



Association Cultuelle de L'Église Anglicane du Pas de Calais BOULOGNE CONGREGATION July/August 2014 Newsletter

Fellowship, Hope and Love

Dear All,

Secrets of ... Summer Outings

When it comes to the refreshment of the body and sweeping out the cobwebs of the mind, there is nothing comparable to a short trip away, be it just for a day or a little longer. We have the great benefit of being surrounded by beautiful and varied countryside and because of our fortuitous geography, we can extend our excursions easily into any one of four contrasting countries. To quote Robert Louis Stevenson: 'travel for travel's sake' – for then our wanderings will, by serendipity or design, throw up something fresh and intriguing whenever we venture out.

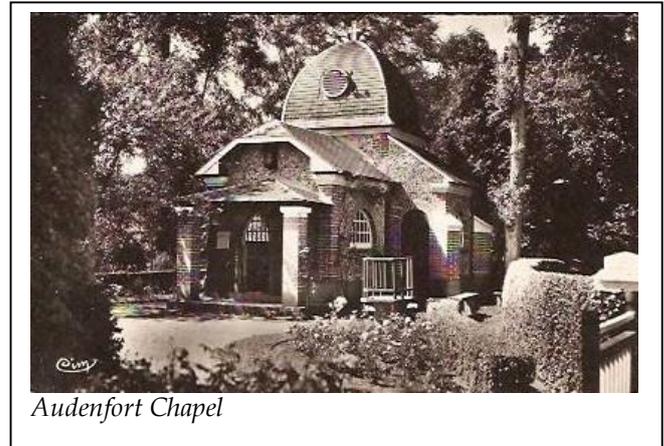
Every year on the shelves of bookshops, new titles arrive which promise to reveal some lesser-known treasures in popular tourist regions, usually appearing under the banner: 'Secrets of...'. These so-called 'secrets' amount to: easily-missed monuments, curious buildings, underrated museums and the like. Most of us will have an appetite for the unusual and there is a treasure-trove of 'secrets' at our fingertips just awaiting the pleasure of rediscovery, wherever we go – further incentive for our summer outings. Of the genre I cite two below, one sacred, one profane, in easy reach of Boulogne but unmarked on Google maps. There are of course hundreds more.

In the valley of the river Hem, not far from Licques, one will find a collection of houses that passes for the village of Audenfort. There, on a swathe of green surrounded by mature trees, stands a small, impeccably kept chapel, built in the 1930s on the orders of the devote Lorgnier family from Normandy in Romano-Byzantine style. Once inside one's eye is immediately drawn to a glass sided tomb, adorned with an abundance of fresh flowers and lighted candles, containing a remarkably life-like recumbent figure of Sainte Thérèse of Lisieux, resplendently dressed in white. This high point in saintly shrines can catch one by surprise surrounded, as it is by unassuming earthy farmland. It stands as a quiet place of pilgrimage for those who know, pray there and care for it ... The Chapel is also the starting point for the gentle 3km 'Chemin de Sainte-Thérèse' – an ideal Sunday afternoon ramble through rolling countryside in any season.

Crossing the border into Belgium there is no shortage of 'oddball' places to visit – ask any French comedian! A short hop along the coast takes one to the unpretentious seaside town of Middelkerke where, on the corner of a very suburban street, one can find 'De Dronkenput' (literally 'the drunken well')! At the end of the 19th century the town's water supply was being compromised by the demands of an influx of tourists, so the town council commissioned the building of a large concrete water storage tank. Just a few days after the builders had finished work it was realised the ground was too soft to take the weight and the construction sunk and tilted over 12 degrees. Useless as a water tank and with no money left to pay for its demolition, it found a new use as a quirky tourist attraction. The inclined surfaces combined with leaning interior pillars and the residue water inside, which appears to be going uphill, produces in visitors a feeling of total disorientation with or without a few Belgian beers – beating any fairground 'house of fun'. Good reason then for the benches near the entrance, apparently required for those who need to recover their equilibrium. One early postcard described it as: 'La plus grande curiosité du monde' – go and see for yourself.

