

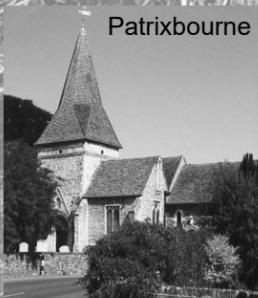


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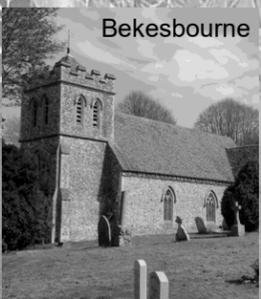
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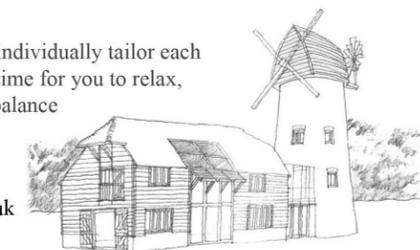
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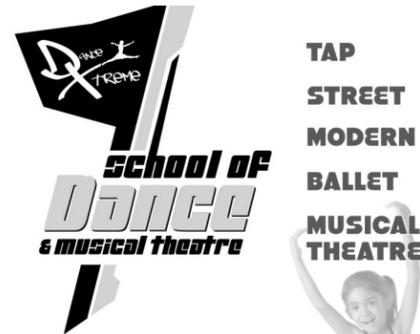
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Dear Friends

I do hope you are keeping well and apologies for the delay in getting this edition out to you but we knew that changes were coming to opening arrangements for businesses from the beginning of July and we wanted to be able to incorporate these in this edition.

Perhaps the next time we publish an edition of this magazine, in September, I will no longer have to tell you that all services are suspended! Today though I bring good news, as I write, we are tentatively and carefully beginning to find our way back to worshipping together in church, firstly by opening for Private Prayer. You will see from the table elsewhere in the magazine that we have managed to plan to open each of our churches for some time each week for the purposes of personal prayer and quiet time. Please do feel free to pop along – there are instructions in every church for helping to keep you safe while you visit.

At the moment, we are not planning to reopen for gathered worship until September at the earliest, it is important that we are careful, especially with regards to the safety of our volunteers. Coronavirus has not gone away and there is no less need to protect the more vulnerable among us and protect our NHS. Church services, when they resume, may look very different, and may not go back to how they were before the pandemic for many months.

To misquote Churchill, the reopening of our church building for worship will not be the beginning of the end of this crisis, but perhaps the end of the beginning. For a long time into the future, being Church - both in worship and in serving our community - is going to require imagination and love and a willingness to make the best of difficult circumstances. I have seen all these things in evidence in our parishes during this time, so I am not asking you for anything new. I am simply encouraging you to continue being your loving Christian selves, as we work out how we can continue to love God, love one another, and love our community in a time of coronavirus.

But those who follow Jesus know about love. And on the days when we find lovehard, the God of love is there to help us, strengthen us, comfort us and guide us.

If we trust in God, God will show us how we can be God's church in these peculiar days.

Keep safe, keep well and keep praying!

Yours in Christ

Estella Last

Rev. Estella Last, Priest in Charge
The Bridge Group Parish

Bible Readings for Sundays in August

We don't plan to gather for worship in Church until September so here are the Bible readings for Sundays in August. Look out for updates on our Facebook and Web pages regarding gathered worship or let Rev'd Estella know if you would like to join the email list in order to receive regular updates: Email your request to:

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Date	Known as	Readings
2 nd August	8 th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9,14-21; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21
9 th August	9 th Sunday after Trinity	1 Kings 19.9-18; Psalm 85.8-13; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33
16 th August	10 th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11.1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15.(10-20),21-28
23 rd August	11 th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20
30 th August	12 th Sunday after Trinity	Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1-8; Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28
6 th September	13 th Sunday after Trinity	Isaiah 5.1-7; Psalm 80.7-15; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

The Bridge Group Parish

Churches open for private Prayer from Monday 13th July

Unless circumstances change, the churches of the Bridge Group Parish will be open for Personal prayer / Quiet time on the days and times listed below

