



# **ST NICHOLAS MESSENGER**

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# St Nicholas

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*For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact either  
Rev Richard Braddy or one of the churchwardens:  
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## **Summer 2020 – join us online or in church!**

### **Services of said Holy Communion in the Wantsum Benefice:**

#### **Sunday 26 July**

9.30am Monkton  
10.30am Minster

#### **Sunday 9 August**

9.30am Monkton  
10.30am Minster

#### **Sunday 23 August**

9.30am Monkton  
10.30am Minster

#### **Sunday 2 August**

9.30am Chislet (non HC)  
**10.30am St Nicholas**

#### **Sunday 16 August**

9.30am Chislet  
**10.30 am St Nicholas**

#### **Sunday 30 August**

9.30am Chislet (non HC)  
**10.30am St Nicholas**

#### **Midweek Service of said Holy Communion (BCP)**

**held at Minster Wednesday 10.30am:**

15 July      29 July      12 August      26 August

### **Churches open for prayer and reflection**

**Minster:** Sunday 2-4pm; Tuesday & Thursday 10am-12pm

**St Nicholas:** Sunday, Tuesday 2-4pm & Thursday 10am-12pm

**Monkton:** Sunday 2-4pm

## **Church Online**

**Church online** - informal worship every Sunday on the  
Wantsum Benefice YouTube Channel (<https://bit.ly/2WpVoY4>)

**Daily Newsletter** – with reading & reflection and links to other events  
– to receive this please email: [info@wantsumchurches.org](mailto:info@wantsumchurches.org)

**Monday-Friday Morning Prayer 9.00am & Evening Prayer 5.00pm on Facebook Live**

St Nicholas at Wade Church (<https://bit.ly/2DG1RHI>)

or St Mary's Church, Minster-in-Thanel (<https://bit.ly/2Wplcma>)

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If you wish to talk to someone, need support or would welcome prayer please  
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**[www.wantsumchurches.org](http://www.wantsumchurches.org)**



# A Letter From Vicar Richard

## ***Here comes the bride!***

The month of August sees the return of weddings to our churches – and what a joy this will be as we celebrate with various couples, their families and friends. However, even though a wedding can go ahead, as you can imagine there are some differences – we can't have the bells ringing, there will be no singing and a total of 30 people including myself and the photographer!

This is, of course, a sign that some parts of our life together are beginning to return to something new. We have been able to open our church doors too for Sunday worship and private prayer (see details for this elsewhere). However, over recent months there have been plenty of events and occasions that have had to be adapted or postponed. Instead of gathering in church for funerals it has been a comfort for grieving families to see friends from the villages standing outside to pay their respects as the cortege has driven by. Our local schools have been hugely creative to give their Yr6 pupils the celebration they deserve as they leave school. I wonder how you have felt at such times and when other celebrations such as birthdays have had to be different to usual. These occasions and other rites of passage are important for us all.

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I was reminded recently of such things in the bible – and in particular, Jesus’ baptism. When John the Baptist raised Jesus out from the river Jordan a voice from heaven said this is my son, whom I love. It certainly helps me to know that no matter how I feel, I am always known and loved by God just for who I am. And in saying that, it’s ok to feel how I feel whether I wake up with a spring in my step or not! And one thing that has been clear throughout recent months in our villages is how good we are at helping each other and pulling together. It’s always good to remember that – and to say quite simply, thank you!

***Revd Karen Gooding – thank you!***

During recent months, Karen has sensed God’s call to make St Saviour’s, Westgate-on-Sea her main focus of ministry. This has been a prayerful journey of discernment which Karen has been pondering for some time and not an easy decision to come to.



Karen will therefore be leaving us in our local churches of the Wantsum Benefice as she continues to minister at Westgate. Here in our local churches, myself and Revds Vicky and Michael will work together with the PCC and local leaders to ensure that we continue to maintain ministry and mission to St Nicholas.

We will naturally miss Karen’s ministry within the Benefice, and particularly at St Nicholas, but as we are part of the Seamarsh Group Ministry, together with Westgate, we will still be maintaining contact across the Group. During this period of gently lifting restrictions it is still not possible to gather together to give Karen and Aidan a true St Nicholas thank you and send off. But we do thank Karen for all that she has contributed to the life of St Nicholas and the wider Benefice – for her passionate and creative faith, clear vision and love for all.

