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September



Hello everyone

Oh well Autumn is now on our doorstep and we have had a bit of a damp summer but at least all the gardens are looking nice and green!

I was so happy to learn that our 'Tin Tab' is, once again, open for use (with the necessary Covid care guidelines being followed by its users).

The many fundraising events undertaken by the LFG and wider community are going well with £605.60 being raised at the lovely strawberry tea alone, all funds going to the refurbishment of the church room..

The next Ride and Stride event will take place on the 11th September and will hopefully receive the usual fantastic support for its participants.

For more info visit <https://www.kentrideandstride.co.uk/>.

Keep well

Tina



WE ARE BACK!

THE TUESDAY POP-IN

**We will resume meetings in the
Leather Bottle**

**on Tuesday 14th September
and then on the second Tuesday of the
month**

10.30 to 12 noon

**Come and join us for coffee and a relaxed
chat with friends**

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Services during September



Sunday 5th September

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), Luddesdowne

Sunday 12th September

10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham

Sunday 19th September

10:30am Harvest Festival, Luddesdowne

*Fresh produce will go to the Ellenor Hospice,
with tins and packets to the foodbank.*

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Sunday 26th September

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NORTH KENT EMBROIDERERS

Hello everyone,

This month we were treated to a Zoom talk by Sara Cook www.bojagiuk.com entitled “Bojagi: Korean Textiles” We are all getting used to zooming now and there was a good turn out from our members.



Sara has sewn from an early age and originally trained as a theatre costume designer. She has visited Korea and worked with leading Bojagi artists there. Sara also teaches the skill to others and has written a book on the subject.

Bojagi textiles are pieces of cloth stitched together and often embroidered to make wrappings or coverings. The wraps were for functional or domestic items, usually square and used by rich and poor alike. You can

see these two pieces done using silk organza and showing triple stitched seams. The ‘Summer Glow’ wall hanging on the left shows little tiny pine nut decorations on the edges which are supposed to bring good luck, whilst the other piece has ‘bakjwi’ – knots in the shape of bats. Photographs were taken by Michael Wicks. Bojagi supports the Confucian idea that to make something beautiful out of scraps is a good thing.



Sara’s talk gave us a fascinating insight into some of the customs and traditions of a Korean woman. She told us how new brides would be expected to make one hundred thimbles to give to the women in their new family, they would then be responsible for all the sewing in the house. The thimbles would be made from cotton fabric lined with mulberry paper and glued together to stop the needle going through. The young woman’s stitches had to be even because “even stitches mean an even temper which makes for a good life”.

After Sara’s very interesting talk we had time for some discussion and chat.

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

or email us at: info@northkentembroiderers.co.uk

or contact our Chairman, Eileen Tuff on 01474 324734

Happy stitching, Karen (All links and photographs used with permission)



August is traditionally a quiet month in our WI calendar as members go on holiday or spend time away with their families. However this year travel restrictions have curtailed many of the normal summer plans so we find ourselves seeking more local activities. The Walking Day on 8th August from Sole Street House presented the opportunity to help the Local Funding Group for St Mary's Church Room and many donated cakes while other volunteers ran the afternoon tea & refreshments stall. The day's inclement weather did not dampen general enthusiasm for the event although rain may have deterred some of the walkers.

Our members' main fixture for August is an informal party in Min's lovely garden and the assembly gives everyone the opportunity to catch up on the summer's news. For fun on this occasion ladies were invited to create a paper hat. Let us hope parasols are the order of the day and not umbrellas !

Weekly walks continue (as they have following the first lockdown) and last Tuesday we found ourselves in many a quagmire on a short trail through Ashenbank woods. At the end of our unusually muddy yomp, the large cups of hot chocolate purchased at Jeskyns cafe provided welcome relief. It is such a lively spot to sit, surrounded by lots of excited little people who have been following "The Grufallo Trail" plus every variety of dog you can imagine. To add to the general hubbub, a number of wagtails were dodging in and out of the tables chased by inquisitive toddlers. Huge fun !