Name of Church	Open Days / Times
St Peter's Bridge	Tuesday 10-12 Friday 2-4pm
St Peter's Bokesbourne	Sunday 10-12
St Mary's Patrixbourne	Wednesday 10-12 Saturday 1-4pm
St Mary's Nackington	Wednesday 10-4 Sunday 10-4
St Mary's Lower Hardres	Monday 10-4 Thursday 10-4

- There may be someone present to welcome you when you visit.
- Please observe Social Distancing (2 metres) while inside the church building and follow any instructions given.
- You will be asked to leave a name and contact number (for track and trace purposes) but these details will only be held for 21 days after which they will be destroyed.
- You will also be asked to leave a notice on the seat you have used when you leave.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding.

Bridge with Patricbourne Womens Institute

A letter from President, Avril Austin

Dear WI Members

I hope you are still keeping safe and well. At last we are hearing some good news, that 'Lockdown' is relaxing slightly. We can now share a meal or drink with family members or friends, or even visit the cinema.

I was sorry to hear a few of our members have had an accident or had to visit the hospital. I trust all is now well with you. Unfortunately the WI Group Meeting at Barham has been cancelled.

It is good to know that National Federation has given us three months free membership, and we don't have to pay our subscription until April 2021.

It was good to see in the WI Life Magazine how members have coped in this strange time. I am therefore asking you all to **share your good memory of this time**, so that we can have a competition to find the best three or more to go into the Archives of Bridge WI. Good luck. Take care, and I hope to see you soon.

INTRODUCING HYMN STORIES

The Coronavirus caused the lock-down of our churches from 22 March and it led me to wonder what I could do to help. I experimented with ways to use my dual interest in history and hymns and came up with 'Hymn Stories; featuring my favourite hymns. The choice for Palm Sunday (5 April) was 'My song is love unknown' and I drafted a short article using information from various sources. I decided to continue by inviting others to suggest their favourite hymns. The current list (each with a selected recording) is:

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- HS1: My song is love unknown
- HS2: Thine be the glory
- HS3: All my hope on God is founded
- HS4: O worship the Lord in the beauty
- HS5: Amazing Grace ,how sweet the sound
- HS6: Jesus, good above all other
- HS7: Lord of all hopefulness
- HS8: Abide with me

Copies of these are available from Alan Barber afbarber2941@gmail.com and further requests for hymns (including any half remembered titles) are welcome.



Who are we?

We are Bridge FISH scheme, serving Bridge, Patricbourne Bokesbourne and Bishopsbourne. The concept of a FISH scheme originated in Oxford when Dr. Donald Richards came up with a scheme to help those who are lonely, ill or simply needed help from a neighbour. He took the Christian Fish as a symbol and in Bridge we have used that same symbol and also the acronym Friendship, Independence, Support and HelpFISH. In Bridge we have in the past primarily offered our help to the elderly but we are there for anyone in need.

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Every month we hold a coffee morning, often referred to as the 'Coffee pop-in' in Bridge village hall between 10am and 1130am. This is always on the second Wednesday of the month and is a great place to meet up with friends for a coffee and a chat. Everyone is welcome to come along and there is a lending library of books to borrow and a supply of knitting materials too.

Every year, usually in the Spring/Summer we have an outing with lunch somewhere in the local area and in the depths of the winter we hold a 'Winter warmer' lunch in Bridge Village Hall. We are a charity so to raise funds we hold an annual fundraiser morning usually in the early summer with coffee and cakes, maybe a raffle and a bring and buy. Look out for local advertising or on social media to keep up with these events.

Could we help you?

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Could you help us?

We are so grateful for all those volunteers who have given their time over the years but as always we welcome new people. If you have a few spare hours a month to be a volunteer driver, to help at coffee mornings, to deliver leaflets or help us in any way we would really love to hear from you.

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Thank you to all who continue to support the 100 Club which provides much valued funds for the Friends of Bekesbourne Church for the ongoing maintenance of the church and its lovely churchyard.

Nick Jagers pulled the May draw and the June basic draw and Jane Wicks pulled the bonus June draw.

