

PARISH of COBHAM with LUDDESDOWNE and DODE

Priest-in-Charge - The Rev'd Canon Alyson Davie

Phone no. 01474-812068 email:- <u>alyson@stjohnsmeopham.co.uk</u> (Rest Day: Friday)

Associate Priest - The Rev'd Pam Davies

For Wedding, Baptism and Funeral enquiries and all other enquiries please contact Pam.

The Vicarage, Battle Street, Cobham, Kent. DA12 3DB

Phone no 01474-394515 email:- <u>rev.pamdavies@sky.com</u> (<u>NB new number</u>) (Current work days are Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday)

Pastoral assistant- Janet Weaver, 36 Highview, Vigo Village, DA13 0RR (01732) 823936

<u>Church Safeguarding Officer</u> - Hilary Savage - (01634) 723027 <u>Church Office</u> Phone no. 01474 813495

Church Officers of St. Mary Magdalene, Cobham

Lay Chair	Hilary Savage	
Churchwarden	Hilary Savage	(01634) 723027
PCC Secretary	Ron Chamberlain	(01474) 814250
Treasurer	Jeffrey Julie-Rusz	07946 249021
Deanery Synod	Hilary Savage	

Church Officers St Peter and St. Paul, Luddesdowne

Lay Chair	Sue Campbell	
Treasurer	Janet Weaver	(01732) 823936
Parochial Church Council Members		
Cobham		Luddesdowne
Peter Balanck		Diana Bampton
Ron Chamberla	in	Jill Beety
David Palmer		Sue Campbell
Lynn Ruddock		Janet Weaver

SUBMISSIONS Cobham and Luddesdowne News is a community magazine produced by and for the residents of Cobham, Sole Street and Luddesdowne.

Please send material for inclusion by the 15th of the month preceding publication to <u>editorialcln@gmail.com</u>

<u>Cover photograph</u> Adrian Whiteing (apple picking at Cobham orchards) Printed by Wested Logistics Limited 01474 361615 sales@westedpress.com As we enter the month of September memories of new school shoes and the resulting blisters come flooding back! I am sure that there are many young people getting their new uniforms ready for the start of term with each blazer, skirt or pair of trousers having enough room for them to

"grow into"! For the rest of us there is plenty going on in the parishes don't forget to let Chris know if you are interested in the trip to Hastings and make sure to support your local 'riders and striders' as they raise money for local churches. Work has started on St Mary's Church Room (the Tin Tab), Sole Street and, after all the hard work and fundraising, it will be exciting to see the building in its grand renovated state.

September

With best wishes Tina

THE TUESDAY POP-IN

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. <u>Next pop-in Tuesday 10th September</u> CONTACT: MARY PALMER - 01474 816788

Thursday Fellowship.

Our meeting in September is on 26th in St John's Centre at 2.00.p.m. We welcome Trevor and Hilary Cox from 'Tools with a Mission,' a charity based in the Medway towns with a workshop in Chatham. They collect old, unwanted tools, items for refurbishment, including mechanical, carpentry and building tools, sewing and Knitting machines and laptops. These are transformed to be 'good as new' and are sent to countries in Africa where they can make a huge difference to productivity and quality of life. Please come and bring what you can! There's always Tea for everyone.





<u>A letter from the Vicar— Rev'd Pam Davies</u> Dear Friends

Well it's been quite a summer of sport so far. In the end England made it to the final of the Euros but were beaten by the superior Spain. Wimbledon and not forgetting the Olympics which have just finished. All are a great celebration of all types of sport. In the Bible sport imagery is often mentioned. In the New Testament in Hebrews we read "let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith". Hebrews 12 verses 1-2

Great words of encouragement to keep going in our Christian faith, especially when our faith is mocked, and we face opposition for our faith. At times like this we feel like giving up being a Christian. Turning to scripture helps us to keep going, a bit like a coach. It tells us to **run unhindered and with perseverance**.