***Revd Richard Braddy (Vicar Wantsum Benefice)***

# Church Rota & Readings (August)

**Week 1: Sunday 2nd - Trinity 8 (10.30am at St Nicholas)**

**Gen 32:22-31, Romans 9:1-5, Matt 14:13-21**

<b>__ Sides __</b> Not needed	<b>__ Readers __</b> Not needed	<b>__ Chalice __</b> Not needed	<b>__ Coffee __</b> Cancelled
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**Week 2: Sunday 9th - Trinity 9**

**Gen 37:1-4, 12-28, Romans 10:5-15, Matt 14:22-33**

<b>__ Sides __</b>	<b>__ Readers __</b>	<b>__ Chalice __</b>	<b>__ Coffee __</b>
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**Week 3: Sunday 16th - Trinity 10 (10.30am at St Nicholas)**

**Gen 45:1-15, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matt 15:(10-20)21-28**

<b>__ Sides __</b> Not needed	<b>__ Readers __</b> Not needed	<b>__ Chalice __</b> Not needed	<b>__ Coffee __</b> Cancelled
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**Week 4: Sunday 23rd - Trinity 11**

**Exodus 1:8-2:10, Romans 12:1-8, Matt 16:13-20**

<b>__ Sides __</b>	<b>__ Readers __</b>	<b>__ Chalice __</b>	<b>__ Coffee __</b>
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**Week 5: Sunday 30th - Trinity 12 (10.30am at St Nicholas)**

**Exodus 3:1-15, Romans 12:9-end, Matt 16:21-end**

<b>__ Sides __</b> Not needed	<b>__ Readers __</b> Not needed	<b>__ Chalice __</b> Not needed	<b>__ Coffee __</b> Cancelled
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**Please read page 3—limited services across Benefice**



# Messy Church @ St Nicholas



**Messy Church is for children and families to learn about Jesus in different creative ways through craft, fun, friendship and food!** Come along for a range of activities followed by an afternoon tea together at each session. It is run by St Nicholas Church at Manor Hall on the 2nd Saturday every month. To book a place and for more details please phone Vanessa Fairbrass on 01843 847012.

**Messy Church is cancelled until further notice due to Coronavirus.**

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Messy Church is asking for any old Lego to be donated to them. If you have any at the back of cupboards or in your loft, then please let Vanessa know on.

Also, as ever **we need more helpers at Messy Church.** If you feel God is calling you to work for Him in bringing his teachings to a new generation of young families then please get in touch with Vanessa.

Help is needed in so many different ways with prepping crafts, food, activities and clearing up afterwards! So whatever age you are, if you have some time or talent to give then please be in touch.

We do ask that you are a Christian (of any denomination) and a DBS check will be done on your behalf by the Church at no cost to you.

**Please get in touch with Vanessa on 847012.**





## Book of Remembrance - August 2020

3rd	Bryan Michael Card	2018
3rd	Kenneth Ernest Green	1998
6th	George Deveson	1990
7th	Frederick Henry Beale	1979
12th	Veronica Mary Gibbs	1997
19th	Walter Trice	1973
21st	Emma Jane Brice	1974
22nd	Margaret Constance Bean (Peg)	2010
23rd	Cecil George Bean	2008
27th	Maureen Mae Knight	2002

*We would be glad to receive the names of any loved ones whom you would like to be remembered in the Book of Remembrance (whether they attended church or not). Just give their names, date of birth and death to either churchwarden with a donation to the church.*



# VJ Day – 15th August

The 15th August is VJ Day – Victory in Japan. As Captain, now Colonel Sir Tom Wood reminded us earlier this year, the second World War did not end in May 1945. Although fighting ceased in Europe, there was still ‘the forgotten army’ in the Far East. The Japanese Armed Forces had captured nearly 140,000 allied military personnel from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the USA. For those suffering in Japanese prisoner of war camps and the loved ones they had left behind, the war did not end until the announcement on 15th August 1945 that Japan had surrendered.



My father, Norman Huston, with the rest of the 9th Battalion of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers had been shipped to the Far East. They were all taken prisoner on 15th February 1942, only 17 days after landing in Singapore and they were prisoners for the next three and a half years, working as slave labour including on the infamous Burma Railway. Japan had not signed up to the Geneva Convention, the treatment of prisoners was brutal and over 30,000 died from starvation, disease & cruelty. My father survived and like many others rarely spoke of his experiences.