On or off the beaten track, there are thousands of stones to turn over and summer provides the idea moment – Happy Discoveries! Happy Holidays! MG

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2 (NIV)



Audenfort Chapel



De Dronkenput - Middelkerke



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

- **Sunday July 6th 2014 10h30 / Third Sunday after Trinity** - A service of morning worship, with hymns and readings led by Malcolm Gale
- **Sunday July 20th 2014 10h30 / Fifth Sunday after Trinity** - Eucharist service led by Canon Reg Humphriss Readings: Genesis 28: 10-19a ; Psalm 139: 1-11; Romans: 8 :12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. Intercessions: Graham Hughes
- **Sunday August 17th 2014 10h30 / Ninth Sunday after Trinity** - Eucharist service led by Canon Reg Humphriss Readings: Genesis 45: 1-15 ; Psalm 133; Romans: 11 :1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28. Intercessions: Linda Pillière
- **Sunday September 7th 2014 10h30 / Twelfth Sunday after Trinity** - A service of morning worship, with hymns and readings.

Please note there will be no service on the first Sunday in August

News and dates for your diary:

Successful Strawberry Tea

There was glorious weather for the annual Strawberry Tea hosted by Paul and Lalage Glaister in the garden of their home in Estréelles on Sunday 8th June. The record attendance brought with it problems such as running out of strawberries – but fortunately the teapot did not run dry! Many thanks go to Paul and Lalage for their hard work, making a perfect afternoon even more delightful. Voluntary donations made at the event, towards church funds, amounted to a very noble three hundred and eighty-four euros and fifty cents.



Friday 11th July: Quiz Night with cheese and wine buffet 19h00

Time to don the thinking caps once more with another Quiz Night. The charge will be 10 Euros per head for refreshments. Venue: Salle Communale, rue du Moulin, 62170 Estréelles. To ensure we cater for the right number please let Lalage know if you are coming ☎03 21 81 47 65 or by e-mail: lalageglaister@gmail.com



Continuing with our local journeys of discovery theme ...

GRAHAM HUGHES PAYS A VISIT TO BELGIAN FLANDERS



The Cloth Hall, Ypres

We lived in Brussels in 1972 and it was an easy drive for a brief visit to Ypres. We had always meant to go back for a longer visit never expecting that it would be 42 years before we did so.

Eventually the centenary of the Great War seemed an appropriate time to pay a return visit to Ypres, and having just read David Crane's interesting book "Empires of the Dead: How One Man's Vision Led to the Creation of WW1's War Graves" we decided to take in some of the cemeteries and memorials in the Ypres region. However we started by visiting Bailleul a medium sized town near the Belgian border famous for its belfry on the Gothic town hall In the Grand Place. The existing belfry is the 8th to be constructed, the 7th having been destroyed in the bombardment in the summer of 1918, the six previous ones had also been destroyed in various local battles. The belfry rather dominates the town, which has retained its typically Flemish charm and atmosphere even down to a horse drawn dustcart! The surrounding region, known as Monts de Flandres, is also worth a visit, not least to Mont des Cats atop of which is a Trappist monastery. You may know the region for its eponymous cheese, which I can heartily recommend. Nearby is the village of Boeschepe with its impressive

windmill, next-door to which is an apparently charming estaminet selling 50 varieties of beer. But it was closed when we arrived so we had to put up with the Auberge du Mont Vert. Put up with is hardly the phrase however. The *menu surprise* was a €17 3-course lunch of gourmet standard - beautifully presented and delicious -complemented by one of the 50 beers I had been unable to try at the estaminet.

We continued on to Poperinge managing to negotiate several *routes barrées* before arriving at the Lissenhoek cemetery-the last resting place of nearly 10,000 soldiers killed in the battles of Ypres. The visitors' centre movingly tells the story of the hospital site on which the cemetery is built. The cemetery, designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield, is the second largest Commonwealth cemetery in Belgium. Just down the road is Poperinge itself, the inhabitants of which are known as "tough heads" (Keikoppen) which they had to be in WW1, it being less than 12km from the front and a constant target for bombardment after a very brief occupation by German troops in 1914. The railway station at Poperinge became one of the most important on the Western Front in World War One, as it was used both by the military and by refugees in Ypres who fled the constant barrage on that ancient city. To soldiers going on extended leave, the station for all its danger was a welcome sight. Those who were returning to the Ypres Salient after a spot of leave would have harboured very different thoughts. Thus Poperinge became a very popular place of R&R for soldiers given two or three days leave. Talbot House in Poperinge was a particularly popular rest house for soldiers, even if it was within range of German artillery: the garden received a direct hit and what remains of the resultant crater is still there. Chaplains Neville Talbot and Philip "Tubby" Clayton opened the clubhouse in December 1915 where no distinction in rank or status was made. A visit to the house is well worthwhile and its pristine cleanliness must have been a dramatic contrast to the squalor of the trenches. For three years all soldiers could enjoy rare moments of peace and entertainment at Talbot House. Just as in the old days, the House still represents a peaceful stop along the course of the "Great War" in Flanders Fields (it still takes guests for good value B&B) and is manned by volunteers who provide tea and cake after your visit to the living museum that is Talbot House today.

