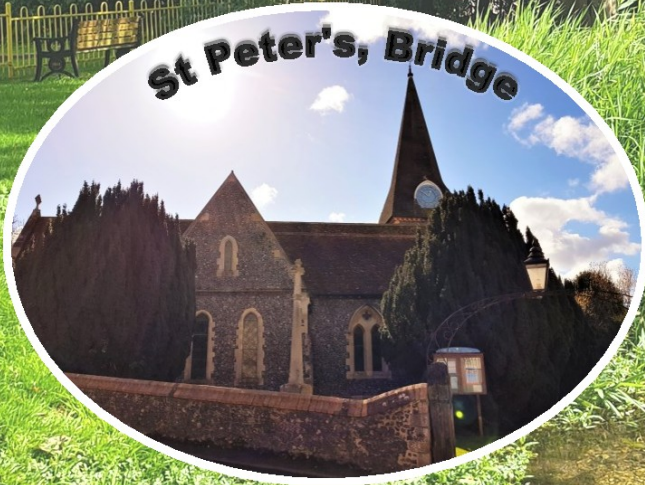




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Dear Friends,

I wonder what your 'passion' is? Perhaps you are an avid gardener or quilter, perhaps you knit, read or walk. Maybe you feel that right now with such a busy life, your family, your work, looking after your home, that you no longer have time for your 'passions' whatever they may be. Perhaps in retirement you have found new passions or enjoyed meeting new people and taking up new hobbies. This week I had the joy of visiting the 'Freshstart Calligraphy Group' in Lower Hardres Village Hall. They meet every Wednesday morning from 10-12.30 and encourage each other in various creative arts including but not limited to Calligraphy. If you have a creative bent and would like to learn more, I encourage you to pop along and meet this friendly bunch who will gladly help you get started.

You've heard the expression 'All work and no play....' I am sure and it's important that we take time for our passions, the things that bring us joy and energy in life if we possibly can. I think sometimes as adults we forget that we too need time 'to play', to be creative in some way, to do something just because it is fun or gives us enjoyment, not necessarily because it is going to achieve anything or further our career, just for the sheer fun of it! Our children need this too. To be able to bake something without worrying what it will turn out like, to be able to paint freely, use bold colours, mix them, make a mess but enjoy the process without worrying about the outcome too much. This is one of the joys of our regular Messy Church sessions – seeing children being creative – often, even if there was an end goal in mind, just doing their own thing.

For many people, expressing their passion does inadvertently benefit others, this week in Bridge the Village Gardeners have been out in Bridge, this time working on the verges and chicanes. Every third Thursday of the month this dedicated little group of volunteers are out working to make our communal village spaces look beautiful for everyone who lives or passes through the village – their passion for gardening and beauty blessing the rest of us abundantly! A similar group meets every Tuesday to keep the churchyard looking it's best too.

This is I think is what Jesus is talking about when he says 'I came that you might have life in all its fulness' (John 10:10). When we share with others, the passions and talents with which we have been gifted, we make a difference, we bring fulness of life, we bless others and when we do this freely and willingly in service of our friends, our families or those in our communities we are enacting the divine love that each of us is given capacity for.

I could have mentioned so many more people who share their gifts and talents in and around our communities many of whom are showcased throughout the pages of this magazine. As we enter the Summer season fully I pray that you may find time to indulge your true passions in ways that bless both you and your communities.

Yours in Christ

Estella Last

Rev. Estella Last, Vicar, The Bridge Group Parish

June 2023 Diary Dates

Fri 2nd - 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church

Sat 3rd - 10.15am Coffee, Cake and Concert at Bridge Church

Mon 5th - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

Thurs 8th 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Fri 9th – 10.15-11.30 Fish Scheme Coffee Morning Bridge Village Hall

Sat 10th – 4pm-6pm Messy Church at Bridge School

6.30pm Lees Court Concert at Bekesbourne Church

Mon 12th - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

2.30pm Caring and Sharing

Weds 14th -10 am Bekesbourne Village coffee morning, Bekesbourne Village Hall

Thurs 15th - 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

2pm Communion at Mansfield Court

Fri 16th – 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church

Mon 19th - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

Thurs 22nd –9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Fri 23rd – 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church

Sat 24th - 12-4pm Bridge Village Fete.