The Christian life is a race but its not like other races as we are all winners. The Christian life is more like a marathon, not a sprint. Needing stamina not speed. We don't have to get there under 10 seconds like the 100 meter race. It is still a race that demands effort, thought and determination. Christians need to *"run with perseverance"* because the Christian life is not easy. Christians have to contend with all the struggles of this world – illness, bereavement, redundancy, family issues. We also have to battle with opposition, mockery from people around us because we believe in Jesus. To help us run the race, we need to run unhindered, throwing off sin. That is what athletes do – they *"throw off everything that hinders"*. The original reads, *"let us lay aside every weight"*. It could refer to the weight of their clothing. In the ancient Olympics Greek runners ran almost naked as they threw off their typical clothing, a toga, a long dress which could cause them to trip up. Well Christians have to throw off everything that hinders them from running wholeheartedly for Jesus.

Sometimes those are good things that will have to be thrown off. Perhaps we have to be careful that sport or tv or Facebook or relationships don't get in the way of us spending time with Jesus. But there are some things you have to throw off that are not neutral, but plain wrong. This is "the sin that so easily entangles". Cont'd next page

Cont'd....

For some it is lust, for others a bad temper, for others gossip, for others love of money, for others wanting to be in control.

But the writer says, "throw it off". Deal with it. Don't ignore it. Otherwise it will mar your running.

The second instruction is to **run fixing your eyes on Jesus.** In races you need to keep your eyes firmly fixed on the finishing line. Well in the Christian race we're told to fix our eyes on Jesus, the one who will take us to the finishing line and beyond. So often we lose sight of what is ahead, and we lose focus and direction and follow rival attractions. So ultimately we are to focus on Jesus. He is the one who has opened up for us the way of faith, through his death on the cross.

Jesus is also the perfect example of someone who showed enduring faith. Jesus underwent the sufferings of this world. In v2 we read that he "*endured the cross, scorning its shame*". Jesus did not give up trusting in his heavenly father. Verse 2 explains why, "*for the joy set before him*". It was for the joy of bringing forgiveness, taking believers to God's new world. That is why Christians should be willing to endure too, because we know that one day we will be with God, in his perfect new world.

So if you're a Christian, as you watch any race or sporting competition remember the race that you're running too. If you're just curious about Jesus do feel free to be in contact to find out more about how you can make it on to the running track – which is all through Jesus. Why not come along to our Sunday services at 10.30 not forgetting our new family service Flame at 4pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month at Cobham. Looking forward to seeing you !! Every Blessing Rev Pam

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 <u>janetferguson@hotmail.fr</u> . Ian Sheridan, Acting Chairman, 07951 927 517





NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE A LEAF PILE

Leaf piles are amazing for wildlife, providing shelter and a great nesting spot for hibernating animals, such as hedgehogs, small mammals, frogs and countless insects. Birds will also peck through leaf piles looking for a tasty meal of worms and grubs. When leaf piles are left undisturbed beyond winter, they tend to be inhabited by insects, such as beetles and woodlice, who feed on the decaying matter. Leaf piles are the over wintering choice for the seven spot ladybird!

How to make a leaf pile for wildlife:

Gather leaves from your lawn or green space.

Leave piles of leaves at least a foot deep in shaded corners and stuff lots of loose leaves into holes behind and underneath planters as these make great amphibian refugia and invertebrates love it.

If the area is shaded these should have rotted down by spring and can be used as soil improver or mulch.

Be careful when dragging them out or spreading them as there are likely to be things living in it. If you find any creatures looking up at you rather indignantly, cover them back over and leave it another week.

Remember if you have a wildlife pond, it's essential to clear out fallen leaves to maintain good water quality throughout the autumn and winter

England's largest festival of history and culture – 6th to 15th September

Heritage Open Days is England's largest community-led festival of history and culture, involving thousands of local volunteers and organisations.

Every year in September (6th to 15th) it brings people together to celebrate their heritage, community and history. Stories are told, traditions explored, and histories brought to life. It's your chance to see unexpected places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE!

