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November



Happy November all!

Wow the parish is looking wonderful in its Autumn splendour and Cobham parish is bursting back into life with the Two Women music events up and running again at Cobham church; CADS are back treading the boards at the Meadow Room and fundraising events for St Mary's Church room continue apace. For details of all forthcoming events visit page 18 for 'Dates for the Diary'.

On Saturday 16th October the Parish came together for the re-dedication of our War memorial. It was a heart warming event as children from Cobham School, members of the RBL, local families and people connected to those named on the war memorial re-created the original dedication service of 100 years ago. A bugler played the last post and speakers spoke movingly of, not only the past, but of the future—specifically to the participating children dressed in their 1920's peak caps. The re-dedication was followed, in true Cobham tradition, by refreshments and events in the Meadow Room—



Thank you and well done to the organisers.
Keep well and have a good month—Tina

THE TUESDAY POP-IN

Takes place every second Tuesday of the month 10.30 to 12 noon

Come and join us for coffee and a relaxed chat with friends. Next date 9th Nov.

CONTACT: MARY PALMER - 01474 816788



Welcome to **Cobham, Luddesdowne** and **Sole Street Churches** Services during November



Sunday 7th November

10:30am **Family Service with Baptism, Cobham**

Sunday 14th November Remembrance Sunday

10:00am **Act of Remembrance
at Cobham War Memorial**

10:30am **Remembrance Service, Cobham Church**

5:00pm **Remembrance Service, Luddesdowne**

Sunday 21st November

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

Sunday 28th November

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

Midweek services

9am **Holy Communion on the 3rd, Sole Street**

Morning Prayer 10th, 17th & 24th, Sole Street

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NORTH KENT EMBROIDERERS



Hello Everyone,

Our last meeting was the first 'live' one for many months. Despite meeting for chat sessions via Zoom it was lovely to see everyone again. Our new venue is Southfleet Village Hall and we soon made ourselves at home. Several of us have taken online courses. Veronica and Josie completed their 'Coral Creations' see Veronica's below.



The Covid Challenge pieces (In spite of Covid 19 we continue to stitch) were laid out on one table, the Zara Day stitching piece which we started in August this year was on another and the 'Game of Stitches' completed by a number of our ladies working together (at times remotely) was on another. The sales table, now managed by Evelyn was in another area. We all wore our

masks and as the doors were open we were glad the weather was kind to us. As you can see we have been very busy since we last met so it was very pleasant to relax with a fundraising cream tea after we had admired everyone's handiwork. Our next project is to make a new banner for our group.

If you would like to join us or just find out a bit more about us then please look at our website <https://northkentembroiders.co.uk/>

or email us at: info@northkentembroiders.co.uk
or contact our Chairman, Eileen Tuff on 01474 324734
Happy stitching, Karen (All links and photographs used with permission)



SOLE STREET WI

Our October speaker was Tricia Ashdown who talked to us about the work of ACWW - Associated Country Women of the World. During lockdown our members knitted colourful jumpers for young children in orphanages in Africa as part of a project organised by ACWW.

Whilst golden October declined into sombre November a couple of our more green-fingered members busied themselves re-organising the WI planter outside St Mary's Church Room. Originally intended as an entry in the NFWI Huxley Cup, it was felt that the project should be extended for the benefit of the village and our community can look forward to seeing crocus, iris, muscari, violas and three varieties of miniature daffodils and tulips.

For one of our weekly walks members participated in a sponsored walk for Medical Detection Dogs. This charity trains dogs to detect the odour of human diseases, such as cancer and Covid-19, with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics that lead to better patient outcomes. Accompanying the walkers on this beautiful autumnal day were Kathy's two eager golden retrievers, Freddie and Rosie



The Craft Group have been making seasonal greeting cards. There is also a workshop to create decorations for pew ends at All Saints Church, Maidstone where West Kent Federation are organising Christmas celebrations.

The scheduled speaker for our evening meeting on Tuesday 23 November at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Room is Brian Nobbs on the subject of "Gardening For Wildlife" and our December meeting is an informal Christmas party.

