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Hello—welcome to June’s edition of our community magazine. As you will see from the many, Jubilee themed, articles that the parishes are fully embracing this year’s royal celebrations. I can’t wait to see the many decorations produced by our very talented village groups.

There are other events taking place and the Church will, once again, be rocking with the sounds of the Queen tribute act (the band not Her Majesty) the Bohemians. We can also look forward to a treat from our very own Cobham Choir at the beginning of July.

I hope that the sun shines on whatever you are doing for the Jubilee bank holiday and wishing a happy father’s day to all dads. Be Lucky—Tina

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Angela's Farewell

As many of you will know, after 12 years at Cobham and Luddesdowne, the Rev. Angela Walker has decided to retire.

Sunday 15th May was her leaving service, which was led by Rev. Dave Bubb, erstwhile member of Cobham Church. The church was filled with family and friends as they gathered to say farewell. It was a joyous occasion, with Angela's favourite hymns, and was concluded with enthusiastic flag waving!

Angela was presented with gifts, including a generous cheque, a gorgeous basket of flowers and a card filled with personal messages of goodwill from parishioners, friends and local village organisations.

Afterwards, we had a buffet lunch and everyone had the opportunity to speak to Angela and to wish her well in her retirement.

Hilary Savage, Churchwarden of Cobham.



ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT ANGELA !

With Father's Day in mind:

What a father says to his children is not heard by the world, but it will be heard by posterity. – Richter

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North Kent Embroiderers

Hello Everybody,



Spring was definitely in the air at our meeting this month.

This was our 'Four Corners' meeting although there were in fact only three corners. One of these provided an opportunity to do our own work and to sit and chat. Another was the 'springtime daffodil' which was a chance to learn the technique of 'shisha work' which involves sewing



on mirrors using a decorative stitch to secure them. The method is quite challenging, but as you can see, we produced a good array of cheerfulness. Shisha is a Hindi term meaning "little glass," derived from the Persian word for glass.

In the third 'corner' some of our members worked hard to make these lovely greetings cards in tones of lavender. The main technique employed here was the 'Suffolk Puff' (or Yoyos as some call them). Traditionally they were made using scraps of left over fabric and were often stitched together or stuffed. The gathered circle forms a puff. The technique was thought to have originated in yes – you've guessed it- Suffolk!



As usual we were able to enjoy delicious cake provided by Anita and there was of course the chance to purchase goodies from the sales table.

Our next meeting will have a double purpose as it will be our first AGM as a new group and we will also welcome Nicola Walton of 'Daisy and Grace' (daisyandgrace.co.uk). Veronica also plans to bring our new banner along to the meeting. This is something that most of our members have contributed to so watch this space for further details.

If you would like to join our group or would just like to find out a bit more about us then please look at our website

<https://northkentembroiderers.co.uk/> or email us at:

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or contact our Chairman, Eileen Tuff on 01474 324734

Happy stitching, Karen

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SOLE STREET WI

Having had a very busy May when besides all our regular activities we had our AGM, the West Kent Federation Conference, contributions for the Association of Countrywomen World Wide and deliveries of toiletries for the Food Bank, members prepared for an exceptionally busy June.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee involved all in the organisation of our Jubilee Museum on Thursday 2nd June which display depicts the seven decades of HM The Queen's reign through an exhibition of artefacts, photographs & other memorabilia. As refreshments, a celebratory glass of prosecco (non-alcoholic) or elderberry cordial could be an additional inducement!

The Craft Group have been inspired to create a window portrait of Her Majesty - a collage of hundreds of sequins and pearlised buttons. The knitters amongst us have been preparing a celebratory yarn-bomb with a collection of figurines of the Royal Family, including the Queen's corgis. Our President, Yvonne, has been exceptionally ubiquitous this June in that she is attending the National Conference in Liverpool representing the WIs of Sole Street, Cobham & Luddesdowne, Meopham and Harvel, whom she will be visiting individually to report back on the proceedings. On her return Yvonne is also hosting our WI Jubilee Luncheon in her garden: Kir Royal, Coronation Chicken, strawberries & cream. Another garden event held in another member's garden is of course part of the Garden Safari on Sunday 12th June, for which our ladies prepare cakes and serve refreshments to raise donations for the Local Funding Group for the St Mary's Church Room.

