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A letter from the Vicar, Rev'd Pam Davies

Dear Friends,

October is often a lovely month in my mind; the oft quoted season of “mists and mellow fruitfulness” but Autumn is coming early it seems this year. October brings with it many changes: Any last vestiges of Summer finally give way to Autumn; the trees start to darken as they approach their final drop; and the shops truly gear up for Christmas.

There are times in your life when change is inevitable, like when you have children. The importance of establishing a routine and some structure is quickly adopted. Mealtimes and nap times are sacred. Children thrive in a routine and when things change, when anything changes, they are quick to let you know they don't like it.

The same is often true for us, as adults. We don't like change either. We like things to be familiar and predictable. We like to know what to expect when we wake up each morning. But life is constantly changing. Children grow up, new grey hairs emerge every time we look in the mirror. We move house, change jobs, relationships end, and new ones start. All while our society changes its values

When such changes enter our life, it's overwhelming, confusing, even terrifying. We can go to bed at night to one reality and wake up to a completely different life. Change can make us feel lost and abandoned, like we've been tossed overboard in the midst of a storm. We're left reeling, trying to grab a hold of anything we can find that's strong and stable. We're tempted to run from change, as though we could ever escape it.

As we all encounter major changes in our individual lives, and as the world around us continues to change, we need a place to find hope. We need somewhere to stand when we wake up to news that a loved one has passed away, or our job is in jeopardy. The truth is, there is one thing that never changes, the one thing that stays the same: our unchanging God.

The Bible tells us that God never changes. “For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed” ([Malachi 3:6](#)). There is no transition, inconsistency, or change in this God. The same God who created this earth is the same one who met Moses on Mount Sinai. The same God who forgave David for his adultery is the one who crushed his own Son when Christ became sin at the cross for us.

Yesterday, today, and forever he is the God who is “gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made” (Psalm 145:8–9).

Because God never changes, his word never changes. All that he has said about himself remains true forever. Everything he has told us about why and how the world came to be, about what’s wrong with the world, and about what he has done to save the world will never change. No matter what anyone may say, no matter who denies or defies God’s word, it remains firmly fixed. “Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens” (Psalm 119:89). “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away” (Matthew 24:35).

And because his word never changes, his promises for us remain true: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38–39)

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

The unchanging nature of God and his unchangeable word are real things on which we can stake our life. It is a rock big enough and strong enough for us to build a house on it, and an anchor big enough and strong enough to hold our souls in the midst of life’s waves and storms.

Because of these truths, when everything in life seems flipped upside down, we can say with the psalmist, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling” (Psalm 46:1–3).

Things will continue to change — in the world around us and in our lives. Some of those changes will feel like a tiny ripple, and others feel like a ten-foot wave. But no matter what changes we face, we need not fear. We need not hide. We need not despair. Our rock and anchor is our unchanging God, whose character and promises remain fixed forever.

Hope to see you this Autumn.

Very best wishes, Rev Pam



COBHAM AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the original advertised production covering CADS 100 years will now be unable to go ahead. Instead, there will be two entertaining one act plays for your enjoyment.

The production dates will be 21st, 22nd, 23rd November at 8pm at the Meadow Room Cobham.

Further information regarding Box Office opening date and plays content will be advised asap.

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.

Next pop-in Tuesday 8th October.

CONTACT: MARY PALMER - 01474 816788



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 janetferguson@hotmail.fr . Ian Sheridan, Acting Chairman, 07951 927 517



Andrew Brown has kindly provided the photograph, above, of a very interesting looking building and explains that it is a wildlife tower. There are six of them dotted around. This one is next to the new vine block looking towards Cobhambury Road, right up on the hill, clearly visible from Warren Road as you turn left out of Cobhambury.

It's part of the continuing the biodiversity enhancement on the Silverhand Estate. The Silverhand Conservation Team will be monitoring them on the lookout for bats, owls, kestrels bees, etc. making them their home.

Exciting stuff! You can watch them being built on Instagram.

SOLE STREET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

For “WI Week of River Action” on Friday 20 September members joined in the Federation’s Citizen Science Drive in partnership with FreshWater Watch (FWW) by testing the condition of the water of the River Darent at Horton Kirby. The testing is easy to carry out with the kit provided and to upload the results to contribute to FWW’s national report. We then enjoyed a riverside walk before enjoying a hearty lunch at The Lion in Farningham.

Our September speaker Jane Scotchmer is a gardener, traveller and photographer whose illustrated talk entitled “How Artists and Designers lead us up the Garden Path” is a play on words about garden design. The path is a fundamental feature of many gardens, tempting us to linger and enjoy a focal point before leading us on to explore further, referencing the garden designs in perspective, proportion and vanishing points as well as the colour palette for many artists down the ages e.g. Monet, Cezanne, Renoir.

Members brought home grown produce and other donations which celebrated the harvest season and were raffled off as prizes.

Our October meeting will again take place at The Railway Inn at 2pm on Tuesday 22 October when the speaker will be Mr Brian Nobbs with a talk entitled “Food for the Birds - Eat In or Take Away”. Visitors and prospective new members will receive a very warm and friendly welcome. For further information on this and all our activities including craft sessions, weekly walking group etc. please contact our President, Yvonne telephone 01474 813455
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COBHAM & LUDESDOWN WI

At our meeting on 4th September, we were delighted to welcome our speaker, Sylvia Fletcher, who gave a talk entitled 'Head First'. Sylvia, who lives in Meopham, has been making hats for seventy years, and worked for James Lock, the royal milliners and inventors of the bowler hat, where she started a ladies' department. We were shown photos of her work on various heads, including royals Kate, Camilla, Diana and Princess Anne, together with catwalk collections for Stella McCartney. After the talk, our members were invited to try on hats, selected by Sylvia to suit their faces and hairstyles and we now have a fine selection of photos to add to our album. Sylvia read us an amusing anecdote from her beautifully illustrated book, 'Head First', which was on sale at the meeting; the proceeds from which were to be donated to the Riding for the Disabled charity, together with her speaker's fee.

Kaye Wren brought along her beautifully embroidered WI emblems, which will form part of our new centennial banner, and which were much admired by our ladies. Kaye and other ladies from our Craft Group have invested hours of their time on this project and we are extremely grateful to them for what will be a magnificent banner to add to our collection. Our meeting on Wednesday 2nd October will be preceded by our annual fundraising Ploughman's Lunch. In the afternoon, our ladies will be using their crafting skills to make a Christmas Card. We are all looking forward to our Autumn Art and Craft Show on Wednesday 6th November, when our members will be entering the work that they have completed over the year.



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Luddesdowne's Register

Burial of ashes

Brain John WINDSOR (known as Win) died on the 18th April 2024 at the age of 90 years old. On the 9th August 2024 Brian's ashes were buried, in with his wife Marjorie, in the Garden of Remembrance in Luddesdowne's churchyard. The service was conducted by Lesley GOULD Licensed Reader from St Mary's Gravesend.

Our condolences and prayers go to Brian's (Win's) sons Andrew and Philip and their families.

Funeral Service

Peter GRIFFITHS was born on the 25th January 1932 and died on the 10th July 2024 at the age of 92 years old. Peter's funeral service took place at Luddesdowne Church on the 20th August 2024 followed by burial in the churchyard, in with his wife Catherine Ann (known to many as Ann). The service was conducted by The Rev'd Pam DAVIES

Our condolences and prayers go to Peter's sons Martin, Stephen and Tim and their families.

Wedding

James (Jamie) Mackay IRVING and Georgina Mary BAGSHAWE were married in Luddesdowne church on the 31st August 2024. The service was conducted by our Priest in Charge The Rev'd Canon Alyson DAVIE. Congratulations to James and Georgina.

A note from Peter's family.

In July, Luddesdowne lost Peter Griffiths, 92, some 36 years after he moved into Henley Street with his family. A retired Thames River Pilot, Peter was laid to rest in Luddesdowne churchyard with Ann, his wife of sixty years, in August.

He leaves three sons and six grandchildren, along with many happy memories for all that knew and loved him.

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**10 November:
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**13 October: Four
fishermen, the first
disciples**



**8 December:
Following the star to
Bethlehem**



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

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP.

**Our meeting in October is at the St John's Centre on 17th
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A week earlier than usual.

Our speaker is a member,

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precious stones and jewels.**

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more about an item that you have.**

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Meopham Library Writing Group meets again on **Thursday 3rd October** from **10am** until noon and the following meetings will be on **7th November**, **5th December** and **2nd January 2025**.

Each month there is a different writing theme, which can be used as 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, chosen by group members, in short sentences, using as few words as possible.

Creative writing is a very enjoyable activity, which can also be used to record special family memories and it can be therapeutic for people who have been bereaved, or who are facing difficult times. 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 **3rd October**.

1st SOUTH STREET BOYS BRIGADE and GIRLS ASSOCIATION COMPANY

The **1st South Street Company** meets every **Friday evening** during term time **6pm-7.30pm** at **South Street Baptist Church**, Wrotham Road, Meopham, DA13 0QJ (*next to Hope Hill*). Half Term will be on **1st November**. 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: www.BOYS-BRIGADE.org.uk 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 monthly Family Service is on **Sunday 27th October**. All are welcome.

SONG TIME 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**. Half Term is on **Monday 28th October**.

The next **FAMILY GAMES AFTERNOON** is on **Saturday 19th October 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.

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Cobham, Luddesdowne and Sole Street
Church Services during October



Sunday 6th October

10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne

Sunday 13th October

10:30am Holy Communion (BCP), Cobham

Sunday 20th October

10:30am Holy Communion, Luddesdowne

4pm Flame, Cobham

Sunday 27th October

**10:30am Memorial and Thanksgiving Service,
Cobham**

Midweek services in Sole Street

At The Railway Inn, in the Restaurant area.

9:30am 2nd Holy Communion

Informal Morning Prayer

9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th October

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



Wed's 2 nd Oct	10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
Sunday 6 th Oct	9.45am Morning Worship & Baptism at St John's 11.30am Holy Communion at St Mildred's
Wed's 9 th Oct	10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
Sunday 13 th Oct	9.45am Holy Communion at St John's 11.30am Mattins at St Mildred's 3.00pm Sunday Afternoon Club at St John's
Wed's 16 th Oct	10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
Sunday 20 th Oct.	9.45am Morning Worship at St John's Church 11.15am Churches Prayer Meeting at St John's Centre 3.30pm Memorial & Thanksgiving Service at St John's
Wed's 23 rd Oct	10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre
Sunday 27 th Oct	9.45am Holy Communion at St John's 11.30am Family Service at St Mildred's
Wed's 30 th Oct	10am Holy Communion at St John's Centre



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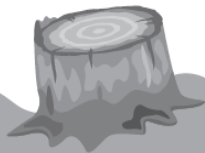
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BELL RINGING by Peter Hartley

August and bell ringers were on the move and at Cobham we were able to welcome three groups to ring our bells. I was happy to open up our tower, invite the ringers to sign our visitors' book, and talk about the history of our village, Church and College to those interested to look around between chances to ring.

The first group called themselves the Society of Rambling Ringers and on their annual ringing tour they were energetically ringing 6 towers a day for 6 days. There were ringers from Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire, Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Lancashire, Durham, Bristol and Cornwall. From abroad was a ringer from Washington Cathedral and two from Dordrecht in the Netherlands, one of only a handful of European churches with bells rung in the English manner.

Next came ringers from Sheldwich and Selling in East Kent and they arranged to enjoy a day's ringing in about four North Kent towers.

Finally we were visited by the West Anglian Guild of Ringers (WAGS). Monthly on the third Wednesday they arrange to visit a couple of towers. This time they rang at Meopham, had a lunch in The Ship and then rang our bells. Most had ventured across the Dartford Crossing coming from Waltham Abbey, Witham, Bentley Common, Wethersfield, Felsted, Rayleigh, Chelmsford and Great Totham in Essex. Uniquely England has so many ringing church towers.

Little Tudeley Church outside Tonbridge has just three chiming bells but the remarkable treasure of the famed Chagall windows. In 1963 Sarah, daughter of Sir Mark and Lady d'Avigdor Goldsmid, was drowned in a sailing accident off Rye. The sorrowing parents commissioned the Russian artist Marc Chagall to design a new east window for their small local church in memory of their daughter. The new window was installed in 1967 and was so admired that Chagall was commissioned to design windows for the rest of the church which were installed in 1974 and 1985. At long last visiting on a glorious sunny day in this country church I was bathed in the blues and yellows of this created watery world. As I came out of the church more visitors were arriving to dwell amidst this moving tribute to beloved Sarah.

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Autumn Show

What a great show we had. The weather for this Summer has been unpredictable and changeable to say the least. But our members still pulled out all the stops to put on a great show. It was Ploughing Match Day too, but we still had a great number of exhibits and visitors. This year we had 231 exhibits, compared to 211 last year! Many thanks to everyone who visited, exhibited, donated cakes/raffle prizes, sold cakes/raffle tickets or generally helped. Without you there wouldn't be a show!

These dahlias were Best In Show



Cobham Gardeners' Society Next Events Both at The Meadow Rooms Are-

Wednesday 9th October 2024 – 6.30pm for 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.

EXTRA TALK FOR NOVEMBER 2024

Wednesday 6th November 2024 - 6.30pm for 7pm expert speaker talk
"Silverhand Wines"

For the last 20 years or so, English wine has become more and more prominent, especially in Kent and Sussex. Silverhand's tourism manager Jamie will be taking you through the history of English wine, the land at Luddesdown, and why it works so well for grape vines, especially sparkling wines. He will also be talking through the other farming activities that are taking place to keep the land organic and sustainable. Entry is free to members and non-members are welcome and pay only £3. For more information email cobhamgs@hotmail.co.uk

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October - The autumn chill sets in

Although we had some warmer days over September, the autumn is now definitely here for real, and it feels colder. It's a beautiful time of year, with the trees changing colour. Sometimes it may seem pointless raking, when the wind blows even more leaves onto the lawn, but just think of all the lovely leaf mould you can make! It's also time to start preparing for early frosts.

RHS - Top 10 jobs this month

- 1 Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- 2 Cut back perennials that have died down
- 3 Divide herbaceous perennials
- 4 Move tender plants and aquatic ones, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- 5 Plant out spring cabbages
- 6 Harvest apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- 7 Prune climbing rose
- 8 Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
- 9 Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
- 10 Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

You can sign up for Membership of Cobham Gardeners at any time ... and get savings at local garden centres straight away to help with all of those garden jobs. Membership is 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



Wednesday 9th October 2024 - 7pm The Long Border

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gratefully acknowledge that on the night of 21st September 2024 the church floodlights were sponsored by Ray and Lynn Ellis in support of **Light Up for Mito**

Every year monuments and landmarks around the world are lit up to raise awareness about mitochondrial disease (mito). This year Light Up for Mito fell on Saturday, 21 September.

The Lily Foundation is working hard to raise awareness of this disease and its links to more common diseases including dementia, Parkinson's disease, epilepsy and cancer. More can be found out about mitochondrial disease and the work of the Lily Foundation at thelilyfoundation.org.uk



The Local Funding Group '24 continue to offer you a warm welcome to the **Coffee Morning** presently being held at The Railway Inn, Sole Street during the restoration of St. Mary's Church Room at 10.30 on the second Thursday of each month, i.e. 10th October, 14th November, 12th December

The **Christmas Wreath Workshop** is organised for Tuesday, 10th December at 10.00 am – 2.30 at The Meadow Room, Cobham. Tickets are £30 which includes all necessary mechanics, foliage and decorations. Additional fairy lights will be available.

You would need to bring a cloth or towel to work on, a small kitchen knife and kitchen scissors as well as your lunch.

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LUDDESDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Meetings will be held at 7.30pm on Monday
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 1st October at the Meadow Rooms
7.30pm on 5th November at the Meadow Rooms
7.30pm on 3rd December at the Meadow Rooms





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All Hallows Eve – or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots in pre-Christian times. In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Druid priests celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or ‘Summer’s End’. They lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off the dark supernatural powers of oncoming winter. Today, Christians turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows’ Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.

All Hallows Halloween Druid Priests Festival Samhain Bonfires

Magic Dark Supernatural Powers Winter Christians Prayer

Charms Deeper True Eve Closer Christ Thanks Loved Death
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