It is only recently, during ‘lockdown’ that I have engaged with a Facebook group called ‘FEPOW (Far East Prisoners of War) Keep the Candle Burning’. I discovered there is ‘a Roll of Honour’. There was a page for my Dad with his name & very little other information on it. Now, with an enormous amount of help from Ronnie Taylor (the group founder & administrator, whose father was also a FEPOW) I have managed to complete a full entry in Dad’s memory.

While I do not want to dwell on the undoubted horrors of that time, if anyone wants to know more about a relative who was a prisoner in Japan, I recommend this FEPOW Group.

The British Legion and the National Memorial Arboretum will be remembering & commemorating those who died in the camps on the 75th anniversary of VJ Day.

***“When you go home, tell them of us and say,  
For your tomorrow, we gave our today”***

***The Kohima Epitaph***

Sue Huston-Dalgliesh

# Friends of St Nicholas at Wade Church



Our beautiful medieval church sits physically and emotionally at the heart of the rural village of St Nicholas At Wade. It looks lovely, doesn't it? Maintaining a building as old as this costs money.... Lots of money. Every year, we spend thousands and thousands of pounds on the upkeep of the building itself... the windows, the brickwork, the tower... the whole church needs to be kept in a safe and working order for YOU, and our entire community to enjoy.

*Would you like to help? Find out more about how you can become a Friend of St Nicholas at Wade Church, and help us to help this glorious church. Contact The Friends of St Nicholas Church via email at [thefriendsofstnicholaschurch@gmail.com](mailto:thefriendsofstnicholaschurch@gmail.com).*



## Foodbank Donations

Our local foodbank over at Birchington Baptist Church, The Storehouse, is working harder than ever supporting people during this time. As our church has limited opening times at present, there are two red drop off boxes for donations in the village:

- 4 Seaview Cottages, The Length, St Nicholas (Annette Paul)
- Rose Cottage, Manor Road, St Nicholas (Vanessa Fairbrass)

The items they regularly need are dried and tinned foods, but at this time in particular boxed cereal for families, instant whip, custard powder, coffee, sugar and tinned meals such as curries, and sweet and sour chicken etc. They are also in need of cool bags/icepacks when they are out delivering.

*Thank You*

# Church Mowing Rota

I detail below the mowing rota for this year. I am very grateful to all below who give up their time in order to keep the churchyard looking neat and tidy. It is very much appreciated. The dates given are every fortnight and it is up to the individual when they choose to do the cut over their given period. If you are unable to make the date then please either swap with someone else on the list or ring me. Please pass the keys on to the next person on the list or, if you don't know them, pass them on to me and I will sort it out. Please direct all problems and queries to me. My contact details are as follows: Peter Paul (Budgie) 07939525464 (text or phone) or email at peterwpaul61@gmail.com

If there is anyone else who would like to volunteer to have a go at cutting the church grass or if there is anyone who I have left off the list who normally cuts the grass please contact me. Thank you all for your time and effort. **Peter Paul (Budgie)**

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Peter Paul

August 17<sup>th</sup> – John Brockman

August 31<sup>st</sup> - Nathan Coldwell

September 14<sup>th</sup> – Damien Hart

September 28<sup>th</sup> – Ian Meaden

October 12<sup>th</sup> – Peter Radclyffe

October 26<sup>th</sup> – James Read

Final Cut – Peter Paul



***If you are having a party and would like to borrow glasses, plates or cutlery from the church for a donation, then please phone Moira Thompson on 01843 847358***

## Parish Magazine Adverts

For articles to be printed in the magazine please submit by email to cem.lewer@gmail.com. The last date for entries for the following month's issue is by the 18th of each month.

### Advertising - Sizes & Prices

**¼ page £25      ½ page £45      Full page £90**

**Prices are for 12 monthly issues**

**To place an advert, contact Sue Dalglish, on 01843 847312 / 07575829707**

Please make cheques payable to: St Nicholas PCC and send to  
Sue Dalglish at 5, Down Barton Farm Cottages,  
St Nicholas at Wade Birchington, CT7 0QQ.

# Walk Church—Alex Bienfait

Once a month for the past nine months (pre coronavirus outbreak), a group from the Diocese of Canterbury (Biddenden & Smarden) has experimented with taking church outdoors. This is a congregation that meets at a church but then goes out to experience God by walking in the countryside: kind of ramblers' church, this is Walk Church.