The Weekly Walking Group have been on safari on their own and of late have been exploring the bluebell woods and local meadows of wild garlic.

Our scheduled speaker for the meeting on 28th June (7.30pm in the St Mary's Church Room) is Martin Heard on the subject of "The Country Seat - Britain's Georgian Stately Homes". On July 26th we will be hearing from Maurice Crittenden about "Why Your Daily Paper Will Soon Disappear: for information on this and all our activities please contact Yvonne on 01474 813455

Molly Isaacs

BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley

Jubilee Thanksgiving Services have been held in St. Paul's Cathedral in 1897, 1935, 1977, 2002 and 2012. Now for the first time ever a Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving Service is planned for Friday, 3rd June 2022 in St. Paul's Cathedral when the Cathedral bells will ring out in celebration.

Founded in 604 the building of the medieval and fourth St. Paul's Cathedral was begun in 1087 and 5 bells were installed in 1222. The spire was struck by lightning in 1561 when the spire and bells were destroyed and of course the Cathedral was fatally damaged in the 1666 Fire of London.

Sir Christopher Wren's great monument was constructed from 1675 until 1711. Wren lived to see the completion of his Cathedral. Only in 1878 was a ring of 12 bells cast by John Taylor of Loughborough, with a tenor bell weighing 62cwt, and hung in the North West tower of St. Paul's. In 2018 the bells returned to Loughborough for a £360,000 refurbishment. Now returned and rehung in a strengthened frame we will hear these bells on the 3rd June.

In the South West tower of St. Paul's up Wren's famous geometric staircase (or the Dean's staircase or the Harry Potter staircase) you reach the clock room with the clock bells above. There hangs the famous hour bell Great Tom, 102cwt, cast by Richard Phelps in 1716 and tolled on the death of the Sovereign. Also there is the mighty Great Paul, 334cwt, cast by Taylors in 1881 which is hung for swing chiming, operated by two rope pulling people. When rung with the 12 bell ring there is a majestic and memorable sound.

Plans are evolving everywhere for a joyous and unique Platinum Jubilee weekend for everybody to enjoy celebrating a remarkable and very special long life of service and duty lived by our Queen.





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June - Summer arrives

June 21st is the longest day of the year, and the extra light and warmth encourages the garden to put on an exuberant burst of growth. But this extra light and warmth also means weeds will sprout up from seemingly nowhere. Keep on top of them by hoeing regularly in dry conditions.

Here's the RHS Top 10 Jobs for this month.

- 1 Hoe borders regularly to keep down weeds
- 2 Be water-wise, especially in drought-affected areas
- 3 Pinch out side shoots on tomatoes
- 4 Harvest lettuce, radish, other salads and early potatoes
- 5 Position summer hanging baskets and containers outside
- 6 Mow lawns at least once a week
- 7 Plant out summer bedding
- 8 Stake tall or floppy plants
- 9 Prune many spring-flowering shrubs
- 10 Shade greenhouses to keep them cool and prevent scorch

The Society's activities being held at the Meadow Rooms, Cobham, for June are:

Saturday 11th June 2022 at 2:00pm to 3.30pm Cobham Gardeners Summer Show & Plant Sale. Entrance to view the adult & junior members' entries in the various show categories (Flowers, Vegetables, Preserves & Photographic) during the afternoon is free to the general public. And there's more!

To make it an afternoon out, tea & cake will be on sale at very reasonable prices. Plus a plant sale.

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There will be pages and pages of text looking at the Jubilee and Her Majesty's reign from all angles. But hang on – we may have overlooked a very important angle on the Jubilee!!!

