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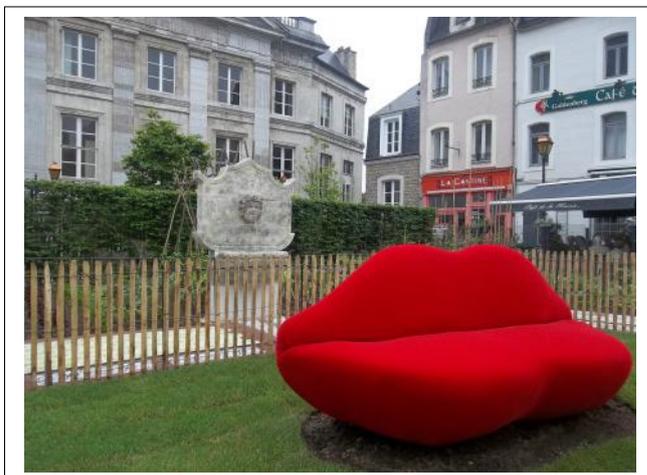
Dear All,

First you see it, and then you don't!

It is not unusual at summertime to introduce these bulletins by mentioning Boulogne's annual *jardin éphémère*, which appears each year on the square opposite the town hall in the *ville fortifiée*. But although these same notes have not been appearing for the last ten years, the ephemeral gardens have. This year's offering not only serves as an aide mémoire for how quickly a decade can pass, but marks for me a personal decennial anniversary, because my wife and I moved to Boulogne when the idea for a garden of this rather special genre, first came about.

This 10th garden was formally inaugurated on a suitably wet Saturday afternoon in June. As in previous years it is made up of carefully selected plants and flowers, together with specially commissioned objects, all of which were slowly unveiled to reveal and illustrate the theme: '*les cinq sens*' – 'the five senses' to (appropriately enough) background music composed by Saint-Saëns (say it quickly!) The sense of hearing is represented by a giant ear; 'sight' by colourful windmills; 'touch' by prickly cactus; 'smell' has a giant nose surrounded by aromatic plants and finally 'taste' is slightly more surrealist with at its centre, a bright *Mae West Lips Sofa*, inspired by the one on show at Salvador Dali's Theatre Museum in Figueres, Spain. The head gardener, Louis Djalai, spoke at length about the work, which had gone into producing this Boulogne speciality, finally a giant birthday cake, with fireworks, was rolled out to much applause. For those interested in this sort of thing, a book recording in detail, all 10 themed gardens was also put on sale.

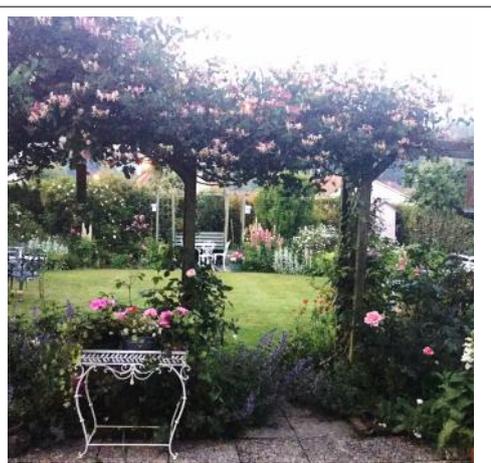
All good and well but a few days after the opening ceremony the bright Mae West sofa mysteriously disappeared! Well-equipped and very determined robbers had apparently deftly removed the crimson 'lips' sofa from its anchorage and lifted it over the fencing. They had chosen the moment well, just as the town was in the throws of a severe storm in the early hours of the morning. The value of the sofa is put at 900€, so unless it is returned pronto all you will find now is an empty patch of soil and for the organisers that does not represent the 'sense of humour.' At the moment the police are following up leads and naturally not sitting down on the matter. The moral of this year's garden – be careful, thieves obviously have a sense of taste! (MG)



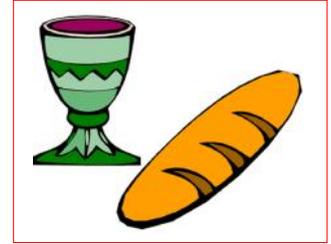
First you don't see it, now you can!

Another summer garden, which in this case, was only stolen from view, was that of our members Lalage and Paul Glaister. After putting hours of hard work into bringing it up to pristine condition for the annual strawberry tea, they never had the chance to show it off, due to the rain (full report on next page). However all is not lost as they are taking part in this year's *Jardins Overts - Vallée de la Course*, when 8 private gardens will be open to the public in the villages of the river Course. Lalage and Paul's can be found at 156, rue du Moulin, Estréelles and will be open on Saturday 9th July (14h –18h30) and Sunday 10th July 10h – 18h30).

Admission to all 8 gardens in the area is 4€ (children free). As well as an opportunity to view this lovely garden (see photo) tea will also be provided. (☎ 03 21 58 57 76)



**Planned services at the chapel of the Monastère du Carmel,
rue du Denacre, Saint-Martin-Boulogne**



Sunday 3rd July 2016 10h30 / Sixth Sunday after Trinity – Thomas the Apostle (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost) Simple service of Morning Prayer with hymns and readings led by Jean Karszen

Sunday 17th July 2016 10h30 / Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost) Eucharist service led by Canon Reg Humphriss; Readings: Genesis 18: 1-10a; Psalm: 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

Sunday 31st July 2016 11h00 / Tenth Sunday after Trinity (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost) joint service - see below

Sunday 7th August 2016 / Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)
NO SERVICE

Sunday 21st August 2016 / Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Eucharist service led by Canon Reg Humphriss; Readings: Isaiah 58: 9-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-end; Luke 13: 10-17

Sunday 4th September 2016 10h30 / Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity – (Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost) Simple service of Morning Prayer with hymns and readings led by Malcolm Gale

News and dates for your diary:

Sunday 31st July 2016 11h00 All are invited to a service of Eucharist starting at 11h00 at the home of Anne Fauquet («Colham», 43, rue de l'Abbé Dupuy, Coulogne). This will be led by the Revd David Houghton from Tunbridge Wells, and will be followed by a *Buffet Campagnard*. A small charge of 8€ for adults and 5€ for children aged 12 or under, covers food and drink. Please contact Pat Page on 03 21 35 07 65 or Anne Fauquet on 09 54 34 22 64 if you are attending or for more details.

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STRAWBERRY TEAS FOREVER!

We tried to organise everything – tea, cakes, strawberries, garden benches, tables, even napkins, but the one thing we could not organise was the weather.

On the appointed day the rain started at noon and went on and on and on until the evening. We fully expected a flood of phone calls to tell us why people could not come, but they never happened. Instead we welcomed about sixty people, and learnt that if you assemble a large number of very nice people, give them cake and strawberries, and squeeze them into a very small house, you end up with a wonderful, happy atmosphere. And this is what the afternoon was all about. We even had a raffle, thanks to the very generous prizes that our friends contributed, and we raised a total of 270 € for the Church.

We send our sincere thanks to everyone who dared to come, and for making the afternoon such a pleasant experience



A double thanks to Paul and Lalage for both this report and for a wonderful event.

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The next edition of this newsletter will be September's issue – please send your contributions to the editor (contact detail on next page) before August 22nd.

Jackie Ley reports and reflects on a service with a difference, held in the chapel on the last Sunday in May...

In the midst of a fuel crisis throughout France, having queued at garage pumps to keep our diesel tank topped up, we were in two minds about making the journey from Le Touquet to Boulogne for the special service on May 29th. The journey turned out to be well worth the expenditure of a few litres of precious fuel.

Led by the Revd Lesley Bentley, Director of Ministry for the Diocese of Lichfield, the service was a lively departure from our usual style, and a reminder that diversity in worship is a great antidote to getting set in our ways. Fresh from camping in Vaughan and Hilary Johnson's muddy field, the weather had done nothing to dampen the congregation's enthusiasm. It was good to see so many families with young children (again a bit of a novelty for us), who'd made the journey from various parts of Britain to share in a few days of fellowship and worship together. And how grateful we were that they'd extended their fellowship to our little band of fuel-challenged ex-pats.

The theme of the Service was Global Positioning Sunday (GPS). Lesley Bentley explained the background to this themed act of worship: *It is offered as an opportunity for parishes to renew their understanding of the worldwide, multi-cultural nature of the Church. As we so often say, 'we are part of the worldwide Church', it's important to turn this phrase around and say with equal conviction, 'the worldwide Church is part of us'. The timing of Global Positioning Sunday has been deliberately chosen to immediately follow the Feasts of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. This emphasises the connection of these feasts with the Church's mission in the world. God's sovereign choice to bring to birth the Church in the context of an international festival in Jerusalem brings to the fore his intention of its global nature. To be witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth brings a natural enculturation to the Gospel. This process adds richness and relevance to the Gospel message as it is proclaimed in various settings. Experiencing these differences can help us see the outworking of God's saving love in new and exciting ways, which cause us to grow in knowledge, truth and commitment.*

So what were the highlights of this innovative service for me?

- Seeing Ben Langlet on the way into the chapel, briefly sharing his excited anticipation of a service more suited to the tastes of his generation. His enthusiasm concentrated my mind on the challenge of offering all-age worship on a regular basis, if we want to see our fellowship expand, lowering the average age by several years in the process.
- The benefit of a band of gifted musicians combined with a larger congregation to add volume and fervour to the singing, not to mention some dancing among the less inhibited! Incidentally, did you know that in churches in some parts of Africa, the offering is a two-hour celebration accompanied by dancing? A new global insight for me on God loving a cheerful giver.
- Lighting votive candles to place on a world map while listening to individual explanations about the people and places they represent. Jane Langlet's contribution about the beleaguered world camped on our own doorstep in the local migrant camps was especially apposite.
- Hearing anecdotal stories of third world Christians whose faith remains unwavering in face of the real threat of crop failure and subsequent starvation. They certainly put my own anxieties about fuel shortages into perspective.

Singing the refrain of my favourite worship song of the service: **Beauty for Brokenness** *

*God of the poor, Friend of the weak, Give us compassion we pray:
Melt our cold hearts, Let tears fall like rain; Come, change our love, From a spark to a flame.*



Prayer Diary /Intercessions - A book is now available for the entry of names of those who anyone wishes to have included in the intercessory prayers during the service. Otherwise please pass a note to the person responsible for the intercessions on that day.

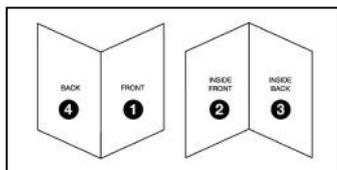
Other services in the Chaplaincy Calais's regular services: Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10h30. The normal place of worship is now the Oratoire Notre Dame de la Misericorde, rue Gaillard, Calais – (near St Pierre's church). Church Warden: Pat Page ☎ 03 21 35 07 65 or e-mail: pat.page@wanadoo.fr

Hesdin's regular services: Services are held as follows: 1st Sunday monthly – Morning Prayer 10h30; 3rd Sunday monthly – 17h00 Eucharist. Services are held in Salle de l'Arsenal, Rue de l'Arsenal, Hesdin. - Church Warden: Hazel Crompton, ☎03 21 03 31 27 e-mail: james.cromp@free.fr

If anyone needs any form of help or assistance or if you are aware of someone who is ill, either in hospital or at home and would appreciate a visit, or alternatively if you know of anyone who you feel may benefit from prayer, please contact the church warden: George Murray ☎03 21 36 53 87, e-mail: georgemurray@sfr.fr or otherwise the secretary.

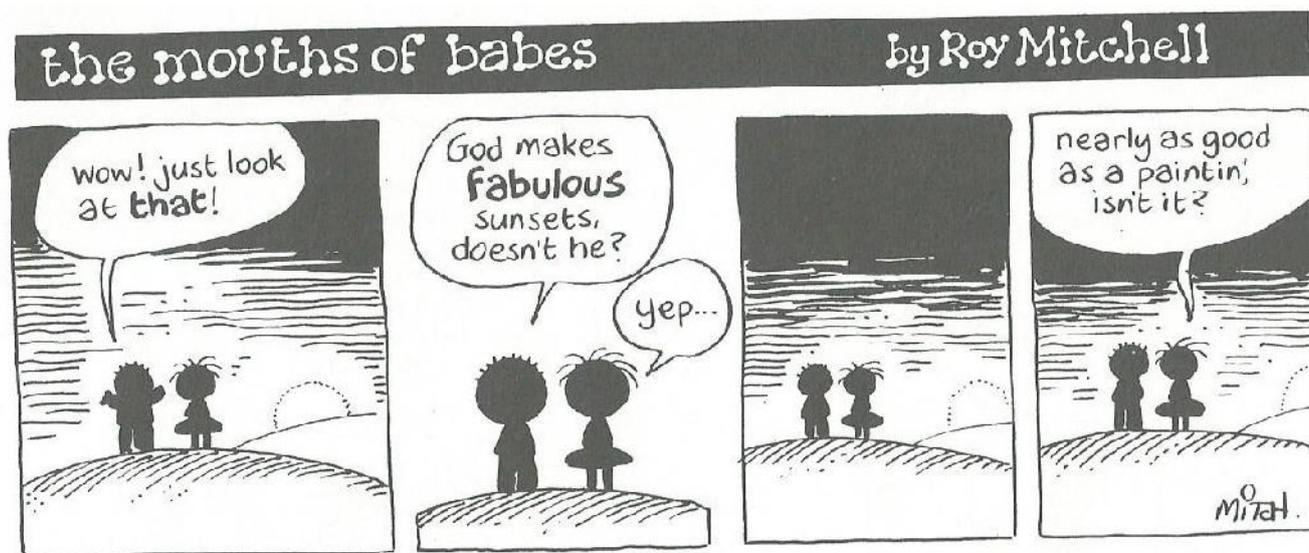
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And just thinking about those summer sunsets



**Happy Summer Days to
Everyone!**