For more details on what's on offer this year, go to: <u>https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk</u>





Sole Street WI members enjoyed an interactive talk about "The Justice System" with our last speaker Mr Alvin Shaw JP, who is a Magistrate and explained that all cases start in the Magistrates' Court. He asked for volunteers to take on the roles of people accused of the main types of offences. Our imaginations led to some interesting scenarios and we then discussed whether the Magistrates' Court would escalate the cases to the Crown Court. We discovered that those who pleaded "guilty" often received leaner sentences. We also learnt about the consequences of getting a criminal record, about conditional discharges, fines and community punishments. If all this sounds very cautionary, the interactive role playing was really hilarious and we had huge fun.

Our Walking Group continued each Tuesday throughout the summer amongst the apple orchards and blackberry hedgerows and included a walk up to Dode Church. It is great to observe the renovation work being carried out on St Mary's Church Room. The photo below shows where the old kitchen has been demolished and the footings for the new one.

There is no main meeting in August but we enjoy a Garden Party together, hosting old friends and new and this year our special guest was The Revd Pam Davies. We assisted at the Music Event on 31st August at Sole Street House with a table of our crafts to raise funds for the Tin Tabernacle.

Our meeting on Tuesday 24 September at 2pm will be held in The Railway Inn as we await the renovation of the church room. Our



speaker will be Jane Scotchmer on the subject "How Artists and Designers Lead Us Up The Garden Path". Our traditional Harvest Hamper donations make up the September raffle. All visitors or prospective new members will receive a warm, friendly welcome. For further information on this and all our activities please contact Yvonne, telephone 01474 813455. Molly Isaacs

Complete Family law

Complete Family Law Ltd is a modern and innovative law firm based in north Kent. We can offer appointments at our offices, via remote methods including Zoom or telephone, with home visits also available.

With our friendly team of expert Solicitors and Legal Executives, Complete Family Law can assist with:

· Divorce

Wills and Probate
 Financial Applications
 Children Issues and Applications
 Disputes between unmarried couples
 Family Law Act Applications (Injunctions)
 Disputes within the wider family
 Lasting Powers of Attorney

0330 223 2016 (Brasted & Cobham) 0330 223 2018 (Otford)

info@completefamilylawltd.co.uk www.completefamilylawltd.co.uk





LUDDESDOWNE CHURCH

Will be open Saturdays in 2024 from 10am to 12.30pm in JULY 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

& (Ride and Stride day) 14th SEPTEMBER 2024 from 10am to 4pm

Come and see this rural church with its unique wall paintings

www.cobham-luddesdowne.org



THE DOORS Rising



Thursday 10th October 2024

St Mary Magdalene Church Cobham Kent 7pm for 7:30 start Tickets £21.50 in advance, £26.50 on the door Book on <u>www.twowomenevents.com</u> or come to Cobham Stores Fully Licensed Bar (cash only)



Oakwood Garden Care

Your reliable gardening service

Does your garden need some TLC? Would you like to sit back and enjoy your garden without having to do all the hard work?

Your garden is precisely that, "yours" .

We listen to our customers and tailor each project to their individual needs and requirements. We are a small, family run business who pride ourselves on offering a high quality garden service - whether you need us for a one-off job, or would like to book us for a regular maintenance program? The choice is yours.

Competitive rates with prices starting from as little as £20 per hour.

All work undertaken including:

And much more - no job is considered too small

For a free quote, please call 07709 328 979

We are available week days, weekends and even Bank Holidays Email: oakwoodgardencare@gmail.com www.oakwoodgardencare.co.uk

Prestige Property Maintenance

Old fashioned standards of customer service and a high quality craftsman finish to all work undertaken

- Repairs and renovations, internal and external
- Painting, decorating and tiling
- Shelving and cupboards made to measure
- Furniture and fitted kitchen repairs and restorations
- Gardening, fencing, paths and patios

No job too small - References available on request



Contact Kevin by telephone or email to arrange a visit to discuss your requirements

Telephone: 07765 405641 Email: prestigemaintenance@outlook.com

THE MEADOW ROOM COBHAM AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Hire rates start at £36.50 for a session