A (Royal) Dog's Life

We dogs, who live with royal folk
Who feel Her Maj's royal stroke;
We like to hear important talk
Of dinner time, and our next walk.

But lately there's been so much rushing
People bowing, people fussing.
Trumpets blare and soldiers shout
What is all the noise about?

No-one thinks of corgis' needs
Like, where's our bone, and where's our leads?
We're not allowed a doggy romp
'Midst all the pageantry and pomp!
Adding to our canine woes

They all wear their finest clothes,
So we're all stuck behind closed doors
Lest we might smudge them with our paws.
But things will come to settle down.
It's life, when Mistress wears a crown;

Yes, it will pass, you all will see
This business of the Jubilee.
So, we shall wag our doggy tails!
Be happy, like the Prince of Wales!
We think the Boss has done just fine
Being Queen for all this time!



By Nigel Beeton

**Cobham, Luddesdowne
and Sole Street Churches
services in June**



Sunday 5th June

**10:30am Platinum Jubilee and
Tree Planting service, Luddesdowne**

Sunday 12th June

10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham

Sunday 19th June

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), Luddesdowne

Sunday 26th June

10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham

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Dates for the Diary

Two women –events coming up...

THE BOHEMIANS 9 JUNE 2022 St Mary Magdalene

Church. (Pg.32)

PARTY IN THE PARK Saturday 9th July 7PM—Cobham Cricket Ground. (Pg.22)

THE JEZEBEL SEXTET with Reuben Richards Thursday 6th October 2022 St Mary Magdalene Church, Cobham, Kent 7pm for 7:30

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COBHAM CHOIR - 2nd July, 4pm Cobham Church (page 5).....

For details of Jubilee events see—pages 9, 16, 28, 30



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THE TUESDAY POP-IN



Meetings are held at the Leather Bottle on the second Tuesday of the month from 10.30 till 12 noon; everyone is welcome to join us for a relaxed chat and coffee.

Next pop-in Tuesday 14th June

CONTACT: MARY PALMER - 01474 816788



Please help us to spread the word. **Everyone welcome ... see you soon!**

Pop-Up Café and Information Hub

Coming to

St Mary's Church Rooms

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Thursday 9th June

Thursday 7th July

Thursday 1st September

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Please help us to spread the word. **Everyone welcome ... see you soon!**



Luddesdown and District Rights of Way Group

Friendly local walks run 11:00 am every Wednesday morning at a gentle pace from Luddesdown and Cobham. Contact Gerry or Janet for details:- 01474 813376 or 07977 416366

Looking forward:

The annual RIDE & STRIDE is taking place on SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER . Please sponsor your church's Rider or Strider .



Cobham's Register

Wedding

Stuart Christophe PARKES and Joanna PEIRCE were married in Cobham church on the 23rd April 2022. The service was conducted by Rev'd Canon Chris STONE

Interment of Ashes

Ewan Robin BARNARD was born on the 3rd November 1997 and died on the 15th February 2022 aged 24 years old. His ashes were interred at Cobham's Garden of Remembrance on the 26th April 2022 where they were placed in the plot with his mother Peta BARNARD.

We remember with sympathy and prayers at this time Ewan's Grand Parents Simon and Anna, and other family members and friends.

Luddesdowne's Register

Funeral

Elfreda Maria Amelia MILES died on the 19th March 2022 aged 95 years old. Elfreda's funeral took place at the graveside in Luddesdowne churchyard on the 11th April 2022. She was buried in the grave with her husband Ernest MILES. The service was conducted by Licensed Reader from Northfleet and Rosherville, Marion FIELDER-WHITE. Our sympathy and prayers go to Elfreda's family and friends

Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving

Gloria Jill HUSSEY (known to many as Jill) was born on the 23rd October 1933 and died on the 15th March 2022 aged 88 years old. Jill's funeral took place on the 22nd April at Thames View Crematorium, followed by a service of Thanksgiving for Jill's life in Luddesdowne church. These services were conducted by Licensed Reader from Ash, Alison HARDING. Our sympathy and prayers go to Jill's daughters Jane and Sarah and their families and friends.