We find ourselves inspired by our exploration of Jeskyns Community Woodland site to research the opportunities for planting further trees to sustain our environment and get involved in The Queen's Green Canopy programme. Members are resolved to "Plant A Tree For The Jubilee" ! Enquiries made of the Forestry Commission Warden revealed several initiatives for the Government's **Trees and Peat Action Plans** which envisage 12% woodland cover for our country by 2050 to create greater resilience to climate change. The NFWI has a nationwide network of Climate Ambassadors so perhaps we can all participate - watch this space ...!

Our planned speaker for Tuesday 28th September is Dean Caston who will be telling us about The Victoria Palace Theatre London - the shows and the stars. Our traditional Harvest Festival hampers will this year be donated to the Gravesend Foodbank.

For information on this and other Sole Street WI activities please contact our President, Yvonne, telephone 01474 813455.



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Proposed Meeting Dates for 2021-2022

Monday 20th September 2021

Monday 18th October 2021 – Budget Meeting

Monday 15th November 2021

Monday 17th January 2022

Monday 21st March 2022 - APM

COBHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2021

All starting at 7.30pm

Tuesday 7th September 2021

Tuesday 5th October 2021

Monday 9th November 2021

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



Volunteers wanted! Cobham's youth need you!

Parents and Carers wanted to help run the Cobham Sole Street & Luddesdown Youth Club

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Did you know ?....

65 years ago, on 16th Sept 1956 that Play-Doh went on sale in the USA. It was originally sold as a wallpaper cleaning compound, but was then relaunched as a modelling compound when the inventor's nephew discovered that nursery school children were using it to make Christmas ornaments.

60 years ago, on 11th Sept 1961 that the World Wildlife Fund (now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was founded in Switzerland.

50 years ago, on 15th Sept 1971 that Greenpeace, the international environmental group, was founded in Vancouver.



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Bifocals

A preacher went into the pulpit one Sunday morning wearing a pair of new bifocals. The reading portion of the glasses improved his vision considerably, but the top portion of the glasses didn't work so well. In fact, he was experiencing dizziness every time he looked through them. Finally, he apologised to the congregation. "I hope you will excuse my continually removing my glasses," he said. "You see, when I look down, I can see fine, but when I look at you, it makes me feel sick."

How different churches cope with adversity

When a Methodist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was an experience, how do I learn from it?"

When a Catholic priest falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "I must have done something really bad to deserve that."

When a Presbyterian minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was inevitable, I'm glad it's over."

When a Baptist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Which one of my deacons pushed me?"

When a vicar falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Will I need a faculty to get the staircase repaired?"

A man went into a drop-in medical centre where the diagnosis was done by a computer. The patient keyed in his symptoms. The machine whirred and buzzed for a few seconds and then presented its findings on the screen. It said simply: "There's a lot of it about."

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September – Late summer progresses into autumn

September is generally a cooler, gustier month than August and the days are noticeably shorter. While there's not as much to do in the ornamental garden at this time of the year, if you have a fruit or vegetable patch, you'll be busy reaping the rewards of harvest. It's also time to get out and start planting spring-flowering bulbs for next year and you can collect seeds for next summer's colour too. Make the most of the remaining warmth while you can!

RHS - Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Divide herbaceous perennials
- 2 Pick autumn raspberries
- 3 Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
- 4 Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them
- 5 Net ponds before leaf fall gets underway
- 6 Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible
- 7 Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering
- 8 Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn
- 9 Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting
- 10 Plant spring flowering bulbs

Cobham Gardeners' Society are pleased to announce two great events for September 2021 –

Wednesday 8th September 2021 – 7pm for 7.30pm expert speaker talk at the Meadow Rooms. Medal winning fuchsia cultivationist, Nick Dobson speaks on How To Grow Fuchsias. Entry is free to members, non-members are welcome and pay just £3.

