

the Link

**The United Pastorate of
Leatherhead
Cobham
Effingham**

May 2016

'Behold the lilies
of the field...'



The
**United
Reformed
Church**

Linking:
Christ Church (United Reformed) Leatherhead
Cobham Methodist Church
Cobham United Reformed Church
Effingham Methodist Church
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Ascension Day

There will once again be a service at the viewpoint on Box Hill at 6.30am on Ascension Day, Thursday 5th May, led by Rev Linda Harknett, vicar of Headley and Box Hill. All from the Pastorate

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All copy for the June issue to the new editor by 15th May



The Editor Writes...

Both Lynda and Kim are taking this month off from writing a letter for The Link, but they will be back next month - Kim will probably want to tell you all about her "*gorgeous, adorable grandson, Harley*" and Lynda may mention the ECG conference at Scarborough she attended with others from Leatherhead (***E**quipping, **C**alling, **G**oing - five days of worship, fellowship and prayer*).

Next month will also be the first issue for the new Link Editor, David Cappitt. Many of us already know David, who worships at Cobham Methodist Church, as he is a Methodist Local Preacher. I am very grateful to David for taking over.

The Link has been part of my life for over six years. My first edition as Editor was for January 2010. Little did I know that when I took over the editorship from Dougie and Rachel Reed at Effingham, the three Methodist Churches that the magazine then covered would grow into a Joint Pastorate to included our United Reformed Church friends in Leatherhead and Cobham.

When I say 'part of my life', that's exactly what it's been. As editor, you are never far away from thinking about the current edition and planning the next one, ensuring that you don't take holidays a couple of weeks before the print run is due, and that you're at home when the magazine is delivered from the printers.

There are always happy moments when plenty of copy turns up - all in good time, and then there are frustrating moments when, for example, you find conflicting information from different sources. Then, what to fill the gaps with? How to insert a pdf file into the Microsoft Publisher software?

It can be frustrating as well to read the final copy six times and

Anyway, I have really enjoyed putting the magazine together every month, but after over six years felt that it was time for someone else to have a go. I must therefore thank David Cappitt for agreeing to take on the editorship. I wish him every success in his endeavours to bring you the Link every month.

Finally, thank you to all the regular contributors for faithfully letting me have your copy, usually in good time, and I encourage you to continue to do so for David. Thank you also to all readers for supporting the Link.

Les Prescott

PS For those contributors at LMC, please continue to give your copy to me as I'll be acting as the LMC central contact for The Link and will collate all LMC's contributions and send them to David together each





Cobham

Methodist Church

Cobham Methodist Diary



May

Sun	1st	10.30am	John Oborn
Thurs	5th	6.30am	Ascension Day Service at Box Hill (<i>see page 2</i>)
Sun	8th	10.30am	Rev. Kim Plumptre with Holy Communion at the URC
Wed	11th	7.30pm	Joint Leaders' Meeting at the URC
Sat	14th	10.00am 2.30pm	Time 4 You (<i>until 12 noon</i>) Platinum Service
Sun	15th	10.30am	Church Anniversary - United Service Rev. Kim Plumptre & Jay Dunning
Sun	22nd	10.30am	Jay Dunning
Wed	25th	8.00pm	House Fellowship at the Manse
Thurs	26th	3.45pm	Messy Church at the URC (<i>to 5.45pm</i>)
Sun	29th	10.30am	Beth Little - United Service

Church Anniversary

Kim will be leading the Church Anniversary service on Sunday 15th May with our guest speaker Jay Dunning.

May is a very special month for us as we are embarking on a new journey with the URC. Twice a month we will worship together. We don't know where this journey will lead, but it will be with God at the centre. At our Church Anniversary we are starting this journey with a big party!

So if you can join us please come along to the service followed by a Faith Lunch.

Cobham Page

Information, news, events and happenings in and around
Cobham including news of Cobham Churches events



Next "Time 4 You"

Saturday 14th May,
10.00am - 12 noon

Cobham Methodist Church

Why not stop and rest awhile, recharge your batteries,
find the space for you to enjoy a chat and a free cup of
coffee.