For information on this and all our activities please contact our President, Yvonne telephone 01474 813455. Molly Isaacs

*November is the month of remembrance, made more poignant this year by the recent withdrawal from Afghanistan. I cannot think of a more appropriate poem than the one written in 2009 in response to the loss of our soldiers out there,
O Gallant Youth: Nigel Beeton*

O Gallant Youth

Through long dark years our young have fought and died,
In Freedom's name our country's foes defied;
Now in Remembrance they are glorified,
O Gallant Youth, we owe so much to you.

Though they were young, when came their country's call,
Ready they were to stand up strong and tall.
They did not flinch when asked to give their all,
O Gallant Youth, we give our thanks for you.

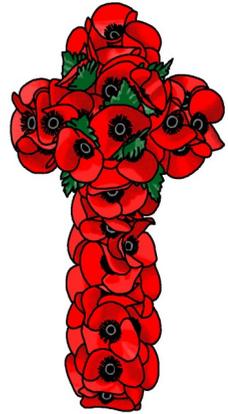
*Rows of graves, with headstones white
Tributes to our gallant men,
From Sun's rise till it sets from sight
We'll always remember them.*

Though they know well how high the price before -
Legions of men and women lost in war -
Our young today are standing firm and sure!
O Gallant Youth, we are so proud of you!

*Desert sands, through wind or flame
Far flung seas, or skies of blue
Where you go in Freedom's name
We'll always think of you.*

Go, in our name, to duty or to fight,
Go, with our hopes into the darkest night;
The hand of God will lead into the light.
O Gallant Youth, we send our prayers with you!

Follow your fellow men from ages past
Stand side by side with them, sincere, steadfast
Fight for the right until you come at last
Home, Gallant Youth, to those that wait for you.
By Nigel Beeton



A young person wearing a light blue denim jacket over a white t-shirt, with a grey backpack, is holding a book. To their right is a large, close-up view of a clock face with numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus outdoor setting.

Volunteers wanted! Cobham's youth need you!

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November

Winter is on its way

Leaves are falling rapidly, and wind and rain are on the increase. Tender plants (such as bananas) will need protecting from frost, gales and freezing rains. Move plants into the greenhouse, or into a sheltered spot, but if you can't, it is worth wrapping plants or pots in situ. Remember winter can be a tough time for birds in terms of water and food, so keep supplies well topped up.

RHS - Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
- 2 Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
- 3 Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
- 4 Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
- 5 Plant out winter bedding
- 6 Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
- 7 Insulate outdoor containers from frost - bubblewrap works well
- 8 Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees using grease bands around the trunks
- 9 Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
- 10 Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

On Wednesday 10th November 2021 7pm for 7:30 pm the Society holds its last Expert Speaker talk for 2021, at The Meadow Rooms, Cobham. "All Things Nutty" with Alexander Hunt, owner of Potash Farm, Kentish cobnuts and walnut growers, talks about all things nutty! With a display of merchandise to purchase – it is amazing what nuts are made into – biscuits, candles, culinary oil, and many others.

Looking for ideas for the Christmas Stocking? Why not give 2022 membership of Cobham Gardeners - a year of fun for a very reasonable £8! Full details of how to join email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk



Cobham
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Society

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All Things Nutty!



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Smile Lines



Rooms

When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home. "It's great," the little boy replied. "At last I have my own room, and Mike has his own room, and Jemma has her own room, and Robbie has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad."

Ketchup

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her four-year old daughter to answer it.

"It's the minister, Mum," the child said to her mother. Then she told her caller: "Mummy can't come to the phone right now. She's hitting the bottle."

Hold her hand

While out in the town, I saw an elderly couple holding hands while they were walking. As they approached, I commented on how romantic it was.

The man replied, "We have been holding hands when we go out in public for over 30 years. I have to. If I let go, she shops."





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Dates for the Diary



LFG EVENTS

in aid of St Mary's Church Room renovations.

8th December - Christmas Design day in the Meadow Rooms

12th December- 'Christmas at Home' Village get together at Sole St House.

Other Events



Nine below Zero —4/11/21 (See page 11)

The Dualers—18/11/21 (see page 24)

Toyah—2/12/21 (See page 33)

From the Style Council—20/1/22

Forever Elton — 17/2/22

Fil Straughan—17/3/22

CADS performances—Thursday November 18th to Saturday 20th -
(see page 20)

History tours

Ifield & Singlewell-isolated & separated (Illustrated talk with supper) On: Monday 1st November 2021 Speaker: Christoph Bull

At: Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend Meet: 6pm for meal, talk to follow. Cost: £18 for both the talk and award winning fish and chips. Booking essential: Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593. Spaces limited, unpaid tickets will be sold on.

Griffin, Horse & Harp-the Earls of Darnley of Cobham Hall and their Irish connections-unknown history revealed (illustrated talk with supper)

On: Monday 22nd November 2021 Speaker: Christoph Bull

Begins 6pm for meal, talk to follow

At: Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend

Cost : £18 –includes talk and award winning fish & chips

Booking essential: Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593

Gravesend in the 1920s (Illustrated talk with supper)-post war wealth & worries.

On: Monday 29th November 2021 Speaker: Christoph Bull

Begins: 7pm

At: The Three Daws public house, Town Pier Square, Gravesend

Cost: £15-includes talk and supper

Booking essential: The Three Daws 01474 566869

Luddesdowne Harvest Festival

On the 19th September Luddesdowne church celebrated Harvest. It was lovely to see so many of you there.

We are grateful to all who gave packets and tins that went to the Food Bank, and our thanks to Sue and Colin for delivering these items to be given out to those in need.

The collection went to Tear Fund and we raised £167.50 plus a further £30.00 that was sent separately, which has been gift aided.

The fresh produce went to the Ellenor Hospice which they really appreciated, and below is their thank you letter.

Janet Weaver



I am writing to thank you for the kind donation of produce that you delivered from Luddesdowne Church's harvest festival. Please pass on my thanks to those who were able to contribute to this generous gift.

I would like to thank you for continuously supporting ellenor. It is supporters like you who make the care we provide possible.

Warmest wishes

Meghan Hunt and
the Fundraising Team

Cobham Amateur Dramatic Society

After two years with nowhere to act we are finally allowed back into the Meadow Room to present a play, or on this occasion, two plays.

We will be offering you two one act plays for November both comedies, with absolutely no mention of anything catching, not even a cold! The plays titles are **“What’s for Pudding?”** and **“The Senior Speed Date”**.



Conscious of how tight the audience seating has been in the past we will be reducing the seating for a maximum audience of fifty. This is a reduction of 40% of our pre virus capacity which will allow for more spacing between seats.

Keeping the CADS welcoming spirit in place there will be a bar where you can enjoy a glass or two, and catch up with neighbours you may not have seen for a while. We hope you will come to enjoy a Cobham reopening on a (probably) cold November evening and enjoy the warmth of our welcome.

While we’ve been waiting for the return to a form of normality, we have been amusing ourselves meeting on Zoom (who hasn’t), making two Radio Plays and entering them in the Kent Drama Association’s Radio Play Festival, (no gongs), and generally socialising virtually to keep the spirit of CADS Amdram alive.

A spin off from the Zoom meetings is a small group of members who continue to host regular Zoom meetings reading plays and having a chat mainly for members who, for various reasons, can no longer visit the Meadow Room but still enjoy amdram. If you would like to join this group please contact Roger on roger.hodge@sky.com for more details. You will be made very welcome.

The production will run from Thursday November 18th to Saturday 20th. The Box Office will be open on the 20th October. Please phone 07552665588 for tickets.

For more details visit our website www.cobhamkentcads.org.uk



Cobham's Register

Weddings

Keith Robert NOLAN and **Christelle Marie-Claire CHAPMAN** were married in Cobham church on the 4th September 2021. The service was conducted by Rev'd Cannon Chris STONE.

Tomos Huw PRYS-JONES and **Dana Amelia BATTS** were married in Cobham church on the 18th September 2021. The service was conducted by Rev'd Don GILKES.

Luddesdowne's Register

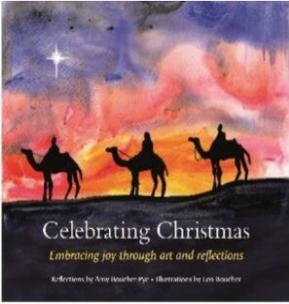
Wedding

Michael Edward MARTIN and **Annabel CRISP** were married in Luddesdowne church on the 18th September 2021. The service was conducted by Rev'd Don GILKES.

Congratulations to all our happy couples - wishing you a long and happy life together.



BOOK REVIEWS



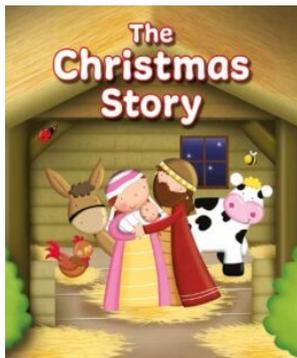
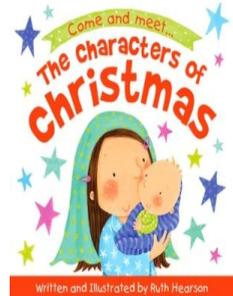
Celebrating Christmas - Embracing joy through art and reflection

by Amy Boucher-Pye, BRF, £9.99

In this stunning hardback gift book, father and daughter Leo and Amy offer images and words to bring you joy at Christmas: a profound, enduring joy even in the midst of pain, loss, betrayal and disappointment. Full of vivid memories and family anecdotes, ranging from the glittering lights of Oxford Street to the snowy woods of Minnesota, *Celebrating Christmas* explores the joys and sorrows of Christmas in a broken world, which is, as the author says, 'exactly why Jesus came to earth!' Into the story, an activity, a prayer idea, a key verse and a link to the Old Testament narrative. Covering the angel Gabriel's visit to Mary, Mary's visit to Elizabeth and the birth of Jesus through to Simeon in the temple, Herod and the wise men and the escape to Egypt

The Characters of Christmas Storybook **By Ruth Hearson, 10Publishing, £3.50**

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The Christmas Story

By Karen Williamson, Candle Books, £6.99

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LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Proposed Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

Monday 15th November 2021

Monday 17th January 2022

Monday 21st March 2022 - APM

COBHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2021

All starting at 7.30pm

Monday 9th November 2021

All Parish Council meetings are to be held at the Meadow Rooms for the remainder of the year

Weekly Mini-Bus Service to Gravesend Timetable

Cobham Parish Council sponsors a mini-bus service to St George's Shopping Centre in Gravesend. The service operates on Thursdays and the fare is £2.00 single or £4.00 return. The service is free of charge to holders of a valid bus pass.

To Gravesend		From Gravesend
Sallows Shaw – The Beeches	09.34	12.59
Sallows Shaw o/s No.73	09.35	13.00
Sole Street – Scratton Fields	09.38	12.54
Cobham New College	09.45	12.47
Cobham Church	09.47	12.45
Enhurst	09.50	12.42
Gravesend Railway Station	10.02	—
Gravesend St George's Centre	10.04	12.30

Further information is available from the Clerk to the Council, Charles Amis E-mail clerk@cobham-kent-pc.gov.uk



TWO WOMEN EVENTS

present:

THE DUALERS



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Meopham Library Writing Group

Meopham Library Writing Group meetings are held on the first Thursday morning of each month. The next meeting will be held in Meopham Library on **Thursday 4th November 2021 at 10am**. Masks must be worn in the library and people should bring their own drinks, as the kitchen is unavailable just now. The meeting will end at about midday.