Contact us or visit the website for full details

Discount for parish residents

For bookings, call 07460242304 Or email bookings@meadowroom.org.uk www.meadowroom.org.uk Registered Charity No 228007





The oldest independently owned and family run funeral directors in Gravesend and surrounding towns

Especially for the first time, any time of the day or night you can talk to us We will attend to everything, we can provide for all of your requirements We have a private chapel of rest and can provide a fleet of Hearses and Limousines to compliment a dignified occasion

19 DARNLEY ROAD, GRAVESEND, KENT, DA11 0RZ 24 hour personal service parking available on site bespoke funeral plans 01474 352261

> Email: office@lewissolomon.co.uk www.lewissolomon.co.uk



ரு GULLANDS

SOLICITORS

Agricultural and Farming Law Farm Sales and Purchases Conveyancing Divorce and Family Employment Law Wills, Estates and Tax Planning Accident Claims Medical Negligence Criminal Law Road Traffic Offences Commercial Property Construction Law Landlord and Tenant Dispute Resolution Company and Commercial Law Health & Safety Prosecutions Business Defence Licensing Notarial Services

info@gullands.com www.gullands.com

Whitehall Place | 47 The Terrace | Gravesend | Kent | DA12 2DL | 01474 887688 16 Mill Street | Maidstone | Kent | ME15 6XT | 01622 689700

North Kent Embroiderers



28 JULY-

I AUGUST

2084

Hello Everyone,

Our last meeting coincided with the start of the Paris Olympics. Some of the group (Linda, Sue D1, Sue D2, Wendy, Marie, Muriel, Lorraine, Claire, Lis and Veronica had been working hard to produce another section for our banner and to get it ready in time for this meeting. Note the appropriate colours used for the backing fabric!

We were lucky to have another speaker this month – Vicki Leslie @vickileslie_textileartist is a local textile artist who specialises in producing very detailed artwork using only fabric and thread. The technique is known as free motion embroidery. Most of her inspiration comes from wildlife but you can see this beautiful picture which is of her and her husband's entwined hands. The work is so intricate that many people think the image has been painted or drawn using pen or paint. It was fascinat-





ing to see how the machine stitching blended into patterned fabric as the design progressed.

Interestingly Vicki came to this art as a result of losing her pet dog and wanting to remember him with her creative abilities.

We will be starting another series of postcards in September so maybe

some of us will be inspired to have a try at this form of embroidery.



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 <u>https://</u> <u>northkentembroiderers.co.uk/</u> or email us at: <u>infonorthkentembroiderers.co.uk</u> or contact our Chairman, Eileen on 01474 324734

Happy stitching, Karen

All photos with permission







Sunday Afternoon Club at the St John's Centre, Meopham September- December 2024

3.00pm on Sunday Afternoons: Songs and Stories, Prayers and Games, Activities and Food! For Children up to age12 and their adults.

8 September: Sharing God's blessings at harvest time



13 October: Four fishermen, the first disciples



10 November: Making sacrifices (4.00pm start)

8 December: Following the star to Bethlehem



For further information contact Jill on 01474 813632 or Jan on 01732 823753

Meopham Library Writing Group meets again on **Thursday 5th September** from **10am** until noon and the following meetings will be on 3rd October, 7th November and 5th December.

Each month there is a different writing theme, which is a starting point for a poem, short story or an article. There is also a writing challenge, which involves trying to include seven or eight key words, which are chosen by the group, in as few short sentences as possible.

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. If you are interested in writing short stories, poetry or articles, you are warmly invited to join our small, friendly group. Beginners and more experienced writers are equally welcome to come to meetings. Please ring 01474 813379 for more information, or just turn up at Meopham Library on 5th September.

Ist SOUTH STREET BOYS BRIGADE and GIRLS ASSOCIATION COMPANY

The 1st South Street Company autumn term begins on **6th September at 6pm** and it meets every **Friday evening** during term time **6pm-7.30pm** at **South Street Baptist Church**, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DA13 0QJ (*next to Hope Hill*). Boys and girls aged 5-18 years old are invited to join us for team games, art, craft, cooking, nature activities and Bible stories. The weekly subscription is £2 and there are opportunities for kayaking, canoeing and stand-up paddle boarding at the Boys Brigade Water Activities Centre in Tonbridge as well as summer camps at the Honey Hill Boys Brigade Campsite in Maidstone. Please visit: <u>www.BOYS-BRIGADE.org.uk</u> for more information about the Boys Brigade organisation.

SOUTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday morning services all begin at 10.45am and finish at about midday. The Bible Society Bible Course, with videos and discussions, will continue during September. The Harvest Festival and BBGA Church parade is on Sunday 28th September. SONG TIME begins again on 9th September and 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.

The next **FAMILY GAMES AFTERNOON** is on Saturday 21st September 2pm-4pm for all ages with table tennis, pool, curling, indoor archery, lots of different board games and refreshments. Admission is free and everyone is welcome to join us. Please visit or ring 01474 815039 or 01474 813379 for more information about the activities at South Street Baptist Church.

St John the Baptist, Meopham with St Mildred, Nurstead

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 29th September at 10.30am

Sharing God's Blessings



Service at St John's Church, Wrotham Road, Meopham DA13 0AA to be followed by 'Bring and Share' lunch at 12 noon. This is a family friendly event, with children's activities between the service and lunch. Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street

Church Services during September



Sunday I st Sep	<u>tember</u>	
10:30am	Family Service with Baptism, Cobham	
Sunday 8th Sep	tember	
10:30am	Holy Communion (BCP), Luddesdowne	
Sunday 15 th Se	<u>ptember</u>	
10:30am	Holy Communion, Cobham	
4pm	Flame, Cobham	
Sunday 22 nd Se	ptember	
10:30am	Harvest Festival, Luddesdowne	
Sunday 29 th Se	<u>ptember</u>	
10:30am	Harvest Festival, Cobham	
Midweek servi	<u>ces in Sole Street</u>	
At The Railway	y Inn, in the Restaurant area.	
9:30am 4 th Hol	y Communion	
Informal Morn	ing Prayer	
II th , 18 th and 2	5 th September	

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



Sunday 1st Sept 9.45am All Age Worship at St John's 11.30am Holy Communion at St Mildred's

Wednesday 4th Sept 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Sunday 8th Sept 9.45am Holy Communion at St John's I I.30am Mattins at St Mildred's 3.00pm Sunday Afternoon Club at St John's

Wednesday 11th Sept NO 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Sunday 15th Sept 9.45am Morning Worship at St John's Church 11.15am Churches Prayer Meeting at St John's Centre

Wednesday 18th Sept NO 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Sunday 22nd Sept 9.45am Holy Communion at St John's Joint Service for St John's & St Mildred's

Wednesday 25th Sept 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

- Sunday 29th Sept 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving at St John's followed by Bring and Share lunch. 4.00pm Harvest Evensong at St Mildred's
- Wednesday 2nd Oct 10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre

Public will be able to feel the tree rings of Sycamore Gap

Members of the public are now able to feel the rings of the felled Sycamore Gap tree, thanks to a new art exhibition.

The 200-year-old sycamore was cut down last year in a "malicious act of vandalism". But it has now been 'brought to life' through a series of five prints, created from a disc of the trunk. The prints are on display at four locations along Hadrian's Wall. One of them, named Access, has been hand pressed, so that the 3D shape of the wood and tree rings became embossed on the paper. Visitors can touch the print and feel the rings.

The National Trust explains that the art exhibition is only part of an attempt to "ensure there is an enduring legacy of the tree informed by the huge public response to its loss." The five bespoke prints have been named 'Heartwood.' They were taken from a 90cm disc of the original tree. They show every tree ring, groove and detail from the cross-section of the almost heart-shaped trunk.



CHIROPODISTHOME VISITING SERVICEFOOT CARE AND ADVICEIN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOMEHCPC registered chiropodist/podiatrist with over 20
years' experienceAnna Mapp MSSCh MBChA01474 812494 or 07977 465452anna.mapp773@gmail.com



A **new level** of home care

GP led bespoke care

We get the basics right with the Right People, the Right Care at the Right Time.

Our staff are trained to the highest standard to enable them to provide a wide range of tasks within the home, to ensure you feel safe, comfortable and content.

We are dedicated to helping each individual maintain an active and independent lifestyle by focusing on current abilities, interest and needs.

Carers required

Some of our services include;

- Assistance with personal care
- Meal preparation
- Shopping
- Trips to friends and relatives
- Administration or assistance with medication
- Overnight care

- Companionship
- Leisure activities
- Housework
- Live-in 24hr care
- Holistic Services
- Complimentary GP Lifestyle Assessment.
- Social Prescribing

Get in touch Gravesham & Dartford

50 The Grove, Gravesend, DA12 1DP

- T: 01474 240909
- T: 01322 537733
- E: hello@vitalityhomehealth.co.uk

"Vitality Home Health Limited is in no way affiliated with VitalityLife Limited or VitalityHealth Limited"



f Vitality Home Health 🗾 @Vitality_Care

www.vitalityhomehealth.co.uk



BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley

"I remember, I remember..." (Thomas Hood, died 1845) and various remembrances were kindled by a recent edition of the weekly ringers' magazine "The Ringing World". The cover had a photograph of stupendous Lincoln Cathedral described by the Victorian writer John Ruskin as "out and out the most precious piece of architecture in the British Isles and roughly speaking worth any two other cathedrals we have". Standing in line outside the mighty west front of the Cathedral in 2000 I watched The Queen and Prince Philip arrive for the Royal Maundy Service. The Mayor of Lincoln, uniquely dressed in his ceremonial civic robes of lincoln green, surrendered King Richard II's sword to Her Majesty which Her Majesty was graciously pleased to return. Processions then formed up and the Service commenced.

On another occasion when ringing in Lincolnshire we climbed the hill, Steep Hill, up to the great Cathedral which has a Ringers' Chapel, dedicated in 1614. The names of the 23 Lincolnshire ringers killed in World War I and the 9 killed in World War II are recorded there. We rang the 12 bells in the southwest St. Hugh's tower cast by Taylor's of Loughborough in 1913 and 1927. The views from the tower across the County were vast.

The Lincoln Guild of Bell Ringers, celebrating its 125th anniversary this year, was founded by the Reverend H. L. James, Vicar of Surfleet. One of those remarkable interesting and interested Victorian clergymen, as well as looking after his parish until he died, he would "turn up in knickerbockers and puttees after cycling 50 miles there and 50 miles back to assist local ringers". At his expense he augmented Surfleet's ring of 5 to 10 bells on a new frame. In his memory a further 2 bells were added making this parish church one of three 12 bell rings in the County, along with the Cathedral and Barrow upon Humber.

There are listed 195 rings of four or more ringable bells (and 26 unringables) in the Lincoln Diocese which one former Bishop colourfully described as "2,000 square miles of bugger all". Today the Diocesan Authorities are looking at changing circumstances with a document entitled "A Time of Change Together" identifying Key Mission Churches, Local Mission Churches, Community Churches and Festival Churches (without an incumbent) as well as Closed and Closing Churches. The Guild and ringing community are needing to forge strong links with clergy and churchwardens to navigate a constantly changing scene of worship and ringing in the Diocese of Lincoln and County of Lincolnshire as indeed is required everywhere.

Luddesdowne's Register

Funeral Service

Roger Frank MOORHOUSE was born on the 22nd January 1945 and died on the 14th June 2024



at the age of 79 years old. Roger's funeral service took place at Luddesdowne Church on the 8th July 2024 followed by burial in the churchyard. The service was conducted by The Rev'd Marilyn ILLYAS (PTO Retired clergy from Strood Deanery)

Our condolences and prayers go to Roger's daughters Leonie and Heather and son Bradley and their families.