Walks can take between 90 minutes and two hours and involve stops to hear the day's Gospel reading, offer reflections, pray and share our responses. There may be a period of walking in silence while we pay attention to what we see and hear around us. There is also plenty of fellowship and chat. Someone usually brings some cake which we share as we stand by a path or sit under a tree, an informal communion.

Churches are often served by good networks of footpaths, a reminder of their once central position in rural communities. With our walks, we create a community of faith as we journey together, tell stories, share food, listen to the Bible and pray. We never really know how things will go. There might be a wonderful offering of food on a cold winter's day, or we may have random incidents which we can't predict, such as the person who trod on an upturned horseshoe (fortunately with no serious injury). Each meeting is a pilgrimage and an adventure.

Part of the purpose of Walk Church is to train ourselves to keep our senses open to the what there is to be seen and experienced around us – a bee swarm, the tragic remains of a run-over grass snake, a biting, piercing wind. With different people and different paths each time, Walk Church is a community that keeps remaking itself. Right from its inception, Walk Church has demonstrated an appeal across the generations with families, young people and dogs invariably part of the group.

The inspiration for Walk Church is twofold. First, there is the growing popularity of communal walking, with burgeoning numbers of organised health walks and rambling groups. We wanted to explore whether there were people who were uninspired by the experience of sitting in a pew but who still wanted to explore questions of faith and pray together with others in a more open, less formal setting. In fact, most sessions of Walk Church have attracted a mix of committed churchgoers and people who are not part of any other congregation.

Secondly, Walk Church is also about working out how faith can help us better value our natural world. Indoors, we have struggled to make the environment a theme that is exciting for our worship, but being outdoors will hopefully excite our imagination and passion. We may appreciate in our heads that there is a looming environmental crisis but how can we respond if we don't have passion?

To be kept up to date on future walks, please sign up here <https://bit.ly/3fRWMu6>

*Article Source: <https://www.sbcofe.org/category/walk-church/>*

# Village Events - August

At the time of writing, the only events that we have been informed of as happening are:

- ◆ **Line Dancing at the Village Hall, every Tuesday 7.15-8.30pm**



- ◆ **The St Nicholas at Wade & Sarre Gardeners Club on the second Wednesday of the month, also at the Village Hall.** Please see the information regarding the guest speaker for August and her 'sloe' samples.



*Please watch out for notices around the village or on the village hall's facebook page for any changes or additions - <https://www.facebook.com/StNicholasVillageHall/>*

# **St Nicholas at Wade & Sarre Gardeners Club**



**Re-Opening in August  
Wednesday, August 12th  
“Sloe Seduction”  
Speaker – Katharine Hook**

A talk on the production of sloe gin and the origins of gin and cocoa production. And...  
Katharine offers samples of her award winning Sloe Gin Truffles!

**7.30pm in the Village Hall  
Everyone Welcome**

*Secretary: Susan Searle 01843 650328*

*Royal Horticultural Society Affiliation No.10529754  
Affiliated to Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies*

*St Nicholas at Wade Church  
Invite you to have a  
coffee & chat*

*First Saturday of every month*

10 am - 12 noon  
**CANCELLED**

Refreshments, cake sale, bring & buy, raffle  
Proceeds to church maintenance

Families welcome :-)  
Lots of toys, books & space to play!

Baby & Toddler  
**GROUP**  
**CANCELLED**

**Come and join us for a drink and chat  
while your little one plays.**

**Every Wednesday, 10am—12 noon,  
St Nicholas at Wade Church.**



# Pegwell Bay Country Park

Nestled on the east coast of Kent, Pegwell Bay Country Park commands stunning views of Sandwich and Deal to the west and the cliffs of Ramsgate to the east. With a play area, picnic spot and mobile refreshments on top, it is a great destination for a family day out.

The park acts as the entrance to a nature reserve and the rare flora and fauna here make this an area of national importance. This stretch of windswept coastline includes chalk cliffs, mud flats, saltmarsh and sand dunes, and is an important habitat for bird species.



## The Nature Reserve

The Nature Reserve is a Ramsar Site of International Importance and is a wonderful place to explore with lots to see at different times of the year. In the summer the grass is dotted with wild flowers such as orchids and broomrapes. In the winter the foreshore and mudflats attract thousands of wading birds, including dunlin, sanderling and grey plover. Birds of prey, such as Merlin, can also be seen at the site. Birdwatchers can use the public bird hide, which is also accessible for disabled visitors.

Sandwich and Pegwell Bay is home to spectacular bird life that is designated as a protected area under UK and EU legislation and is also considered a world class wetland.

*However, people can easily disturb birds and prevent them feeding, resting or breeding. Authorities and local people need to work together to make sure the area continues to be a haven for the world's birds.*

## A brief history of Pegwell Bay Country Park

Pegwell Bay was a popular destination for Victorian holiday-makers, fossil hunters and rock poolers. In the 19th Century, a pleasure pier was built to establish a seaside resort to rival nearby Ramsgate. This was not a success, however, and it was dismantled before the end of the century.

The park is on a former landfill site. After the site closed, the area was capped and landscaped and was re-opened as a picnic site by Kent County Council in 1983.

Article Source: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/>



# Recipe

## *Blackberry Sorbet:*

*Ingredients:* 250g caster sugar, 400g blackberries, juice of ½ lemon

### *Method:*

1. Put the sugar in a pan with 250ml water and bring to a simmer, stirring occasionally, until all the sugar has dissolved. Set aside to cool completely.
2. Put the blackberries and lemon juice in a small food processor or blender and whizz to a purée (or whizz with a stick blender in a jug), then push through a fine sieve into a mixing bowl using the back of a spoon (discard the seeds). Add the cooled syrup and mix until combined. Churn in an ice cream machine until smooth; freeze overnight until solid.



### *Article Source:*

<https://www.deliciousmagazine.co.uk/recipes/blackberry-sorbet/>

# Wildlife Watch

The average lifespan of dragonflies (and their close cousins, damselflies) is around 2 years. Most of this time is spent as a nymph, in water. In ponds and rivers all over the world, these nymphs are vicious predators, tackling prey up to their own size! After two years underwater, when conditions are right, the nymph will clamber up a reed, where it begins its transformation into an adult.

Though showing a preference, dragonflies are strong fliers, and can be seen at some distance from suitable bodies of water. Most sightings however, are near bodies of water. A walk down the canal or river, around a pond or lake, will almost certainly guarantee sightings.

Despite the reputation and stories they will not bite, nor sting and should you be lucky enough to have one land on you, don't be scared, be honoured that one has chose you to rest on.

### *Article Source:*

<https://gbwildlife.co.uk/wildlife-see-august->



# Information Sheet

## **Chemists**

Paydens Medical Centre Tel: 846556 - Minnis Road, Birchington (free delivery)

Courts Tel: 841143 - 69 Station Road, Birchington (free delivery)

Touchwood Tel: 821215 - 72 High Street, Minster

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/south-east/our-work/pharmacy-opening-hours/>

## **Doctors**

Birchington Medical Centre Tel: 848818 Minster Surgery Tel: 821333

St Nicholas Village Hall surgery: Friday (by appointment only 821333)