Mon 26th - 1pm-3pm BREW Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

2.30pm Caring and Sharing

Thurs 29th – 9-11am Little Lambs Toddler Group, Bridge Pavilion

Fri 30th – 8.45am Coffee, Chat and Prayer at Bridge Church

Service details and readings for June 2023

4 th June	Trinity Sunday / Environment Sunday	Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20	8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington 10am Songs of Praise at St Peter's Bekesbourne 6pm Choral Evensong at St Peter's, Bridge
10 th June	Messy Church		4pm Bridge and Patixbourne CEP
11 th June	1 st Sunday after Trinity	Hosea 5.15-6.6; Romans 4.13-25; Matthew 9.9-13,18-26	10 am Communion at St Peter's Bridge
18 th June	2 nd Sunday after Trinity	Exodus 19.2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5.1-8; Matthew 9.35-10.8(9-23)	9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's Nackington 10am Traditional Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's Patixbourne 4pm All Age Family Service at St Peter's Bridge
25 th June	3 rd Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 20.7-13; Romans 6.1b-11; Matthew 10.24-39	10am Parish Communion St Mary's Lower Hardres
2 nd July	4 th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 28.5-9; Psalm 89.1-4,15-18; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42	8am BCP Communion St Mary's, Nackington 10am Songs of Praise at St Peter's Bekesbourne 6pm Choral Evensong at St Peter's, Bridge

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Garden entries for this year's Summer Show

A reminder to those who are considering entering their gardens; Kathy, our Show Secretary, will need to receive notifications of entries for the three gardens and also for the Open Class (a hanging basket or container planted for wildlife) by Friday 2nd June as they will be judged during the latter part of June. If anyone requires a show schedule or further details for the Show, please contact Kathy on 830057/07791 656539 or by email kath@askwalder.com

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Paulo Ariggo, director of Franchi Seeds of Italy 1783, is making a welcome return visit to Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday 14 June. Franchi are well known and highly regarded seed producers celebrating heritage, taste and regionality. Paulo, who is truly passionate about his work, sees the only way to preserve old varieties is to keep growing them and will be giving what promises as always to be an entertaining talk as well as doubtless having seeds for us to buy. There is no charge for entry and all are welcome. Refreshments, raffle and sales table.

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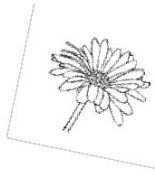
There has been a choir at St Peter's, Bridge, since the 19th century, but you will have noticed that we are now very few in number and not getting any younger! The choir has an important role in leading the singing in worship and it would be a great pity if this could not continue. Could you help?



We sing at two 10am and one 6pm Sunday services every month, plus occasional special services, weddings and funerals. Rehearsals are at Bridge Church on Fridays from 5pm to 6pm.

You don't need to be an expert, just able to keep in time and sing in tune! If you – or someone you know – are interested and would like to come to a 'taster' rehearsal please contact Jean on 01227 831956.

Occasional singers to deputise when one of us is absent would also be welcome.



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Jane Austen

I have often wondered if Jane Austen's visits to her brother, Edward and his wife, Elizabeth, and their large family at Godmersham Park led to this piece in *Mansfield Park*, published 1814. Her writing often included lines describing the surroundings of whichever large house and garden she was writing about. Jane and her sister, Cassandra, also visited Goodnestone Park. This was the family home of her sister-in-law and is considered an inspiration for her novel *Pride & Prejudice*, which she began in 1796 following a visit.

