pm.

Course programme

February

6 Community – Romans 13-14 20

Mission – Romans 15-16



If you have queries or would like further details, please contact Martin Davie at mbarratt.davie@btinternet.com

MEOPHAM LIBRARY WRITING GROUP

Meopham Library Writing Group meets again at 10am on Thursday 1st February. The following meetings are on 7th March, 4th April and 2nd May. Each month there is a different writing theme such as "Timekeepers" or "Darts" so that everyone can write a poem, article or a short story no longer than 1,000 words. There is also a writing challenge, where everybody chooses a word and all the words chosen must be included in a couple of short sentences, which is harder to do than it sounds!

In February, there will also be a rolling story, where people write the first 100 words of a story and then swap stories and continue writing the middle and end of another person's story.

Creative writing is a very enjoyable activity and it can help people facing difficult times. It is also good to record family memories for future generations. Anyone interested in writing short stories, poetry or articles about hobbies and local history is invited to join the group.

Beginners as well as more experienced writers are all very welcome. For more information, please ring 01474 813379 or just turn up at Meopham Library on 1st February.

BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley

A few autumn days in Staffordshire enabled visits to the Wedgwood factory and museum and to Ingestre Church which appears in all the reference books as, uniquely, it is the only Sir Christopher Wren church outside London. It was built (1671 – 1676), at the expense of the Earl of Shrewsbury, to replace an earlier derelict church.

It has a splendid plaster ceiling, fine Grinling Gibbons wood carving and many family memorials. It also has an anti-clockwise ring of six bells.

Bells, mounted in wood or metal frames in towers, as they are rung swing full circle through 360 degrees in a combination of a north/south axis and east/west axis all carefully worked out and designed to minimise the stress on the fabric of the tower.

In the ringing chamber below it is arranged for the ropes from the wheels of the bells above to hang in a circle. The ringers stand in a circle behind their ropes and have a good view of the other ringers for ringing is a team activity. The circle is usually a clockwise circle.

Occasionally the circle of ropes has to be anti-clockwise. Starting and ending ringing is always in rounds, in order from the lightest bell to the heaviest. So usually you start by following the bell on your right. With an anti-clockwise ring you have to remember to start ringing by looking left. It is rather like driving on the Continent: back to front but the method is the same.

Locally Northfleet has an anti-clockwise ring of eight bells as does Hoo St. Werburgh. There in their ringing chamber they also have an anti-clockwise clock. Now that is really confusing.

On the day Ingestre Church was consecrated in 1677 the Bishop also conducted Services for the Churching of Women, Holy Baptism, a Marriage and a Funeral to emphasise it was a parish church.

Jacobean (1613) Ingestre Hall was a home of the Earls of Shrewsbury. In the late Victorian period the 20th Earl and his companion lived in the Hall while his divorced Countess lived at Alton Towers (now the site of the popular theme park).

Today Ingestre Hall is owned by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council for disadvantaged Birmingham children to enjoy countryside holidays. The palatial Jacobean-style (1885) New Stables used to house the Shrewsbury family's carriages, horses, polo ponies and grooms. Today it is used by the charity Riding for the Disabled.

Between the Hall and the New Stables still stands the Wren Ingestre Church, with the financial support of the Heritage Lottery Fund, and retaining its anti-clockwise ring.

Our Cobham bells rang out on Christmas Morning proclaiming the Christmas message of love and joy to families, friends and all people on Christmas Day.

Gardening for a Wilder Kent – Butterflies and Moths



Moths and butterflies are insects which together form the order called Lepidoptera, meaning 'scaly-winged'. There are currently 59 species of butterfly and 2,500 species of moths in the UK. Over half of the moth species are tiny micro-moths. They are an important part of the UK's wildlife, they are highly sensitive indicators of the health of the environment and play crucial roles in the food chain, as well as being pollinators. However, butterflies and moths are also one of the most threatened groups of wildlife. Many species depend on a narrow range of plants or food types for their survival, this is why they're such useful environmental indicators but also why we're seeing such dramatic declines in their numbers. Over the last century four species of butterfly and more than 60 moth species have become extinct. Luckily, there is plenty we can do to help them in our gardens and you can make a huge difference simply by growing a few choice plants, providing butterflies and moths with a garden refuge where they can sip nectar. This will give them the energy they need to find a mate or enter hibernation.

It is not just nectar that butterflies and moths need. They lay eggs on plants which hatch into caterpillars that eat the plant or some of it, before pupating and then finally emerging as an adult. Many common garden butterflies lay eggs on stinging nettles but many common species of moth breed on a wide range of herbaceous garden plants. The more caterpillar food plants you grow, the more eggs the butterflies and moths can lay and the more nectar rich flowers you plant, the more energy the butterflies have to fly in search of a mate. If you see your plants are eaten, don't reach for the pesticides but search for the caterpillar and you may find a rare butterfly will emerge!