NHS Out of hours: 111

Smoking Help Line: 0300 123 1044

## **Hospitals**

QEQM, Margate Tel: 225544

Pilgrim's Hospice Tel: 233920

Kent and Canterbury Tel: 01227 766877

Chaucer Tel: 01227 455466

**School:** St Nicholas C of E Primary School, Downbarton Road

Head Teacher: Mrs Heather Kemp Tel: 847253

School Caretaker: Mr Michael Faint Tel: 07917 786113

## **Shops/Pubs/Restaurants etc:**

St Nicholas Post Office/Newsagents: Gavin Wilson Tel: 844632

The Bell - Public House/Restaurant Tel: 847250

The Crown Inn - Public House/Restaurant Tel: 847808

The Sun Inn - Public House/Restaurant Tel: 841646

Wantsum Brewery Tap/Shop Tel: 01227 910135

## **Milk Delivery:**

Dairy Crest/Saputo Ltd Tel: 0800 328 5629 / Milk & More Tel: 0345 606 3606

## **Organisations:**

Bell Meadow Pavilion: bmpavilion@gmail.com

Clerk to the Parish Council: Sara Archer Tel: 821989

Community Warden Team Leader: Aaron Kluibenschadl Tel: 07811 271302

Gardeners Club: Susan Searle Tel: 650328

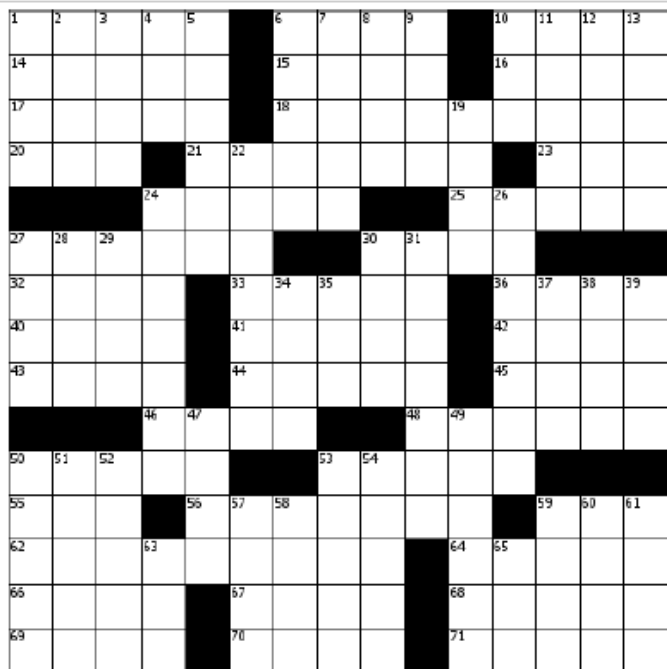
Manor Hall: Vanessa Fairbrass - fairbrass901@btinternet.com

St Nicholas Village Hall: Tina Walker - tinawalker595@gmail.com

# Puzzle Pages

## Across

1. Fall bloom
6. Thing
10. Computer output
14. Frighten
15. Egyptian river
16. Sign
17. Comforted
18. Making a choice
20. Biblical vessel
21. Perform surgery
23. Hair goo
24. Pesky bugs
25. Overact
27. Profession
30. Space agency (abbr.)
32. Hymn ending
33. Farewell, to Pierre
36. Store
40. Evergreen tree
41. Fathers
42. Snake formation
43. Fragrance
44. Open to view
45. Green Gables girl
46. Ready, willing, and \_\_\_\_
48. Cry of discovery
50. Hi
53. Large artery
55. Memorable period
56. Bright red
59. Practical joke
62. Pointed out
64. Type of glue
66. River sediment
67. Fido's treat
68. Royal domain
69. Casual tops
70. Mast
71. \_\_\_\_ tax



## Down

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. On a voyage            | 22. Umbrella             | 49. Says                |
| 2. Old wound              | 24. High military rank   | 50. Holdup              |
| 3. Chore                  | 26. Lash thickener       | 51. Tennessee ____ Ford |
| 4. Before, to Browning    | 27. Guitar device        | 52. Large spoon         |
| 5. Redecorated            | 28. In the center of     | 53. Sports locale       |
| 6. Map feature            | 29. Nevada town          | 54. More aged           |
| 7. Seat rows              | 30. Not ever, poetically | 57. City vehicles       |
| 8. Singer ____ Fitzgerald | 31. Severe               | 58. On the peak         |
| 9. Come together          | 34. Plunge               | 59. Objective           |
| 10. Finish an "i"         | 35. Extreme anger        | 60. Car part            |
| 11. Friend (Sp.)          | 37. Sharpen              | 61. Workout sites       |
| 12. Dogma                 | 38. Pig's comment        | 63. The I in TGIF       |
| 13. Geometric corner      | 39. Appeal               | 65. Pod vegetable       |
| 19. Mediocre grades       | 47. Bartlett's kin       |                         |

# Puzzle Pages

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## The Rainforest

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 EMERGENT LAYER  
 ORCHID  
 HUMMINGBIRD  
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 JAGUAR  
 POISON DART FROG  
 TARANTULA  
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 CANOPY  
 LIANA  
 BASILISK  
 UNDERSTOREY  
 ARMY ANTS  
 STRANGLER FIG  
 GIBBON  
 APES  
 TAPIR  
 COATI

# Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

*Approved Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom,  
on Tuesday 16th June 2020 at 7.30pm.*

*Present: Councillors G. Bryant (Chairman), L. Ageros, G. North, L. Fallon, D. Divers  
Also, Present: Sara Archer – Clerk, District Cllrs R. Pugh & Trevor Roper plus 2 members  
of the public.*

## *14/20-21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE*

*Apologies had been received from District Cllr David Hart and County Cllr Liz Hurst.*