Next Messy Church for Cobham, Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon



Date: Thursday 26th May

Time: 3.45pm to 5.45pm

**Venue: Cobham URC,
38 Stoke Road,
KT11 3BD**

All are welcome



Cobham

United Reformed Church

Cobham URC Worship Diary



May

- | | | | |
|-------|------|---------|--|
| Sun | 1st | 9.00am | Early Bird Service |
| | | 10.30am | Andrew Gibb |
| Thurs | 5th | 6.30am | Ascension Day Service at Box Hill (<i>see page 2</i>) |
| Sun | 8th | 10.30am | Joint Service at Cobham URC -
Rev. Kim Plumpton with Holy Communion |
| Sun | 15th | 10.30am | Joint Service at Cobham Methodist Church:
Methodist Church Anniversary -
Rev. Kim Plumpton & Jay Dunning |
| Sun | 22nd | 10.30am | Rev. Kim Plumpton |
| Sun | 29th | 10.30am | Joint Service at Cobham Methodist Church -
Beth Little |

June



Cobham URC Events

May

Sun	1st	3.00pm	Play & Chat <i>(to 6.00pm)</i>
Tues	3rd	9.45am	Church Walk
		8.00pm	Elders' Meeting
Thurs	5th	12.30pm	Men's Fellowship
Wed	11th	7.30pm	Joint Leaders' Meeting at Cobham URC
Thurs	26th	3.45pm	Messy Church <i>(to 5.45pm)</i>



Prayers at the Cobham URC Manse:

at 9.30am on Wednesdays:

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th May



**Tea at Three:
Friday 27th May**



Effingham

Methodist Church

Dates to celebrate this month:



Wow! What a lot of birthdays this month:

**Jayne and Norma on 3rd, Trevor on 11th,
David on 21st and Pauline on 29th**

Remember we need your help to update our records

Tuesday Teas

Tuesday Teas - a social group with occasional outings - meets fortnightly at St Alphege Church Hall - 10th and 24th May, 2.30pm to 4.00pm, then fortnightly thereafter.

A cream tea at The Grange was enjoyed by fourteen members and volunteers. Carrot cake and scones were the special delight with excellent tea, and the conversation flowed in their beautiful Victorian conservatory.

Anyone can go for tea, you just need to book at The Grange on a Tuesday afternoon. We'd recommend it!

Saturday Morning Live - Café Church



Our speaker on **Saturday 7th May** from 10.00am to 11.00am at **St. Lawrence Church Hall** is from the charity **Habitat for Humanity**.



**St. Lawrence Church Hall in Brown's Lane
Wednesday 11th May - 3.30pm - 5.30pm**



Date for your diary:

There is a **Church Council meeting** in the Chapel on **Tuesday 24th May from 10.00am to 12 noon.** Items for inclusion on the agenda



Christian Aid Week - 15th - 21st May

This is the week we love every neighbour - Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves, and not just the ones next door or at the end of the street.

Christian Aid Week unites over 20,000 churches to put this love into action through church collections, host Big Brekkie fundraising breakfasts, and collect house-to-house. Order resources or donate at **www.caweek.org**

After a very successful *Singalong Oliver* event for Christian Aid last October, **Effingham and Little Bookham Churches**

Hector
Gülchrist

The Byfleet Anchor Ukulele band

Paddy
Brady

Sue
Graves

Steve
Primarolo

Chris
Harris

Chris
Wallace

Cameron
Brown

Dawn
Lloyd

Rodney
Bayton

Phil
Hudgell

Mike
Davies

Kim
Plumpton

Morag
Butler

Dennis
Wickham



An evening with some Folk 21st May

An evening of Folk Music

in aid of



Habitat
for Humanity®
Great Britain

7.30 in St Lawrence Church Hall
Browns Lane, Effingham KT23 5LX

Tickets £12
includes refreshments

Bring your
own drinks

Tickets available from

Gill 01372 457987 or Morag 01372 750996

Effingham Methodist Diary



May

Sun 1st 10.00am Rev. Darlene McCarley - Holy Communion

Thurs 5th 6.30am Ascension Day Service at Box Hill (*see page 2*)

Sat 7th 10.00am Café Church at St. Lawrence Church Hall
to 11.00am (*see page 9*)