Saturday 11th September 2021 - 2:00-4:00pm – sees the Meadow Room doors thrown open for Cobham Gardeners' first show since 2019 - their Autumn Show & Plant Sale. You'll be able to see the Adult & Junior Show entries along with the RHS judges' comments & awards for the various categories including flowers, vegetables & photographic. And there's more! To make it an afternoon out, there's a Plant Sale, expert members on hand to answer your gardening questions, raffle and tea, coffee & homemade cakes on sale. Entry to the Show & Plant Sale is free.

You can sign up for Membership of Cobham Gardeners at any time ... and get savings at local garden centres straight away to help with all of those garden jobs. You can apply for membership at the Show or via the Gardeners' website. It's only a modest £8 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.

For further details email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk



Cobham Gardeners' Society

Meetings & Shows at the Meadow Room in Dickensian Cobham, Kent
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Nick Dobson's 2000 prize winning fuchsia "My Mum"

Wednesday 8th September 2021 - 7.30pm

How to Grow Fuchsias

Medal winning fuchsia cultivationist Nick Dobson talks at the Meadow Room Cobham on the all year round skills involved in growing fuchsias (perhaps from your own cuttings).

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LFG EVENTS in aid of St Mary's Church Room renovations.

19th September – Garden Safari

9th October - Jigsaw Puzzle Competition—in Meadow Rooms

8th December - Christmas Design day in the Meadow Rooms

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

Circular guided historical walk from Ifield to Nurstead

On: Sunday 5th September 2021 Guide: Christoph Bull Meet: St Margaret's Church, Ifield At: 2.30pm Cost: Free-donations welcome.

No need to book unless Covid restrictions return. If booking required phone 07702287147. Gravesend Historical Society Footpaths Committee event, open to all.

Northfleet's history from A to Z (illustrated talk)-Speaker: Christoph Bull

On: Tuesday 7th September 2021 Meet: 2pm, The Veterans Club, The Hill, Northfleet Event is free-but booking needed via Mandi Knight, Northfleet Big Local 07956178909

Come in - Guided tour of St George's church, Gravesend & environs

On: Saturday 11th September 2021 At: St George's Church, Gravesend Guide: Christoph Bull (Local Historian) Meet: 2pm. Price: £10 (includes light refreshments at the church afterwards) Booking essential as individuals or groups. Rev Jim Fletcher (Rector of St George's church) 01474 532505 or jim@stgeorgesgravesend.org

The Forgotten parish of Denton (Illustrated talk with supper)

On: Tuesday 14th September 2021 Speaker: Christoph Bull At: The Ship & Lobster public house, Denton Wharf, Denton Begins: 7pm Cost: £12 for the talk and supper combined Booking essential: Ship & Lobster 01474 324571 or shipandlobster@yahoo.com. Deposits or full payment will be needed when booking.

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...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought
back from her foreign holiday...

Cobham's Register

Interment of Ashes

Jessie Mary Alice DEAKIN died on the 11th July 1993 aged 93 years old, and

Jessie Mary Elizabeth LANE died on the 8th May 2020 aged 87 years old.

Both ashes were interred at Cobham churchyard on the 4th July 2021 into the existing grave of Hannah Alice Jessie MARGERUM and Charles MARGERUM.



Luddesdowne's Register

Wedding

Jake Conan Stewart GUNN and **Zoe Marie DICKENS** were married in Luddesdowne church on the 8th July 2021.

1st South Street Boys Brigade & Girls Association Company

The **1st South Street Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company** starts the new term on Friday 10th September at 6pm. There will be outside activities during September, every Friday evening from 6pm until 7pm. Boys and girls aged 5-18 years old are very welcome to join in the fun.

In the Spring and Summer next year, there will be opportunities to visit the Boys Brigade Camp Site at Honey Hill, near Maidstone, which has an adventure playground and also the Water Activity Centre in Maidstone. Young people can enjoy canoeing, kayaking and water boarding at the Centre, supervised by fully qualified leaders in all these activities.