## *15/20-21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST*

*Cllr Bryant declared an interest regarding planning application TCA/TH/20/0635 and  
would not be taking part in any discussions.  
No other interests were declared.*

## *16/20-21 PREVIOUS MINUTES*

*RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th May  
2020. These were proposed by Cllr Fallon, seconded by Cllr North, all present agreed and  
therefore the minutes would be signed by the Chairman as a correct record when able.*

## *17/20-21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT*

*Cllr Bryant read his report as follows:*

*You will be pleased to hear that I have not got too much to report this month. Due to the  
lockdown, progress in many areas has been slow. I rang David Ogilvie Engineering about  
the memorial bench and could only leave a message. They have not got back to me yet.*

*Any rumours that you may have heard about moving the multi use games area in Bell  
Meadow are false. Any proposal such as this would have to be put before this Council  
for consideration. If any other Councillor knows anything about this perhaps, they will  
enlighten us. I am aware that Sunningdale Developments are proposing to put a gate in  
the fence between the boundary of Orchard Close and Bell Meadow, but they have not  
approached us about a pathway.*

*The Mars bars were purchased and handed over to The Waste Management Team at  
TDC. They were well received. I am aware of some negativity against the bin collectors  
throughout Thanet and therefore I hope that this small gesture has gone some way to  
improve morale.*

*I was contacted by a resident regarding issues in Bridges Close and the overgrown  
pavement/alleyway from Bridges Close and The Street. Thanet Housing Association  
have been contacted and I think that it is beginning to get tidied up. (addendum: I have  
asked Martin if he and/or James can do a clean-up around there).*

*Finally my thanks to all of you that have continued with the litter picking and general  
clearing up around the villages. I am most grateful to everyone involved in this.*

#### **18/20-21 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk reported that a resident had been in contact regarding an unsafe tree at Bell Meadow. The handyman had examined the tree and confirmed it would need to be removed by a qualified tree surgeon. Quotes would be obtained and brought to the next meeting. (addendum: Cllr Bryant obtained three quotes which were circulated to the Parish Councillors, the work was deemed to be urgent and therefore it was agreed to instruct Westgate Tree Services to carry out the work immediately).

The Clerk advised she had met with the internal auditor, the forms would be signed and completed accordingly.

Cllr Hurst had queried whether the Parish Council would like a public stand alone sanitizer and would offer funding towards the costs should the Parish Council like to install one. Councillors considered the suggestion and agreed it was not necessary at the moment.

Concern regarding the road safety at Potten Street Road/Potten Street junction caused by inconsiderate parking was discussed. It was suggested the PCSO was contacted to advise the resident of the issues.

#### **19/20-21 THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Cllr Pugh advised that missed waste collections have been due to a reduced number of operatives working in order to adhere to social distancing measures, and an increase in waste being produced. Residents were encouraged to leave the bins out and they would be collected as soon as it is possible.

Some public toilet facilities have been opened at the local beaches and the business grant scheme has been well received throughout the District.

The District Council have launched a High Street Fund, £138k has been allocated to assist the High Streets and reopen businesses primarily in Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs.

Cllr Roper added that portaloos are being put at Margate beach along with extra security officers to help alleviate the issues caused by the number of visitors to the area, and the RNLI are providing more lifesavers on the busiest beaches.

The refuse tips are reopened on an appointment only basis via KCC.

Refuse vehicles are being replaced next April, to be narrower to enable greater access to the more restrictive roads, at a cost of approximately £225k each.

#### **20/20-21 KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr Liz Hurst was not present and no report provided.

#### **21/20-21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) Council considered the following applications:

TCA/TH/20/0635 - 2 Rose Cottages, The Length, St Nicholas At Wade

1No Holly - 5m to be taken off the top (crowned) and spread of the tree to be reduced to 160cm in diameter

Agreed to refer to the Tree Officer

FH/TH/20/0670 - 6 Downbarton Farm Cottages, Down Barton Road, St Nicholas

Erection of a two storey side extension following demolition of existing extensions

Plans did not appear available online for this particular application. Clarification would be sought from TDC before comments being made.

F/TH/20/0668 - Huckleberry Farm, Down Barton Road, St Nicholas

Erection of 1 No three bedroom dwelling for accommodation for glamping site manager  
Application circulated, concern that the archaeological digs had not been carried out.  
Objections raised.

It was suggested that Cllr Hart was invited to attend a meeting of the Chairs of the Parish Councils to answer queries regarding planning issues in particular.

