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Hello –

I have decided that my intro article, to each magazine, seems to 'jinx' the weather. Every time I mention warm or sunny days it rains! Not just a bit but a whole lot of rain!! Soooo I've decided to concentrate on what is going on in the parishes and forget about the weather!

The Party in the Park is being held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, on Cobham Cricket Field. See back page. You will see below that the Cobham Choir will be performing on the 13<sup>th</sup> of July, additionally there are fundraising events taking place during July and August - see page 17.

Parish Council Meetings and Youth Club dates can be found on page 32.  
Have a lovely July ! Tina

# Cobham Choir

Tom Bettley choir director Laura West soprano

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## **Letter from the Vicar, Revd Pam Davies**

Dear Friends

As I am writing I am looking out of my study window at the rain coming down on what should be a summer's day. As the saying goes 'the weather can't make its mind up what to do'. It's not too dissimilar when we come to voting. Do we vote for this one or that one in the General Election on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. The important thing is to vote.

In Britain we have a freedom to vote and have choices many other countries do not have. This got me thinking of how we view freedom. A television commercial announces that buying a certain car or flying with a certain airline will make you "free." People celebrate their country's independence with songs of "freedom" on their lips and ringing in their ears. Politicians, business people, advertisers, salesmen, military leaders and recruiters—all know how to use "freedom" to attract attention and draw interest. Few words are as common while carrying so much weight. Freedom is a basic human desire, so we would expect to read about it in the Bible. While the Bible speaks often of freedom, its focus is most frequently related to the spiritual freedom a person can experience in Christ.

Everyone raised in Sunday school knows "the truth will set you free" (John 8:32) and "it is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Gal. 5:1). Freedom is not just a British or humanitarian theme; it's also God's theme, its God's Gospel message and what he wants each of us to have.

God wants us to have a freedom from all that restricts us in this life and separates us from God. The gospel is unconditional good news. It is not about not *having to* do something, or obey someone, which is always bad news. No, the gospel is indeed about 'receiving' which is always good news. It's the good news about what freedom you and I 'get to have' as we joyfully let God, through the Spirit, do his work in us: the certainty of knowing we are never facing things alone, we are always loved and the certainty of victory over sin and death. Only when we embrace *that* victory will we truly be set free.

As we meet together in church each Sunday we are discovering the freedom in knowing Christ, come and join us and discover this new freedom which is waiting there for you to have.

Your sincere friend and minister

Rev Pam



## How to make Lesley's worm bin! What you will need:

A black plastic dust bin with a lid; 3 or 4 house bricks to stand it on; a water but tap; some short, narrow wooden slats, cut to roughly fit in the bottom of the bin (optional); rubble/larger stones; smaller stones; gravel; piece of sacking/hessian to fit over the stones/wooden slats; circle of old carpet/ bubble wrap (cut to roughly fit top of bin); electric drill with drill bits of 1cm and size of tap fitment and a container to fit under the tap to collect the resulting 'liquor'. Around 100 brandling or tiger worms, gathered from your compost heap, or available to buy at fishing tackle shops or online. I keep the bin warm through the winter months by wrapping the outside with bubble wrap and carpet- ensuring the row of air holes are not covered. A 'stirring' stick! Supply of 'kitchen scraps' - chopped, raw veg and fruit peelings (scant citrus). NO COOKED OR RAW MEATS/ FISH etc., as these could attract vermin.

### Building your worm bin:

Choose a flat, sheltered, but accessible site in your garden, e.g. beside the compost heap, or shed. Ensure ground is level, place house bricks in small circle and sit the dustbin on top. Vital that it sits firmly without any wobbling. Use electric drill to make circle of 'air holes' in the lid and row around top of bin - about 10cm from the rim. Change to the larger drill bit and make access hole for tap near the bottom of the bin. (Take care with all this drilling, to avoid cracking the plastic). Gently screw tap into access hole for a tight fit. Place bin on bricks and add layer of rubble/ larger stones to cover base. Add layer smaller stones/ gravel, then place slats of wood on top (trimmed to roughly fit), leaving a drainage gap between each (optional). Place circle of hessian/ sacking over slats/ stones, to aid liquid drainage. Place a 'bedding' layer of your compost or soil on top of the fabric, add the worms in the centre and then cover with a layer of your 'kitchen peelings'. Loosely place the carpet circle on top, then the lid and the container beneath the tap - checking it's in the 'open' position. Your worm bin is now ready to run!

**Notes:** Add peelings regularly and use the stick to gently stir into the under layer where you will see the worms! On removing the lid and carpet, stand back to allow any fruit flies to disperse. Don't be phased by resident slugs and wood lice, as they contribute to the composting process. Continue adding and stirring until bin is full, then leave to break down before adding more. If the mix becomes too wet, the worms will migrate to the rim of the bin—so stir in some shredded paper or cardboard, to absorb excess moisture and balance the mix. Check your container regularly, as the 'liquor' is an excellent all-purpose liquid foliar feed; but dilute roughly 1:10 with rain water before use.

Every 3rd year, I completely empty my bin by gently removing the top 'humous' layer containing the worms—keeping it moist and dark. Dig out the 'compost' down to the wooden slats and store. (I mix this with other soils, to treat my special plants!) No need to disturb the slats and drainage layers - just add back a thin layer of the compost, followed by your 'humus' layer containing the worms and start feeding again. If the slats deteriorate - just replace! You can also purchase lime pellets and worm 'treats' online, to balance the process and enhance the worms performance. **Enjoy!**

Lesley King

## **D DAY 80 YEARS - THE TRIBUTE – Rosemary Dymond**

Let us remember those who gave their lives at home and abroad during the D- Day landings, whose sacrifice enables us all to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.

Let us remember those who came home wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.

Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working lives after years of conflict and turmoil.

Let us remember the families that lost husbands, wives, sons, daughters and sweethearts.

Let us remember the servicemen and women and merchant seafarers of all nationalities- from all countries- who fought, suffered and died during the D Day landings and six years of war.

Let us all remember those in the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Airforce, Merchant Navy and our Allies- the brave people who kept us safe on the home front and abroad and those in reserved occupations during the difficult time of war.

Let us remember the brave doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the men and women who toiled in the fields , the coal mines , the factories and the air raid war-dens, police officers, firemen, ambulance drivers and the young people of the Scouts and Guides who all played such a vital role in the war.



*Thank you to  
Rosemary  
for organising the  
Royal British  
Legion's presence  
& beacon at the  
Cobham  
Commemoration.*

### **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](mailto:janetferguson@hotmail.fr) . Ian Sheridan, Acting Chairman, 07951 927 517

## SOLE STREET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members of Sole Street WI enjoyed a very convivial AGM in our first meeting removed from the St Mary's Church Room to The Railway Inn, where the landlord and his staff made us very welcome. Two of our members also attended the National Annual Meeting on 5th June at the Royal Albert Hall and witnessed the passing in National Conference of the Resolution on improving NHS dental services. This year's guest speakers spoke passionately in support of our concurrent campaign to prevent violence against women:

Nazir Afzal OBE (former Chief Crown Prosecutor) gave the keynote speech about his tackling cases involving violence against women, sexual exploitation of children, forced marriages and honour killings. This received a standing ovation.

Melanie Brown MBE aka Mel B in conversation with Victoria Derbyshire, gave us her recollections of domestic violence as depicted in her book about her ten year marriage. Finally, Timothy Watson who played the Rob Titchner in "The Archers" gave us an insight into the mind-set of a character who became an abusing psychopath. This generated many a collective intake of breath from WI audience!

Our speaker on Tuesday 23 July (2pm at

The Railway Inn) will be Susan Shaw who will be telling us all about Tanzania. For information on all our activities please contact Yvonne 01474 813455

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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 July.**

**CONTACT: MARY PALMER - 01474 816788**



### **Colin Campbell**

In loving memory of Colin Walter Campbell who sadly passed away on 31st January 2024.

Colin was an Essex boy, who played rugby for his county and was a county athletics champion as a teenager. He joined the Army at 18 and served several tours of Germany and Northern Ireland.

We met at school, but weren't married until 1961. He received his commission in 1966, the year Andrew was born and Debbie followed two years later, in Germany.

Colin left the Army and moved the family to Kent where he trained as a Primary School Teacher before teaching in local schools and began tutoring for 11+ exams when he retired early. He became a Lion and spent time raising money to build the Lions Hospice, now Ellenor, in Gravesend.

Colin's favourite pastime was his caravan and holidaying across Europe independently, using his foreign language skills as he went, later we started travelling further afield and did a house swap in California, travelled New Zealand amongst other places. He loved all kinds of sport but running and Rugby Union were his passion. In 1983 at the age of 45 he ran the London Marathon, in 3hrs 19 minutes, something he was very proud of. He was an active member of Luddesdown Church and worked hard for the maintenance of it for many years.

Despite being desperately ill for some time, he remained 'fine' and kept his stiff upper lip to the end, displaying his army training to the last.

Sue





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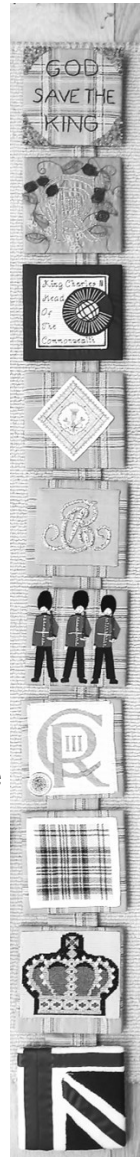
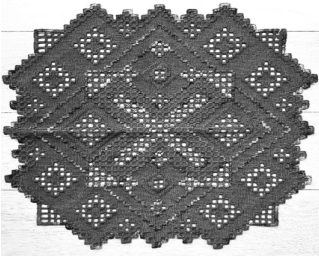
# North Kent Embroiderers



Hello Everyone,

Our last meeting was our AGM and thankfully we still have a full complement of officers and committee members.

As well as the business of the day we had a highly successful 'Show and Tell' with a record number of members bringing along their beautiful projects to show us. You can see Veronica's fantastically intricate Hardanger embroidery as well as Evelyn's beautiful little sampler of ribbonwork, beadwork and French Knots. Muriel had brought her fabulous butterfly brooch which she had made as a result of attending a day school with Jenny Adin-Christie. All these pieces as well as the Coronation Banner shown here were to be taken for exhibition as part of the 2024 Gravesham Fringe Festival. Our work was for display in the St George's Arts Centre Café in Gravesend.

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 resume 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/> or email us at: [info@northkentembroiderers.co.uk](mailto:info@northkentembroiderers.co.uk) or contact our Chairman, Eileen on 01474 324734  
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## **BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley**

Jan Morris wrote that she had concluded that Barchester had all but vanished, even from Wells. A Bedfordshire church crawl had been planned by me with a ramble of words afterwards for the magazine. Plans changed. However, at the College reading that perceptive and evocative article by Jan Morris on Wells reminded me of several visits to that special place. A city since the tenth century Wells is untroubled by a railway station nor a motorway.

The superb Cathedral rejoices in four hundred statues on the medieval west front, the amazing scissor arch at the crossing to support the central tower and the picturesque 14<sup>th</sup> century double row of houses of Vicar's Close. Despite the best efforts of the Church of England the Bishop of Bath and Wells still lives in the Bishop's Palace and the swans in the moat continue to ring the bell for their food. This glorious cathedral has the heaviest ten bell ring in the country with the tenor bell weighing 56cwt. Enjoying a walk round the city streets on one visit to Wells we ringers popped into the fine parish church of St. Cuthbert. Their eight bell ring has a tenor weighing a considerable 27cwt. Ringing friends now living in nearby Wookey are happy to ring in their parish church with a ring of 6 bells with an 11cwt tenor. (Cobham has 6 bells with a 13cwt tenor). Intrigued by almshouses I was amazed to see adjacent to St. Cuthbert's a cluster of four sets of almshouses from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, two endowed by former Bishops. Close by were also two more sets of almshouses, one for 'poor decayed woolcombers'. None had the roofing problems Cobham College and us pensioner residents are currently suffering. D-Day in 1984 was the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and also Derby Day. While The Queen Mother was at the races Queen Elizabeth II was in Normandy. The late Queen was again in Normandy on the 6<sup>th</sup> June for the 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Her Late Majesty, in pink, was on Southsea Common with the other Dignatories for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day. Queen Elizabeth II was the only person on the royal dais who had served in the Second World War. The next day we rang our Cobham bells for Stewart Pickerings Thanksgiving service. Now this year a new King and Queen are in Normandy for the D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Church towers were asked to ring at 6.30pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. So just before the Two Women Event in the church our band of ringers rang our bells as part of the anniversary commemoration..





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

### **31st August Musical Afternoon Sole Street House.**

Hellzapopin to play music from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Picnic items will be available to purchase. For tickets contact Nichola 07960273913



### **SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY SOLE STREET WIP GUIDED GAMBOL 9.30 to 2pm**



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**Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street**

**Church Services during July**



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

**10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), Luddesdowne**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham**

**4pm Flame, Cobham**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne**

**Midweek services**

**9:30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Holy Communion at Sole Street Church Room**

**Informal Morning Prayer**

**10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**At The Railway Inn, in the Restaurant area.**

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



Sunday 7th July      9.45am All Age Worship at St John's  
                                 11.30am Holy Communion at St Mildred's

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July      9.45am Holy Communion at St John's  
                                 11.30am Mattins at St Mildred's  
                                 3pm Sunday Afternoon Club at St John's Centre

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July      9.45am Morning Worship at St John's Church  
                                 11.15am Churches Prayer Meeting at St John's Centre

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July      9.45am Holy Communion at St John's  
                                 11.30am Family Service at St Mildred's

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July **NO** 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

## Luddesdowne's Register



### Baptism

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## 1984 - the burning of York Minster

Forty years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1984, York Minster was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept.

It was the most recent of five fires that have occurred there over the years: the causes have ranged from workmen burning coals (1753) through arson using torn-up hymnbooks (1829) to an unattended candle (1840) and a tarpaulin catching fire (1971). Although night lightning was the official explanation in 1984, some suggested that God might have been reacting to the very recent appointment as Bishop of Durham of the Rt Revd David Jenkins, a famously controversial cleric whose comments had seemed to cast doubt on the virgin birth and the Resurrection. He had been consecrated at York Minster three days earlier.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, described that idea as “ridiculous”, though some – including a few members of the fire service – felt that arson by objectors could not be ruled out. As many as 114 firefighters from were involved in tackling the blaze. Insurance cover on the Minster had just been increased by its treasury department: the damage to the south transept, with its wooden vaulted roof, amounted to £2.25 million.

York Minster is a huge landmark: many consider it to be one of Europe’s most impressive Gothic buildings. The glass in its famous 16<sup>th</sup> century Rose Window, which had recently been renovated, cracked into 40,000 pieces, but the new lead edges held it all together. Queen Elizabeth attended the rededication ceremony in October 1988. This year a new exhibition called *Out of the Ashes* tells the story of the blaze and marks its anniversary.

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**Meopham Library Writing Group** meets on the first Thursday morning. The next meeting is on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** from **10am** until noon. Each month there is a different writing theme such as "The Parcel" and also a writing challenge, which involves writing short sentences to include seven or eight words chosen by writing group members.

Creative writing is a very enjoyable activity, which can also be therapeutic for anyone who is facing difficult times or who would like to record special family memories. You are invited to come along to the meetings, if you are interested in writing short stories, poetry or articles. Beginners and more experienced writers are equally welcome to join our small, friendly group. Please ring 01474 813379 for more information, or just join us at Meopham Library on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

The following meetings will be on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

### **1<sup>st</sup> SOUTH STREET BOYS BRIGADE and GIRLS ASSOCIATION COMPANY**

Boys and girls aged 5-18 years old are invited to join the Company for team games, art, craft, cooking, Bible stories and nature activities every **Friday** evening during term time 6pm-7.30pm at **South Street Baptist Church**, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DA13 0QJ (next to Hope Hill).