JUBILEE DISPLAYS

Post Box

The Knit and Natter group of Cobham and Luddesdown Women's Institute has been working hard to produce a few displays using their knitting and crocheting skills and the talents of its members.

A royal scene has been created to decorate the postbox at the end of Lawrence Drive showing the Queen, her successors Charles and William along with their wives Camilla and Kate. The Queen's constant companions are also depicted, namely The Royal Corgis.

The members who have provided these characters are Jill Beety, Jen Brooker, Carol Callis, Anne Latcham, Molly Neville and Sheila Ralph.

The Scene was created and the characters fixed in place by the skilled Craftsman Kevin Holmes.

The window of the Community Stores

A beautiful depiction of the crown has been put together by Janet Cherrison (crochet) and Anne Latcham and Jen Brooker, who have constructed the shape and decorations of the crown. Molly Neville made the body of The Queen which has been clothed and dressed by Jill Beety and Jen Brooker. Kevin Holmes provided the platform which houses the crown.

The Village Pump

A cascade of red, white and blue crocheted flowers has been created by Janet Cherrison and her friends at The College.

Marie Slayford has generously donated some bling for each of these displays

Annual Meeting – this was held on May 4th, when Janet Cherrison was elected as President for a further year and the Annual Resolution (Women and girls with ASD and ADHD Under-Identified, Under-Diagnosed, Misdiagnosed, Under-Supported) was debated, with the help of some invaluable knowledge from Mr. Kevin Holmes, who helped us to better understand the underlying issues of these disorders. The vote in favour of the Resolution was unanimous and we were able to advise the delegate who was present at the meeting and who will be attending the NFWI's Annual Meeting in Liverpool in June, how we would like her to vote.

103rd Birthday Lunch – this year this was held at Bartellas Restaurant on May 11th, when we were delighted to see so many of our members enjoying good food and great company on our birthday, for the first time since May 2019.

The **1st South Street Boys Brigade and Girls Association Company** meets every Friday evening at South Street Baptist Church, next to Hope Hill Scout Camp, from 6pm until 7.30pm during term time. There is no meeting on Friday 3rd June because it is a Bank Holiday. Boys and girls aged 5-18 years old are very welcome to come and join in the fun, which includes challenges, badge work, team games, craft, cooking and outdoor activities. The uniform is a blue T-shirt and a blue sweat-shirt with embroidered badges and the weekly subscription is £2. To find out more please visit the **South Street Baptist Church Website** at: www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk

In July, the Junior girls and boys will be camping at the **Honey Hill Camp Site** in Maidstone, which has an adventure playground, wooded areas and well equipped camping facilities. There will also be opportunities for older children and teenagers to visit the **Water Activity Centre** in Maidstone, which has recently been upgraded and has bought new canoes, kayaks and stand up paddle boards. All these water activities are supervised by a team of fully qualified leaders. Please watch the video on the **Water Activities Centre Website** at www.thewac.org.uk
For more information about Boys Brigade, please visit the **Boys Brigade Website** at: www.BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK

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There is also a writing challenge, which involves writing a couple of sentences using less than seventy words, but including seven words, which have been chosen by the group. This month, we shall be working on our third "Rolling Story" challenge, where each person in the group, writes about 150 words of a story, before emailing it to the next person on the list. The finished story will read out at the June meeting and also circulated electronically to members.

If you are interested in creative writing, either as a beginner or as a more experienced writer, you are very welcome to join our small, friendly group. Many people enjoy writing about their memories, which are really appreciated by their family and friends. Although writing can be challenging, it is also very therapeutic in difficult times.

The following writing group meetings will be held on 7th July, 4th August and 1st September. For more information about the group, please ring **01474 813379**.