Our arrival in Ypres itself was hampered by Barack Obama, (not many people can claim that), whose visit to the town, after a summit in Brussels, caused many roads to be closed. Our hotel was in a side road but our room provided an astonishing view over the enormous Grand Place and the Cloth Hall. The marching bands and colour parties assembled just below us and we proceeded them to the Menin Gate for the 20.00 Last Post Ceremony. In 1928, a year after the inauguration of the Menin Gate Memorial, a number of prominent citizens in Ypres decided that some way should be found to express the gratitude of the Belgian nation towards those who had died for its freedom and independence. The idea of the daily sounding of the Last Post - the traditional salute to the fallen warrior - was that of the Superintendent of the Ypres Police. The Menin Gate Memorial on the east side of Ypres was thought to be the most appropriate location for the ceremony. From 11th November 1929 the Last Post has been sounded at the Menin Gate Memorial every night and in all weathers. The only exception to this was during the four years of the German occupation of Ypres from May 1940 to September 1944. On the evening we were there, the interior of the gate was packed 6 deep with visitors from all over Europe. The ceremony is very moving and a real tribute to the 54,389 officers and men from United Kingdom and Commonwealth Forces (except New Zealand and Newfoundland) who fell in the Ypres Salient before 16th August 1917 and who have no known grave. The many poppy wreaths, which line the walls, are particularly poignant.

(In our next issue Graham continues his journey to Passchendaele and Hill 60 and discovers the battlefields)



The Menin Gate Memorial



Other services in the Chaplaincy

Calais's regular services: Services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10h30. Former chaplain Rev Sara McVane will take the Eucharist service on Sunday 13th July at 10h30. This will be followed by a meal in a local restaurant*. An outdoor service and meal will be held on Sunday 31st August at 11h00 at the house of Anne Fauquet, full details nearer the date. The normal place of worship is the Salle de Culte of the New Calais Hospital, Pôle Santé du Virval, Bd des Justes, 62107 Calais (although some services will be held at the Oratory in Calais – see website for details)

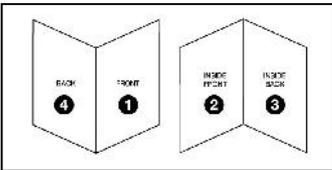
Church Warden: Pat Page ☎ 03 21 35 07 65 or e-mail: pat.page@wanadoo.fr
* If also coming for the meal, please contact churchwarden to reserve a place.

Hesdin's regular services: Services are held as follows: 1st Sunday monthly – 10h30, Eucharist Service led by Rev. John Porter; 3rd Sunday monthly – 17h00 Evening Prayer. 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.crompt@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, alternatively if you know of anyone who you feel may benefit from prayer, please contact the church warden: Lalage Glaister: - ☎03 21 81 47 65, e-mail: paul.glaister@wanadoo.fr or otherwise the secretary.

This newsletter can be found, together with other information about the Chaplaincy, on our website at: <http://www.anglicanspdc.com>

If you have any news, short articles, adverts or any form of announcement for inclusion, please send them to the secretary Malcolm Gale: malcolm.gale@dbmail.com - ☎03 21 31 83 57 Port: 06 99 09 60 44 or by post to 76, rue de la Paix, 62200 Boulogne sur Mer.



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And just for the fun of it ...

Real exam answers from real summer exam papers...

Joanna works in an office. Her computer is a stand-alone system. What is a stand-alone computer system?

It doesn't come with a chair

3. Find x.

Here it is

What is a fibula?

A little lie

What is the meaning of the word 'varicose'?

Close by

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom.

Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

Around Hadrian's garden

Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld.

Mrs Orpheus

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

Unusual names

Answers to last month's going dotty puzzles
9 dot solution: 16 dot solution:

