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**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012 12 – 4 Pm  
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## **Bridge Jubilee Celebrations**

A big 'thank you' to the few people who had offered help for the Jubilee Celebrations —June 3rd 2012 12-4pm. However I would be grateful for more volunteers on the day and extra cakes are always welcome.

Please help to make this a very enjoyable and memorable event for Bridge. With fingers crossed!

I'll be waiting for your call 830514.

Barbara Binder

## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society Spring Show**

The Nailbourne Horticultural Society's Spring Show was held in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday 14 April and members of the committee were pleased to note that holding the Show on a Saturday morning this year had succeeded in attracting more people.

### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Despite the unseasonably warm weather in March which had led to many daffodils having finished blooming, the judge Clive Godden from Bekesbourne was pleased to note a good standard in the exhibits on show. Whilst there were mixed fortunes for members in the bulbs section, Penny Spencer won all three floral art classes. The new Whitten Spencer Cup awarded to the winner of the Chairman's Challenge was won by Elizabeth Stewart, whilst Julia Cooper won the cup for the best flowering pot plant with her orchid and Kathy Walder was presented, for the third year in succession, with the cup for the best bloom in show.

The next evening event in the **Nailbourne Horticultural Society's** programme is on **Tuesday 22 May** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when Mr John Harvey from the **Woodlands Trust** will be giving an illustrated talk on the aims and history of the Trust with emphasis on their Diamond Jubilee Campaign. As always, we are pleased to welcome non-members to our talks. There will be a small admission charge to include refreshments.

The next event organised by the Kent branch of the National Vegetable Society, which meets regularly in Bridge Village Hall, will be on Wednesday 9 May. Paulo Arrigo of Seeds of Italy will be giving a talk entitled "From Seed to Plate". There will also be an offer on seed packs at the meeting. The evening starts at 7.30 pm with refreshments followed by the meeting at 8 pm. Non members will be most welcome.

### **BRIDGE IN BLOOM**

It is that time of year, once again, when the Parish Council sends out a plea for you to hang up your baskets and fill up your tubs. Judging will be in late July and extra points will be awarded this year for insect attracting plants and a red, white and blue colour scheme. So let's celebrate the diamond jubilee with a colourful display around the village.

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*Saturday 23<sup>d</sup> June 2012*

*12 - 4pm in the school grounds*

*Free parking on recreation ground  
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*Hot and cold refreshments*

*Beer tent, cream teas*

*Victoria Sponge Competition*

*Bouncy Castle, fair ground stalls*

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*Grand Raffle*

*Children's performances*

*Craft stalls*

*additional stalls can be organised through Stephanie Chapman  
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## **Bekesbourne Explorers**

If you enjoy walking in the East Kent countryside, you might like join our exploring group which gets together once a month to follow paths and byways in places we haven't been before. For instance, in April we explored the lovely hidden valleys around Sheldwich, near Faversham.

We walk on the first Wednesday of every month (unless the weather is awful in which case we adjourn to Mama Feelgoods). We meet at Bekesbourne Village Hall at 9.45am to get directions and share lifts. Our walks are circular and last approximately 3 to 5 miles - circa 1 and a half hours. We avoid very steep or difficult walks and go at a moderate pace. We aim to be back in Bekesbourne by lunchtime. Numbers vary: can be as many as fifteen but more usually six to ten, men and women. Well-behaved dogs are welcome and we usually have one or two.

Whenever possible we theme the walk to the season and in May that means bluebells. Contact Joan Atkins on 01227 831127 or e-mail Jill Thomas -

[cobhamcourt@btinternet.com](mailto:cobhamcourt@btinternet.com)

Bekesbourne Village Hall The hall has vacancies for hirers, both residents and folk living out side the Village. Reasonable rates, apply to Joan Atkins 01227-831127

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Attendant Allowance form filling (training will be given and mileage reimbursed).

IT training (to assist with basic IT training on a one to one basis).

Telephone befriender (to ring up an older person on a regular weekly basis for a chat).

Day Centre helpers (to assist with activities, serving tea and coffee, and chatting to the clients).

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Please contact Gill Ball on 07735556811 or email [agecorecruiter@btinternet.com](mailto:agecorecruiter@btinternet.com)

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

# Aims and History

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John Harvey

Tuesday 22 May

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

All welcome

Small admission charge to include refreshments

## **Bourne Vets News**

7th April until 7th May is National Pet Month! This is designed to promote responsible pet ownership. It also hopes to make people aware of the benefits of pets for people and people for pets, increase public awareness of services available from professionals who work with animals and to raise awareness of the role, value and contribution to society of working companion animals.

You can visit their website at [www.nationalpetmonth.org.uk](http://www.nationalpetmonth.org.uk) for lots of useful information on pet ownership and a chance to win a year's free food for your pet in the photography competition. There is also loads of useful information for schools about keeping school pets.

At Bourne Vet Practice we are getting involved by holding an Open Day on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May from 12pm to 4pm. There will be lots of animals to see and handle, an exciting Junior Vet Challenge for the children with prizes for everyone as well as a chance to have a look behind the scenes and see what we do. Please come down and join in, we'd love to see you there and will be available to offer help and advice if you are considering getting a pet.

Journeying to Wholeness A Day of Healing and Wholeness with Revd. Dr. Russ Parker Director of the Acorn Christian Healing Foundation on Saturday 9th June 2012 in Eastling Village Hall (ME13 0BA) 10am - 4pm (registration and coffee from 9.30am) Cost will be £9 per person. Tea and coffee provided, please bring your own lunch If you would like to book or need further information, please leave contact details on 01795 890487, email: [eastlingchurch@gmail.com](mailto:eastlingchurch@gmail.com) or go to [www.eastling.co/uk](http://www.eastling.co/uk)



Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations- The commemorative coins were being ordered. Bridge Post Office staff had kindly offered to help with their distribution. The bonfire would form part of the national chain of beacons and would be lit on Monday evening 4th. June at a time to be advised by the national organising committee. Access to the Star Hill bonfire site would be via the entrance opposite Higham Park and the gate and stile in Bourne Park Road.

Neighbourhood Plan The first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, which represents various village groups, had been addressed by Adrian Verrall of the City Council's Planning Dept. Local residents would be asked for their views on the proposals being put forward in city council's Local Plan, which was in preparation and, once adopted, would cover the next 20 years. It was important that Bridge had an input into where additional housing should be and where green spaces should be kept. There would be a report on this at the Annual Parish Meeting on 3rd May and it was hoped that Bridge residents would make their views known at that meeting and by writing or emailing the Neighbourhood Plan Committee initially via the Parish Clerk.

Report on Flood Risk in Bridge – Mervyn Gulvin presented maps and supporting documents concerning the flood risk to properties within Bridge. These had been compiled because some residents had had difficulty in obtaining household insurance because of the perceived flood risk in Bridge. It was agreed to put the maps on the village website and also to make them available at the Annual Parish Meeting so that any inaccuracies could be corrected.

Mill Centre- A potential site for a replacement for the Mill Centre had been agreed at Bridge Primary School. An indicative plan had been drawn up with costing. This would be discussed by the school governors in the first instance, later in the month.

Recreation Ground – Arrangements were being made to remove the broken roller and sell it for scrap. The repairs to the guttering were in hand. It was not known who had been responsible for painting the wall of the sandbag store and the pavilion doors. There was discussion about the wet pour on the children's play area, which was in need of attention. It was agreed this should be an agenda item at the next parish council meeting. A decision needed to be taken about replacing the entire play surface, which would have considerable cost implications.

Affordable Housing – The event to bury the time capsule would take place on Tuesday 1st May at the site. There would be a reception for invited guests in the Mill Centre, organised by Southern Housing Group, following the event. A group of children from Bridge Primary School would be invited to attend.

Tennis Club Proposals to extend their fencing and make an outside seating area. – Councillors did not object to this proposal. Cllr Alan Atkinson suggested that paving should be used instead of gravel because of the likelihood of small stones being washed away in any flood and also the problem of disabled access over gravel. Cantley Estates had written to the Clerk to say they did not object to the proposals.

Village Diary – It was decided to reinstate the Village Diary, which would be kept in a suitable public venue so that bookings for village events could be recorded in it. The purpose would be to prevent conflicting dates of local events and it would be the responsibility of those organisations making the bookings to record the dates in the diary. The possibility of using the village website for the same purpose was being investigated.

Parish Reserves – The council approved the current parish reserves. It was agreed to allocate £5,000 from the general reserve to the Neighbourhood Plan costs.

Recreation Ground Working Party – Cllr Sue Hodges reminded councillors that there would be a working party on the recreation ground on Saturday 21st April. All volunteers were very welcome and should assemble from 9.00am onwards with gardening equipment.

Village litter pick – Cllr John Hill thanked Cllr Brigitte Ward and her volunteers who had carried out a village litter pick in Bridge on Saturday 17th March.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held in the village hall on Thursday 3rd May at 7.30pm. The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th May at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.



## Open Air Productions Summer 2012

Weds 27 June Shakespeare 'As You Like It' Changeling & Hazlitt Arts Centre

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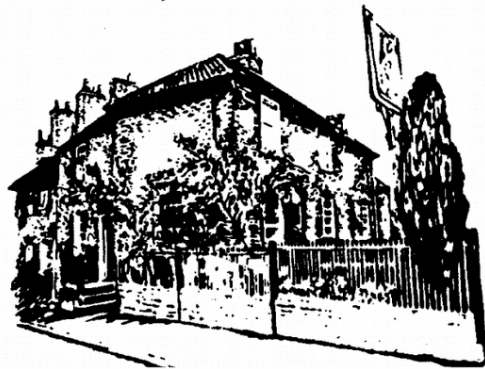
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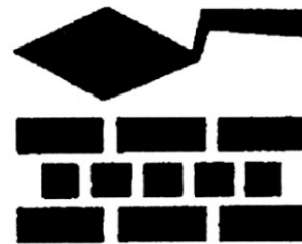
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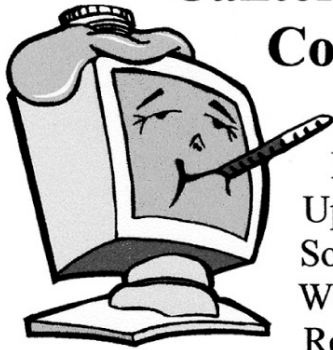
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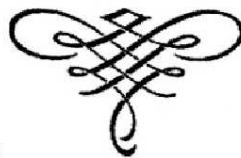
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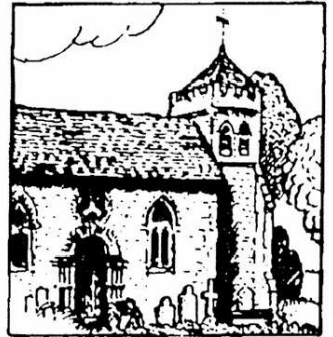
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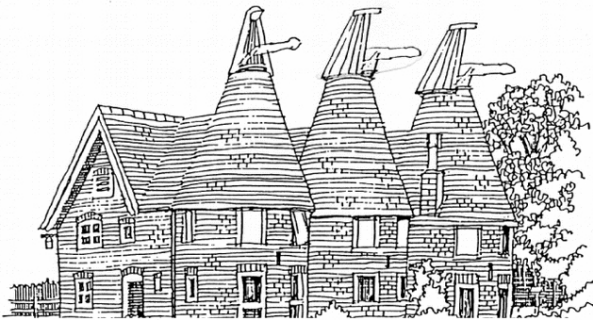
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Sunday 3rd June Trinity Sunday	8.00am BCP Communion	11.00am Family Communion	10.00am Jubilee Celebration Family Service 6.00pm Evensong	See Bridge	See Bridge	NT: Romans 8.12-17 G: John 3.1-17
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June First Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : 2 Cor 4.13-5.1 G: Mark 3.20-35
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June Second Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT: 2 Cor 5.6- 10(11-13)14-17 G: Mark 4.26-34
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June Birth of John the Baptist	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion  11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins	Chalkpit Farm 3pm Pet Service	NT: Acts 13.14b- 26 G: Luke 1.57-66,80 OT: Isaiah 40.1-11
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July Fourth Sunday after Trinity	8.00am BCP Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Family Service	NT: 2 Cor 8.7-15 G: Mark 5.21-43



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Union jacks, street parties, the big lunch, tons of pageantry, handshaking, an array of hats, the derby, beacon lighting, the sense of this only happening once in our lifetime and a spirit of pride sweeping the nation; these might be the things which automatically spring to mind this month when we celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, having rummaged in the deepest corners of our wardrobes to find something to wear which is red, white or blue. And rightly so...I can confess that I have already purchased some union jack cupcake cases and dusted off my union jack bandana in preparation for the celebrations!

But scratching the surface we might also discover: wisdom, steadfastness, long service and faithful Christian witness as undergirding contributions that HRH Elizabeth II has made in her 60 year reign so far, as well as being a monarch who has not been ashamed to value the gifts, which all faith communities bring to this country and the fabric of its communities and society, not just the Church of England of which she is Head; she is a fearlessly loyal Anglican in the public eye – for our forthright Fidei Defensor we give God hearty thanks.

From a Christian point of view, we can look to her to see a glimpse of how Christ might show us how to run the race with steadfast faith, endurance and perseverance through decades of change, challenges and celebration. We can admire her loyal service to this country and see in it snatches of what Christ meant that we love one another as He loves us. We could also in her 60 year reign and 86 years see a sliver of God's wisdom reflected in the depths of the experiences she has accrued and give thanks for this wisdom available to countless prime ministers in their decision making.

For all that has been good in HRH Elizabeth II's reign we thank God at this time of Jubilee and we also take time in looking at her reign to remember Christ's reign on earth and in heaven, which is eternal. Christ's kingdom and kingship go beyond the boundaries of our imagination, go beyond the constraints and inadequacies of human monarchs - his service is an outpouring of his very self, his faith is perfect, his wisdom is far beyond all telling and knowledge of him is perfect peace. Amen.

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18.04.12	Bridge	Irene (Babs) Robson

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**Prayers** There is a book for prayer requests on the altar of the Lady Chapel in Bridge Church.

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June

03/06	10.00 Jubilee Family Service at Bridge
05/06	15.00 Holy Communion at New Close 20.00 After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
07/06	19.30 Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
11/06	19.30 Caring & Sharing
12/06	14.30 Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
13/06	10.00 Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
19/06	15.00 Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge 20.00 After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
20/06	15.00 Hymns at New Close
24/06	15.00 Pet Service at Chalkpit Farm
25/06	19.30 Caring & Sharing
26/06	14.30 Holy Communion at Highfield

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**PET SERVICE.** The Pet Service will take place at Chalkpit Farm at 3pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of June.

## **Fund Raising for Patricxbourne and Bridge Churches**

For several years now a small band of us has met together regularly to plan social events for the parish. We are running short of inspiration at the moment and very keen to get some fresh ideas. If you feel able to help us we would be very grateful.

It has been mentioned to us that some of our raffles at recent events have suffered due to a lack of good quality prizes. Again if you feel able to help by donating any prizes to us, we would be happy to use these throughout the year at our fund raising events.

For next year we are thinking about holding the following

Bingo and Bangers Evening

Pudding Evening

Has Bridge Got Talent Evening (for the young and not so young!)

There has also been a suggestion that we run a 100 Club.

Let us know what you think and if you would be able to help with setting up a 100 Club or at any of our events. If you have any other ideas or prizes to donate please contact Gail at The Vicarage on 830250

Many thanks

## **Something at The Vicarage**

Each year we try to host an event at The Vicarage that people of all ages can come along to and simply relax. This year, weather permitting, we are planning to open our garden for 'Something at The Vicarage' on Saturday 7th July from midday onwards.

We will be serving simple food, probably hot filled rolls. Liquid refreshments will also be available. To cover our cost we will be charging £2 per person for food. Drink will be by donation.

This is an opportunity to see how The Vicarage garden is developing, enjoy peaceful surroundings and meet with old friends and new. All you need to do is to bring something to sit on and some sunshine. Come and chill for as short or long a time as you wish. Everyone is welcome.

Gail & Simon Rowlands

## **Are you interested in becoming a Samaritan volunteer?**

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## **Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News. Tel no: 07935 966 080**

Thanks to everyone who supported the annual Bring and Buy on May 19th.

The June Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 13th in Bridge Village Hall from 10 to 11.15. Everybody is very welcome.



### **RNLI House-to-House Collection**

The RNLI house-to-house collection in Bridge raised £750.36, out of a total of £8,287.53 for Canterbury and District. This amount exceeded last year's village total, although the overall figure was slightly down. My thanks go to my hardy team of collectors, who braved the somewhat unkind elements, and also to all who contributed.

RNLI relies entirely on voluntary donations and every donation is much needed and appreciated, and put to very good use.

Joan Hill Village Co-ordinator

### **Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion**

At our May meeting we welcomed back Ray Tupper following his recent operation. Our recent Casserole Supper was an enjoyable event and we raised £105 on the night in aid of the Poppy Appeal. We have changed the date of our forthcoming Coffee Morning to Saturday 15th September in the Lounge at Littlebourne, more details later on.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 12th June and 10th July both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

### **Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute**

At the meeting on **Tuesday 19 June** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**, there will be an illustrated talk by Kristina Boulden on "**Romney Marsh Wool**". As always we are delighted to welcome visitors to our meetings.

The Red Lion Inn 75 High Street, Bridge 01227 832 213 [www.redlionbridge.co.uk](http://www.redlionbridge.co.uk) We are delighted to announce that the team of the Red Lion Inn is taking over the clubhouse bar at the St Lawrence & Highland Court Cricket Club In the instance that the bar is closed during training, please come down to the pub To enjoy a drink Alternatively if you want us to organise the bar to be open let us know in advance to ensure that we have staff available If you want to organise catering to be Delivered, or to discuss any Catering arrangements Do not hesitate to contact Rene on 01227 832213/07961955080

## Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting

At the annual meeting of St Peter's Church in April, the PCC reported a successful year in terms of church attendance and special services. The accounts for 2011 showed a small surplus of income over expenditure. The Friends of Bekesbourne Church were thanked for all their hard work in fund raising to keep the church building and churchyard in good repair.

Jill Gillanders and Jane Millyard were re-elected as churchwardens for the coming year, Pat Kusel continues as vice chairman, Nicky Fry takes over as PCC secretary and Zan Clifford continues as treasurer. Graham Duplock and Jonathan Cowans were re-elected to the PCC for three years. The remaining members of the PCC are Amanda Barker (Deanery Synod representative with Pat Kusel), Lindsay Kinsey and Maggie Field.

Strawberry Sunday ~ 29th July 2012 Come and join us for a delicious 'Cream Tea', hosted by Bernard & Wendy Woods at 'Oakleigh' Oakleigh Lane, Bekesbourne in their beautiful garden with a croquet lawn and bee hives (Full details in the July issue)

Boot Fair ~ Saturday, 8th September, 2012 School Lane, Bekesbourne

### MIKE SOLE TO RUN MARATHON FOR CHARITY

On 14 June I am running a marathon for the Climb Your Mountain Charity. (CYM) is a health & wellbeing charity that offers information, support, training, motivation and opportunities to prevent, deal with and overcome mental & physical health issues. In June the charity founder Charlie Wardle is completing 30 marathons in 30 days to raise £30,000. I will be joining him on his run on June 14th and hope to help him raise as much money as possible. I've never run a marathon before, in fact until 18 months ago I'd not even run before! I've now run a few 10K races but the marathon is a big step up, over four times as far, so this is a massive challenge for me.

If anyone would like to sponsor me and help raise money for this very good cause they can do so online at [www.justgiving.com/Mike-Sole](http://www.justgiving.com/Mike-Sole) or just drop something around to me at 42 High Street, Bridge. If everyone reading On The Nail just gave £1 it would make a massive difference.

Thank you  
Mike Sole

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Gala Concert Marlowe Theatre Canterbury 21st June 2012 7.30pm Kent College Choristers, Canterbury Children's Choir and Simon Langton Brass In aid of the East Kent Cancer Mammography Appeal Bridge School Choir will be participating! Please support the Appeal and your local village school by coming to this concert. Tickets £10-£25 (children half price) from the Marlowe Theatre [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com) or 01227 787787 For further info of the Appeal contact 01227 868748 [www.ekhut.nhs.uk/appeal](http://www.ekhut.nhs.uk/appeal)

# **'THE BRIDGE BIG JUBILEE LUNCH'**



**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 12-4PM BRIDGE  
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**FUN FOR ALL AGES**

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**CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT**

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**GAMES AND CRAFTS**

**A DAY TO BRING THE COMMUNITY OF BRIDGE  
TOGETHER**

Many thanks to the people who kindly offered cakes for the Jubilee celebrations. If you could deliver them to 17 High Street, Bridge the day before (2/06/12) or bring them to the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground on the morning of the 3rd between 10am—12.00 noon it would be much appreciated. Please ring 830514 in case of any problems. Looking forward to seeing you all on a bright, sunny Jubilee Day. Barbara Binder



*Bridge Village Fete*

*Saturday 23<sup>d</sup> June 2012*

*12 - 4pm in the school grounds*

*Free parking on recreation ground  
(weather permitting)*

*Hot and cold refreshments*

*Beer tent, cream teas*

*Victoria Sponge Competition*

*Bouncy Castle, fair ground stalls*

*Books, toys puzzles, bric-a-brac*

*Grand Raffle*

*Children's performances*

*Craft stalls*

*additional stalls can be organised through Stephanie Chapman  
email [stephchapman1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stephchapman1@tiscali.co.uk)*

### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

To profit from the longer evenings, as usual we have planned an **evening visit**, this time a return to the **Hadlow College Site in Spring Lane** in Canterbury on **Thursday 21 June** where we will be having a **tour** of the site and **talk on Clematis for the Year Round Garden** by Kevin Tooher who is in charge of the site.

Refreshments will be provided and there will also be the opportunity to purchase some plants. We will meet at Green Court/Western Avenue at 6.00 pm to arrange transport. There will be a small charge of £4 per person for the evening. As always, non-members are welcome to join us.

Then, fresh from the success of our Spring Show, we are holding our **Annual Summer Show** on the morning of **Saturday 14 July**, again in Bridge Village Hall. More details will follow in the July magazine but do make a note of the date. If anyone still requires a show schedule, then please contact Kathy on 830057.

### **National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association**

On **Wednesday 13 June in Bridge Village Hall**, 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start, **Milena Moore**, a consulting medical herbalist based in Ashford and Faversham, will be giving a talk entitled "**All about Herbs**". All are welcome.

### **Wild Flower Project Recreation Ground**

A Working Party took place on Saturday 21st April. It was a busy morning with some volunteers planting an English Oak tree to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Two new flower beds were created and filled with plants to match adjacent planting areas. Primroses, Cowslips and Aconites were planted round some of the trees. Weeds were cleared, grass edges tidied, shrubs pruned and soil treated with fertiliser and mulch. Several people very kindly donated plants and materials. Grateful thanks are due to all the volunteers for their help. The Pavilion was open to provide refreshments and a happy time was enjoyed by everyone.