Sun 8th 10.00am Rev. Frank Smith

Tues 10th 2.30pm Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall

Wed 11th 3.30pm Messy Church at St Lawrence Church Hall
(*see page 10*)

Thurs 12th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the Church

Sun 15th 10.00am Rev. Paul Cockburn

Sun 15th to Sat 21st Christian Aid Week

Tues 17th 2.30pm Churches Together AGM in Methodist Hall

Thurs 19th 12.30pm Oasis Bible Lunch Group in the Hall

Sun 22nd 10.00am David Cappitt

Tues 24th 10.00am Church Council (*to 12 noon*)
2.30pm Tuesday Tea in Our Lady of Sorrows Hall

Thurs 26th 2.00pm Christian Meditation in the Church

**Sun 29th 10.00am Ecumenical Eucharist at
All Saints Church**

June

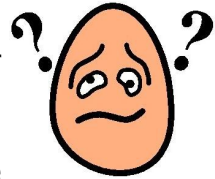
Prayer Meetings...

...are held at **the Chapel** every Friday at 9.15am.



The EU referendum: Will you vote IN or OUT?

On 23rd June each of us will be asked to answer the question "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?" A simple question with potentially enormous repercussions! Sadly I must confess that I'm confused and rather bored by the arguments!



Can we, as Christians, find any help or guidance through multiple and complex issues, and come to some decision with integrity and in good faith?

I've tried to find some guidance online and found a blog hosted by the **Church of England** and the **Church of Scotland** with the editorial support of *Crucible*, the Christian Journal of Social Ethics. It aims to create a space for Christian reflection and debate on Britain's future relationship with Europe:

www.reimaginingeurope.co.uk

The Joint Public Issues Team, of which the Methodist Church is part, has published "**The EU referendum: responding in good faith?**" Available on **www.jointpublicissues.org.uk** Further resources to encourage reflection and debate will be available from the end of April, along with information on running hustings. If you would like

**A fortnightly group for carers and partners
living with dementia**



'Connect'

At St Lawrence Church Hall, Browns Lane, Effingham KT24 5LX

alternate Thursdays 10am till 12noon

March 3rd, 17th & 31st

April 14th & 28th

May 12th & 26th

June 9th & 23rd

**Come for refreshments,
friendship, chat
and activities**

For more information contact
Kim Plumpton on 01932 586988

Gill Walker on 01372 457987
GillianMWalker@gmail.com

Sponsored by East Court Fund



Effingham celebrates... the Queen at 90

St Lawrence Primary School is celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday by inviting all older people in the village and / or with connections to village organisations, to a tea party on the afternoon of May 12th.

Meanwhile **St. Lawrence Parish Church** asked for help with catering on 12th June,

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Bye-Bye LES! Thanks for being Mr. Ed!

This is Les Prescott's last edition as Editor of LINK. After more than 6 years he, and Maureen, his lovely assistant editor, are taking a well earned rest.

Many thanks for your patience and understanding over last minute changes, missed deadlines, printer's errors, etc.!

Put your feet up, Les, and break out the bubbly!



Leatherhead Pages

Information, news, events and happenings in and around
Leatherhead including news of joint Christ Church/LMC events

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Sisters' Get-Together **Saturday 21st May, 8.30am to 10.00am**



Sisters get Together is a group for women that has been set up as an initiative of Churches Together in Leatherhead. This meeting will be held at the All Saints Café, Leatherhead. Doors will open at 8.30am with the main part of the meeting starting at 9.00am. Refreshments will be available to purchase and the meeting will finish promptly by 10.00am.

For more information, please contact Jane on 01372 362544. Please come and support us and bring a friend with you

Time for Tea



COME for TEA and COMPANY

from 2.30pm to 4.30pm
on the first Friday every month at

LEATHERHEAD METHODIST CHURCH

Next "Time for Tea" - Friday 6th May
(Speaker: Edward Warren on "Maundy Money")

EVERYONE WELCOME



£1)

NEW FIRE

Don't forget to plan to come along to the contemporary New Fire service at 6.30pm on the fourth Sunday evening each month at LMC. Stay afterwards for coffee and a chat.