Verdure is the lush green colour of vegetation and certainly has a calming effect in summer gardens: trees in full leaf (Prunus, False Acacia, Amelanchier), green leafy plants (ferns, heuchera, hardy geraniums) and evergreen shrubs, climbing or standalone, (Fatsia, Box, Sarcococca, Euonymus, Choisya, Ceanothus, Trachelospermum) ... the list is endless, all combine to make a garden look and feel peaceful in this, the most verdant month of the year.

I spent 2 hours spent in the company of Paul Bagshaw, the talented Head Gardener at Goodnestone in mid Spring (other guided garden group visits are still available to book and individual garden visits can be done) and this was a real treat. He is working hard at rewilding the garden, improving the diverse habitats of Turtle doves through to solitary bees, with sumptuous planting and careful management. Godmersham Park gardens open only twice a year. The house appears on the £10 note.

Both gardens are open under the NGS this month, and I recommend a visit to at least one which will help you with your own thoughts and plans, even though these are on a very grand scale. Godmersham Park (11th 1-5pm) and Goodnestone Park (15th 10am-4pm).

There is also a 2-minute virtual tour online on the Goodnestone Park website. Enjoy the tranquillity of verdure wherever you find it, at home, away or in nature.



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As always, Nailbourne has been busy over the last few months, with sessions including looking at Space, working on personal challenge and skills badges, first aid and what to do in an emergency, planting and growing vegetables, bushcraft skills, orienteering, a visit from a food bank representative and a 'bring a grown-up' evening!

Major events so far have included a sponsored hike by the Beavers, raising over £400 for the Turkey-Syria relief fund; a Beaver and Cub sleepover in March; a Scout bushcraft camp in April; the St George's Day parade and service in Canterbury Cathedral; a climbing session for Scouts at F51 in Folkestone; and a visit from Scout leaders in Australia! Still to come is a summer survival camp for Scouts, earning some of our longest-standing Nailbourne members the Chief Scout's Gold Award Badge!

The running of Nailbourne Scout Group depends completely on volunteers, both to lead/help at sessions and on our Executive Committee. We are always looking for help at meetings, and we particularly need help with our Beavers group at the moment, a situation that is now becoming urgent. It is **vital** that we have some volunteers to act as Beaver leaders as soon as possible – otherwise, our Beaver section will have to close in September. This would be a great pity, as the group is very popular and has a long waiting list. If you might be able to offer help, please contact us on the email address below. Training and support (and a free necker!) will be given.

In better news, it's looking very much like we will soon be able to offer an Explorers section for boys and girls aged between 14 and 18. However, we are still in need of volunteer helpers, so if you might be able to offer some time for this, please contact us on the email below. Also, if you have a child who might like to join Explorers, please register your interest at the same email address and we will keep you posted on developments!

Nailbourne Scout Group welcomes both boys AND girls and meets during term time as follows:

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Scouts (10–14 years) – Fridays, 6.30–8.00pm, Denton Village Hall

Please note that the venue is subject to frequent change, particularly in the summer, when we meet outside as often as possible!

For more information on joining or volunteering, please email Nick Gore at skipnailbourne@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Nailbourne-Scout-Group-public-108853207216429).

Bridge with Patrixbourne Womens Institute

May has been a busy month!

On 3 May, eight of our members enjoyed an extensive walk, organised by EKFWI to see the magnificent carpet of bluebells in King's Wood, Challock.

On the week leading up to the Coronation, flags were erected on houses along the High Street and on Bank Holiday Monday, the village came together for a Picnic on the Recreation Ground. The WI held a competition, organised by Eileen Ellis, for children to make a 'Coronation Crown'. Many eager children proudly wore their crowns and a winner was chosen, but the standard was so high, all the children were awarded a small prize.

On Tuesday 16 May a fascinating talk was given by Paul Beard entitled 'It's all about a boy – a journey with Barnardo's'.

We also have some exciting events planned for June:

On **Friday, 9 June our Annual Tea Party will be held in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground and outside if fine, from 2-4pm. Everyone welcome.** There will also be a Plant stall, Book stall and a Raffle.