Stephen Thomas June 26 2020

Submissions criteria for On the Nail

- All submissions for On the Nail should be received by the 15th of the Month at the **latest** to bridgeoffice23@gmail.com
- Any posters should be A5 in size with a portrait and landscape version provided.
- Any written content should be in Arial size 10.
- Attachments should be clearly labelled as to content.
- Files should be submitted in .doc, .pdf, .pub or .jpg format

The next issue of On the Nail will be the September 2020 issue.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

VIRTUAL SUMMER SHOW 2020

Following the Society's decision to cancel the Summer Show, which was to have been held on Saturday 25 July, this is a gentle reminder and appeal for everyone, including non-members to enter our **Virtual Summer Show**.

These are the open classes, with **vouchers for the winners** in each of the four classes:

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“Roots, Shoots and Leaves” – an arrangement of fresh foliage, excluding flowers, space allowed 45 x 45 cm/18” x 18”, height unrestricted

“Under the Canopy” – a photo not to exceed 20 x 15 cm/8” x 6”

NB photos not to be digitally enhanced and all entries to be produced within the last 12 months

There is also a trophy for the best photograph in this class.

Please take photos of your entries (best taken in front of a plain background and if possible less than 5 MB each for ease of emailing) for classes 1, 2 and 3 and email them by Saturday 25 July at the latest to the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (kath@askwalder.com), as well, of course, as the Class 4 entries,. She will then collate them before emailing them on to our judges.

The Chairman’s Challenge potato weigh-in for members, will be on Saturday 25 July from 10.30 until 11.30 am at the entrance to the Recreation Ground on Patixbourne Road. Please bring your bucket along there for emptying and weighing. If you require help in getting it there, please contact the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder (830057/07791 656539/ kath@askwalder.com). The Whitten Spencer Cup will be presented to the winner of this class.

If you have any surplus plants or gardening related items to exchange or pass on, please bring them along during the potato weigh-in. All we would ask is a donation in the box to help boost the Society's funds. We must request however that you kindly take away any items remaining at the end of event as we cannot be responsible for them.

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We would like to say a massive **Thank you** to everyone who has supported us and helped us to reach our goals.

We are looking forward to welcoming back our current families and meeting our new ones in September. There are spaces available Mon– Thurs 8.45-2.45/3.15 and Friday 8.45-11.45 for children aged 2-4. If you are interested in a place for September or for joining the waiting list for January please email info@woodpeckersnursery.co.uk for a prospectus and to find out more about our setting.

Have a lovely Summer- Woodpeckers Nursery Team



Nailbourne Scout Group news

Our 'Nailbourne on the Net' sessions are still going strong, and even though it might not be quite so easy to do practical activities during lockdown, Scouts find a way! Last week, Scouts had a flapjack bake-off, while Beavers and Cubs have been making origami tents and canoes for a model campsite!

'The flapjacks were very tasty – the leaders chose a good recipe and they were quite easy to make. They were impossible to cut up and serve, though, as they were stuck to the baking tray. I don't think ours would win a bake-off!' (Finn, age 14, Scout)

We are also managing to help our local community. With the help of 14th Canterbury group, Nailbourne put up two gala tents at Barham School to provide extra classrooms for the return of some of the children.

The lockdown may have put paid to some of our fundraising plans, but Scouts are always adaptable! As a fundraising effort for Porchlight, Scouts took part in a sponsored sleep-out in their gardens, constructing their own shelters. They also had to cook a basic evening meal and breakfast costing no more than £2, many of them outdoors on a fire or stove. Beavers and Cubs also took part, sleeping somewhere in their house that was not their bed! Although there were elements of a typical Scout camp involved, it also gave Scouts the chance to consider the challenges faced by the homeless people that Porchlight supports. Amazingly, they raised over £2,800 for Porchlight!