The weekly subscription is £2. The older boys and girls will be camping at the Honey Hill Boys Brigade Campsite in Maidstone on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding take place at the Water Activities Centre in Tonbridge, with a team of fully qualified leaders. For more information please visit: [www.BOYS-BRIGADE.org.uk](http://www.BOYS-BRIGADE.org.uk)

Sunday morning services at **South Street Baptist Church** all begin at 10.45am and finish at about midday. The next all age Family Service is on 28<sup>th</sup> July.

**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, singing and refreshments. Family admission is £1.

Please visit [www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk](http://www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk) or ring 01474 815039 or 01474 813379 for more information about all the activities at South Street Baptist Church.





### **Trip to RHS Wisley**

In May 46 society members and guests had a very enjoyable trip to RHS Wisley, the rain mainly held off and the gardens looked super. We hope to have a return trip next year.

### **Summer Show**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June we held our Summer Show, which was a great success. We had 185 exhibits compared to 149 in 2023 and 113 in 2022, so our shows really are going from strength to strength. Many of our new members enjoyed exhibiting for the first time, and winning prizes! Although there was a nip in the air for June, the sun shone so visitors, once they had viewed the exhibits, were able to enjoy tea and homemade cake outside.

As a society we are very proud that the Judge, Dr John Hughes, who has judged our Summer show for over 8 years, made the following comment

*“This was by far the best Cobham Summer Show for the quality of the exhibits in the flower classes that I have judged. The class for one specimen Hybrid tea Rose was the best set of exhibits that I have ever judged for this particular class anywhere I have judged (including at a Rose Society Show).”*

Rolly Gagg won the Hybrid Tea Rose class, with her exhibit “Just Joey” which was also Best Rose In Show. So well done Rolly!



Our next show is our Autumn Show on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, all welcome!

Membership to Cobham Gardeners' Society is only £10 a year, which gives you free access to our talks plus discounts at local nurseries and on our trips. For more information or to join email [cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk)

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## July

In the meantime, Summer we hope is progressing or at last arriving at least!!  
 July is usually one of the hottest months of the year and a great time to sit out and enjoy your garden. Keep plants looking good by regularly dead-heading, and you'll enjoy a longer display of blooms. Make sure you keep new plants well-watered, using grey water where possible, and hoe off weeds, which thrive in the sunshine.  
 Top 10 RHS jobs this month

1. Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
2. Care for houseplant while on holiday
3. Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
4. Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials, to ensure continuous flowering
5. Pick courgettes before they become marrows
6. Treat apple scab
7. Clear algae, blanket weed and debris from ponds, and keep them topped up
8. Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
9. Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
10. Harvest apricots, peaches, and nectarines



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The Lord is my Shepherd	--	<b>That's Relationship</b>
I shall not want	--	<b>That's Supply</b>
He makes me lie down in green pastures	--	<b>That's Rest</b>
He leads me beside still waters	--	<b>That's Refreshment</b>
He restores my soul	--	<b>That's Healing</b>
He leads me in paths of righteousness	--	<b>That's Guidance</b>
For His name's sake	--	<b>That's Purpose</b>
Yea thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death	--	<b>That's Testing</b>
I will fear no evil	--	<b>That's Protection.</b>
For thou art with me	--	<b>That's Faithfulness</b>
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me	--	<b>That's Discipline</b>
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies	--	<b>That's Hope</b>
Thou anointest my head with oil	--	<b>That's Consecration</b>
My cup runneth over	--	<b>That's Abundance</b>
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life	--	<b>That's Blessing</b>
And I will dwell in the house of the lord	--	<b>That's Security</b>
For ever	--	<b>That's Eternal</b>

**God has all this to offer to each one of us, we just have to turn to Him**



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20th January 2025,

Annual Parish Meeting on 17th March 2025 and the Annual Meeting on  
Monday 19th May 2025

All meetings will be taking place at Luddesdown Village Hall.

## **The Cobham Youth Club**

The sessions up to and including July 2024 will be:

Friday 5th July

Friday 19th July

The youth club starts at 7.30pm and finishes at 9.30pm. £2 per session  
and the venue is the Meadow Rooms, The Street, Cobham.