For more information about the Company, please visit the South Street Baptist Church website at: www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk

Children and teenagers, aged between four and sixteen years old, can also join in the fun at home, by visiting the Boys Brigade at Home website: <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/bbathome/>

These activities are freely available for parents to download every week for their boys and girls, even if they are not members of Boys Brigade. Everything needed for the activities is likely to be easily found at home. To find out more about the **Boys Brigade**, please visit the Boys Brigade national website at:

www.BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK

We are accustomed to seeing the old Spitfire in the sky above Cobham but... September, of course, is when we remember the Battle of Britain – on the 15th, to be precise, the anniversary of the day on which the Battle turned in Britain's favour and Hitler realized that it would not be possible to invade without incurring huge losses from air attack.

Spitfire

The heavens ring with Merlin's roar
We gaze in wonder from the ground
To see a great old aircraft soar
And marvel at the engine's sound.

The Spitfire loops and rolls and dives
We smile and gasp and clap and cheer;
The pilot shows his skill and strives
To make us think he has no fear!

No fear – but eighty years ago
Young men of barely adult age
Sat in those planes, true courage shown
They flew into the battle's rage.

They too would loop and roll and dive
Not to impress a watching crowd
But so that Britain might survive –
And hist'ry shows they did us proud!

So many died within those planes
The watchers would with horror see
A blazing trail of smoke and flames
As brave men died to keep us free.

Yes – watch the Spitfire, and rejoice
Rejoice to see the pilot's skill.
Remember those who had no choice
But met the foe with iron will.

By Nigel Beeton

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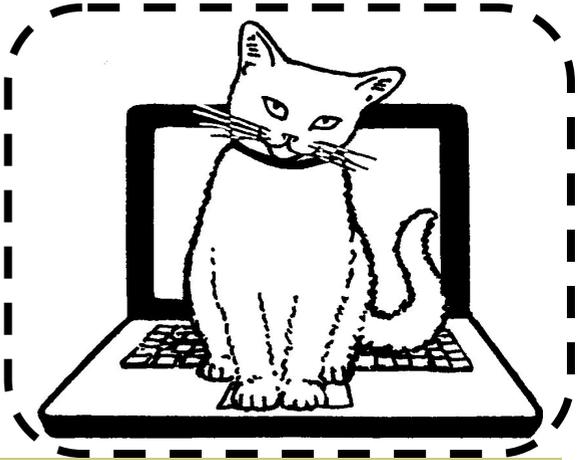
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This cat doesn't seem to know how to use a laptop! I think he is being a bit naughty and wants a lot of fuss made of him while his family is working from home!

What colour do you think he is? Tabby? Ginger? Tortoiseshell?

Love and licks
Harvey



Mouse Makes


Read this story in
1 Kings 17:7-16

The bowl of flour and the jar of oil

It had not rained for months and months, there was a drought in the land. God sent His prophet **Elijah** to the town of Zarephath. At the town gate he saw a widow gathering firewood.

"Please bring me a drink of water and some bread," he asked her.



She answered "All I have is a handful of flour and a drop of oil in a jar, it is our last meal."

"Do not worry," Elijah said,

"Make the meal and make a small loaf for me."

The woman did what Elijah had asked and God blessed her ...

... The bowl never ran out of flour and the jar never ran out of oil until it rained again!



Find these words from the story in the word search:
WORD • LORD • GOD • ELIJAH • SENT • ZAREPHATH • GATE • CITY • WIDOW
STICKS • WATER • DRINK • BREAD • FEED • HANDFUL • FLOUR • LITTLE
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The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13.24-30)

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject – it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world – there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.

Kingdom Heaven Good Seed Field Sleeping Grain Weeds Enemy
 Servants Master Sow Gather Reap Root Let Grow Together Har-
 vest Bundles Barn Burned