'I found the sleep-out very difficult and underestimated how hard it would be, but I managed to survive the night and felt very proud!' (Dylan, age 11, Scout)

Nailbourne have continued to grow and thrive and we are now seeking new leaders to ensure continued opportunities for young people in the local community. We are particularly in need of adults to join our Beaver team, either as helpers or as full leaders. A variety of positions to suit are available to allow for different time commitments: some organise activities and lead the Colony on a regular weekly basis, while others fit in when able or support the essential work behind the scenes. Prior scouting experience is welcomed but not required, as full training will be provided. A commitment to helping others and having fun is, however, essential! If you would like to find out more, please contact Nick Gore, Group Scout Leader (email below).

Nailbourne Scout Group welcomes both boys AND girls and, once life is back to normal, meets every Wednesday during term time, usually at Barham Village Hall (although they are often out and about, especially in the warmer weather!). Times are as follows:

Beavers (6–8 years) – 5.30–6.30pm

Cubs (8–10 years) – 6.30–7.30pm

Scouts (10–14 years) – 7.45–9.15pm

For more information on joining or volunteering, please email skipnailbourne@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page (Nailbourne Scout Group – public).

Revd. Raymond Gilbert

Sadly, we have heard from Revd. Raymond Gilbert, who was Vicar here for over 20 years, that his wife Rosemary died peacefully at home on 6 June after an inoperable renal cancer. Please remember Raymond and his family in your prayers.

On the Nail Advertising

To all our loyal and valued advertisers, please note that we didn't renew as usual in May due to the Covid-19 situation.

We have published the magazine digitally for the last few months and your adverts have continued to feature.

We hope to be back to normal for the September issue and we will be asking you to renew then, should you wish to do so.

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Bridge and District History Society

At the time of writing it is not possible to say when we shall be able to start our programme of meetings. The Committee is continuing to watch Government advice and directives and will make a decision as soon as possible, bearing in mind the safety of our speakers and our members.

Please continue to look at the society's website www.bridgehistory.org.uk for updates and the Village and Societies sections of the Kentish Gazette for notices.

We have a varied and interesting programme planned and hope it will not be too long before we can meet again safely.

A few words about Liffey Shirley, written on the last day of his life, 12 June 2020, at his home for a decade, Little Bridge Place.

It is a cool, damp day. Liffey's grave in the garden is already dug for him by Nick, my younger son. Liffey is lying asleep in one of his favourite places- under the kitchen table on the old brown rug there. He is breathing deeply- being now a little deaf, he hasn't risen to follow me into the sitting room.



Liffey came to Bridge via the Dogs Trust, Canterbury. He was brought here by the then tenant of the top flat. Gyp [Liffey's predecessor] had died suddenly in the garden some months after Laurie, so I agreed to try this new dog. The only thing known about him was that he came from Ireland. So, I gave him the name Liffey, after the river that runs through Dublin. He is still just as handsome – a black and white, good sized, border collie. Our tenant must have thought well of him – she offered him to me 'before anyone else snapped him up'. So, I took him on and never regretted it. He has been a great friend and companion since my husband, Laurence died. A big garden with many trees and a stream at its lowest point, surrounded by meadows where cows are given pasture in the warmer months has been a special environment for us all.

Now it is the afternoon after Liffey's death and burial. He lies there at peace. Nick, and grandsons Ben and Scott dug his grave and buried him after Kelly the vet had injected him and put him to sleep forever. Ben and Scott came and knocked on the sitting-room window to cheer me up – 'Lockdown' means they shouldn't be near me.

Two days later Nick and my daughter-in law Tracy have just gone home with little 'Luna' their dog. They wheeled me out to Liffey's grave at the back gate. Nick has ideas of a plaque – 'Liffey – from Ireland to Little Bridge Place'. My tenant for more than twenty years, David Oakden, has given me a special card to commemorate dear Liffey. He came in for a coffee and said how Liffey was well known in Bridge and (like daughter-in-law Emily) insisted I must write about him. He remembered the many walks with Liffey to the higher hills when a younger dog. Since my inability to walk him, kind volunteers from the Cinnamon Trust (Cornwall) have been doing so. Trevor James has driven weekly on a Tuesday from Elham, others, like Debbie took him, while Kelly and her mother Vanessa have come from Bekesbourne every weekend when Kelly is not working. All who have walked him have remarked how he proceeds straight ahead (on the lead), not bothering with other dogs, many owners remembering his name.