Flat open flowers are best for providing nectar for butterflies. These include members of the daisy family such as sunflowers and asters but some are more brush-like such as echinacea. Double flowers such as begonias, peonies and some roses have been bred to have more petals than they would in their natural state and insects cannot access any nectar.

One of the best ways to help butterflies and moths is to allow them to breed in your garden and lay their eggs for the next generation. Be relaxed about caterpillars eating your plants, it is an essential part of the food chain. Some of the caterpillars will be eaten by predators but some will live to pupate into beautiful adult butterflies and moths for you to enjoy in your garden.



(Peacock Butterfly, Unidentified Moth and Toadflax Brocade moth caterpillar)

Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street

Church Services during February



Sunday 4th February

10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham Church

Sunday 11th February

10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne

Ash Wednesday 14th February

7:30pm Holy Communion with Ashing, Cobham Church

Sunday 18th February

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), Cobham Church

***4:00pm All Age Service, Cobham**

Sunday 25th February

10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne

Midweek services in Sole Street

**9:30am 14th February - Holy Communion with Ashing,
in Sole Street Church Room**

7th, 21st and 28th Informal Morning Prayer

For venue please contact Pam

on 01474 394515 for details

***All services will take place,
depending on the snow and icy weather.***

St John's Meopham with St Mildred's Nurstead

Church Services February 2024



Sunday 4th February 9.45am All Age Worship at St John's
11.30am Holy Communion at St Mildred's

Wednesday 7th February 10am Holy Communion in St John's Centre

Sunday 11th February 9.45am Parish Communion at St John's
11.30am Mattins at St Mildred's

Wednesday 14th February 10am Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
in St John's Centre

Sunday 18th February 9.45am Morning Worship at St John's

Wednesday 21st February 10am Holy Communion in St John's Centre

Sunday 25th February 9.45am Family Communion at St John's
11.30am Family Service at St Mildred's

Wednesday 28th February 10am Holy Communion in St John's Centre

LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL -Who are we?

Your Parish Council is made up of 5 local residents and a super knowledgeable clerk who all have the best interests of the village at heart. Although we are a relatively small Parish we are very active and there are lots of exciting changes and challenges coming for our special area of North Kent. Yes, we have ongoing issues with fly tipping and nuisance bikes and cars too but the Parish Council aims to protect our village life whilst moving with the times to keep us up to date and relevant to life in 2024 England.



What can your Parish Council do for you? We are here to represent your interests in your Parish. We meet on alternate months, and would love you to come along on and let us know what concerns and hopes you have for Luddesdown. We do not work in isolation – the community is the village. Meeting dates are issued on the website. Unable to attend? Contact us via the website <http://www.luddesdown-pc.gov.uk/community/luddesdown-parish-council-13072/home/>

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Wednesday 14th February 2024 - 7pm Raised Beds & No Dig Gardening

Alison Marsden looks at raised beds & no dig gardening. Nature grows plants without digging so why do gardeners seem to be obsessed with turning over the soil? A look at the good and the bad that happens when we dig and why just stopping is not the whole answer for a productive garden. Plus the benefits and practicalities of gardening in raised beds

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God's army

Dewey was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the minister was standing at the door, as he always is, to shake hands. Suddenly he grabbed Dewey by the hand and pulled him aside.

The minister said sternly, "Dewey, you need to join the Army of the Lord!"

Dewey replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

The minister retorted: "Then how come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

Dewey replied in a whisper: "Well, I'm in the secret service."



1st SOUTH STREET BOYS BRIGADE & GIRLS COMPANY

Boys and girls aged 5-18 years old are invited to join in the fun every Friday evening during term time 6pm-7.30pm at South Street Baptist Church, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DA13 0QJ, next to Hope Hill Scout Camp.

There are lots of games, art and craft, nature and science activities, as well as outdoor games and activities in the warmer weather. The weekly subscription is £2 and half term is on Friday 16th February. Summer camps are held at the Honey Hill Boys Brigade Campsite in Maidstone. Kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding also take place at the Water Activities Centre in Tonbridge, with a team of trained and fully qualified leaders.

SONG TIME meets every Monday morning 9.45am-11am during term time for families with babies and children under five. There are ride on toys, construction toys, jig-saws, books, cars, a slide, a ball pool, art and craft activities as well as a singing time with musical instruments.

Admission is £1 for a family. Half term is on Monday 12th February.

The FAMILY GAMES AFTERNOON for all ages is on Saturday 17th February 2pm-4pm and admission is free. There will be table tennis, indoor archery, pool, board games such as Scrabble or draughts as well as refreshments with cake and biscuits. SOUTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday services are at 10.45am until midday. The next Family Service is on Sunday 25th February. For more information please ring 01474 815039 or 01474 813379, or visit www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk



February - Spring is in sight

This month there are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. There's plenty to do indoors this month to prepare for the season ahead. Outdoors, as the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as Wisteria as well as evergreen hedges.