Next Messy Church for Leatherhead:

Thursday 19th May
3.30pm to 5.30pm at:



Men's Breakfasts

Leatherhead Men's Breakfasts will be at
8.00am on the following Saturdays:-

28th May at the Parish Church Hall

25th June at the Catholic Church Hall...

...then on the fourth Saturday each month.

All men of any denomination or none are welcome. A suggested donation of £4 would be appreciated to cover costs; any surplus



**MUSIC
on
THURSDAYS
at LMC**



musiconthursdays.org

**WEDNESDAYS
at
CHRIST
CHURCH**

Music on Thursdays at LMC

Leatherhead Methodist Church, Church Road,
please use multi-storey or Church Street car parks

12.30 lunchtime, Thursday 5th May

Jacqueline Phillips, cello

First of three concerts featuring the six Bach Cello Suites

12.30 lunchtime, Thursday 12th May

Leyla Cemiloglu, piano

current student of the Yehudi Menuhin School

Wednesdays at Christ Church

Epsom Road, Leatherhead, KT22 8ST (*on-site parking*)

12.30 lunchtime, Wednesday 18th May

Mark Brafield, Concert Organist

Music on Thursdays at LMC

12.30 lunchtime, Thursday 26th May

MUSICAL THEATRE CONCERT with

West End actor/singer Martin Dickinson

Nathan Lubbock-Smith, accompanist

12.30 lunchtime, Thursday 2nd June

Brigitte Furze, violin

Lynda Chang, piano

12.30 lunchtime, Thursday 9th June

Mardi Brass ensemble (quintet)

join us after a morning at Trinity School, showing the
pupils their trumpets, horn, trombone and tuba

All these concerts: free entry, with a retiring collection

Leatherhead Concert & Arts Society HMRC Charity Ref EW02213



Monthly Service at The Beeches Care Home

A service is held at The Beeches Care Home in Forty Foot Road at 3.00pm on the third Tuesday every month. If you feel you can assist with running the service, please contact Lynda.



Leatherhead

Methodist Church

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(pages 16 - 19) for more news***

West Hill School Community Café...

...is held at LMC every Tuesday morning at 10.30am, except during school holidays.

West Hill School in Leatherhead is an outstanding special school for pupils aged from 11 to 16 with learning difficulties and autism. The café is providing learners with opportunities to develop work-related skills as well as social and communications skills. Please come along on Tuesday mornings to support this

Prayer Breakfasts

Prayer breakfasts are held on the third Sunday each month at 9.00am. It's a bring and share (non-cooked) breakfast with a short time of prayer fellowship before the morning service. All

LMC House Groups

LMC has three House Groups where Church members or friends can meet together on a regular basis. These groups usually meet in someone's home, and are informal ways to get to know each other better, to share joys, concerns, and prayer requests if desired, and to discuss various subjects, either from the Bible or from other relevant Christian books. Everyone is very welcome to join a group.





Diary



May

Sun	1st	10.30am	Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion
Tues	3rd	10.30am 7.30pm	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome Church Council
Thurs	5th	6.30am 12.30pm	Ascension Day Service at Box Hill (<i>see page 2</i>) Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 19</i>)
Fri	6th	2.30pm	Time for Tea (<i>to 4.30pm</i>) (<i>see page 17</i>)
Sun	8th	10.30am 6.30pm	John Oborn Rev. Lynda Russell - Healing & Wholeness Service with Holy Communion
Tues	10th	10.30am	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome
Thurs	12th	12.30pm 2.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 19</i>) Half-Yearly Pastoral Visitors Meeting (<i>see page 23</i>)
Sun	15th	9.00am 10.30am	Bring and Share Prayer Breakfast (venue to be advised) United Service at Christ Church - Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion
Tues	17th	10.30am 3.00pm	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome Service at The Beeches (<i>see page 19</i>)
Wed	18th	12.30pm	Organ Concert at Christ Church (<i>see page 19</i>)
Thurs	19th	3.30pm	Messy Church (<i>to 5.30pm</i>)
Sat	21st	8.30am	Sisters' Get Together at All Saints (<i>to 10.00am</i>)
Sun	22nd	10.30am 6.30pm	Rhys Frost New Fire
Tues	24th	10.30am 2.30pm 7.30pm	West Hill School Café at LMC - all welcome Pastoral Prayers meeting Leadership Team Meeting at Norma Shaw's
Thurs	26th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays (<i>see page 19</i>)
Sat	28th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at the Parish Hall (<i>see page 18</i>)
Sun	29th	10.30am	Waseem Haq

An Appreciation

I am sure all who have read the Link during the last six years will recognise what a thoroughly good job Les has done as Editor. It will be a hard job to follow!

