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Hello everyone

I hope you had a lovely Easter!

As I write this the rain is falling yet again so let's hope that the blue skies, depicted on this month's front cover, will soon return!

As usual this month's magazine is full of local events to look forward to.

Best wishes Tina

STRAWBERRY TEA

Those of you who attended the last Strawberry Tea, fundraising event, will be pleased to know that the date of the next Strawberry Cream Tea is **Sunday 23rd June**, there will be two sittings 2pm & 4pm, in the Fairy Garden, 44 Sallows Shaw.

Tickets at £7.50 pp will be on sale nearer the date.



Forthcoming fundraising events in aid of St Mary's Church Room renovations.

6th July 9.30am Morning guided walk from Sole Street to Luddesdown and Cobham Churches then on to the Vicarage, Cobham for fun, games, stalls and Ploughman's lunch.

6th July 2pm Afternoon guided Frolic from Sole Street to Little Jeskyns / Jeskyns Park to the Vicarage, Cobham for more fun, games, stalls and BBQ. Family & Individual Tickets will be available. Food to be pre-booked 01474 813 445.

31st August Children's Scavenger Hunt around Sole Street—from Sole Street House. Hellzapopin to play music from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Picnics can be ordered from Nicola.

The Local funding group's AGM will be held on 27th April at 2pm in St Mary's Church Room.

A letter from the Rev'd Pam Davies

Dear Friends,

I have been struck recently by the new demands on our time that we all face from an ever increasing range of options that are available to us. These choices are there in so many different parts of life.

It seems that we now have an unnumbered selection of television channels to watch where you can find just about every film, television series or documentary that has been made. Long gone are the days of 3 channels in black and white. Now, all this, can also all be viewed on phones and tablets as well as television sets. There is also the incredible amount of every imaginable sport to view on demand. Along with everything from major league baseball or triathlon to all sorts of motorbike races there are football matches not just featuring our own teams, but those from leagues in Brazil, Australia, Germany, Spain and Italy too.

Then there are the new forms of keeping in touch like Facebook, Skype, Twitter and other social media sites. Will we manage to keep up with all that is going on now let alone be awake to the new ways to communicate as they appear? There are so many options and different developing ways of spending our time that we might lose track of those things which are really important in life

We all need to make choices about what we do. How will we use this gift of a life that has been given to us? One the concerns must be that all this viewing and posting and tweeting will leave us exhausted and unable to give time and energy to those around us. Something my friend posted on Facebook sums up how life is or is becoming
'I'm having people over to stare at their phones later if you want to come by.....'

Are we inevitably set on a course for an ever more individual existence that leaves people isolated despite the friends and followers that they might have over the internet? Will we settle for the superficial social interaction of arms-length communication when what we all need every now and again is a hug to keep us going?

In this it seems to me that the church has a crucial part to play in providing a place for people to belong and be blessed by each other. We meet to share and sustain each other through the very worst of times as well as the very best of times. It is our hope that all will find a warm welcome at each of our churches in the parish.

Our faith teaches us that we were not made to make this journey through life on our own. If we try to take on life in our own strength we are almost guaranteed to fail. So don't allow life to lock you away from real interactions. Choose life in abundance, life that can only be found in community. May God bless us all as we seek to share life together,

Your friend

Pam

Associate Minister

FRIENDS OF COBHAM CHURCH A VERY GOOD NIGHT!

The fish-and-film night on 24 February raised a magnificent £915. We would like to thank everyone who supported the event: especially Silverhand Estate, the Meadow Room Management Committee and Sevie and her volunteers at the Community Store. Last but by no means least we are grateful to our Friendly audience who collectively ensured that this really was a good night out for everyone.



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Wednesday 8th May 2024 - 7pm Water In The Garden

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Tickets £15.00 Box Office - 07552665588 - opens 15th April 2024 -

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CADS CENTENARY YEAR!

See also page 17



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 .