Sue Hodges

### **Bridge in Bloom**

It is that time of year, once again, when the Parish Council sends out a plea for you to hang up your baskets and fill up your tubs. Judging will be late July and extra points will be awarded this year for insect attracting plants and a red, white and blue colour scheme.

So lets celebrate the Diamond Jubilee with a colourful display around the village.

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All welcome

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## Bourn Vets News

Hairballs can be rather a revolting problem for cat owners! Once you've had to clean up a hairball you'll understand what I mean or even worse if you've trodden on one barefoot!

Cats are very efficient groomers as they have tiny hooks on their rough tongues that remove loose and dead hair. This removed hair is then often swallowed. Most of the swallowed hair from grooming will pass through your cat and out the other end without you being any the wiser but occasionally some hair may remain in the stomach or small intestines and develop into a hairball. This is more common in long haired breeds of cat such as Persians or Maine Coons.

Cats will gag and retch in an attempt to remove a hairball and this can sound really horrible and alarming if you are unsure what is happening.

Normally, affected cats will cough, gag and retch after eating and then produce a cylindrical, cigar-shaped hairball for you! Once they have brought up the hairball they will feel much better. Occasionally though, they can cause more serious problems and block the intestines and in these cases surgery is sometimes required to remove the hairball.

Signs to look out for if you think your cat might be suffering from hairballs are coughing after eating, loss of appetite, depression, lethargy and constipation. If you are concerned it may be worth getting your vet to examine your cat for you.

The best way of preventing hairballs is with regular grooming. Most cats love being groomed and it's a fun way to bond with your cat. You can also give a special 'hairball formula' cat food to help hairballs pass safely through. At Bourne Veterinary Practice we use the Royal Canin Hairball Diet which is specifically formulated for long haired cats and cats that overgroom and are prone to getting hairballs. This contains the insoluble fibre Psyllium which helps hairballs pass through the digestive system safely. If you would like more information about hairballs please call us on 01227 832322.

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### **What makes a Good Care Home?**

A good care home should be vibrant, fun and busy just like the lives we would all choose for ourselves when living in our own homes. A great building is an added luxury but it is what goes on inside that matters.

Regulation and Health & Safety are necessities to living in a care home but it should not get in the way of a meaningful life. This can only be achieved in a home with values such as equity and dignity at the centre of its service. Being part of the decision making of the home will greatly increase the opportunity for older people to live the lives they choose and influence the running of the home, whether it is around meal times or sitting in on interviews for staff recruitment, it is all part of everyday life.

### **What is the Key to Good Care of the Elderly?**

A dedicated, well trained workforce who understand and work to shared values is at the heart of good care.

Maintaining normality when living in a care home setting is also vitally important to overcome the challenges of loneliness, helplessness and boredom that older people living in care can sometimes feel. Overcoming these feelings should be the responsibility of everyone working in a care home. This can be done by ensuring regular contact with others in the community and maintaining everyday life as much as possible. Everyday things such as contact with animals and nature are part of life and involvement with dogs, cats or even chickens often gives a feeling of calmness and enjoyment. Involvement in the menus and even the preparation of meals is not just an activity but a reason to get up in the morning and be involved.

We recognise that some of the people we support have complex needs and life can sometimes be difficult for them, however older age should not be a barrier to personal growth and living in a care home should not be either.

For more information on Avante Care and Supports care homes please call 01795 597431

### **New Drama Group**

#### **The Occasional Performance Society (TOPS?)**

Is there anybody out there who is interested in joining an informal theatre group?

This would mean play-reading, perhaps a choir, meeting socially, having fun, leading to putting on shows to entertain. Eventually, we would like to put on song and dance shows, sketches, plays - maybe a Panto or Christmas show. Obviously, anyone who has done any acting, can sing, or dance a bit will be very welcome. But don't be put off if you haven't done anything before, because there is always something for everyone. Because we will need people who can wire a plug, put together a sound system, build scenery, make costumes, paint things, administer, keep us solvent etc. etc. (Also pantos have lots of non-speaking parts!).

Obviously the direction of the group will depend on who turns up, so please do come along to an inaugural meeting to be held in the Village Hall, Bekesbourne on Thursday evening, the 28th June at 7.30. and let us have your views. Bring your friends along, youngsters are very welcome. See you then.

Phil Clark and Pam Ginman

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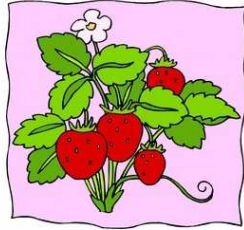
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*Patricxbourne  
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# *Strawberry Tea*

*on Sunday 15th July*

*3-6 pm*

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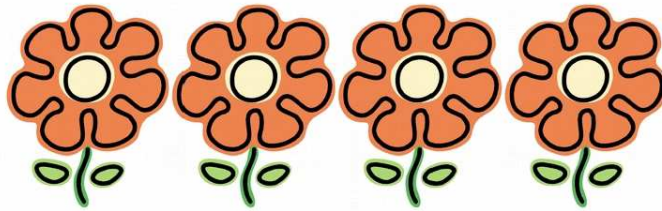
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CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY, CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL SATURDAY 23RD JUNE  
2012 9.30pm RACHMANINOV Vespers Canterbury Choral Society will be bringing a  
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in Russian. A thousand years ago music consisted of single melodic lines which took the  
form of Georgian Chant and in Eastern Europe variant of Byzantine chants. This style of  
music depended upon its survival on the creation of musical notation and this fell to the  
Monks who were the scholarly class of the age. A simple notation was used with arrows  
pointing up and down whilst in Western Europe a variety of symbols appeared. One  
particular influence on the growth of Russian music was that the Orthodox Church  
forbade the use of instruments in the liturgy with the exception of bells. This discouraged  
the development of more complex forms and as a result the monks used a simpler style  
in which voices sang the same words in the same rhythms to differing notes. Camilla Pay,  
the local harpist will play music by Russian composers including Glinka, the first Russian  
composer to gain wide recognition within his own country and regarded as the father of  
Russian classical music. Tickets can be purchased from the Marlow Theatre Box Office  
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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 10th May 2012

**Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman**

Cllr John Hill was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Terry Wilmshurst, seconded by Cllr Ann Edmonds and re-elected unanimously

Cllr Sue Hodges was nominated as Vice Chairman by Cllr Brigitte Ward, seconded by Cllr John Corfield and elected unanimously

**Areas of responsibility to Committees and Outside Bodies**

Councillors' new responsibilities were agreed. The Affordable Housing Committee was dissolved

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Mr Joe Connor, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the village questionnaire had been drawn up and would be distributed and collected from every household in the parish in the next few weeks. Several volunteers had offered to help with this and parish councillors were also asked for their help. After the deadline for collection, boxes would be available at various points in the village for those whose questionnaires had not been collected at the door. It was suggested that collectors be given slips to leave at houses where they had failed to collect the questionnaire, advising occupants to return their questionnaires via the boxes. The results of the questionnaire would be collated during June.

