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Hello everyone – I hope you had a lovely Easter.

Thank you for the wonderful feedback regarding the published April edition, the volunteers did a brilliant job distributing all the copies and I understand we now have a new volunteer co-ordinator going forward. Many of you have already taken up a subscription and I hope you'll continue to enjoy reading all about the parish.

In this edition you'll find a moving tribute to a former vicar of Cobham, Michael Hodge. A diary of Jubilee events can also be found in this month's edition. So much to look forward to.

Enjoy the Spring sunshine! Tina

*Please note the party in the park advert was incorrect last month—see page 22*

### 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 10th May.

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### CHURCH ROOM CLEANING

I am very pleased to be able to report that St. Mary Magdalene Parochial Church Council, Cobham, has agreed to fund two hours cleaning each month in St. Mary's Church Room. This will take place in the morning of the fourth Monday of each month.

While this is a generous gesture by the PCC, it would be a bonus to be able to add extra time to this programme and so we invite you to consider sponsoring one hour @ £12.50.

Susan Rowe  
Sole Street House

## **Tribute to Michael Hodge**

September '67 and a shabby Bedford van pulls up in Battle Street. From the driver's door emerges an exhausted man, his leg wrapped in plaster. He opens the passenger door as a woman in her 30's, holding a new-born baby, steps out. This 'Charabanc vision' announced the arrival of the new vicar- Michael Hodge and his wife Margaret. A few days later they are joined by Andrew's elder Sisters, Patricia & Rachel, and in January 1969 Susan Margaret completed the family.

Michael served in the parishes of Cobham & Luddesdowne until 1981, and became known by many as he regularly visited each home in the parish. Michael loved working with children and young people. His Bedford van took many teenagers out to Swanley swimming baths, Gillingham ice skating rink and countless other places, first as 'Oasis' and later under other youth group titles. When not out and about, these teenagers met at the vicarage for lively discussions and Bible studies, which led many to a personal faith in Jesus.

On the first Sunday of each month, Michael led the Family Service where children sat on hassocks and were treated to illustrated talks which appealed to children and parents alike. For the rest of the month Sunday School groups met throughout Sole Street and Michael, with his melodica, travelled to each group, leading the singing of action including his favourite, 'The Butterfly Song'. Songs and talks also featured at Cobham CE School where he took assemblies.

Cobham & Luddesdowne churches were always popular places for weddings. Michael conducted many, along with baptisms and funerals. Michael always tried to build relationships with those involved, often creating lifetime support and friendships, and was never happier than when he saw individuals taking steps to know Jesus for themselves.

Thursday was Michael's day off. Then he could be heard mowing the lawn in Battle Street all morning so that he was free in the afternoon to play hockey at St Georges CE School in Gravesend.

Over the years, Michael saw many come to a personal faith in Jesus and mid-week Bible Studies were always a highlight. Yet his care never stopped for all his parishioners and many testify to his support at difficult times in their lives.

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Michael was involved in Synod at local, diocesan and national level. He served on General Synod for many years. Before taking Holy Orders, Michael studied mathematics at Cambridge and he put his skills to use in General Synod, calculating the dates of Easter until mid 22<sup>nd</sup> century. His keen legal mind and eye for detail was highly valued as was his sense of humour and humbleness.

In 1981 he moved to Bidborough near Tunbridge Wells; a smaller parish where he had time set aside for his growing role in General Synod. From there he retired to the Isle of Wight.

Michael continued leading services until he was 85. At that point he was unable to stand for long and led the services from a walking stick-seat.

His passion for working with children continued and he was an active member of Yarmouth's Messy Church team until the group closed not long before lockdown.

In later years Michael became 'wobbly' first of body and finally of mind. He retained throughout his deep personal relationship with Jesus, his deep and thoughtful prayer life, his sense of humour and true humbleness; his carers all loved him.

He died as he had hoped, by falling asleep and not waking up; he died on a palindromic date: 22.02.2022.

'Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord'.  
Matthew 25:21

Rachel Fleetwood 06.04.2022

**Rev. Canon Michael Robert HODGE (Vicar of Cobham and Rector of Luddesdowne from 1967 to 1981)** Michael was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1934 and died in Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 aged 87 years. A service of Thanksgiving of Michael's life took place at the Parish Church St James, Yarmouth on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.

Our sympathy and prayers go to Michael's wife Margaret and their children, Patricia, Rachel, Andrew and Susan and other family members and friends.