Les has made the Link his own, with improvements of style that have enhanced its attraction. He has sought out the cheapest printing company to produce the best result. He has done all the fetching and carrying, and distribution to the five churches. He has encouraged people to contribute and chased busy Ministers for their letters. In fact, you name it, Les has done it!

All churches encourage mission beyond four walls of their buildings. What better example is there than the Link? It connects all five churches in the Pastorate, and gives pleasure and news to all who read the magazine, many far beyond Leatherhead.

I have enjoyed writing an assortment of items, and will continue to do so, and each month. Without ever a grumble, Les has translated my handwriting into understandable printed word. I have appreciated his patience.

Many thanks Les, for the hours you have spent slaving over your computer. Shut its lid now, sit back and relax.

LMC Family News



Our thoughts and prayers are with...

... Members and friends being looked after in nursing care or at home, and with all those who care for them day by day.

Methodist Homes Sunday at LMC 2016...

...will be on 5th June and Lynda will lead the morning service. This year's fundraising theme is *Creating Communities that Care* reflecting the core purpose of MHA's involvement in Residential Homes, 'Live at Home' schemes and campaigning on behalf of older people. Fundraising provides chaplaincy services, music therapy and support and activities for those living at home - the "extras" that make a huge difference in the daily lives of older people.

Gift envelopes for your donations will be on the chairs on the previous Sunday and can be returned into the collection bags. Those members of our church family who have MHA boxes at home may hand them to Freda Walker for emptying in early June.



LMC has always been generous in its support of Methodist Homes. Hopefully our Church family will ensure that this year will be no

Pastoral Visitors...

The half-yearly Pastoral Visitors' Meeting will be on **Thursday 12th May at 2.30pm** in the Lower Hall.

Pastoral Visitors' Prayer meetings are held at 2.30pm on the 4th Tuesday every month at LMC. All pastoral visitors Stewards and Christ Church Elders are welcome to attend.

Christ Church

(United Reformed) Leatherhead

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Christ Church Diary



May

Sun	1st	10.30am	Rev. Brian Treharne
Thurs	5th	6.30am 12.30pm	Ascension Day Service at Box Hill (<i>see page 2</i>) Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 19</i>)
Fri	6th	2.30pm	Time for Tea at LMC (<i>to 4.30pm</i>) (<i>see page 17</i>)
Sun	8th	10.30am 6.30pm	Rev. Lynda Russell - Holy Communion Holy Communion and Healing & Wholeness Service at LMC - Rev. Lynda Russell
Thurs	12th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 19</i>)
Sun	15th	10.30am	Pentecost - United Service at Christ Church - with Holy Communion - Rev. Lynda Russell
Wed	18th	12.30pm	Wednesdays at Christ Church - Organ Concert - Mark Brafield (<i>see page 19</i>)
Thurs	19th	3.30pm	Messy Church at LMC (<i>to 5.30pm</i>)
Sat	21st	8.30am	Sisters' Get Together at All Saints (<i>to 10.00am</i>)
Sun	22nd	10.30am 6.30pm	Rev. Lynda Russell - Trinity Sunday New Fire at LMC
Thurs	26th	12.30pm	Music on Thursdays at LMC (<i>see page 19</i>)
Sat	28th	8.00am	Men's Breakfast at the Parish Church Hall
Sun	29th	10.30am	Rev. Donald Finnan

June

Christ Church Family News



Birthday Greetings to all who have celebrated birthdays in April and those coming up in May, remembering our Queen and Joyce Cuss and Dinah Essex who share her day.

Margaret Dodds Ely recently tripped on the golf course and unfortunately broke her left wrist. We send her our good wishes and are glad that she is making a good recovery.

We are sorry to hear that Eric Lloyd Jones's health has deteriorated recently and send him and his daughter Gillian our very best wishes.