For about a year, owing to my disability with the legs – I've had a 'carer', Rosemary Leaney from a local family. Liffey has become quite attached to this new feature of life in the evenings and shows his pleasure by barking and jumping about when Rosemary turns the television on and uses the pointer to find the best programmes. A lot of barking goes on. Dear Liffey. Sometimes during quiet episodes he will just lie quietly on the carpet in front of the box until having to have time in the garden before disappearing to lie down on the brown mat under the kitchen table in the darkness. There he will snooze after a walk by Rosemary.

He will sleep the night away. Now to wake no more.

Ann Shirley – Little Bridge Place

Bridge Parish Council

A postal service has returned to Bridge! Starting July 8th, an outreach service will operate out of the Red Lion. It will be available each Wednesday from 9–11am. If it proves popular, the service may be extended so please make good use of it!

On a more serious note, Kent Police have increased surveillance of the recreation ground. This is in response to recent anti-social behaviour. And we would like to remind residents that dumping of garden waste is fly-tipping. It is illegal and could result in an unlimited fine.

Following updated guidelines on Coronavirus lockdown, the play park is now open! We urge users to maintain 2m social distancing and use hand sanitiser often. Please stay safe and help control the virus.

The Parish Council have overseen several recent village improvement projects: New double yellow lines have been painted in key locations around the village. The Pavilion is undergoing refurbishment, funded by a grant from Canterbury City Council. The roof is being fixed and a new floor laid. It will soon be available for hire again.

The new adult gym equipment has been installed by the tennis courts. The bus stop on the High Street is going to be repainted. And we continue to lobby the County and City for the new bus stop at Higham Lane.



Kate's Puddings – What's cooking?

The many variations on trifle for me have just increased by one! Trifle is the classic "what do I make with leftover cake" pudding, and this time I had a lot of lemon drizzle traybake left over from a tea party. So.... one batch of delicious home made lemon curd later, there was the most fabulous trifle. Oh, and a big glug of limoncello from one of those holiday souvenir bottles..... This photo is of the last scoopful, so you can see the trifle in all its messy glory. It never looks great, but tastes amazing. Recipe quantities are completely arbitrary, as it just depends on what's available at the time and how many people you are feeding - this quantity will do approx 6, depending on greed.

Lemon Trifle

Base Layer:

Approx 4 pieces of lemon cake (as stale as you like)
Lemon curd to spread over the sponge cake
4 macaroons, or shortbread biscuits (optional, but gives a change of texture)
zest of half a lemon
good slug of limoncello or lemon liqueur (or any alcohol)



Middle Layer:

Custard made with 3 egg yolks, ¾ pint/400ml of cream and milk mixed, ½ tsp vanilla or lemon flavouring, 1.5oz/40g caster sugar, plus half tsp cornflour if there is more than half milk to cream ratio.

Top:

¾ pint Double cream with a bit of milk to whisk up with a lighter texture
1 lemon cut into slices (if the slices are thin, you could use the lemon you have just zested)

Trifle is an assembly job.... In the bottom of a pretty bowl put the cake, spread with a lot of lemon curd, plus broken up macaroons or biscuits. Grate over the lemon zest. Add the limoncello.

Make the custard – heat the milk and cream in a pan (preferably non-stick). In a bowl, beat together the egg yolks and caster sugar (plus cornflour), pour the hot milk/cream over it, and then pour back into the pan. Stir this mixture lovingly as it simmers – do not allow it to boil, or it will split. It should be thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. If it starts to look grainy, pour it straight into a cold bowl and stick in a metal spoon before adding a little more cream and cooling it down. Anyway, it's trifle, so it doesn't matter too much. Let the custard cool before pouring it over the trifle.

Finally, whip the cream with the added milk until it is thick but still just pourable, and then pour it over the pudding. If you don't want a hugely thick layer, dollop spoonfuls on the top instead. Thinly slice the lemon and decorate the top of the trifle.

Trifle is always best eaten after it has sat for an hour or so.



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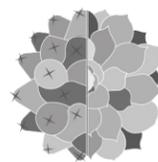


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