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From the Rectory



This past month has been a week of two opposites in our world and news.

As I write the Olympics are on and it is wonderful to see the world coming together in sport, where world conflicts and differences are set aside for the spectacle of individuals competing against each other.

Yet at the same time, this is the week of rioting across the UK, which perhaps was brewing for a long time, but sparked by the atrocity of children murdered in Southport. My wife and I happened to be there last month when visiting a vicar friend up there – such lovely friendly folk we met. It is a most chilling and terrible crime.

We have a week of coming together in peace at the Olympics, and yet also a week of division separation and appalling violence. What is our world coming to?

We seem more and more divided, globally and nationally at the very time when we are supposed to come together. This division seems to be everywhere, with French election results dividing, and the attempted assassination of Donald Trump.

Many seem to blame social media which is so often filled with insults and hatred. We have stopped trying to understand each other's problems, we have spurned wisdom, and turned to empty insults, devoid of argument and truth.

For myself I am sad that we have so often lost the foundation of our Christian values that our

country was built on. We collectively know to “do to others as you would have them do to you” (as Jesus said) but we are not sure where that idea comes from or why that is so. Without the Christian foundation of belief those Christian values that we have assumed for so long, fade.

I worry that we have lost the sense of value that comes from knowing God made every person in his own image. The sense of truth being beyond oneself and our own opinions. The sense of ethics where the weak are cared for, the poor being looked after, showing hospitality to the stranger, and love for our enemies.

These are Christian values because they are the values of God himself. God who loved the world so much that he sent his one and only Son that whoever believes in him might not perish but have everlasting life.

In Jesus we see the reality of God's love for us, and the innate value of each person.

We live in a divided world in which people insult and talk past one another, where so many people no longer listen or try to understand and help each other. How I long for us to find in our creator God the commonality of our own shared humanity. How I long for all of us to find our deepest purpose and meaning, not in mere insults and agitations, but in the reality that we are all distinctively made for a reason, and that reason is found in God.

—Rev Brendan Martin

News from the Pews

Our Church summer holiday club saw 28 children attend, aged 7-12, over the 3 days. We had great fun participating in water games, archery, laser tag, sumo wrestling, forest school activities, egg drop challenge, mini-Olympics, uni-hockey, dodgeball, wide games, and more (pictured below).

Our Bible focus was on Paul and how he went from despising Jesus to loving and following Him. It was great to see the kids engage in the talks and in the worship music, especially with their awesome dancing! Our key song was 'ONE WAY' by Hillsong – check it out on YouTube.

I thank everyone that helped or prayed for us! It was a amazing time and not even a little rain stopped the fun!

—Ed Pascoe, Youth & Families Minister, Frant Church

On 29 June, there was another very well attended Women's Breakfast held in The Stables. Once again, Julie and her team did a wonderful job in decorating the room with fresh flowers and white tablecloths and providing a fine selection of delicious food including berries, granola and freshly baked croissants. Julie then reflected on a passage in Hebrews and spoke to us all about the importance of encouraging one another in our daily lives.

On sad news, our Youth and Families Minister, Ed Pascoe and family (pictured above), will be moving on to pastures new. Ed has been here for 8 years and has done fantastic work amongst our youth and children over that time. When the Pascoes arrived, they were a family of 3 and will now leave us as a family of 6 – Ed, Julie, Benjamin, Nora, Jesse and Zachary. They have all brought much joy to the church community.

Ed's work has been widespread and



included talks in the Church services, Sunday Club and holiday camps working with children from nursery school age to secondary school. He has also been working in Frant School and we have particularly appreciated the outdoor activities he led and Forest School. Ed also helped out Hartfield Church for a while as they did not have a youth leader.

Julie Pascoe has also played a key role in events and activities, including running the weekly Little Fishes' Toddler Group and in supporting women's ministry. She has held some superb events including regular women's breakfasts and a Christmas crafting evening (which raised money for the Women's Refuge). Every two weeks Julie has also run a Bible Study Group which

has been very much enjoyed and well attended.

Needless to say, the Pascoes will be sorely missed in the parish but we wish them all the very best as they move on to pastures new.

We will be looking to find someone new to build on the great work that Ed has been doing amongst us.

Welcome and congrats to Debbie and Phil, both brilliant members of our congregation for the past 18 months and long-standing multiple-generation members of the Salvation Army who got baptised at Frant. Such a lovely service and beautiful words from Debbie about being part of the village.

—Rev Brendan Martin



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Services for

September / October 2024

10.30am	Frant as One (All Age)	1st September	Communion Service	9.15am
10.30am	Communion Service	8th September	Morning Prayer	9.15am
5.00pm	Festival Church			
10.30am	Morning Service	15th September	Communion Service	9.15am
5.00pm	Festival Church			
10.30am	Morning Service	22nd September	Communion Service	9.15am
5.00pm	Festival Church			
10.30am	Communion Service	29th September	Morning Prayer	9.15am
10.30am	Frant as One (All Age)	6th October	Communion Service	9.15am
	Harvest Festival			
10.30am	Communion Service	13th October	Harvest Festival	9.15am
10.30am	Morning Service	20th October	Communion Service	9.15am
10.30am	Morning Service	27th October	Communion Service	9.15am

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Frant Open Gardens 2025

There is going to be an Open Gardens event in Frant, on 21st June 2025. It is always a brilliant community event in our wonderful village. Next year it will help to raise funds to maintain Frant Memorial Hall. The hardworking team who volunteers to keep The Hall in such great shape, need our ongoing support to ensure it can continue to be maintained to its current high standard.

Previous open gardens have brought locals and visitors alike around the village to share a love of gardening with a happy dose of curiosity to visit people's gardens. Next year we are limiting gardens to those directly within the village itself.

We need gardens to enable this event to happen. Your garden does not have to be big and it does not have to be perfect. What is so lovely about this particular event is that everyone is welcome to take part. If you think you might like to open but are not sure then please contact Sharon Warwick (contact details at the back of this magazine). She or one of her team will be happy to come and visit your garden to address any concerns you may have. It really is a fun day and if you do open you will find it is a joy to have so many enthusiastic visitors.

Should you feel that you really don't want to open your garden you can still get involved. We are in need of volunteers. We need people in the village hall, to help with tea and cake, to wash up and to sell tickets. We need ushers for parking and we need helpers with the plant stall. Please do get involved and help. You will have fun, meet other villagers and be part of our community. If you need to sit then a sitting job can be found. If you can only give an hour of your time then get in touch anyway, all help is welcome.

It may seem a long way off but you reaching out now to offer to take part in whatever way will help us plan a successful day with confidence, so please get in touch.

Parish Council News

The Parish Council doesn't meet in August as its normally a quiet month although not so quiet this year!

The Government has produced some new guidelines on their proposals for new planning guidelines which will impact all of us. It is a complex set of ideas which are geared to a significant



increase in house building in all but the most protected conservation areas ie The South Downs National Park. Where the Natural Landscape (also known as the AONB) fits into this is not entirely clear but there is clarity on the 'Green Belt' and how some of it can should be developed. The proposal is to create 'Grey areas' which can be developed and this will include some areas of currently 'Green Belt' land. I suspect how land moves from Green to Grey will be the subject of much discussion and debate and that has only just started!!

Some interesting work on the proposed Frant A267 pedestrian crossing regarding the difficult issue of lighting has now been done and looks very encouraging. Modern technology now means that upward light pollution can be minimised, and CMS/Smart City technology means that the lights will only operate at 20% of their capacity until triggered by movement. A similar lighting system is currently operating at the crossing recently put in at Upper Dicker.

Whilst most of us are on our holidays the day to day maintenance of the Parish continues. The posts have now been put on Frant Green to stop joy riders wrecking the cricket pitch and the village gates at Bells Yew Green and Little Bayham have been renovated.

I am told that the dog bin for Frant, situated near the Church is imminent!

I mentioned the very valuable work our volunteers do in maintaining and keeping our Village Halls operating in the last edition.

The increasing expense of running them (especially Electricity) means that balancing the books is not easy despite

their best and valiant efforts. With some support from the Parish Council BYG Village Hall is still operational but does need more bookings so please don't hesitate to use it.

Very frustratingly still no news on Frant Village Shop. A much missed local amenity. Being a listed building any alterations need to be very carefully considered by conservation officers and planning officers alike and this takes time. Hopefully it won't be much longer before there is some progress to report.

—Cllr Stuart Crookshank

Parish Past: More from Frank!

My school partner (shared desk) was a great one for wisecracks. We had bible lessons very often taken by the rector. My partner found all the spicy bits and say I'm going to ask the old Boy about this. Some of his milder ones ran something like - do you know cricket is mentioned in the bible. No, course not! Well Rachel came out with a full Pitcher. Another, well, they were pretty tight those days weren't they - five in a bed. Shut up boy! Well it says Aaron slept with his forefathers, don't it? The rector got furious often.

By the way our doctor was a Bachelor and of many years' distinction. No hanky panky business with him, also a dentist, no gas or local Anathion (anaesthetic?) Just sit back and hold tight.

One old man I knew had raving toothache but went to the pub first to get up a bit of courage before the doctor. On arriving sat on the chair and promptly rolled on the floor.

Alright my man says the doctor, I can get it better from there, put his head between his knees and out it came. He set all the broken limbs and dispensed your medicine in front of you. I was kicked once by a horse full in the face and ... came conscious when he was putting stitches in my mouth, he had already put some in my face, then was bandaged up like a plum pudding a little hole by the side of my mouth to be fed by a small teapot. Go home to bed for two days then come back .. when I did he snipped off some proud flesh with scissors, not a bandage this time and back to work on Saturday. He did a good job, although my mouth is still as mass of small lumps but face hardly noticeable.

—Pat Wright (When we moved to Frant in 1960 I remember the doctor's surgery was still just a timber shed in a garden across the green!)

**Parish News Summer Feature
Floral Weekend**

It was good to see so many people coming together to enjoy the magic of creation in many different ways over the Frant Floral Weekend. The church was flooded with colour and scent from all the amazing floral arrangements and some stunning creative contributions from many local groups of all ages, including the children of Frant Primary School.

In addition to flowers everywhere and floral demonstrations, there were very skilled displays by the Frant Woodworking group, a local spinner demonstrating her craft with her beautiful home grown and spun products and a fine display of the most intricate lace work. There were stunning watercolours of the local area to be enjoyed while people chatted, admired the church, listened to gentle music or had a cup of tea and a cake while the children had fun doing a variety of floral related crafts with some surprising results! Both adults and children had a go at following the nature trail in the churchyard, cleverly designed to challenge people of all ages and encourage them to go outside and observe nature at first hand in our increasingly eco-friendly churchyard.

It couldn't have happened without the support of so many people so a huge thank you to everyone involved in what was a truly joyful and scent filled weekend!



**Parish News Summer Feature
Eridge Fair 2024**

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the 2024 Eridge Fair on the 30th June and by doing so supported local charities and good causes. I hope everyone who came along enjoyed their afternoon in the stunning scenery and found time to enjoy something to eat and drink whilst strolling around the many stalls and activities and watching some of the shows and performances.

We had some great support from classic cars, magicians, musicians, dancers and performers, so we hope there was something for everyone and of all ages

Behind the scenes about 9 months prior to the Fair, it's committee start to plan and organise the day and make all the necessary arrangements, I hope they are all pleased with how the day went and a big thank you goes out to all of them. Of course, none of this would be possible at all without the kind permission and use of the wonderful private gardens of Eridge Park itself which continues to host this event, thank you to Lord and Lady Abergavenny.

A huge thank you is certainly deserved to all the stall holders for their efforts, giving the Fair a host of interesting offerings and providing that quintessential village Fair atmosphere that everyone enjoys so much.

The origins of the Eridge Fair which is biennial go back over 60 years and it is so nice that the Eridge community come together to make the Fair so successful and enjoyable on each occasion. It's a great way for members of the community, especially those who have recently moved in, to mix and mingle and get involved. It was also particularly nice to see some of the younger members of the community help out and become part of the Fair.

Though the next Fair is two years away we on the committee are always looking for new helpers on the stalls and assistance is always greatly appreciated as is the support of the Parish as a whole. I really hope you enjoyed the day.

—Anthony Humberston, Eridge Fair Chair

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**Parish News Summer Feature
Little Fishes' Messy
Play Morning**

On Saturday 27 July, there was a wonderful turn out of parents and toddlers to the Little Fishes' Messy Play morning.

We were blessed with blue sky and sunshine, thankfully not too hot, meaning the outside activities could all go ahead as planned. Julie Pascoe's high standards of organisation were once again at their finest with a carefully thought out plan for the location of each activity ensuring every family had access to fun things to do and enough variety to suit all. In the Stables, the children could enjoy decorating rich tea biscuits with icing, marshmallows and sweet things and there were some very creative outcomes! It was particularly impressive quite how much can be stacked on to a rich tea biscuit

despite the fact that these incredibly well behaved toddlers made sure they "tidied up" any extra marshmallows and chocolate buttons as they went along...!

There were a selection of ride on toys, tunnels to crawl through and slides in the hall for those wishing to carry out a mini Olympics too.

The garden was another hive of activity as can be seen from these pictures. Bubbles, chalk drawings, sand pits amongst other things which appear to have entertained the parents as much as the children! One parent commented "I believe you are doing this every day until September" – a nice try indeed but positive feedback nevertheless.

Thank you to Julie and the family for all the hard work in putting this event together. It was a really happy occasion and so lovely to see all of the families have quality time together.



Frant Bowls Club always welcomes new members. You can find out more by coming to the Club on Tuesday afternoons from about 4.30pm. No doubt one of our members will introduce you to the Club and tell you more about the Game of Lawn Bowls.

—Michael Freestone, Club Captain
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Frant Garden Club

A summer spent in the garden is something to enjoy, especially if you are not the one who has to weed the beds and mow the lawns, which is why we always include garden visits in the annual programme.

This year our first trip, on a very rainy late May afternoon, was to Orchard Cottage at Boars Head. This is a garden that opens for the National Garden Scheme, and is owned and gardened by a confirmed "plantaholic" and her husband. The one and a half acre garden has a large variety of trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs, and even on a miserable day was full of colour with hidden paths and secret areas to be discovered. The afternoon finished with tea and cake kindly served to over 20 of us in the owners' kitchen, and was testament to the fact that the English weather cannot deter us garden lovers!

In contrast our outing in July favoured us with a perfect summer's day for a trip to Belmont House and Garden near Faversham. Our guided tour explained that the house was designed by Samuel Wyatt, built in 1769 for local man, Edward Wilks, and, in later years was owned by the Harris family where is now houses the 5th Lord Harris's renowned clock collection, an armoury and a collection of Cazabon paintings. The present layout of the garden dates from the 1790's and consists of a walled garden, pinetum, formal lawns and a very large and immaculate kitchen garden. Lunch in the Conservatory for those that wanted it, and an air-conditioned coach all added to a very enjoyable trip.

We have one final afternoon jaunt in September and then we are back in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 15th October at 2.30 p.m. for a talk by Caroline Halfpenny - The Gardens of Cornwall. The 2024 year ends for the Club on Tuesday, 19th November with our AGM and Christmas social.

—Dianna Tennant - Secretary

Frant Bowls Club

By the time you read this Frant Bowls Club's Finals Day will have taken place. This is the culmination of several club competitions which have been played during the season. The objective is to win cups, prizes and, of course, the acclaim of the club membership.

The competitions that have been played were The Open which is basically a knockout series of matches, one against one. Another testing competition is the Two Wood. This is a singles match of sudden death. With only two bowls each it's vital to get your first bowl on target. Miss it and your opponent could have a distinct advantage. The other competition is the Drawn Pairs. With four bowls each and your partner having been selected at random, the match could be a lengthy one. The potential combination could be a novice player teamed up with a seasoned one.

However, just what has Frant Bowls Club been up to during 2024? Winning. Yes, it's true. Out of 19 matches, we've won 11 so far. That's pretty good considering that FBC has only 32 members of which 5 or 6 are non-playing supporters. Our matches can be against nearby Bayham & Lamberhurst or a little bit further away, for example, West Hoathly, Newick or Westfield. The clubs we play against do of course vary in size of membership. Some can have 70+ members or more and others can have as few as 20. But really whatever the

outcome everyone enjoys the matches and friendship of other clubs.

On a more domestic note we recently redecorated and refreshed our Club House. This was done during July by a small team of club members.

Earlier this year the Club renewed its ditch liners. We used to have some form of Astroturf which over the years became unwieldy and problematic to reinstall at the beginning of each season. Now, we have quality rubber linings which go along the base of the surrounding ditch. The rear walls of the ditches have been relined with a specialist material which prevents damage to bowls which sometimes go off the end of the green.

Later in September we will have a Curry Lunch which is ably prepared and cooked by one of our members. This is a hugely enjoyable lunch and a good fund raiser.

Our bowls season ends in September and culminates in November when we have our Awards Evening. Again, this is a popular, social event and involves the presentation of cups and trophies to the worthy winners of our competitions.

Many passers-by have remarked on the appearance and quality of our bowls green. Most of the general maintenance of the green is done by club members. However when it comes to the application of natural fertilisers and the elimination of rogue grasses and weeds we have the advice and guidance of a local bowls green expert.

Frant Parish Friendship Group

We start the autumn season with our exercise classes beginning on Thursday 19th September at 2.30 in the Stables this is a course of six sessions and after September will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

Then our first afternoon meeting will be on the 26th September at 2.30 in the Stables when our speaker will be Gilly Halcrow and her subject 'The Shetland Bus'. This is the story of the brave Norwegian sailors, organised by the SOE, in their fishing boats who kept links open between occupied Norway and Britain during WWII, In October (24th) our speaker will be Oenone Warr on the life and works of Charles Darwin.

November (28th) will be our AGM and fish and chip lunch and then we will round off the year with our Christmas Tea Party on the 14th December.

New members always welcome please come along and try us out.

Enquiries Valerie Palmer: valeriepalmer1500@gmail.com or 01892 750559

Bells Yew Green Village Hall

The Bells Yew Green village hall committee continues to work extremely hard to maintain this great facility for hire. A recent charity craft event was well attended by members of the parish of all ages. Emily Slattery provided a lovely selection of materials to suit all ages and much fun and creativity was had by all. An added bonus was the selection of homemade cakes on offer, served with a friendly smile and free to all with optional donations gladly received. If you would be interested in holding a crafting event, do contact Emily on craftingwithemily@mail.com for more details.

Plans are currently afoot for two benefit concerts, one with The Fireflies the other with the Big Band, sometime in October/ November. There will be further news about this on our website in due course (contact details below).

As recently announced, the hall now has FREE INTERNET ACCESS. This will enable hirers to utilise the full range of services that are required for classes, parties and events. The hall, together with free parking and outside space, is available at very attractive rates (below), with charitable and community events often being free of charge.

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- Children's parties 9.00 to 5.00pm £15/hour
- TW Card Members £12.50/hour

We welcome enquiries from all potential hirers for regular, occasional or one-off bookings by emailing Anna, our Bookings Manager, at annan83@yahoo.co.uk.

Check our website at www.bellsyewgreen.org for availability.

Eridge Arts Club

On Wednesday 24 July Louis Ryan gave an interesting talk about the Spanish painter Diego Velasquez. Louis spoke from an artist's perspective, pointing out how Velasquez had been influenced by the other great artists of his day, notably Rubens, and at the behest of Philip IV had travelled to Italy to develop his art further. He showed how even the greatest artists made mistakes, sometimes with perspective, sometimes through overpainting; how, over time, paint can fade leading to pentimenti - the



appearance now of figures or other elements that Velasquez had originally painted out. He highlighted Velasquez's technique and, through a series of slides, illustrated his use of impasto, glazes and scumbles. At the end of the talk the audience expressed their great appreciation for a highly informative and engaging talk.

The next Eridge Arts Club event is on Monday, 9 September at 7.30pm in Eridge Village Hall. Talent agent Gavin Barker will give a talk about life as a talent agent. Tickets are £5. If you are planning to attend please let Mary Helson know: mary.helson@gmail.com.



Brecknock Arms September Beer Festival

It's that time of year again where we are hosting The Brecknock Beer & Music Festival.

With 10 special guest beers, all from local breweries ranging from 3.4% to 4.7%, and our bar open as usual we are sure there's something for everyone to enjoy. As well as our great selection of ales we will be joined by some brilliant bands and fantastic food.

Friday will be Fish & Chips and burgers, Saturday is our take on street food including chilli nachos, dirty fries, grilled cheese sandwiches and pulled pork baps and to finish of the weekend we will be firing up the BBQ with burgers, hot dogs, steaks and Chinese style chicken thighs. Vegan and vegetarian options are also available.

A weekend packed with beer, food and music what more could you want! We hope you can make it and celebrate yet another Brecknock Festival with all of the team.

With more to come over the next few months such as a Kids' Halloween Disco October the 26th and Christmas parties (check out our website for more info) so keep an eye out for other events or just pop in to join us for a cheeky drink. Open daily from 12pm serving food and drinks.



Parish News

A huge thank you to the team of volunteers who contribute to the content and distribution of this magazine. We are really grateful for the time you all sacrifice to make it possible for every edition to reach households throughout the parish keeping our community up to date on current news and events.

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security and impartiality.

Nevertheless, please be assured that my constituency commitments remain unchanged, and I always stand ready to assist Sussex Weald residents, businesses, schools and organisations. My weekly in-person, virtual and telephone surgeries have been ongoing over the summer recess and will continue over the coming months, as well as local visits and campaigns. There's lots to be done and I will continue building on my strong record of delivery and continue working to improve the lives of our Sussex Weald communities.

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The Arts Society Ashdown Forest

» **Thursday 12 September 2024 at 2.00pm: Impressionism and Post-Impressionism: an overview.**

Lecturer: Sarah Ciacci

Crowborough Community Centre, Pine Grove, Crowborough, TN6 1FE

Impressionism and Post-Impressionism are two of the most popular art movements in the story of art, with famous Impressionists such as Monet, Renoir, Degas and Cezanne and a younger generation of Post-Impressionists including Seurat (pictured below), Gauguin and Van Gogh. Not only are their stories fascinating, their art diverse and



their ideas challenging, but a good understanding of these key artists helps explain many of the artistic changes that came after them.

Sarah Ciacci has an MA in History of Art specialising in late 19th century French Painting and 20th Century Art. She has been a blue badge guide for London since 2008. She is an art lecturer, including to trainee guides in Tate Britain and Tate Modern and previously the National Portrait Gallery, and she teaches at Richmond University. She is a regular lecturer to Arts Societies on a range of art subjects, including in particular the Impressionist movements.

» **Thursday 10 October 2024 at 2.00pm: The Glories of Byzantium**
Lecturer: Jane Angelini

Crowborough Community Centre, Pine Grove, Crowborough, TN6 1FE

Byzantium played an important role as a link in the great chain of world history. With its roots in the Ancient World of Greece and Rome, the Byzantine period, AD 330 to 1453, spanned the medieval centuries. While much of the West was in deep decline, Byzantium, mistress of the Mediterranean and centre of Christendom, was a symbol of wealth, power and cultural ascendancy.

It was here in the eastern Mediterranean that Christianity took root and spread, giving us the architectural forms and imagery that are still part of the faith. We look at mosaics, frescoes and icons, opulent liturgical vessels in gold and enamel, silks,



ivories, manuscripts and the centrally planned domed churches, designed as microcosms of the Universe.

Jane is a freelance lecturer for the Arts Society and other arts organisations. She speaks several foreign languages and has translated a number of works of Russian literature for Penguin Books and the OUP. She created St James's Art Tours and ran it successfully for almost 25 years. She and her husband run an art gallery in St James's which specialises in 20th century art.

Everyone is welcome- members free, visitors £7 per lecture. Refreshments are available at the end of the lecture. For further information visit tasaf.org.uk

Parish Pets #14: Sadie

My name is Sadie and I am a Miniature Schnauzer living with the Torr family. In December, I will be nine years old and even though I may be getting on a bit, I still feel young at heart! Not surprisingly, I won first prize for 'golden oldie' at the Halliwell Care Home dog show recently (the fact that there were only two dogs entered in that category is beside the point!).

I may be a lady but I'm very proud of my beard. It can be extremely useful for vacuuming up crumbs under the kitchen table and sniffing out who has been on my turf. The only downside is that it collects leaves and other debris along the way so my beard has to be regularly brushed. I am truly skilled at getting treats and affection from everyone I meet, I think it must be down to my natural charm and undeniable cuteness. My human family certainly don't receive



the same attention. One of the highlights of the day is when the postman arrives: he clearly thinks I'm special as he always remembers to bring me a treat. Other hobbies I enjoy are laying in sunny spots in the house and on the lawn, as well as meeting other dogs on my walks (sometimes I have to remind them who is boss though!).

I like to walk my human family, usually leading from the front, though I am easily sidetracked by the delicious smells that my nose encounters on the way. You may have heard the expression that 'a dog's home is his castle' and will, therefore, not be surprised to learn that I am very protective of the home I share with my human family. I can sound super fierce when I want to, but can easily be won over with a cuddle or a biscuit. If my family were to describe me in three words, they would definitely be loyal, sassy and adorable!

» **Like your pet featured in Parish News..? If so, send a description and photo to: carmel.kinley@gmail.com**

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September/October 2024**

- » **Monday 9th September**
Eridge Arts Club talk by Gavin Barker
Eridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
- » **Thursday 12 September and 10 October.** Arts Society Ashdown Forest, see page 16
- » **Friday 13 – Monday 15 September**
Brecknock Arms' Beer Festival, see page 15
- » **Thursday 19 September**
Frant Parish Friendship Group Autumn Season begins, see page 14
- » **Tuesday, 15th October**
Frant Garden Club Talk, Memorial Hall. 2.30pm.
- » **Saturday 26 October**
Kids' Halloween Disco, Brecknock Arms, Bells Yew Green, see page 15

Regular Meetings

- Little Fishes: Baby & Toddler Group**
Every Tuesday 9.30–11.30am in The Stables, Frant. A warm welcome to all.
- Encounter (School Years 6–13)**
Contact Ed Pascoe for more information: frant-youth@gmail.com
- Coffee Morning at The Stables, Frant**
Every Wednesday, 10:30am–12noon. Come for a hot drink, a cake and a chat.
- Festival Church Kids** During 5pm outside service.

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