## North Kent Embroiderers

Hello Everybody,

Today's talk and slide show was given by Mary Kitson, Museum Curator at the Fan Museum, Greenwich.; she focussed on fans from the mid 18<sup>th</sup> Century to the mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century and we learnt some fascinating information about the way fans were used. Often the decoration on fans of this period were used as a conversation starter. Consequently subjects covered included themes of a political nature. Mary told us about a variety of different fans, using the terminology 'sticks', 'leaf', 'guard' and 'gorge'. She explained how some fans were used by ladies to protect their faces from the heat of an open fire which would have melted the wax cosmetics in vogue at that time.

Fans have been in use for centuries; the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans all had their own styles of fans. In the UK The Worshipful Company of Fan makers is one of the Livery Companies of the City of London.; it was incorporated by a Royal Charter in 1709.

It was so good to have Mary with us to share the benefit of her knowledge and experience. Fans are of course, often an integral part of costume and its embellishment, so as embroiderers the talk was of great interest.

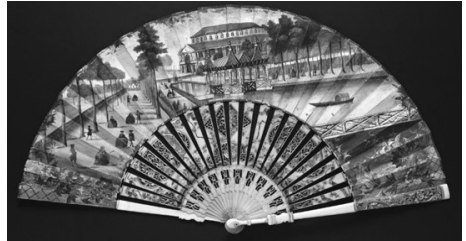
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or contact our Chairman, Eileen Tuff on 01474 324734

Happy stitching, Karen

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## **SOLE STREET WI**

A big THANK YOU from Sole Street WI to all those who supported our “Pop-Up Sale” of home made produce, craft and plants outside the St Mary Church Room. The event was nicely profitable and all those who made purchases seemed to enjoy the “community feel” of the occasion. One lady, addressing no one in particular whilst choosing a cake, was overheard to say “I wish this was here every Saturday”. - An inspiring compliment but I wonder if she appreciated how much work was involved in making things “Pop Up” or how dependent it is on the kindness of the weather.

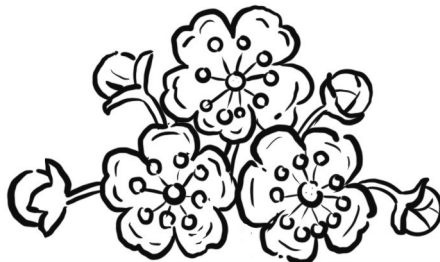
Having spent the previous afternoon creating the colourful table decorations of green garden cuttings and Easter eggs for the sale, our Craft Group are now turning their attention to H M The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Members will be convening weekly to create a window size mosaic in postage stamp style of a portrait of The Queen. Other craft members are also getting together with Cobham WI to knit and crochet for a celebratory “yarn bombing” venture for the Jubilee. Watch this space ...

This year our 38th Birthday Anniversary was celebrated at Bartellas in Meopham and it was a very joyful occasion.

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 24th May in St Mary’s Church Room at 7.30pm, is our Annual General Meeting. This year’s Resolution calls on the government and funding bodies to fund research into the female presentation of ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and for action to be taken to improve the diagnosis process for women and girls, to ensure that they are equipped to better manage these conditions and do not suffer in silence. The National Federation of Women’s Institutes further calls on members to raise awareness of this issue.

For information on this and all our activities, please contact our President, Yvonne by telephoning 01474 813455.

Molly Isaacs



## **BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley**

Weathering my first mild brush with Covid, I was snugly isolating in front of my television watching the broadcast of the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh from Westminster Abbey, when we heard the sound of the Abbey bells.

It is recorded that there were five bells in 1255 at the Abbey which were hung in a separate tower or campanile for 300 years. During the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, 6 bells were installed in the incomplete north-west tower of the Abbey.

By 1918 and the signing of the Armistice, the bells were almost unringable. The Whitechapel Bell Foundry were commissioned to cast a new ring of 8 bells and King George V and Queen Mary visited the foundry on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1919 for the casting of one of the new Abbey bells.

In 1971 Whitechapel cast a new ring of 10 bells (tenor 30cwt). The new bells were dedicated in the presence of The Queen on 9<sup>th</sup> November, when the bells were placed mouth upwards in the North aisle. Her majesty sounded the new 7<sup>th</sup> (the Elizabeth bell) by striking it with a special gold and ebony mallet declaring the bell 'sound and clear and of good workmanship'. Subsequently the bells were hoisted and hung in the tower and first rung on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1971.

