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Lunch: The Nailbourne branch League of Friends of the Canterbury Hospitals, fund-raising lunch, held at 4 Meadow Close Bridge, raised £451 towards a computer for the breast screening unit. Elizabeth Stewart the hostess and organiser thanks all who helped and supported the event.

Gardeners: Nailbourne Horticultural Society's annual social evening was held in the village hall. This year's departure from the usual format was a great success. Members and their friends provided a substantial American supper, and were entertained by an accordion trio, which provided not only a sing-song, but a musical quiz.

The secretary Kathy Walder thanks all who helped and supported the event, and provided prizes for the draw.

The society's annual general meeting will be held in the village hall on Tuesday, January 23, at 7.30pm.

FISH news: A new gentle exercise class for the over 60s has started in the Bridge Methodist Church on Thursday mornings. At present it runs from 10 to 11.30am with a break for coffee. The cost is £2.50 per session.

If you want more details, phone Jean Johnson on 766182. The next coffee pop-in at Bridge village hall will be on Wednesday, December 13, from 10 to 11.15am.

WI: The meeting in the village hall, is a week earlier this month - on Tuesday.

Council: The parish council will meet in the Hunter Room of the village hall on Thursday, December 14, at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome.

Delivery: A Christmas card delivery service is organised by the Nailbourne Scout group, for Bridge village only. This will operate from December 6 to 20. Stamps are still at 10p, and decorated Christmas posting boxes will be at the following locations: Laurie Wakeham (butcher), Plough & Harrow, Nicholas James (hairdresser); Bridge News (newsagent); White Horse; Bridgway Stores.

The boxes will be emptied regularly and all stamped mail clearly and correctly addressed will be delivered before Christmas.

Church news: Bridge family service for families with young children, but open to members of the church family of all ages, will start in January on the second Sunday of each month (Bekesbourne family service now on the first Sunday of the month), 11 to 11.45am - but stay for coffee. The first service is at 11am on Sunday, January 14.

Services: On Sunday, 8am BCP Communion is at St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne, 6pm Advent carol service at St Peter's bridge and 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by Mr Ron Chadwick.