Each month, there is a different writing theme and everyone writes a short story, poem or article, using less than 1,000 words. Recent writing themes have included; "Freedom", "Harvest Festival", "Journey" and "Bubbles". There is also a writing challenge, which involves writing sensible sentences containing seven words chosen by the group, using less than seventy words.

New members are always welcome and anyone who is interested in writing, either as a beginner or a more experienced writer, is invited to join the group. Writing can be very therapeutic in difficult times. Some people also enjoy writing about their memories, which can be very interesting for their families and friends.

The following meetings will be held on 2nd December, 6th January and 3rd February. For more information about the group, please ring **01474 813379**.

The 1st South Street Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company

The **1st South Street Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company** meets every Friday evening from 6pm until 7.30pm during term time. Boys and girls aged 5-18 years old are very welcome to join in the fun, which includes games, craft and outside activities. The uniform is an inexpensive blue T-shirt and sweatshirt with an embroidered badge. The weekly subscription is £2.

There is no meeting on 5th November, as it is still half term for some schools. The Company will be attending the annual Remembrance Day Service at Meopham Green on 14th November.

In the spring and summer next year there will be opportunities to visit the Boys Brigade Camp Site at Honey Hill and the Water Activity Centre, which are both in Maidstone. There is an adventure playground, woods and well equipped facilities for camping at Honey Hill. Young people can enjoy canoeing, kayaking and stand up boards at the Water Activity Centre, supervised by fully trained and qualified leaders.

For more information about the Company, please visit the South Street Baptist Church website at: www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk To find out more about the **Boys Brigade**, please visit the Boys Brigade national website at: www.BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK



An epic struggle between good and evil took place in the Vicarage kitchen



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Harvey



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Mt.14:13-21, Mk.6:30-44, Lk.9:10-17, Jn.6:1-15

Jesus and his disciples went by boat to a quiet place to have some time alone, but the crowds noticed, and followed them.

Jesus felt sorry for them so he taught and healed them.

It was now late afternoon, so Philip spoke to Jesus

This is a remote place. Send them away.

They can go and buy something to eat.

You give them something to eat.

There are thousands of them! Half a year's wages wouldn't be enough!

(So what do you have?)

Andrew brought a boy to Jesus.

He has 2 dried fish and 5 small loaves.

Get everyone to sit down in groups.

Jesus blessed the bread and fish and the disciples gave them out.

Everyone ate all they wanted.

Jesus told them to gather up the leftovers -

there were 12 baskets full!

Jesus sent the disciples off in the boat and stayed to dismiss the crowd.

We will make him become our king!

He can get rid of the Romans!

Free food!

But Jesus knew what they planned... and had already gone.



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10.30 to 1.30 pm
in the Meadow Room

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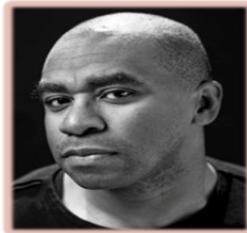
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2BScene Theatre

presents



A charity evening in aid of UN-HCR



Performed by local actor and singer Gary Cordice, who brings to life, by candlelight,

the immortal story of Charles Dickens 'A Christmas Carol'

Friday December 3rd 2021— Shorne Church

Doors open at 7.00pm. Performance starts at 7.30pm

Tickets cost £10.00

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies Included

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Poppies

It was 100 years ago this month, on 11th Nov 1921, that Remembrance poppies were sold for the first time in British and Commonwealth countries to commemorate military personnel who died in war.

Amid the mud, blood and carnage of trench warfare in World War I, tens of thousands of bright red poppies had grown, marking the graves of the fallen. This led John McCrae, a Canadian army physician who had lost a colleague, to write “In Flanders Fields”,

*In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly.*

This image inspired the adoption of a red poppy as the symbol of all soldiers who had died in conflict. In the UK they are sold by the Royal British Legion to raise funds for current and former members of the British Armed Forces. Around 30 million poppies are sold each year.

Remembrance Poppies Sold Countries Commemorate

Military Personnel Mud Blood Carnage Trench Warfare Thousands
Bright Red Graves Fallen Flanders Fields Symbol