## **Cobham Parish Council Meeting dates**

7.30pm on 2nd July at the Meadow Rooms

7.30pm on 3rd September at the Meadow Rooms

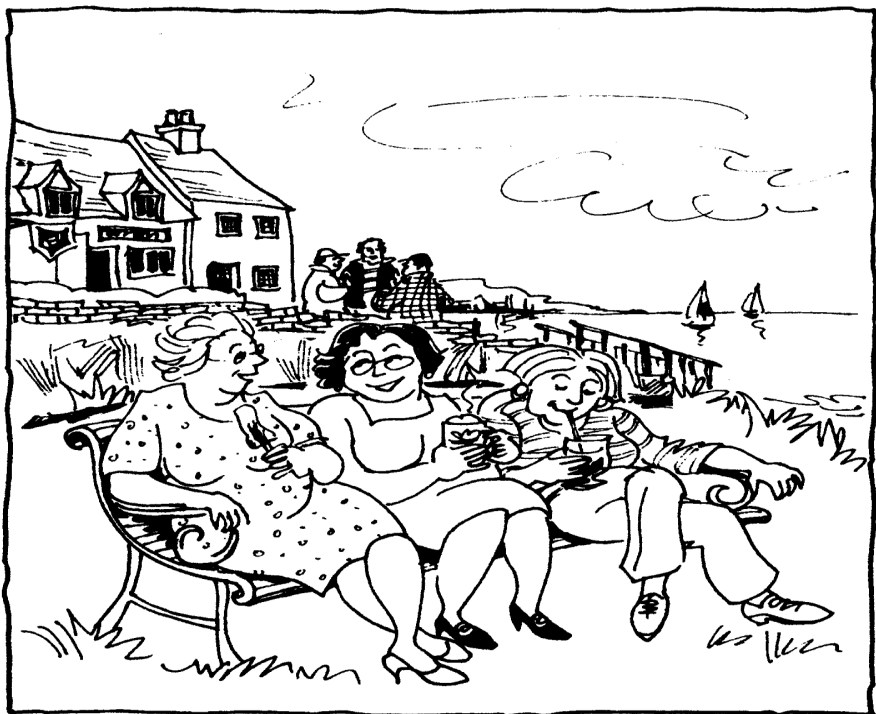
7.30pm on 1st October at the Meadow Rooms

7.30pm on 5th November at the Meadow Rooms

7.30pm on 3rd December at the Meadow Rooms







Well it is summer, or so they say.

Today our friendly window cleaner has visited and has been making our windows sparkle! I'll soon put my mark on them, my nose print to be more accurate! I like to sit and watch the pigeons in the garden and then I run out of the back door to say hello, but they are not very sociable they just fly off!

Are you getting ready for your summer holiday? Have you packed your bucket, spade, sun hat and sun cream? It is so exciting to go on holiday whether it is to the beach or in the countryside it is good to spend time with loved ones and friends .

Wherever you go and whatever you do have lots of fun! Paddy



The ladies are enjoying their seaside trip.

Colour the picture with bright summer colours.



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### Wordsearch clues for Sea Sunday

14<sup>th</sup> July brings us Sea Sunday, the day when Christian churches remember, pray and give thanks for the more than 1.5 million merchant seafarers worldwide. If seafarers seem irrelevant to your daily life, think again: 90 per cent of everything you buy in the shops comes to you by sea. Merchant seafarers quite literally keep our global economy afloat. Yet it is a tough life, far from loved ones. Merchant ships are harsh working environments, never mind the threat of piracy or even shipwreck.

To help the seafarers, a worldwide network of port chaplains has sprung up. They offer hospitality and friendship, as well as practical, emotional and spiritual support, providing almost a 'home from home' in hundreds of ports, in more than 50 countries. You might wish to support one of these three well-known societies: The Mission to Seafarers (Anglican), The Apostolate of the Sea (Roman Catholic), and The Sailors' Society (inter-denominational).

July Sea Sunday Remember Pray Give Thanks Merchant Seafarers

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