The Westminster Abbey Company of Ringers, under the Dean, was reconstituted in 1921 and these very able ringers are responsible for ringing the bells as required on annual anniversaries, on great occasions and for special Services and events as required by the Dean. They do not ring for regular Services. When ringing for a special occasion, they only ring after the Service. But they do also ring before the Service when the Visitor (The Queen) attends. Unique traditions of this Royal Peculiar.

At the time of Prince Philip's death during a lockdown, when general ringing was not allowed, the Abbey tolled a bell 99 times on the day of death and again during the Funeral procession at Windsor. Exactly the same was done here at Cobham.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral will ring for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Thanksgiving Service. Bells are the soundscape of great occasions.



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## **Summer is on its way!**

As bulbs fade and herbaceous borders grow in leaps and bounds, it is now clear that summer is approaching. Sowing and planting out bedding can begin, depending on regional weather variations, and you can take softwood cuttings. It's also time to get back into the lawn mowing regime, as the lawn will be loving the warmer temperatures this month brings.

### **Here's the RHS Top 10 Jobs for May.**

- 1 Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
- 2 Earth up potatoes, and promptly plant any still remaining
- 3 Plant out summer bedding at the end of the month (except in cold areas)
- 4 Collect rainwater and investigate ways to recycle water for irrigation
- 5 Regularly hoe off weeds
- 6 Open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days
- 7 Mow lawns weekly
- 8 Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges
- 9 Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring-flowering bulbs
- 10 Watch out for viburnum beetle and lily beetle grubs

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

**Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7:30pm** – expert speaker talk on 'Scentsational Plants' by Caroline Halfpenny which gives a guided tour around the Scentsational range of plants that tap into the most sensitive of our senses; a full calendar of olfactory delights, with as many seasonal real life samples as possible. Entrance is free for Members and just £3 for non-members.

**Saturday 11th June 2022 at 2:00pm** 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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# **Summer Show & Plant Sale**

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## Smile Lines



### Encyclopaedias

Sorting out books for the local fete, a parishioner came across some well-worn and dusty illustrated encyclopaedias, treasured from his childhood. Unwilling to part with them, he put them on a shelf in the garage where his small grandchildren found them and spent many happy hours looking at the pictures. These books, however, caused him great embarrassment the day the minister came to visit. One of his grandchildren suddenly said: "Grandad, can we go look at those dirty books you keep in the garage?"

### Parking space

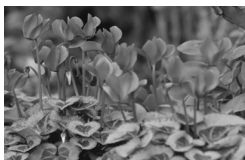
Angus was driving down the street worried because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. So, looking up toward heaven, he said "Lord, take pity on me; if you find me a parking place I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up whisky." A moment later, miraculously, a parking place appeared. Angus looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."

### Preaching

Church members were discussing the vicar's and the curate's sermons; The church warden said: "The vicar, now, when she says 'in conclusion', she concludes. But the curate, when he says 'lastly' – my! How he do last!"



# Welcome to Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street Churches Services during May



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

10:30am Holy Communion, Cobham

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May

10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

1030 am

Holy Communion and  
farewell service for Angela, Cobham  
*followed by refreshments in church*

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne  
*(Followed by APCM)*

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), Cobham  
*(Followed by APCM)*

## Midweek services

**9:30am 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Informal Morning Prayer, Sole Street**

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## **Dates for the Diary**

### **History tours**



#### **Guided historical walk of Rosherville**

Guide: Christoph Bull On: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Meet: I I am at top of Pier Road-opposite The Elephant's

Head, Rosherville, Northfleet Cost: £5 per person, to be paid on the day.

No need to book – for information-Christoph Bull 07702287147

This is an open event of Gravesham Town Twinning Association, to which all are welcome. Optional lunch afterwards (not included in the price).

Discover the great dream of Rosherville new town and Rosherville Gardens plus lots more. The tour will take an hour.

#### **Guided historical walk of Greenhithe**

Guide: Christoph Bull On: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Meet: 3pm on corner of Station Road and High Street, Greenhithe

Cost: £5 per person, to be paid on the day No need to book – for Information call Christoph Bull 07702287147

This event explores Greenhithe's rise, fall and rise again. It is a Town Mayor of Swanscombe & Greenhithe charity event. Councillor Lesley Howes (Town Mayor of Swanscombe & Greenhithe) will be in attendance. The tour will take about 1.5 hours. An event in association with Swanscombe & Greenhithe Town Council and Swanscombe & Greenhithe Local History Group, exploring Swanscombe's and Greenhithe's past together.