Burial of ashes

Colin Walter CAMPBELL was born on the 21st June 1938 and died on the 31st January 2024 at the age of 85 years old. On the 20th July 2024 Colin's ashes were buried in the Garden of Remembrance in Luddesdowne's churchyard. The service was conducted by The Rev'd Pam DAVIES. Our condolences and prayers go to Colin's wife Sue, son Andrew, daughter Debbie and their families.

IT Solutions Kent Ltd

IT Support –

CCTV - Networking

0333 050 2446

support@itsk.co.uk

COBHAM TREE SURGERY

All aspects of work undertaken Tall & Dangerous Trees Hedge trimming £5 million Public liability insurance Most waste organically recycled Call for a free quotation: 07789261474

Stuart@cobhamtreesurgery.co.uk

WWW.COBHAMTREESURGERY.CO.UK KCC TRADING STANDARDS APPROVED



September – Late summer progresses into autumn

September is generally a cooler month than August! While there's not as much to do in the ornamental garden at this time, 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

- I. 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/ greenhouses ready for use in the autumn
- 9. Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting
- 10. Plant spring flowering bulbs

Cobham Gardeners' Society Next Events Both at The Meadow Rooms Are- Saturday 14th September 2024 Autumn Show & Plant Sale from 2pm to 3.30pm.

Members will exhibit their home-grown flowers, vegetables, and preserves. Nonmembers are welcome free of charge to view the exhibits between 2pm and 3.30pm. Plants plus tea, coffee and homemade cake will be on sale.

Wednesday 9th October 2024 – 7pm expert speaker talk.

The Long Border— Steve Edney's talk focuses on the 100ft long border, at his nursery in Sandwich, which features thousands of perennials. His talk will cover the long border throughout the year, starting with the initial planning of the border, consideration of plant selections and planting combinations to seasonal maintenance. Steve has been perfecting his art for over 28 years, accolades include appointment to the RHS Herbaceous Committee, the RHS plant trial forums, multiple RHS Gold medal winner, plus he has appeared on tv several times including Gardeners' World. Entry to members free, non-members welcome and pay just £3.

Why not join Cobham Gardeners Society You can apply for membership at the show, talk or by email. It's 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. For further details email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk

Consilio Partnership

Garden Design - gardens tailored to your needs Landscaping - full landscaping service Garden Maintenance - regular visits to one off tidy-ups

Consilio offer a comprehensive range of garden services through our team of fully qualified & experienced professionals.

Landscaping Services include: driveways-patios-fencing-deckingwater features-planting-turfing-etc.

Please contact us with your enquiry or ask a member of staff

01474 247 077 07311 381858

enq@consiliopartnership.com www.consiliopartnership.com

Cobham Gardeners' Society

Meetings & Shows at the Meadow Room in Dickensian Cobham, Kent



Wednesday 9th October 2024 - 7pm The Long Border

Steve Edney's talk focuses on the 100ft long border, at his nursery in Sandwich, which features thousands of perennials. His talk will cover the long border throughout the year, starting with the initial planning of the border, consideration of plant selections and planting combinations to seasonal maintenance. Steve has been perfecting his art for over 28 years, accolades include appointment to the RHS Herbaceous Committee, the RHS plant trial forums, multiple RHS Gold medal winner, plus he has appeared on tv several times including Gardeners world.

Members free - non members £3



Sharing a love of gardening ... locally Contact us cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk



HASTINGS OUTING

COACH OUTING TO HASTINGS

THE DATE: THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER 2024

Coach will leave Cobham (opposite school) at approx. 9.15am Coach will leave Hastings 4pm

Cost: £10 per College Resident

Cost: £20 per Non-College Resident PLEASE, no parking along The Street or in Lawrence Drive. Plenty of parking behind the School by the Cricket pavilion.

CONTACT CHRIS BROADLEY TO BOOK YOUR SEATS AND PAY BY CASH OR BANK TRANSFER (PAYMENT NON-REFUNDABLE)

CHRIS BROADLEY 01474 247632 / 07595904701 FLAT 36, NEW COLLEGE OF COBHAM/ chrisbr48@hotmail.com.