RHS – Top 10 Jobs this month

- Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover
- Chit potato tubers
- Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines, and peaches
- Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off
- Prune winter-flowering shrubs that have finished flowering
- Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'
- Prune Wisteria
- Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges
- Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea
- Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter, remove dead grass from evergreen grasses

Gardeners 2024 expert speaker talk March

Wednesday 13th March 2024, 6.30pm for 7pm at Meadow Rooms in Cobham, Kent [Preparing For The Show](#) page 27
Free entry for Society members, non-members welcome and pay only £3. For more information email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01474-363315

You can buy Membership of Cobham Gardeners at any time ... and get savings at local garden centres straight away to help with all those garden jobs. You can apply for membership at the talks or via email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk It is only a modest £10 for the year – money you get back from free entry into all Gardeners' expert speaker talks and massive savings of up to 50% on quality plants at local garden centres.

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Wednesday 13th March 2024 - 7pm Preparing For The Show

Dr John Hughes looks at the importance of village shows, how the village can make the most of the show and how to encourage new exhibitors.

John's talk covers planning for the show as an exhibitor, how to display exhibits at their best, with digital images to show how best to present what you have. John entered his first exhibits almost sixty years ago and has won various cups and Banksian Medals for the most points at various local flower shows. John is a well respected judge both locally and within the Royal Horticultural Society.

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Our first meeting for 2024 was on Wednesday 3 January, when Christoph Bull came along to give another of his fascinating, illustrated local history talks entitled 'The Griffin, the Horse and the Harp'. We found out that the Griffin referred to the Darnley coat of arms, the Horse was the white horse of Kent and the Harp related to the Darnley family's links with Ireland. Christoph's research on the latter began with the knowledge that the chariot, now displayed in the Long Gallery at Cobham Hall, and which was restored for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, had previously been on display in Dublin Museum. This led him to investigate further the Darnley connection with Ireland, and in particular County Meath, where they owned an extensive area of land – around 25,000 acres. We learned a lot about the various earls, including Edmund, the Seventh earl of Darnley, who was very loud, bad tempered and who gambled.

The Darnley's name is also preserved in some of the street names in Gravesend, including Clifton Marine Parade, Cobham Street and of course, Darnley Street and Darnley Road, reflecting the land that they owned in the town. One of the most recently named roads is Athboy Road, after a small agricultural town located in County Meath; connected with the Darnleys. Our next meeting, on Wednesday 7 February will include a talk by Sharon Lynn, entitled 'The Gifts of Dogs', about rescue dogs.

Our monthly meetings take place at 2pm on the first Wednesday of every month, except August, at the Meadow Room, The Street, Cobham. We always welcome visitors to those meetings and if you are interested in joining our WI, we are a very friendly group of ladies and can offer you a warm welcome and a wide range of interests.

Don't forget those nestboxes!

On 14th February the annual National Nestbox Week begins.



Now an established part of the ornithological calendar, it aims to encourage people to help out the birds in their gardens each Spring. Everyone is invited to put up more nestboxes in their local area, and a very helpful website gives full instructions on how to do this. More details at: <https://www.nestboxweek.com>

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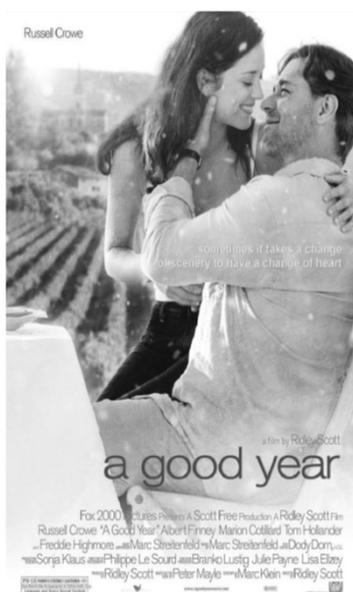


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Did you know that Flipping or Tossing pancakes is a very, very old tradition and there is a very old poem to prove it — it is from Pasquil's Palin dated 1619 and says:

“And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne.” Umm I didn't understand it either— something about not burning your pancakes! But I have learned a little about Pancake day. The editor told me that when her sons were younger they used to flip pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and if one fell on the floor it was alright because they'd give that one to their dad!

I hope you enjoy your pancake day and colouring the picture. Love and Licks, Paddy



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Wordsearch for February

February is the month of romance. Millions of Valentine cards will be sent in the next week or two, as we celebrate our romantic love for that special person in our lives. But there are other kinds of love to celebrate: and on Candlemas we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby son to the temple to present Him to God. Jesus' whole life was a loving present to us from God. Through His death for us on the cross, and His resurrection, His love can now transform anyone's life. Romances can die, but God's love for us is always there. But it won't do us much good – unless we accept it!

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