It is expected the Local Plan will be approved at a full council meeting on 9th July.

b) None received.

## 22/20-21 FINANCE

(a) The Clerk presented the monthly bank reconciliation between the cash book and bank accounts. This had been sent to Cllr Radclyffe for inspection prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: To approve the monthly bank reconciliation for May. (Proposed: Cllr Radclyffe following the meeting).

(b) The Clerk presented the monthly payment schedule which included the following invoices:

M. Savage (Handyman's salary & expenses)	180.15
S. Archer (Clerk's salary & expenses)	654.32
J. Read (Asst. Handyman's salary & expenses)	80.75
G. Bryant (Cleaner's salary)	116.56
M. Feekings (Website Administrator salary)	156.93
Lloyds Bank (Credit Card)	51.64
Monkton PC (Half payment towards Clerks membership fee)	80.00
Clerks & Councils Direct (Magazine subs)	12.00

Receipts:

R. Searle (FOI admin request) 14.21

RESOLVED: To approve payment of invoices included in the monthly payment schedule for June (Proposed: Cllr Bryant, Seconded: Cllr North)

(c) The purchase of a sign for the cemetery to advise of appropriate conduct, was discussed. The Clerk made enquiries for wording with other local cemeteries. Wording to be confirmed and quotes to be obtained.

(d) Cllr Fallon presented the quotes for the remarking of the parking bays at Bell Meadow. Discussion took place regarding the quantity of bays and provision of a disabled bay. Cross hatching would be included next to the Pavilion to improve access for buggy's and wheelchairs. It was recommended to appoint Hi-Way Services, KCC contractor, to carry out the works.

RESOLVED: To approve the appointment of Hi-Way Services to complete the work subject to the inclusion of cross hatching as discussed (Proposed: Cllr Fallon Seconded: Cllr Divers)

(e) The proposal to donate monies originally set aside for the church wall repairs, and reallocate them for new entrance gates was discussed. Inclusion on the working party to consider the design of the gates was suggested. It was considered not to be necessary to continue to reserve monies solely for the church wall.

RESOLVED: To donate the sum of £5000 to the Friends of the Church for the sole purpose of installing a new gate to the entrance of the Church, subject to the inclusion of a Parish Councillor on the working party giving consideration to the plans. (Proposed: Cllr Divers, Seconded: Cllr North)

(f) The Cemetery charges for 2020/21 were reviewed, it was agreed to increase the current charges by approximately 25%.

RESOLVED: To approve the proposed increase in Cemetery Charges for 2020/21. (Proposed: Cllr Bryant, Seconded: Cllr Fallon)

(g) The Asset Register 2020/21 had been circulated. It was suggested a review was carried out to ensure everything was included. Cllr Fallon volunteered to complete with the Clerk and bring to the next meeting for approval.

#### 23/20-21 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- Clarification was sought regarding the involvement of the Friends of the Church to take on the installation of the new gates as both the church wall and gates are the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was considered their involvement would be beneficial to the project and was felt public consultation was not necessary in this instance.

It was advised the small church wall was unsafe and in need of repair. A structural engineers report would be considered as appropriate.

- It was suggested that planning issues being discussed should take a more professional approach.

The meeting was concluded by The Chairman at 8:45pm.

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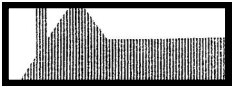
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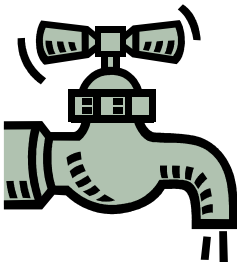
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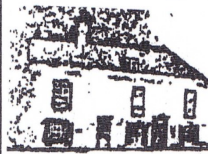
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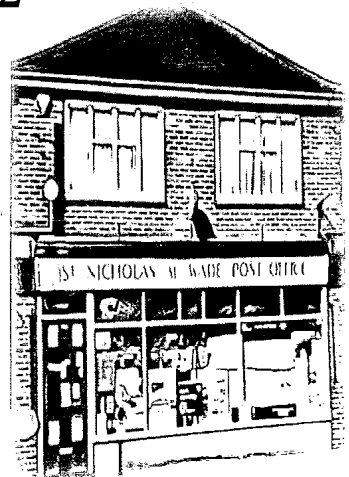
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