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Tuesday 5 July 8:00pm,

Tuesday 6 September 7:30pm

Tuesday 4 October 8:00pm,

Tuesday 1 November 7:30pm

All to be held in the Meadow Room s

LUDESLOW PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 22/23

18 July 22 Full Council Mtg. Luddesdown Village Hall at 7.30pm

19 September Full Council Mtg. Luddesdown Village Hall at 7.30pm

21 November Full Council Mtg. Luddesdown Village Hall at 7.30pm

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20 March 23 Annual Parish Mtg. Luddesdown Village Hall at 7.30pm

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God made Man and a garden for him to live in and care for. You can eat anything but the fruit of this tree.

God made all sorts of animals and brought them to Man to name... That's a... giraffe, and that's... an ant, and...

but he needed a human partner. Wow! You are called 'Woman'. So God made Woman.

But the snake asked Woman. Did that God really tell you not to eat any fruit?

Yes, and that God told us if we touch it we will die! Surely not!

That God doesn't want you to eat it and be as clever as He is.

Go on, try some! Alright.

Oh no! What have we done?

They made clothes from leaves.

They tried to hide. Where are you?

It was the woman's fault (it was the snake's fault).

They had disobeyed, so they had to leave the garden.

I am having a lazy day, but I hope you enjoy reading the story and working on the word search.

Have lots of fun at the Jubley celebrations!

Love and licks Harvey



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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE. JUNE 2022
DIARY OF
EVENTS IN COBHAM PARISH

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

- All day Exhibition at the Church Room in Sole Street.
Our village and villager reminisces of 1952.
10.00am – 4.00pm
- Evening Village "town crier" walks the parish to announce
the beacon lighting.
6.00pm – 7.00pm
Platinum Jubilee Beacon is lit on the field behind
Cobham war memorial 9.15pm – 10.00pm

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

- The Queen's Green Canopy, celebrated by the
planting of 3 trees in the parish lfield church 10.00am
Sole Street Cherry Orchard 11.00am Cobham 12.00
- Afternoon Village children's tea party on the Sports Field
2.00pm – 4.00pm

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE

- All day Munchies on the Meadow
10.00 am – 5.00 pm

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

- Afternoon Big Jubilee Lunch on the Meadow
Bring your own lunch and share it with neighbours
and family. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

SUNDAY 12TH JUNE Open Gardens in Sole St and Cobham 11.00 - 5.00 .

St. Mary Magdalene Church will be floodlit in red/white/blue throughout the bank holiday. We hope that everyone will decorate the fronts of their houses in red/white/blue. The village flower troughs will be filled with red/white/blue flowers.

The Front of House competition will be judged in June and July, the colour theme is red/white/blue and the theme for design is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee so prepare your hanging baskets!

Contact Rosemary if you have arranged events for the village to join
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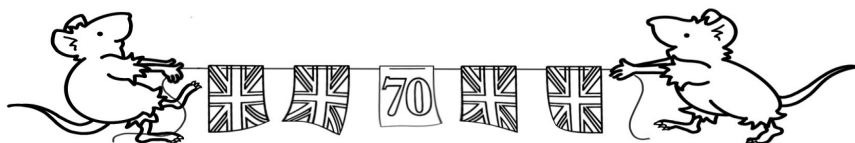
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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend

Sunday the 5th June 2022

On Sunday the 5th June 2022 Luddesdowne church will be holding a service at 10:30am which will be conducted by Revd. Canon Chris Stone.

After the service we will plant a tree, in the churchyard, to mark this occasion.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

You are all welcome to come along and join us.

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This year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee marking 70 years of service.

Celebrations will include **The Queen’s Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)** on 2nd June when more than 1,400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians will come together. Beginning at Buckingham Palace, the Parade will move down The Mall to Horse Guard’s Parade, joined by Members of the Royal Family on horseback and in carriages. The Parade will close with the traditional RAF fly-past, watched by The Queen and Members of the Royal Family from the Buckingham Palace balcony.

Platinum Jubilee Beacons: The United Kingdom’s long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations with the lighting of beacons will also continue. Over 1,500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

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