We have learnt that Janet Pelham has moved away from Ashcroft Place to a care home near Woking. She and her husband Patrick were regular members of our congregation for several years. Patrick passed away in December 2014.

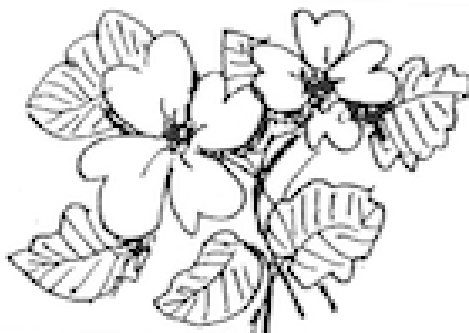
We are very sad to report the death of Derek Ray on 10th April and send our deep sympathy to Anne and all the family in their loss. Our thoughts are with them all, especially Anne, who has only recently come home from hospital after a fall while visiting Derek there. We send her our very best wishes for her continued recovery at this difficult time. We acknowledge the wonderful way she has cared for Derek in these last years.

We were very sad to learn of the sudden death of Mike Ward on 28th March. We send our heartfelt sympathy to Heather and all the family in their loss. Mike was very involved in the community as well as being a great support to Heather in all her activities. He was Chairman of the Leatherhead Institute and organiser of

Margaret Hughes is undergoing treatment for a serious eye condition. We send her our very best wishes and hope that she will soon be fully recovered.

Older members will remember Sylvia Back (née Hall), an active member of Christ Church for some years before moving to Dorking URC with her husband Roger. Sylvia passed away on 30th March in Southampton, near her daughter Heather. The funeral service at Southampton Crematorium was on 18th April and there will a thanksgiving service in Surrey at a later date. Sylvia was very involved with Ashtead Choral Society. We send our sincere condolences to Roger and Heather and all the family.

We remember all these friends in our prayers and all those who are unwell, or have been in hospital, those in care homes and those unable to attend church. We remember Margaret Ball, the Chamberlain family, Joyce Cuss, Nigel Gillott, Ivan Haslam, John and José Henderson, Jean McDowall, Elma McMillan, Keith



Pastorate Details

Details of the Services and Activities at each of the Pastorate Churches can be found on the appropriate

Leatherhead Methodist Church:

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www.leatherheadmethodist.org

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Christ Church (United Reformed):

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www.chch.org.uk

Contact: Local Church Leader -

Mike Essex 01372 273472

Effingham Methodist Church:

Chapel Hill, Effingham, KT24 5NB

www.effinghammethodistchurch.co.uk

Contact: Senior Steward -

Dave Putland 01372 454850

Cobham United Reformed Church:

38 Stoke Road, Cobham, KT11 3BD

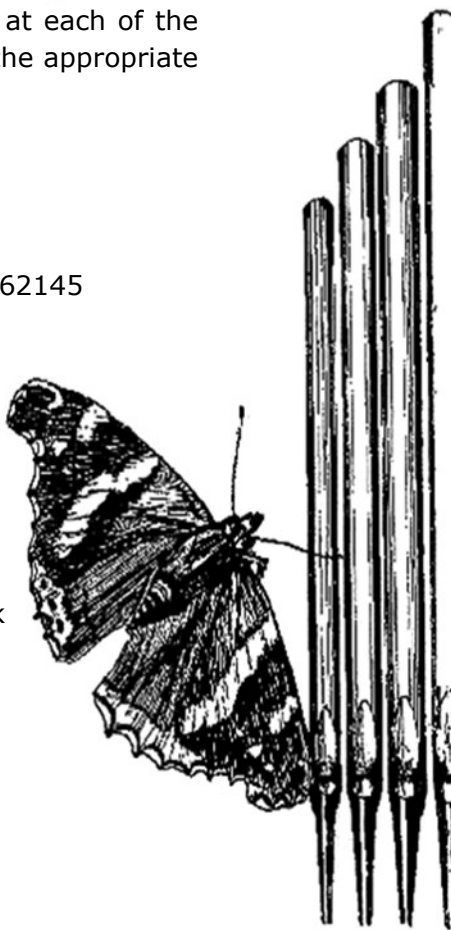
www.cobhamurc.org.uk

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