And on **Tuesday 20 June at 7.30pm**, we are holding an **Open Meeting** for a talk given by Kevin Tooher, a popular gardening expert on '**Planting for Containers & Baskets that Don't Die**'. This is sure to be the subject of great interest to many gardeners, so do come and join us for an informative talk, with refreshments included.

On **Saturday 24 June** the WI has agreed to judge a **Cake Competition at the Village Fete.**

WI welcomes anyone interested in becoming a member, or coming along firstly as a guest for a 'taster'. For more details, please contact the Secretary on 01227-830606.

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Fish News

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The summer outing to lunch at Preston Gardens will be on Thursday 15th. Lifts will be arranged in the days before.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We had a good meeting this month and are hoping to have some events before long. We have a quiz evening on 13 June hosting members of Staple Branch who currently hold the winners' cup which we hope will be an enjoyable evening.

As always we are seeking new members for our branch and details of who to contact can be found in our notice board outside the Littlebourne Hall. You can also join the legion on line

Murder in the Cathedral

On Behalf of the Martyrdom Players I would like to thank all of those who helped us with the production of Murder in the Cathedral in Bridge Church.

Estella our vicar, Evelyn and Laurence the church wardens were especially helpful and all those who helped with refreshments, programmes and ticket checking.

Thanks to Tony Walder who arranged advertising through the Canterbury Festival and its membership.

And of course thank you to all who came to see the production. I hope we provided you with a satisfying experience.

Our director, Norman Holness, is taking a well deserved holiday and I understand he is taking the script of A Man For All Seasons with him. Could this be next?

Sid Moon

Bridge Village Playgroup

This term has been one of celebration at the Playgroup – not just the Coronation (although the children have loved making crowns, flags and celebration cup-cakes!) but the result of our recent Ofsted inspection. We are delighted to announce that the pre-school has been graded as ‘Outstanding’ in all 4 of the areas assessed by Ofsted.

The inspector found “a bubbly and lively environment where all children flourish”. “Leadership within the playgroup is exceptionally strong” and that “partnerships with parents are exceptional”. The report can be found at <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50214309>.

The achievement is a true team effort, and showcases the strength of skill and experience of the Playgroup’s staff, under the leadership of Manager Julia Watt. We want to thank the many people who have supported the Playgroup, including:

- ★ the staff who are committed to providing such a high quality of care, and who are faultlessly friendly and approachable.
- ★ the committee for their time and dedication to making Playgroup the best it can be.
- ★ the parents and carers who choose Bridge Village Playgroup
- ★ the Bridge community, whose generosity and support of Playgroup particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic allowed it to not only keep operating, but to grow into the thriving setting it is now.

And of course,

- ★ the wonderful Playgroup children, who are noted to be “kind and considerate”, and whose smiles and personalities make every day so enjoyable!

And now a date for your diaries - the Playgroup will be holding its **annual Boot Fair on Saturday 17th June** at the Bridge Recreation Ground. If you would like to run a stall, just turn up on the day at 8am. Pitches are £10. The event will open at 9am for buyers to find a bargain, and to enjoy the refreshments that will be on offer including hot drinks, bacon rolls and ice cream!

And finally, we would like to welcome members of the local community to join our committee of Trustees. We already have in place an experienced Chair and Treasurer, along with parent members, and would love to have some representatives of the local area on board to bring their knowledge and skills. The committee meets 6 times a year. For find out more, please e-mail Holly at bvptrustees@gmail.com.

Bridge Village Playgroup takes children aged from 2 up to school age. We are based in the Bridge Village Hall and operate in term-time as follows:

Monday to Thursday: 9am to 3.30pm

Friday: 9am to 12 noon

We accept Government Early Years Funding from age 2 including 30 hours' funding.

For more information, please contact the Manager, Julia Watt, on 07790 096325. Check out what we are up to at www.facebook.com/bridgevillageplaygroup or our website at www.bridgevillageplaygroup.com.

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