**Diamond Jubilee** – Cllr Alan Atkinson reported that the Jubilee beacon would be lit at 10.15pm on Monday 4th June on Star Hill. Plans for the Street Party on Sunday 3rd June on the recreation ground from 12 noon to 4.00pm were going well. Any further offers of help would be welcome. Cllr Hill thanked the Diamond Jubilee Committee for their hard work and hoped that residents would support the event

**Bus shelter seat-** It was agreed to ask a local carpenter to look at the possibility of lowering the existing bar to make a 'perch' for people waiting for the bus, since the search for suitable pop-up seats had so far been unsuccessful and would probably be an expensive option.\_

**Methodist Chapel-** Cllr Hill reported that the Estate Agents, Angela Hirst, were currently handling the sale of the chapel. The parish council had indicated its interest. The Agents were aware of Local Listing and that National Listing was pending.\_

**Wet pour** – Quotations had been received from three firms for the renewal of the wet pour surface on the children's play area. The option of artificial grass was also discussed. It was agreed to investigate possible funding sources. Meanwhile the relative merits of various surfaces would also be explored.

**Wild Flower project** – Cllr Sue Hodges reported that wild flower areas were developing under the mature trees by the tennis court. It was planned to extend this wild flower area to more sunny patches alongside the courts. A path would be mown on the hedge side and to ensure that the benches were accessible

**Recreation Ground** – Cllr Brigitte Ward reported that the broken roller had been removed from the recreation ground.

**Affordable Housing-** Photographs of the burial of the Time Capsule to mark the official opening of the Affordable Housing Scheme had been posted on the village website and had also appeared in the Kentish Gazette.

**A2 slip road signage** -It was agreed to write to KCC Cllr Michael Northey to ask for his help in getting Kent Highway Services to replace the missing direction signs at the top of the A2 slip road at Bekesbourne Rd which had been removed in the previous December and also to replace the missing direction signs to London and Canterbury at the top of the A2 slip road at Renville, as all previous requests for KHS to take action had failed.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th June at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

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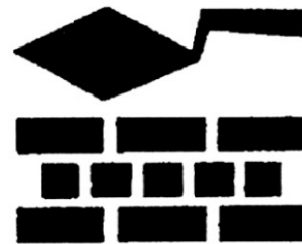
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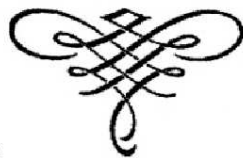
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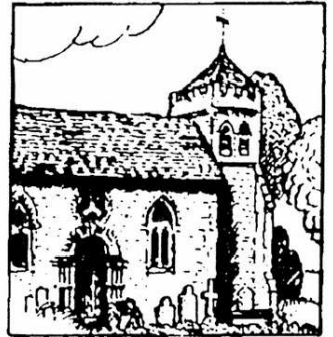
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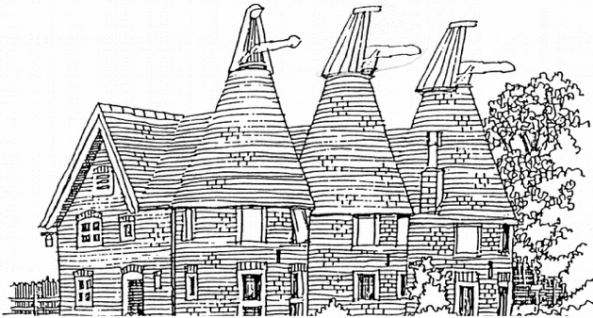
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Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July Fourth Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : 2 Cor 8.7-15  G : Mark 5.21-43
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July Fifth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : 2 Cor 12.2-10  G : Mark 6.1-13
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> July Sixth Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am BCP Communion	NT : Ephesians 1.3- 14  G : Mark 6.14-29
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July Seventh Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am BCP Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion  11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am BCP Mattins		NT : Ephesians 2.11-22 G : Mark 6.30-34, 53-56 OT : Samuel 7.1- 14a
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> July Eighth Sunday after Trinity				9.30 am Benefice Holy Communion Service		NT : Ephesians 3.14-21  G : John 6.1 - 21
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August					9.30 am Holy Communion	NT : Ephesians 4.1- 16  G : 6.24-35

*BCP – Book of Common Prayer a traditional service. Eucharist – Holy Communion. Mattins – Morning Prayer*





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July 11th is the date in the church calendar when we remember St Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino and Father of Western Monasticism.

The idea of monasticism may seem completely alien to our modern daily living. Early Christian monasticism originated in the Middle East from the desert fathers and mothers who flourished particularly in the 3rd Century. They lived a pilgrimage of self-discovery about themselves in relationship with God and the world and people around about them. From their writing and wisdom a message comes of learning to live and be honest about yourself in relation to God. This is the life long journey that these people undertook. In looking on themselves and the world around about them they recognised quickly that it was unhelpful and damaging to all to fall into the temptation to look at others and find fault. Accepting and struggling with their humanity, how God wanted them to be in there ordinary and extraordinariness was central to their lives. In doing this, as monastic communities do today, brings about a closeness and appreciation of humanity.

Last Autumn I had the joy of driving with a good friend Route 66 in America. A trip I had thought about undertaking for many years. As part of the journey I took a diversion off the route to visit the Abbey of Gethsemane in Kentucky. The abbey was home to Thomas Merton (1915-1968) a monk and spiritual writer. The religious community he was part of is still flourishing and coupled with a road trip was a spiritual pilgrimage in itself (not to mention the bourbon whiskey distilleries). Any pilgrimage is not so much the final destination as the journey and the meeting of people and process of self-discovery this nurtures.

What I found on my trip and plenty of others have found on their pilgrimages is how we are all so interconnected / reliant upon each other and the world around us. When I look at another and do not understand their culture or life style it should force me to relook at my own understanding of self and my relationship with God through Christ rather than immediately saying you are wrong because you are not like me or this is how we have always done it so change must be wrong.

Consequently it is with sadness that I look upon my own church as it struggles with women's ministry (Women Bishops) and same sex marriage. I'm neither a women nor gay, so how can I be suitably qualified to speak for another's experience which is not my own. Rather it is a call to engage non-judgementally, as someone who fails continually, to learn about myself and those who live around about me in community. Through love we should hope to grow from hearing other people's stories and in them come closer to God. We live

lives of pilgrimage if we seek to learn about ourselves and the people who live around us through the love of Christ. I will strive to model a church which allows a safe place for all people to enter upon such a journey, knowing my own brokenness and celebrating the supremacy of Christ' love.

Yours in Christ.

Rev Simon

Vicar to the Bridge Benefice.

### Dates for Your Diary

#### July

03/07	14.00	<i>Church Mice at Bridge Church</i>
		15.00 <i>Holy Communion</i>
<i>at New Close</i>		
10/07	14.30	<i>Holy Communion at Mansfield Court</i>
17/07	15.00	<i>Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge</i>
18/07	15.00	<i>Hymns at New Close</i>
24/07	14.30	<i>Holy Communion at Highfield</i>

#### Queens Diamond Jubilee

Wow what celebrations. Can I offer my personal thanks to all those involved within all the local communities in the Benefice who worked so hard to foster a great sense of community spirit as people came together to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. Even the rain could not dampen spirits!

Rev Simon.

Bridge Group of churches includes the Churches of Bekesbourne, Patribourne, Bridge, Lower Hardres and Nackington. \*The church at Bekesbourne is normally kept locked but a key can be borrowed from Essentially Hops in Chalkpit Farm during shop hours.

## Your Parish Matters

**Mid Week Communion** takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Bridge Church. This is a short service (20 minutes) and I hope this will provide an opportunity for those who drop children off at school to have time for themselves with God in a quiet atmosphere.

**Morning and Evening Prayer.** Morning and evening prayer take place at Bridge Church, from Monday to Thursday at 8.30am and 5pm respectively. All are very welcome to attend.

**Prayers** There is a book for prayer requests on the altar of the Lady Chapel in Bridge Church.

**Church Mice** –The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge from 2pm-3pm for preschool children (0-5) and their parents and carers - play, songs, bible story, craft and tea and coffee. The next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd July. All welcome.

**Church Weddings.** *If you, or anyone you know would like to explore the possibility of getting married in church in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patixbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please phone the Vicarage to make an enquiry: 01227 830250.*

*Further information is also available at [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)*

*For Baptism and Funeral enquiries please feel able to contact the Vicar .The Church of England seeks to serve the community not just those who go to church.*

**SATURDAY JULY 7TH** – Something at the Vicarage.

Everyone welcome from midday onwards for light snacks in the Vicarage garden. (£2 per person) *This event may be cancelled if we have more wet weather in our on-going drought!*

The Vicar try's to have his 'Day Off' on a **Friday** each week. Yes we know he's invisible six days and incomprehensible on the seventh but on a Friday please leave a message on the Vicarage answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible. The Curate, Rev Julia will also have her day off on Friday each week.

## Fish (Neighbourly Help) News - telephone 07935 966 080

The July Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 11th in Bridge Village Hall and everybody is welcome.

### Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

Sadly, we have lost two valued members in the past month - Mrs June Ferris and Mr Ron Bates. Our thoughts are with their families.

On a happier note - we have several members recovering from recent operations and able to join in with our activities again.

As this is a quiet time of year for the Branch - could we mention again that we welcome new members. You don't have to be ex-service - just somebody who is interested and sympathetic to the Legion's aims and wants to support this worthwhile cause. We meet every first Tuesday of the month at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. For more information call the Branch Secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays 10th July and 14th August both at 8pm.

### Queens Diamond Jubilee

On behalf of the Bridge Diamond Jubilee Committee, I would like to thank all those who assisted with the events and who helped to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee either on the Recreation Ground on Sunday or atop Star Hill on Monday evening.

Alan Atkinson  
Chairman

### A Special Thank you

I was simply overwhelmed with the generosity of the cake/biscuit makers! A big "thank you" for all the delicious donations. I do have one or two cake tins uncollected—please give me a ring and I will return them to you. A special thanks to Bridgeway Stores who kindly gave us refreshments which enabled us to offer complimentary tea/coffee.

We are indebted to all the volunteers who helped on the day, particularly the effort needed to set up and clear away tables, chairs, gazebos etc. a big job well done. On Monday evening the Fireworks Team worked hard to give a splendid end to the celebrations. Many appreciative comments have been made.

It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the celebrations and bringing the community together for a successful event—even in the rain!

Would anyone be interested in making a "Village Picnic" an annual event? If so please contact Alan 830629/louise@tasou.fsnet.co.uk or me 830514 with your ideas. We still have Commemorative Coins for sale £2 each from the Post Office or 17 High Street.

### A mystery for you to solve

Who was the lovely man who continuously swept the grass from the Pavilion for more than two hours?

Barbara Beinder and the

#

Jubilee Committee

## EDITORS NOTE

WOULD ALL CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT 'ON THE NAIL' WILL BE THE COMBINED AUGUST/SEPTEMBER EDITION.

PLEASE CAN I HAVE ALL ITEMS FOR THESE TWO MONTHS BY TUESDAY 17TH JULY. BY E-MAIL FOR PREFERENCE

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### Woodpeckers Nursery

Staff, Children and their families had a great day on Saturday at their 'Olympic Spring Fair'. They were also celebrating their recent Ofsted inspection where they were awarded the top 'outstanding' grade in all areas of their inspection.

There was a fancy dress parade, face painting, bouncy castle and lots of other stalls who raised just over £1,100 for the Nursery funds, towards equipment and future planned events. Great fun was had by all.

The Nursery are now looking forward to their Jubilee celebrations and all the events and activities arrange for next term before some of the children move on to School. Mrs Sheppard, Nursery Manager, would like to thank everyone for all their efforts and support towards the fair and to all who donated prizes. Special thanks must also go to the great staff team for working so hard to achieve such a fantastic Ofsted report.

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### Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Probably the most important event in our annual programme, our **Summer Show**, is breaking with tradition and is being held in the morning of **Saturday 14 July in Bridge Village Hall**, opening to the public from 11.00 am, with the presentation of prizes at 12 noon. We will also be providing refreshments with home-made cakes, a raffle and plant and bring and buy stall. Something for everyone to enjoy!

We would really like to encourage more people to take part in our shows and to come along to view the exhibits and to this end we are inviting entries from non-members in certain of the classes.

We have a children's section, open to all, with a cup awarded to the winner. In addition, each child entering will receive a small prize. There are two classes in this summer's show:

**A picture – A4 size – using torn paper**  
and

**A container of cress – 4 inch (10cm) maximum diameter.**

In each class the children will be divided into over and under eights. We would really love it if you would encourage your children to take part. Entries should be brought to the hall before 10.00 am on the morning of the show.

This year we have opened up two classes to non-members in addition to our usual official "Open Class". In the vegetable section there is a class entitled "**Any Other Vegetable**" (use common sense on numbers). Those veg already included in the schedule are spring onions, onions, potatoes, carrots, French beans, broad beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes and cucumber. So, we would welcome your entry of any vegetable that you have grown other than those listed above. Likewise, in the flower section the open class is for a container (we supply this) of **mixed flowers** (anything in flower).

Do have a go! Bring your entries to the hall before 10 am on the morning of the show. We will be there to receive them from 8 am onwards. If you would like any further information or the full schedule of classes, please contact me, Kathy Walder, on 01227 830057/07791 656539 or email [kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com)

We are also looking for entries for our three garden categories - Most Picturesque Garden, Prettiest Small Garden and Best Kept Vegetable Garden - with a handsome trophy to be won in each class. Please don't be shy in putting your garden forward. Contact Kathy Walder (details as above) by no later than Wednesday 27 June. Judging will take place in early July prior to the Summer Show.

### Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 17 July** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, **Geneve** will be returning by popular request to do a follow-up evening to her visit last year when she was encouraging us to "**Make the Most of Ourselves.**"



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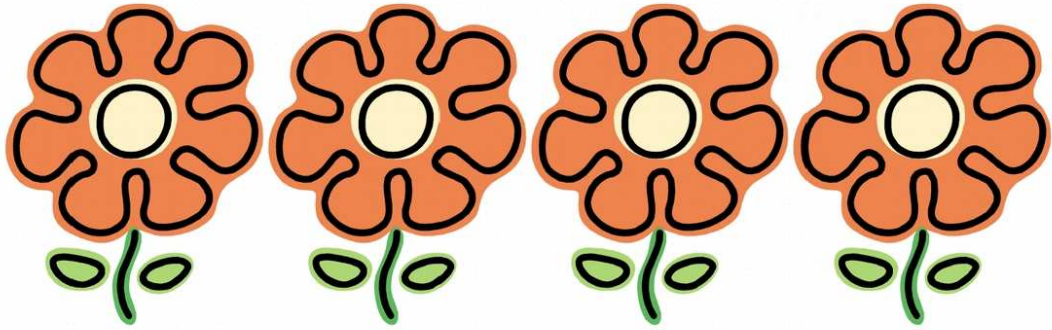


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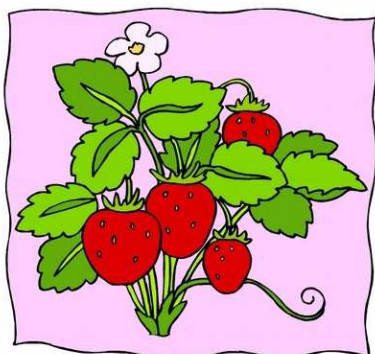
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en our first case of Erlichiosis at the practice. We have been s a gorgeous 2 year old Pyrenean Mountain Dog for this n very poorly indeed but is fortunately, gradually improving. e which is very rarely seen in the UK. It is more common in the A and it can be fatal. It is caused by rickettsial bacteria which ophalus ticks. These ticks are not normally seen in the UK but orted in Kent and the New Forest.

ease include coughing, weakness and spontaneous bleeding s to lameness and paralysis and in severe cases the disease aught early enough the disease can be treated and we are ke a full recovery. There is no vaccine to protect your pets

against this disease, the most important thing you can do is protect them from ticks by using an effective tick repellent spot-on or collar. Ticks are very prevalent in the wet weather we are having at the moment so we highly recommend preventative treatment. If you would like further information or advice speak to your vets or call Bourne Veterinary Practice on **01227 832322**.