#### **Kent from Reformation to Revolution (illustrated talk with supper)**

Speaker: Christoph Bull on, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Begins: 6pm for supper; talk to follow at Reliance Restaurant, Queen Street, Gravesend. Cost is £18 and includes both talk and award winning fish & chip supper. Booking essential: Reliance Restaurant 01474 533593. The last two events were sell-outs, so book and pay early.

A talk taking you from one upheaval to another in our Kingdom of Kent , includes the Civil War; plenty of local information included.

#### **Guided historical walk of West Street Gravesend (Pubs, piers & poverty) and dinner at The Three Daws, Town Pier Square.**

Guide: Christoph Bull On: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 Begins: 7pm.

Meet: on junction of Stuart Road and West Street (Clifton Slipways)

Cost: £18 includes the guided walk and supper afterwards.

Booking essential: Three Daws 01474 566869. The last two events were sell-outs, so book and pay early.



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**

**Sole Street**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Come and get together with old friends and new. Have a cuppa and a delicious slice of cake. We'll have all sorts of local information available or you can just come for a chat.

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:**

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meets every Friday evening at South Street Baptist Church, from 6pm until 7.30pm during term time. 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 sweatshirt 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](http://www.southstreetbaptist.org.uk)

The **Boys Brigade Website** has more information: [www.BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK](http://www.BOYS-BRIGADE.ORG.UK)

In the summer, the older girls and boys may be able to visit the **Honey Hill Camp Site** in Maidstone, which has an adventure playground, wooded areas and well equipped camping facilities.

There will also be opportunities 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](http://www.thewac.org.uk)

We are pleased to see so many of our members returning to our meetings, despite the current rise in Covid cases but we are still being very cautious.

In March, two of Kent County Council's Community wardens came along to tell us all about scams and frauds. They showed a video about an elderly gentleman who had been scammed by fraudsters into handing over money, which was a warning to us all. They did, however, give us some very useful tips and a reassurance that there is help available when needed.

It was not since 2019 that we had been able to hold our annual Spring Show, the one in 2020, for which we had all been preparing having sadly been postponed because of the lockdown. It was decided this year to split the show as it used to be, with the flowers, baking and produce part held in April and the Craft and Art part held in October, as our Autumn Show, thus giving us more space for entries. We were therefore a little worried that, because of the splitting of the two shows, current concerns about some people's reluctance to mix with large numbers of others and not knowing whether members would re-join, there would not be very many entries. We need not have worried at all. The Meadow Room was filled with beautiful flowers, floral arrangements (including one special class, to honour the Queen's Platinum Jubilee); the aroma of baking from the Victoria Sandwich cakes, savoury scones and Easter biscuits, and even more entries in the preserves section than in 2019.

The judges were unanimous in their praise for the standard of the entries and said that it had been difficult to judge some of the classes because of this. The trophies had been dusted off and Liz Hulf came first for her floral arrangements, with Jenny Brooker second and Anne Latcham third; Molly Neville came first for her flowers and plants, with Liz Hulf second and June Woodham third; Jean Pickering came first for baking and preserves, with Molly Neville second and Anne Latcham third.

The silver salver for most points overall was awarded to Liz Hulf, with Molly Neville second and Jenny Brooker third. The entry that rather stole the show and raised many laughs was Jill Beety's "Small arrangement in an unusual container", which took the form of flowers in a china mug with a pair of huge gloved hands clasped around it.

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Many of our members who came along to the meeting have said how much they enjoyed it. We are confident that our Autumn Show will be equally as successful and enjoyable.

Some of our “groups” are meeting again. The largest of these, the Craft Group, is meeting twice each month in the National Trust barn, catching up on some unfinished items and working on new ones, including an ingenious fabric bag with a detachable cushion. Their most recent project was sugar craft flowers, leaves and butterflies and a rather cute Easter chick.

The ever-enthusiastic members of the “Knit and Natter” group are currently working hard to complete a knitted post box topper for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the form of the royal family. H.M. the Queen, Princes Charles and William and the corgis have been completed and Camilla and Kate are currently under production. (Harry and Andrew won’t be there!). They have also been asked to decorate the village pump with crocheted flowers and to provide a crocheted crown on a cushion, to be displayed in the window of the village shop.

Our next meeting, on May 4th, will be our Annual Meeting, where we elect our committee and President, welcome new members and remember those who are sadly no longer with us. We will also be debating and voting on this year’s annual resolution, “Women and Girls with ASD and ADHD underdefined, Under-diagnosed, misdiagnosed, under-supported”.

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**Meopham Library Writing Group** meetings are held in Meopham Library on the first Thursday morning of each month. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022** at 10am until about midday. Each month, a different writing theme is chosen by the group and everyone is invited to write a short story, poem or article, using less than 1,000 words. Recent writing themes have included; "Lost Property" and "Only Time Will Tell".

There is also a writing challenge, which involves writing a sentence or two, which must include a selection of seven words, but using less than seventy words in total.

Last month, we completed our second "Rolling Story" challenge, where each person in the group, wrote about 150 words of a crime story, before passing it on by email to the next person on the list. The finished story was circulated by email, as well as being read out at the April meeting.

Anyone who is interested in creative writing, either as a beginner or a more experienced writer, is very welcome to join our small, friendly group. Although writing can be challenging, it can also be very helpful in difficult times.

Many people enjoy writing about their memories, which are appreciated by their family and friends. The following writing group meetings will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> August. For more info please ring **01474 813379**.

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## COBHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2022

Dates and venues for CPC meetings have yet to be confirmed.



## LUDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 22/23

16 May 22 Annual Council Mtg. Luddesdown Village Hall at 7.30pm  
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  
16 January 23 Full Council Mtg. Luddesdown Village Hall at 7.30pm  
20 March 23 Annual Parish Mtg. Luddesdown Village Hall at 7.30pm

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# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Genesis chapter 1 to 2 verse 3.

This story is at the start of the Bible, and the start of time...

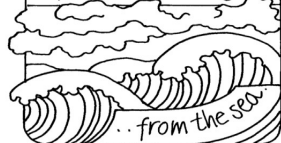
When God first made the universe it was empty and shapeless. God said...

Let there be Light!



God separated the light and dark.

On the next day, God separated the sky...

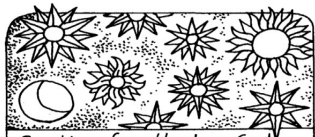


...from the sea.

On the third day God separated the sea...



..from the dry land. Then He made plants of all kinds grow on the land.

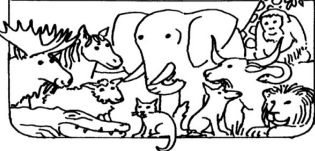


On the fourth day God made lights shine in the sky for day and night.

On the fifth day God filled the sea with all sorts of fish, and the sky with all sorts of birds



On the sixth day God made all kinds of animals...



and then He made people, men and women.

God told the people...

Take care of all I have made



God saw that everything He had made was very good.

On the seventh day God rested...



and so did everyone else!

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

**THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE**

- The Queen's Green Canopy, celebrated by the  
planting of 3 trees in the parish  
Ifield 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 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

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

**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

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

**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 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!

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## **Cobham's Register**

### **Baptism**

**Jack Ray WILDER** was Baptised on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

We welcome Jack into the Church family.

## **Luddesdowne's Register**

### **Dedication**

In 2020 The PCC of St Peter and St Paul Church wanted grieving relatives and friends to be comforted further by having their deceased loved ones commemorated by name, on a stone.

On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> March a service took place outside, by the Garden of Remembrance, to Dedicate the two memorial stones, and the placement of the "Garden of Remembrance" marker stones. It is our hope that by having a loved one's name engraved here that their memory may be a lasting testament for generations to come. In adding these memorial stones it is further hoped that the provision of extra vases will be of benefit to those wishing to lay flowers.



## **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend**

### **Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

On Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Luddesdowne church will be holding a service at 10:30am which will be conducted by Revd. Cannon 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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You, Lord, make wars cease to the end of the earth; you break bows, shatter spears, and burn shields with fire [Psalm 46:9]. And so, we ask you now to save the lives of many people in Ukraine. De-escalate this crisis. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6), but you Lord are our rock, our fortress and our deliverer. Our hope is in you. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: “Be still and know God! He is exalted among the nations; He shall be exalted in the earth [Psalm 46:10]. *Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy.*

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