Ian Sheridan, Acting Chairman, 07951 927 517

SOLE STREET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sole Street WI members' latest Craft Meeting, always a source of fun, focus and laughter, was to hone our skills in decoupage. As photo here illustrates, we had some remarkably attractive & colourful results:



For the next craft meeting we have been encouraged to collect any little glass jars and dry some small flowers so watch this space ...

Our speaker for March, Jacqueline Aviolet, owns her own nursery and delivers a light hearted & informative talk entitled "I'm A Tulip, What Are You?" about flowers, fruits, shrubs, trees & vegetables associated with people's names and terms of endearment. This in contrast with previous month's speaker by Apiary Manager of Gravesend Beekeepers about deeply disturbing threat to our native pollinators posed by the Asian Hornet, increasingly found in the UK due to climate change. With sincere thanks to our Editor, Tina, for replicating the AsianHornetAlert poster on page 32 of March edition of CLN, complete with QR code.

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary year in April, as Easter & holidays are so early, we have arranged our celebration feast or "Ruby Murray" ie curry for 2nd May. We are also arranging a visit to Great Comp to enjoy the spring flowers.

In continued support for the St Mary's Church Room and Local Funding Group we are organising on Saturday 6 July a WI Gambol Morning Guided Walk 9.30 (& Ploughman's lunch)from Sole Street to Luddesdowne & Cobham Churches to the Vicarage, Cobham for Fun/Games/Stalls. Afternoon Guided Frolic 2pm (followed by BBQ) from Sole Street to Little Jeskyns & Jeskyns Park to the Vicarage. Our members will also be home-baking all the scones etc. for Strawberry Tea on 23 June at 44 Sallows Shaw.

For further information on the above and all our activities please contact our President, Yvonne 01474 813455. Molly Isaacs

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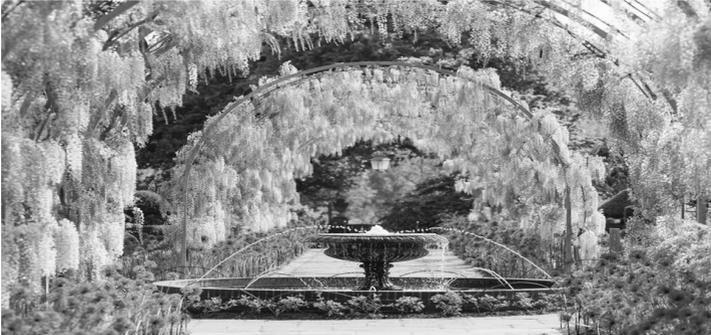
Meetings are held at the Leather Bottle on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 till 12 noon; all are welcome to join us for a relaxed chat and coffee.

Next pop-in Tuesday 9th April

CONTACT: MARY PALMER - 01474 816788



**Cobham
Gardeners'
Society**



Cobham Gardeners' Society Visit to RHS Wisley Gardens Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Cobham Gardeners' Society are organising a trip to RHS Wisley Gardens. The cost is only £10 per member and £15 for a non-member, which includes return coach transfer from Cobham and entry to the gardens. The coach will depart Cobham (opposite school) at 9.15am, and leave RHS Wisley at 3.45pm. To book please email the Society on cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk payment is due immediately and is non-refundable.

Photo above "Wisteria Walk In Bloom" was taken on 18th May 2023 by Oliver Dixon and provided by RHS Wisley Gardens



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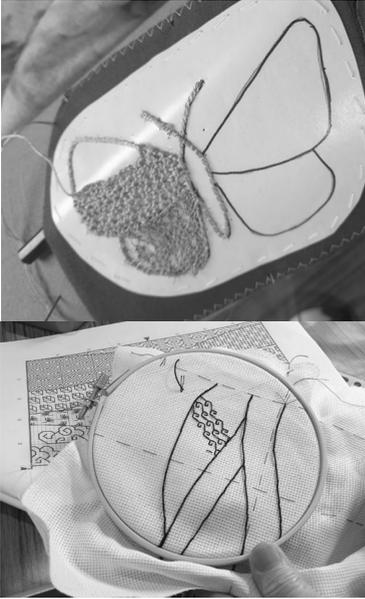
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North Kent Embroiderers

Hello Everyone,

Here you can see two examples of the embroidery done on our recent mini workshop sessions. Sue D was leading the needlelace group and you can see Fiona's work in progress here. Most of the group had not used the needlelace technique before but were enjoying the challenge of learning something quite different from the usual idea of stitching onto fabric. Needlelace is an old type of lace created using small stitches (often buttonhole) to construct the structure of the design. Over the centuries many styles and traditions have developed. As far back as the 1400s Venice was established as the centre of this kind of lace making, with lace listed in people's assets as a prized possession.



Our second mini workshop, this time on Blackwork was taught by Veronica. Blackwork is a very old technique first done in England during the Tudor period. Pictures of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I can be seen with elaborate blackwork embroidery adorning sleeves, cuffs, collars etc. This style of embroidery is usually done using black thread although other colours are sometimes used. It is known as a style of counted thread embroidery and nowadays is stitched on an even-weave fabric to form very precise patterns. You can see Anita's blackwork here.

For our upcoming meetings and workshops 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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Happy stitching, Karen

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Meopham Thursday Fellowship.

Our April meeting is on 25th at 2.00.p.m. in the St. John's Centre, beside the Parish Church, Wrotham Road.

The Rev. Canon Brian Senior and Mrs Karen Senior are coming to explain the Biblical background to Palestine's claim to their land and some of the history of the problem which has led to the terrible crisis there now.

Canon and Mrs Senior are experienced guides of parish and diocesan visits to the Holy Land. You are very welcome and we finish with Tea. (Rev. Brian Senior is the Area Dean of Gillingham.)

BRITAIN IN BLOOM 2024.



Last year we once again achieved Silver Gilt and we moved one point up the scale so our village is in the VERY GOOD category for its summer long displays, so another 5 points and we shall at last reach Gold, so..... here we go again with renewed energy and hopefully this year 100% participation. Jonnie Pye is working a fantastic job on the front border of the church with the help of our

D of E youngster and hopefully that will be well planted this year and ready for the two inspections May and the end of June. The allotments at the College gained the most points with their non peat compost but especially their home grown compost and their well weeded paths. The window boxes and the flower troughs in The Street were noted for their colour as was the Old School House with a colourful display of pots and plants. All three pubs were noted in the report for their colourful displays and participation in the competition. This year it would be good to see every front Garden onto The Street participate, and every house without a front garden create a profuse display of colour in troughs or window boxes. We have a D-Day commemoration and a celebration of 100 years for the CADS, this year, so the theme for Front of House is masses of COLOUR and PARTICIPATION. Thank you to our COMMUNITY SHOP, PUBS and you for last year, this year the village will improve the display around the village pump and encourage the village school to "dig for victory" and we must add more display around the Sports Clubs area and even the outside toilets! The wild flowers will once again bloom along the banks and we will make our village a colourful invite to all our visitors. The Front of House Competition invites will go out to you all . Rosemary Dymond

BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley

In early February kindly joining a London ringing outing arranged by the Rochester Cathedral ringers we began at St. James's Church, Islington. Climbing up a narrow spiral staircase and then a steep ladder we reached the ringing room. We rang the light six bells given to the church by the remarkable Victorian philanthropist Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

The church was the latest on the site of an original Henry III church. Financed by the benefaction from Tudor times of William Lambe, bringer of a fresh water supply to London, and his City Livery Company, the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers, when the new church opened in 1875 the Vicar remarked they were the 31st church in the Borough when forty years earlier there had been only 3 in the village of Islington. Today there is an extended interregnum while the Diocese ponder the conundrum of many churches and fewer worshippers.

St. Mary's, Islington is the third church on the site and was built in 1754 and destroyed by a bomb in 1940. The church, to a simplified design, was rebuilt and re-hallowed in 1956. The tower, with its ornate spire survived the bombing and we rang the eight 1770's bells which were rehung in 2003. Our ringing didn't disturb Sir James Stewart and Sir George Wharton who were buried together in one grave in the churchyard by order of King James I as they had killed each other in a duel.

St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway is an 1814 church with galleries and today is very Low Church with a Sunday congregation of a hundred. We continued up the tower and rang the 8 Bells cast in 1880.

After lunch of lamb shish in a bustling Turkish restaurant it was on to St. Mark's, Dalston which is a huge 1870 brick and cast iron hall full of pews. Worshippers must disappear in such a vast space. The 1877 tower, officially described as forbidding, looked as if it had been designed for Count Dracula. The ring of 8 bells was the heaviest of the day with a 21cwt. tenor. As the bells swung the whole tower moved.

Finally to St. John's, Hackney another vast church of the 1790's refurbished after a serious fire in 1955. The bells were augmented to 10 in 2004. At the end of an excellent and interesting day in this multi-cultural ant heap part of a busy London awash with buses, mobile phones, small shops and eateries it was away at high-speed under the Thames back to Kent and Cobham where the next day we rang our familiar village bells. On our village bells we rang a 45 minute Quarter Peal of Grandsire Doubles on the last Sunday of February for a trio of birthdays. Now into Spring we ringers wish a very Happy early Easter to all.

COBHAM AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

CENTENARY YEAR

Cads was formed in 1924 and has been prominent in the village ever since. In the early years before WWII and the widespread ownership of radios, it was the principle form of theatrical entertainment for the village. To mark this occasion, a script is currently in progress to tell the fascinating story of 100 years of trials and tribulations of an amateur dramatic society. To help to tell this story, we are looking for new members, whether acting, reading, singing or helping backstage, they are all important parts of a dramatic group.

If you would like to be part of this production, the performances will run from 21st, 22nd, 23rd November and rehearsals will start around August/September meeting twice a week on a Monday and Thursday. To join or for any further information, please contact roger.hodge@sky.com
Looking forward to meeting you.

RIDE AND STRIDE 2024

I am very pleased to say that all three of our churches will be open for sponsored cyclists and walkers this year on **Saturday 14th September** so please walk or cycle out to visit Luddesdowne, Sole Street and Cobham that day any time between 10.00 and 6.00 and help to raise more sponsorship for this national event that takes place all over England. In addition if you want to add more churches to your list of visits there are another 15 open in Gravesend and Meopham area with another 5 in Halling and Snodland, so you don't have to travel too far to amass quite a collection of visits. We had a beautiful sunny and gloriously warm day last year which probably encouraged more people to visit many more churches as the sponsorship returns were very much

higher than 2022 reaching a total of £139,300, almost £140,000, which is a really splendid amount, befitting so many of our churches. 2024 happens to be the **75th Anniversary of The Friends of Kent Churches** of which **RIDE and STRIDE are a part**. A very special service will take place in a Kent Church a week after this year's R&S so we are setting ourselves a sponsorship target of £150,000. I hope very much that you will help me swell my own sponsorship this year from £3,000 to £4,000 so we can feel we have helped many more churches in this our anniversary year. My sponsor forms will be in the churches in the second week in July, look out for them!
Rosemary Dymond.



Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street

Church Services during April



Sunday 7th April

10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne

Sunday 14th April

10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham

Sunday 21st April

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), Luddesdowne

4pm All Age Service, Cobham

Sunday 28th April

10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham

(followed by Cobham Annual Meetings)

Midweek services in Sole Street Church Room

9:30am 10th April - Holy Communion,

3rd, 17th and 24th Informal Morning Prayer

St John's Meopham with St Mildred's Nurstead
Church Services April 2024



- Wednesday 3rd April 10am Holy Communion in St John's Centre
- Sunday 7th April 9.45am Morning Worship & Baptism at St John's
11.30am Holy Communion at St Mildred's
- Wednesday 10th April 10am Holy Communion in St John's Centre
- Sunday 14th April 9.45am Parish Communion at St John's
11.30am Mattins at St Mildred's
- Wednesday 17th April 10am Holy Communion in St John's Centre
- Sunday 21st April 9.45am Morning Worship & Annual Meetings
at St John's Church
- Wednesday 24th April 10am Holy Communion in St John's Centre
- Sunday 28th April 9.45am Family Communion at St John's
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Meopham Library Writing Group

Meopham Library Writing Group meets again at 10am until noon on Thursday 4th April for anyone who is interested in writing short stories, poetry or articles about their hobbies. Beginners as well as more experienced writers are all very welcome to join us. There is a different writing theme each month as well as a writing challenge. Creative writing is a very enjoyable activity, which could also be used to record special memories for the family, as well as helping people who are facing difficult times. Please ring 01474 813379 for more information, or just join us at Meopham Library on 4th April. The following meetings will be on 2nd May, 6th June and 4th July.

1st SOUTH STREET BOYS BRIGADE and GIRLS ASSOCIATION COMPANY

Boys and girls aged 5-18 years old are invited to join us for team games, cooking, craft, science activities, Bible stories and outdoor activities every Friday evening during term time 6pm-7.30pm.

Meetings begin again after Easter on 19th April at SOUTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DA13 0QJ (*next to Hope Hill*). The weekly subscription is £2.

There are also summer camps at the Honey Hill Boys Brigade Campsite in Maidstone and opportunities for kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding at the Water Activities Centre in Tonbridge, with a team of trained and fully qualified leaders. For more information please ring 01474 815039 or 01474 81379 or visit www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk

South Street Baptist Church Sunday morning services all start at 10.45am and the next Family Service is on 28th April.

Song time meets every Monday morning 9.45am-11am during term time for families with babies and toddlers. There are lots of different toys, craft activities, musical instruments, a singing time and refreshments. Family admission is £1.

Family games afternoon for all ages is on Saturday 20th April 2pm-4pm, with table tennis, indoor archery, pool, board games and refreshments. Admission is free.

April - Sunshine and showers

Spring is finally in evidence as daffodils and flowering trees start to bloom. Expect the inevitable April showers this month but with sunny days too you can turn your attention to the lawn. It's an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds well into growth, and it's also time to start sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts...

Here's the RHS Top 10 Jobs for April.

- 1 Keep weeds under control.
- 2 Protect fruit blossom from late frosts.
- 3 Tie in climbing and rambling roses.
- 4 Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds.
- 5 Start to feed citrus plants.
- 6 Increase the water given to houseplants.
- 7 Feed hungry shrubs and roses.
- 8 Sow new lawns or repair bare patches.
- 9 Prune fig trees.
- 10 Divide bamboos and waterlilies.

More advice can be found on the RHS website <https://www.rhs.org.uk/>

There is plenty going on within the Society -

Spring Show & Plant Sale Saturday 13th April 2024 at 2:00pm to 3.30pm in the Meadow Room, Cobham.

This is Gardeners' Society first Show of the year. The show features Adult & Junior Show Categories, Flowers, Vegetables, Preserves & Photographic entries. Tea, coffee & home-made cake is on sale. **Free Entry for Members & Non-Members.**

For more information email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk

Expert Speaker Talk – Wednesday 8th May 7pm in the Meadow Room, Cobham Water In The Garden by Caroline Halfpenny

Caroline Halfpenny discusses the reasons and importance for having water in the garden - aesthetics, noise, mood, and wildlife and how we can achieve this in all gardens large and small. She looks at ponds, pools, pebble ponds plus plants that are suitable for deep water, shallow water, and marginals. Free entry for members, visitors welcome and pay only £3.