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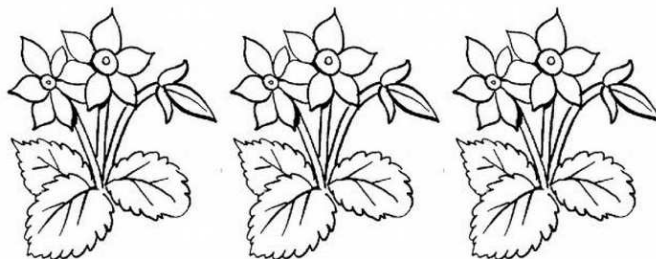


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performed a traditional dance. Then, the star of many of this year's Christian Aid Week materials - Mary Samuels - thanked us for all the work we do throughout the world. She said: 'If in the morning you hear the cock crowing, know that it's me on behalf of all beneficiaries of Christian Aid's work, saying a BIG thank you.'

Then there was a very keenly contested spelling competition between two local schools. All the children who participated in the day's activities were awarded prizes.

Little Mohammed Kundowai summed up the day: 'This has been the best day of my life in Gbap! Thank you!'

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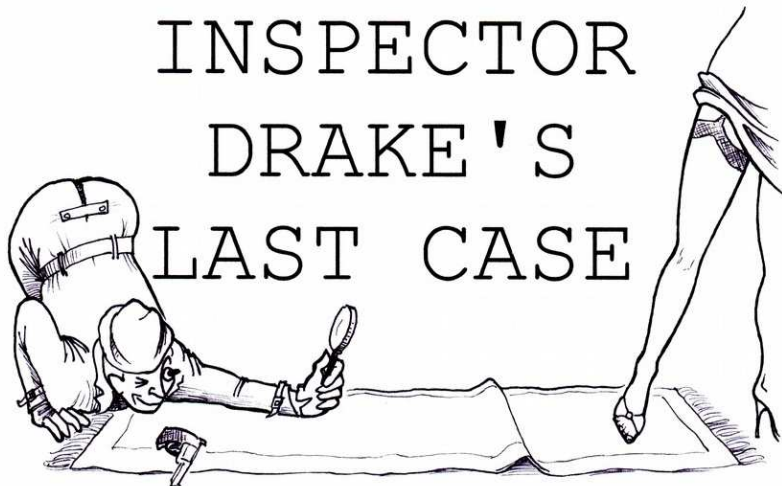
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**Neighbourhood Plan** – Joe Connor, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, reported that 335 questionnaires had been returned out of 705 distributed. The data was being processed and it was intended that the Neighbourhood Plan would be completed by August in time to present to the City Council before the end of that month. It was agreed that a special meeting of the Parish Council would be held in August to consider the Neighbourhood Plan when it had been completed.

**List of Assets of Community Value** – The Parish Council drew up a list of assets of value to the community, which would form part of the Neighbourhood Plan. The list would be lodged with the Development Management Department of the City Council. Under the Localism Act, the Parish Council would have a right to bid for a designated community asset and would have six months to prepare a bid to buy it before an asset could be sold.

**Mill Centre** – Cllr Simon Cook reported that the proposal to build a new facility in the school was no longer viable. Funding conditions would have meant that the school would have had to donate the land to the Parish Council and the school governors had not considered this acceptable. A report on the future of the Centre would be presented to Canterbury City Council Executive on Thursday 21st June. It would outline three alternatives; a. to extend the lease for a further two years, b. to secure vacant possession of the site in September c. to transfer the Centre to the community. Cllr Hill would speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the Executive meeting.

It was pointed out that the main halls were in good condition but the kitchen and smaller rooms needed renovation. The estimated cost of this was £200,000. None of this would be a cost to the City Council as, provided a 25 years + lease could be secured, grants would be available.

**Diamond Jubilee** – – Cllr John Hill thanked the Diamond Jubilee Committee for their hard work in producing a superb celebration for the village, both on the Sunday at the recreation ground and at the Monday bonfire and fireworks. Cllr Alan Atkinson also thanked all the helpers who had made the celebrations a success. He announced that there were still some Jubilee coins available for purchase. They would be on sale at the village fete.

**Methodist Chapel**- It was reported that the Methodist chapel had been sold. The parish council's bid to buy it had been unsuccessful.

**Recreation Ground** –. The guttering round the pavilion had again been damaged and there had been some damage to the plants near the pavilion. Anti climb paint had been put on the roof of the sand bag store to try to prevent more damage to the pavilion guttering. The fencing by Riverside Close had been damaged. Cllr Sue Hodges thanked the volunteers who had planted the Jubilee oak and had helped with the planting on 23<sup>rd</sup>. April. Cllr Bill Oakey and Mervyn Gulvin had taken sacks of rubbish from the pavilion to the local tip after the Jubilee celebrations.

**Request for double yellow lines at junction of Patricbourne Rd and Riverside Close**- It was considered that asking the City Council to agree to the use of double yellow lines would serve no purpose, as they would not be enforced. The Parish Council requested Cllr Cook to ask the City Council for more frequent visits by parking attendants to enforce existing parking restrictions in Bridge.

**Summer football training for Bridge FC**- It was agreed to refuse a request from Bridge Football Club to begin training on the recreation ground in mid-July rather than after 1<sup>st</sup> August, as stated in their contract. This was because of undertakings given to residents living next to the ground who had previously complained about disruption during the summer months.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>.July at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.\_

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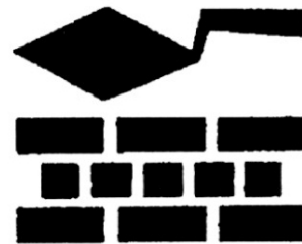
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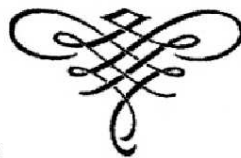
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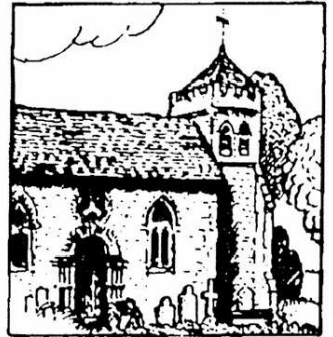
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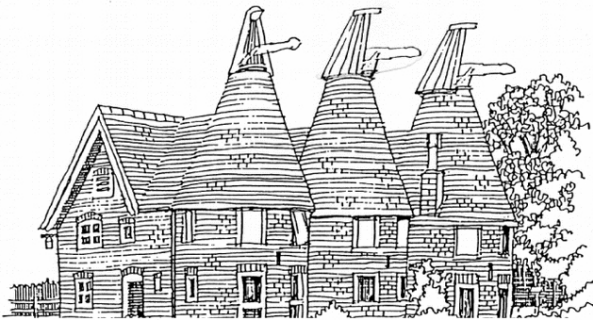
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Services for the month of August 2012

Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August Ninth Sunday after Trinity					9.30 am Benefice Service - Holy Communion	NT : Ephesians 4.1- 16 G : 6.24-35
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August Tenth Sunday after Trinity			9.30 am Benefice Service - Holy Communion			NT : Ephesians 4.25-5.2 G : John 6.35, 41- 51
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Benefice Service - Holy Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion		NT : Ephesians 5.15-20 G : John 6.51-58
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Benefice Service - Holy Communion					NT : Ephesians 6.10-20 G : John 6.56-69
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : James 1.17-27 G : Mark 7.1-8, 14- 15, 21-23

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Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : James 2.1- 10(11-13), 14-17  G : Mark 7.24-37
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : James 3.1- 12  G : Mark 8.27-38
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT : James 3.13- 4.3, 7-8a G : Mark 9.30-37 OT : Proverbs 31.10-31
<p><b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>  <b>Back to Church Sunday</b>  <b>11.00 am</b>  <b>A special Benefice and Harvest Service will take place in Bridge &amp; Patricbourne CEP School</b></p>						
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : Hebrews 1.1- 4, 2.5-12  G : Mark 10.2-16

Dear Parishioners

Thank you to Simon for inviting me to write for this issue of the magazine.

