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Gardeners: After its successful
summer show, Nailbourne
Horticultural Society's next event
is on Thursday October 6, with
an illustrated talk on Wild Life
of the North Downs to be held in
Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Church ride: The Friends of Kent
Churches annual bike ride, to
help raise money for your local
church, is on Saturday September
10. Sponsorship forms from Jill
Gillanders 01227 830894 or Pauline
Pritchard 01227 830685. Volunteers
are also required to man the
churches that day.

Fish Scheme: The neighbourly help
group's next Coffee Pop-In will
be on Wednesday August 10, in
the village hall from 10-11.15am.
If you need a lift phone Ann
Medhurst on 01227 830762.

Church services: Sunday August
7, Trinity X1, 8am St Mary's
Church, Patrixbourne, BCP
Communion, Canon H. Harland;
9.30am St Peter's Church, Bridge,
Family Communion, the Rev J.
Thackray.

Church Diary: Tuesday August 9,
2pm Holy Communion Churchill
House, Bridge; 3pm Holy
Communion, New Close, Bridge.

Other churches: Services at
other churches in the Bridge
group: Sunday August 7, 10am
Family Service, Mrs. P Kusel,
St Peter's, Bekesbourne; St
Mary's, Nackington, Joint
Service at Lower Hardres; 11am,
Family Communion, the Rev. D
Bretherton, St Mary The Virgin,
Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge
Methodist Church, service led by
the Rev Barbara Heather.

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BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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Primary School: Another busy year came to an end with a variety of celebrations. Following a four-day inspection, Ofsted inspectors have published a glowing report, which praised all aspects of the school. During the term children visited many venues including The British Museum, The Imperial War Museum and the beaches of Broadstairs. The children in Year 3 concluded their work on Children since 1940 with a street party to celebrate VE Day and dressed in 1940s style for the day.

An Assembly for Year 6 children and others who are leaving was held. The children recalled their early days at school looked forward to what the future might hold. There were presentations to Mr Clark who leaves to become assistant head in a London school and Mr Lockerby is to be Key Stage 2 manager at a school in Dover. They were thanked for all that they had contributed to the life of the school. The Headmistress, Mrs Anna Newton retired at the end of term after 18 years in the post. A series of celebrations was held to mark her long service in Bridge and to thank her the enormous contribution she has made over the years. During a service in St Peter's church, attended by staff, children and parents she was presented with a selection of gifts from the Parochial Church Council. A reception for almost 100 guests was held in the school. Four children gave instrumental solos, Alex Ainscow (flute) Megan Ashdown (clarinet), William Ashdown (saxophone) and Georgina Bates (flute). Krisha Kanumura performed an Indian dance and the choir sang. David Jones who accompanied the choir

had especially written one song for the occasion. Graham Badman, strategic director for education, spoke warmly of Mrs Newton and all that she had achieved and contributed since joining the school in 1987. He presented her with a garden sculpture. In her reply Mrs Newton recalled many humorous memories. On the last day of term, Mrs Newton was driven to school in a 1927 Rolls Royce. Children lined the approach road to the school, waving flags to welcome her. Later, an Assembly was held for the whole school, parents and other guests. The hall was decorated with children's portraits of Mrs Newton and children read poems and letters that they had written for her. She was presented with a variety of gifts from parents, children, staff and the friends of the school. She thanked everybody for their tributes and gifts and spoke of the happy memories that she will take away.

Smallest Garden Party: This annual event will be held on Saturday August 20 from 12.30-2pm and from 5.30- 7pm at 25 The Close, Union Road. There will be a Traidcraft Stall as well as a raffle. Tickets are £3.50 each, from 01227 832447. All money will go to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Church services: Sunday August 14, Trinity 12: 10am, Matins, Mrs M Clarke, St Mary's Church Patrixbourne; 11am Family Service, Tony Washington, St Peter's Church Bridge.

Other churches: Sunday, August 14: 8am BCP Communion, the Rev J Shorrocks, St Peter's, Bekesbourne; 9.30am, Holy Communion, Canon R Diss, St Mary's, Nackington; 6pm Evensong, Mrs M Clarke, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 11am, Bridge Methodist Church, service led by Mrs Marjorie Beckwith.

Church diary: Sunday August 21, noon. Boules at the Unicorn, Bekesbourne, barbecue and raffle. All ages are welcome.

It will raise funds for the friends of Bekesbourne Church. Please take your own boules if possible.