Cobham Gardeners' Society coach trip to RHS Wisley Gardens Wednesday 22nd May 2024

We are organising a coach trip to RHS Wisley Gardens. The coach will depart Cobham (opposite school) at 9.15am and leave RHS Wisley at 3.45pm. The cost is £10 for Society members and £15 for non-members, which includes return coach transfer from Cobham and entry to the gardens. For more information or to book email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk You can buy Membership of Cobham Gardeners at any time. 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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At our last two meetings we welcomed speakers who talked to us about two very contrasting but fascinating subjects. In February Sharon Lynn came along to tell us all about medical detection dogs, with the title 'The Gifts of Dogs'. We were intrigued to learn about her own experiences with 'Lucky', a beautiful black Labrador. Unfortunately Lucky was no longer with her but there were pictures of him to go along with stories of the instances where he had alerted members of her family to impending medical emergencies.

At our March meeting, Delia Taylor rekindled memories of the past with her talk entitled 'The Fabulous 50s'. Most of us could remember those years after the second world war when British industry was busy meeting the demands of the 'baby boom' years and the shortages which had occurred during the war. Leicester became the most prosperous city per capita in Europe. It was the leading manufacture of nylons. We heard how the class system was still alive and kicking, illustrated by the brilliant sketch by John Cleese, and the Two Ronnies. There were lots of inventions, such as superglue in 1951, the Comet aeroplane in 1952, the Black Box flight recorder in 1953 and the hovercraft in 1959. We remembered utility furniture (indeed some of us still have some!). We were also reminded about the part played by the wireless in our lives; programmes such as 'The Navy Lark' and 'Much Binding in the Marsh'. The popularity of newspapers such as the Mirror, Express and News of the World were no surprise but the most popular magazine being 'Titbits' certainly was. There were sadder moments though, such as the death of King George VI in 1952 and the North Sea Flood in 1953, when 32,000 people were evacuated and 307 lost their lives. We heard some music from that decade as well and saw pictures of the products and shops that were around at that time; the time-saving appliances, such as washing machines; and the popularity of the cinema. Paid holidays were also new, and seaside holidays boomed.

Our next meeting will be our 'Spring Show' on Wednesday April 3rd when our members have the opportunity to show off their beautiful garden flowers, floral arranging prowess, and their baking and preserves. We look forward to the Meadow Room being filled once again with beautiful flowers and the wonderful aromas from the baking.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings which are held at 2pm on the first Wednesday of each month, except August (when we often hold a fundraising event).



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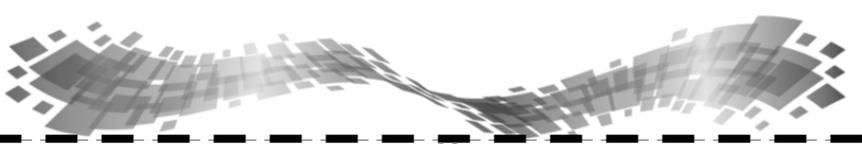
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7.30 pm on 23rd April at the Meadow Rooms - *Annual Parish Assembly*

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

8pm on 2nd July at the Meadow Rooms

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Oooh hasn't it been raining a lot lately. Every day I go for my walk and I come home dripping wet and very muddy, I wait until I get indoors and then I have a very big shake which makes me feel much better! After the editor towel dries me she wipes down the walls! I can't think why because it isn't raining indoors!
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St George of the Golden Legend

St George is Patron Saint of England, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror. George was therefore martyred in Palestine about 300 AD. His courage became legendary, and St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages. In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine tells the story of how St George helped rescue the people of Sylene in Lybia from a dragon, especially the princess, who had been offered to the dragon as a sacrifice. With the dragon dead, and the princess returned to her father the King, the people of Sylene converted to Christianity.

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