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Hello

As you will recall the parish of Cobham was awarded Silver guilt in the last two Britain in Bloom competitions. The parish was recently visited by the judge once again and our parish councillor, Rosemary Dymond tells us all about it below :

The Britain in Bloom Judge was Jim Buttress of BBC and Buckingham Palace gardening fame. He visited the village on Thursday 1st July and spent all afternoon walking through Cobham and Sole Street, noting the flower trough displays and those who had taken part in the Front of House competition . Wherever he went he noted the condition of the plants and displays but the other main focus was the involvement of the community in keeping the displays and village in good order . With that in mind he met some of the owners of the Front of House entries, also he spoke to some of the residents of Cobham College who showed him how they worked together to create and develop new allotment sites in their grounds and the shared planting of the Quadrangle. The Judge also met Sacha who with another village volunteer looks after and has improved the War Memorial grounds to make a very smart and impressive entrance to the village . He learnt of how there is one village resident who looks after the church's walled garden and Graveyard and how GBC had worked in partnership with Cobham and Sole Street to keep the streets swept and weed free .He noted the cleanliness of the village pump area and the freshly cleaned stone engraving behind it. Fortunately there was no litter discovered during the tour ! The competition results will be announced in early September and any certificates for silver gilt or gold will be awarded via a zoom ceremony a week after the results are announced, usually this has been at a special reception lunch in Brighton but this cannot happen this year due to Covid restrictions . The competition covers the whole country and is sponsored in the south east by Southern Water. Fingers crossed!!



Services during August			
<u>Sunday Ist August</u>			
10:30am	Family Service with Baptism, Cobham		
Sunday 8 th August			
10:30am	Service of the Word with Baptism,		
	Luddesdowne		
Sunday 15 th August			
10:30am	Holy Communion, Cobham		
Sunday 22 nd August			
10:30am	Family Service with Baptism,		
	Luddesdowne		
Sunday 29 th August			
10:30am	Holy Communion, Cobham		
For information on Cobham church openings please refer to the website or the church noticeboard, however it is hoped that Cobham church will reopen on Monday 26 July.			

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Hello Everyone,

Our Zoom speaker this month was Emily Tull <u>www.emilytull.co.uk</u> Her talk entitled 'A Stitch in Time' was fascinating. Eighteen of us, including two new ladies, tuned in to Zoom to hear Emily giving us an overview of her career as a Stitch Artist whilst talking about what inspired her and her process. She says she is obsessed with faces!



Emily is based in Kent and uses her friends and family as models. We could see this in her piece entitled 'The Beard Crawls around on Your Face' which used a family member as the subject and focussed on nature and our relationship with it. Emily trained as an artist and she uses her stitches to paint the pictures in a remarkable way. Another topic dear to her is wildlife.

Her picture of an otter is stunning and

so skilfully executed using different threads to produce the effect of fur and water. Emily told us that she only works on one piece at a time and apart from threads she uses a wide variety of materials including pizza bases and old netting. Despite us all being on Zoom, we could see the intri-



At the end of the session Emily kindly stayed on to answer our questions and to take part in some general discussion which was much enjoyed by our members.

<u>Kent Corona Quilt</u> – some of you may be interested in visiting Rochester Cathedral to see this quilt which has been designed and created by local artist Amber Rose. It contains the names of 88 people lost to Covid-19 in Kent. It is dedicated to these people and has been created to offer comfort to those left to grieve in isolation during lockdowns. Until September 1st.

If you would like to join us or just find out a bit more about us then please

look at our website <u>https://northkentembroiderers.co.uk/</u> or email us at: <u>info@northkentembroiderers.co.uk</u> or contact our Chairman, Eileen Tuff on 01474 324734 Happy stitching, Karen (All links and photographs used with permission)







SOLE STREE T WI



SOLE STREET WI members have been looking forward to circumstances that allow lifting of restrictions. Throughout the last eighteen months our Institute has adapted to continue meeting socially distanced and adhering to government restrictions by :

Monthly Committee and Main Meetings engaged on Zoom Newsletters published every month from members' news & contributions (Now on Edition No 18)

Weekly walks organised every Tuesday via Jeskyns car park Hub social meetings in members' gardens/conservatories for

Art & Craft Groups. Or Strawberry Teas

Food Bank Donations (& collections) to Gravesend Food Bank Christmas card and Secret Easter Bunny gift exchanges

Outside social meetings in Camer Park with themed picnics, Christmas carols, - last one configured for our AGM & Members' Voting on Annual Resolution

WI Produce 'Pop-Up'' Sale in grounds of Church Room

Grand Reunion Luncheon in President's garden

Serving on Local Fund Group meetings for St Mary's Church Room

- and catering at Strawberry Tea and Local Orchard Walkabout event

FINALLY, in July, following lifting of restrictions, we cautiously arranged our first restaurant visit in a marquee at The Leather Bottle in Cobham. Our August main meeting celebrates our tradition of summer holiday gettogether in Min's lovely garden. Members make cakes to share over a cup of tea and catch-up on each other's news. This year the competition is -"Einest Paper Het"

"Finest Paper Hat" ...!

September heralds our first indoor main meeting re-united in St Mary's Church Room. For this and further information on all our activities, please contact our, President Yvonne -:01474813455. Molly Isaacs





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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

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Monday 6th September 2021

Monday 4th October 2021

Monday 8th November 2021

Monday 6th December 2021

Meetings will depend on Covid 19 restrictions and the availability of venues.

Secret Garden at St Mary's Church Higham

31 August at 6pm



"If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden"

St Mary's church in Higham is delighted to welcome back the "This Is My Theatre Group" performing this much loved story about young Mary, who having lived in India, was sent to live with her uncle at his country estate in the Yorkshire moors following the sudden death of her parents. Mary discovers friendship and laughter with Martha the housemaid and Ben the gardener, and when a friendly Robin helps her discover a secret garden life for all those at the estate changes.

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Smile Lines



Children's Kitchen Terms

BOIL: The point a parent reaches upon hearing "Yuck" before a food is even tasted.

CASSEROLE: Combination of favourite foods that go uneaten because they are mixed together.

DESSERT: The reason for eating a meal.

FRUIT: Something that is never to be confused with dessert.

REFRIGERATOR: A very expensive and inefficient room air conditioner when not being used as an art gallery.

TABLE LEG: Percussion instrument.

How old

A young child asked a woman how old she was. She answered, "39 and holding."

The child thought for a moment, then wondered, "And how old would you be if you let go?"

<u>Laugh</u>

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat and you could tell she thought the cat understood every word. I came back home and told my dog. We got a big laugh out of that.

Bread

Bread is a lot like the sun. It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.

<u>Hard</u>

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A degree of normality has returned for Cobham Gardeners' Society.

During July, the society were hosted by Alexander Hunt, of Potash Farm, for an informative walking tour of the village of St Mary's Platt and his cobnut farm. The tour was rounded off with coffee and homemade cobnut shortbread in the farm's garden.

The next event in the Society's calendar will be an expert speaker talk at the Meadow Rooms on Wednesday I Ith August, 7pm for 7.30pm. The talk by Caroline Halfpenny is on St John's Jerusalem, the Healing Garden, which is at Sutton at Hone.

The talk will look at the different areas of this tranquil and restful garden which provides an oasis for both visitors and the natural world. Caroline will share her knowledge of the wonders of the medicinal plants within the garden, as well as the calming herbaceous plantings carefully selected for colour, shape and form and the historically important orchard. Sharing the annual maintenance needs in a garden brimming with birds, bees, butterflies, dragonflies and many other wonderful wildlife wonders, we will acknowledge respect for the humble nettle and show how 'getting the balance' right, leads to a more florific and diverse garden environment.

Everyone welcome, society members free, non members £3.

In the meantime The RHS - Top 10 jobs for August

- I Prune Wisteria
- 2 Don't delay summer pruning restricted fruits
- 3 Deadhead flowering plants regularly
- 4 Watering! particularly containers, and new plants, preferably with grey recycled water or stored rainwater
- 5 Collect seed from favourite plants
- 6 Harvest sweetcorn and other vegetables as they become ready
- 7 Continue cutting out old fruited canes on raspberries
- 8 Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners
- 9 Keep ponds and water features topped up
- 10 Feed the soil with green manures

For further details of all Gardeners' activities contact <u>cob-hamgs@hotmail.co.uk</u>

Cobham Gardeners' Society

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Wednesday 11th August 2021 - 7.30pm St John's Jerusalem, the Healing Garden, Talk by Caroline Halfpenny

A talk about the different areas of this tranquil and restful garden, at Sutton-at -Hone, an oasis for both visitors and the natural world. Caroline shares her knowledge of the wonders of the medicinal plants within the garden, as well as the calming herbaceous plantings carefully selected for colour, shape and form and the historically important orchard. Sharing the annual maintenance needs in a garden brimming with birds, bees, butterflies, dragonflies and wildlife wonders, we will acknowledge respect for the humble nettle and show how 'getting the balance' right, leads to a more florific and diverse garden. **Members free - non members £3**



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Dates for the Diary

LFG EVENTS in aid of St Mary's Church Room renovations. **<u>8th August</u>** Village Walkabout-followed by a get together at Sole St House £5—children free

19th September – Garden Safari

<u>9th October</u> Jigsaw Puzzle Competition—in Meadow Rooms <u>8th December -</u> Christmas Design day in the Meadow Rooms <u>12th December</u>- 'Christmas at Home' Village get together at Sole St House.

Guided tour of Shorne village with coffee & cake

On: Tuesday 31st August 2021 Guide: Christoph Bull (Local Historian) Meet 10am at No3 Coffee Company Café, The Street, Shorne Cost: £12 for tour with coffee and cake afterwards Booking essential: via the café on 01474 368996

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.

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

<u>rons</u> 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 <u>shipandlobster@yahoo.com</u>. Deposits or full payment will be needed when booking.

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MEOPHAM LIBRARY WRITING GROUP

Meopham Library Writing Group meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. The next Zoom meeting will be at 10am on *Thursday 5th August 2021*.

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", "Independence", "May Day" and "Bubbles".

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. Although Meopham Library is currently closed, we hope to be able to meet outside in a garden, if the weather is fine, in August and September. The following meetings will be on 2^{nd} September, 7^{th} October and 4^{th} November.

For more information about the group, please ring 01474 813379.

Ist South Street Boys Brigade & Girls Association Company

The Ist South Street Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company normally meets every Friday evening from 6pm until 7.30pm during term times. For more information about the Company, please visit the South Street Baptist Church website at: <u>www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk</u>

Company meetings have been held online during the Coronavirus lockdown and there is also a Group Face Book Page, so everyone can keep in touch. In June and July, there were summer activities outside in the garden and park. 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: <u>www.BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK</u>



Suddenly, Jim caught sight of his mum

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Yet another of the vicar's moneyraising wheezes, I see



Cobham's Register

Funeral Katherine Mary ROBERTS was born on the 2nd December 1936 and died on the 8th May 2021 at the age of 84.

Katherine's funeral took place on the 3^{rd} June 2021 followed by burial in the churchyard.

Our sympathy and prayers go the Katherine's husband Peter, family and friends.





Baptism

Leo Benjamin Robert TERRY was baptised on the 6th June 2021. We welcome Leo into the Church family.





The Friends of Cobham Church get smaller

We are so grateful to all the little Friends (and accompanying parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts) who have set out on the Friends Summer Trail, organised by Sarah. If you know of any other intrepid young explorers who would like to take part, please contact Mary Palmer (01474 816788). And psst no mentioning of the Father Christmas on top of the chiller (know what I mean?)!"

Want a coffee?

Drinking three cups of coffee a day is good for you. A recent study has found that it can cut your chance of dying from chronic liver disease by up to half.

On average, coffee drinkers seem to have a 21 per cent reduced risk of developing chronic liver disease, and a 49 per cent reduced risk of death from the condition. Researchers found that the optimum intake for health is three or four cups a day.

The results apply to all kinds of coffee, whether instant, ground, or decaf versions, although the instant is slightly less effective. This may be due to the lower levels in instant coffee of the liver-protecting chemicals kahweol and cafestol.

The study at the universities of Southampton and Edinburgh studied almost half a million Britons for a decade, to assess the link between coffee intake and health. The findings were published in the journal BMC Public Health.

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Woofllo friends

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Love and licks Harvey JESUS OFTEN TOLD The STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS Big Bash! **O**NE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A HE SENT OUT LOTS OH! NO! FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT OF INVITATIONS OME TO DME TO DME TO ME TO DATE TO ME IMY PAR `OLD MY PARTY TO COME TO MY PARTY YPARTY or ANTY BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR NO ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT! SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.

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The Transfiguration

On 6 August the Church remembers the Transfiguration of Jesus. The story is told in Matthew 17, Mark 9 and Luke 9. The mountain may well have been one of the three high spurs of Mount Hermon, which rises to 9,000 feet. Jesus was suddenly transfigured before Peter, James and John. His face began to shine as the sun, his garments became white and dazzling. Then Elijah and Moses appeared, but why? These two men represent the Law and the Prophets of the Old Covenant, or Old Testament. But both the Law and the Prophets found their true and final fulfilment in Jesus, the Messiah. Elijah and Moses were handing on the baton, if you like. Now God's dwelling with mankind would depend on the New Covenant based on Jesus' death on the cross.

Transfiguration Mountain Peter James John Radiant Beloved Son Well Pleased Dwelling Mankind New covenant Face Exodus Mount Sinai Sealing Moses Law Elijah prophets