All Seasons garden Maintenance

Local and reliable service

Grass and Hedge cutting, Border Maintenance, Pruning

Pressure washing,

Full public liability insurance

References available from existing customers

Contact John - Home: 01322 423063 (Based in Gravesend)

Mobile: 07951 429175 Email: boaz26@live.co.uk

APEX PEST CONTROL Mole catching, Wasp nests, Rodents 24/7 service



AtTENTively Yours...

Here to provide you with a fully personalised service

Catering for garden parties, corporate and sporting events

High specification - best quality equipment used

Site survey and no obligation quotation

Freephone 0800 389 8298

Office 01474 815150 Mobile 07766 681151



Tree Surgery Garden Design Fencing & Gates

Tel: 07775 971380 Email: robinhunt1@hotmail.co.uk



Cobham Amateur Dramatic Society

Calling old CADS members

CADS is celebrating it's 100th birthday with a meal at the Meadow Rooms on Saturday 21st September. If you belonged to CADS and would like to come along and meet old friends, then please get in touch with Jean Smith

(jeanglenthorp@hotmail.com) or any CADS member. The meal will be at lunchtime and the cost will be around $\pounds 25$ per head.

LUDDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

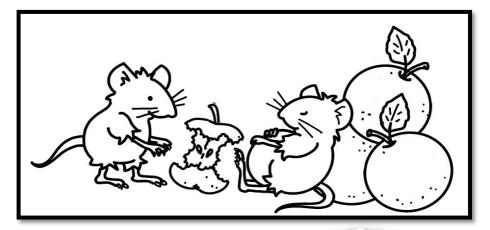
Meetings will be held at 7.30pm on Mondays

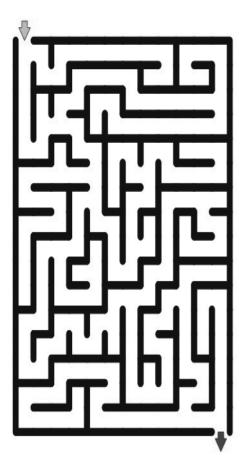
16th September 2024,
18th November 2024,
20th January 2025,
Annual Parish Meeting on 17th March 2025 and the Annual Meeting on
Monday 19th May 2025
All meetings will be taking place at Luddesdown Village Hall.

Cobham Parish Council Meeting dates

- 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









Hello

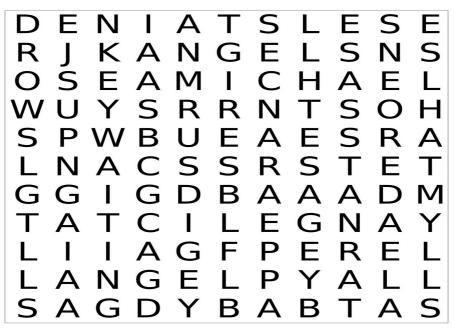
I hope you have been enjoying the summer and have had lots of fun! I have found a few places in the garden to keep out of the hot sun. I even take my toy sausage dog into the shade with me as I have to keep him cool too.

I have started training school, a nice lady is helping me to learn to sit, wait, leave and recall and I am also learning not to pull on the lead when out for walks. I hope you learn lots of new fun things when you go to school this September.

Love and licks Paddy







Michael and All Angels

The Church remembers angels this month, with the feast day of Michael and All Angels on the 29th. The Bible is full of angels, where they often had a key role in crucial events. It seems that Michael is their leader, an 'archangel'. In stained glass he's often seen with a sword, because in the Book of Revelation he leads the angelic host who fight and defeat Satan and his army.

In the Gospels, angels make numerous appearances. Just two examples: Gabriel was sent to Mary to announce the coming of her baby, Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God. Another angel was sent to sit in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5)!

Michael All Angels Key Crucial Leader Stained Glass Sword Angelic Host Defeat Satan Appearances Gabriel Mary Baby Jesus waiting Angel