In one of the readings in church recently we heard Jesus urging his disciples to 'travel light' ... As one of life's natural hoarders that passage always strikes a chord with me. I've been waiting for August to arrive so that I can do a bit of long-overdue sorting and tidying – hopefully with a bit of judicious throwing away! It's one of those tasks where I have to catch myself in the right mood otherwise I sink into the 'we'd better keep that – you never know when we might need it' kind of sort-out which clears the living areas but leaves the loft bulging!

Learning to travel light – and learning what is truly essential is one of those lessons which takes a life-time of learning. Yet throughout the Bible we are reminded that God knows our needs and will provide – often not quite as we want but that's a learning curve in itself!

If I look back I see the essential bits have often been the relationships – the people who were part of a particular stage of my life... parents, friends, work colleagues and especially those wise companions on the journey who were able to challenge gently how I saw myself and the world and where God was in it all.

I certainly don't profess to have got the 'travelling light' mastered... but perhaps as well as the August house tidy I'll make progress elsewhere in my life - learning to let go of the things that get in the way of the essential things. Lots to work on!

With best wishes

Rev'd Chris Wilkinson

*Parish Priest to the Littlebourne Benefice*

## Your Parish Matters

**Mid Week Communion** takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Bridge Church. This is a short service (20 minutes) and I hope this will provide an opportunity for those who drop children off at school to have time for themselves with God in a quiet atmosphere.

**Morning and Evening Prayer.** Morning and evening prayer take place at Bridge Church, from Monday to Thursday at 8.30am and 5pm respectively. All are very welcome to attend.

**Prayers** There is a book for prayer requests on the altar of the Lady Chapel in Bridge Church.

**Church Mice** –The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge from 2pm-3pm. It is a group for preschool children (0-5) and their parents and carers, with play, songs, bible stories, craft and tea and coffee.

The August meeting will take place at Bekesbourne Recreation Ground on Tuesday 7th of August. If it is raining we will meet in Bridge Church. The September meeting will take place on the second Tuesday of the month, the 11th of September in St. Peter's Bridge. All are welcome.

For further information contact Rev. Julia on 830265 .

**Church Weddings.** *If you, or anyone you know would like to explore the possibility of getting married in church in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please phone the Vicarage to make an enquiry: 01227 830250.*

*Further information is also available at [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)*

*For Baptism and Funeral enquiries please feel able to contact the Vicar .The Church of England seeks to serve the community not just those who go to church.*

## Dates for your Diary

### August

07/08	14.00	Church Mice at Bekesbourne Recreation Ground
	15.00	Holy Communion at New Close
14/08	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
21/08	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
28/08	15.00	Hymns at New Close
15/08	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

### September

11/09	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
04/09	15.00	Holy Communion at New Close
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
06/09	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
10/09	19.30	Caring & Sharing
11/09	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
12/09	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
18/09	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
19/09	15.00	Hymns at New Close
24/09	19.30	Caring & Sharing
25/09	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2013.** Rev Julia and her husband Rev Chris plus a colleague of theirs (Rev Dom Whitting from Cornwall) will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Jan 22nd - 31st 2013, which is open to anyone in the Bridge Benefice (and friends) who would like to join us. We will be visiting all the key sites associated with Jesus' life and ministry, worshipping together as well as encountering some of the living stones - Christians and people of faith living there today engaged in remarkable work. A visit to the Holy Land brings the Bible to life and we would argue is a once in a lifetime experience for Christians. Brochures are available at the back of church for more information or to make a booking or please speak to Julia or look at the link: <http://www.lightline.org.uk/destinations/holy-land/2013/revds-pickles-a-whitting.html#itinerary>

The Vicar tries to have his 'Day Off' on a **Friday** each week. Yes we know he's invisible six days and incomprehensible on the seventh but on a Friday please leave a message on the Vicarage answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible. The Curate, Rev. Julia will also have her day off on Friday each week.

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### **Bekesbourne Choir Vestry Project**

The good news is that we now have sufficient funds pledged towards the estimated cost of our project to install a toilet cubicle and a flower arranging area with cupboards at the back of Bekesbourne Church. I hope that by the time you read this, the contract will have been let and a start date fixed for the middle of September.

The work is expected to take 6-8 weeks, but we hope to continue to hold services as usual. However, the congregation might want to move to the front pews to avoid the dust, coffee may have to be brewed in the Vicar's vestry and the bells may be silent for a while! Watch the pew sheets for the latest news at the end of the summer.

Since I wrote an update in the April magazine, we have received a grant from the Tory Family Foundation and substantially increased grants from Kent County Council and from Viridor Credits. The PCC is extremely grateful to them, as well as to Marshalls Charity, Bekesbourne Parish Council, the Garfield Weston Foundation, Allchurches Trust, the Archbishop's Charitable Trust and a small number of well-wishers, both local and world-wide. We are particularly grateful for the contribution made by the Friends of Bekesbourne Church, which demonstrated strong local support when we applied to national charities.

Jane Millyard

### **Note for your Diaries**

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church Are holding an evening Fashion Show on 19th October, 2012. At Lower Hardres and Nackington Village Hall. Full details in the October issue of the Parish Magazine.

## **Fish News**

The August Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 8th in Bridge Village Hall and the September one will be on the 12th – both 10 to 11.15. A representative from Hi-Kent hopes to be at the September meeting to help with hearing aids.

## **Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion**

13 members attended our July meeting, including several who have been recovering from illness. We are sorry that Bernie Guyatt and Stan Styles were unable to attend, but wish them well. We have a quietish time during the summer until things hot up towards Poppy Appeal time, so not much to report at present.

Did anyone notice the "deliberate mistake" last month? Our meetings are in fact held on the second Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested in joining us can contact the secretary on 01227 472023 for more information. Our next two meetings are on Tuesdays, 14th August and 11th September both at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

## **Ride & Stride**

Don't forget the Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride on Saturday 8th September. If you are willing to walk or cycle, sign in visitors to the church or sponsor others to do these things, please get in touch with your local church representative. For Patrixbourne, that is Pauline Pritchard (830685) and we have particular need to show willing as FOKC has promised us money towards our wheel window repairs.

## **Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride & Walk**

### **Saturday 8th September 10.00-18.00**

Riders & walkers, sponsors & welcomers, will again be appreciated for the above national event.

The day doesn't have to be a mammoth undertaking—there are several Churches within fairly comfortable walking distance of your own Church, possibly combined with a picnic or pub lunch, with a larger choice for cyclists.

There is a list available of up to 12 Churches within Canterbury City boundaries, which make a very exciting walk or ride. Apart from helping to save historic Kent Churches, the other purpose of the day is enjoyment for the participants.

For more information about taking part, or if you can help by welcoming riders and walkers at the Benefice Church, please contact:-

Bekesbourne	Gill Gillanders	830894	
Bridge	Derek Prior		833808
Lower Hardres	Anne Nichols		
Nackington	Cilla Wright		
Patrixbourne	Pauline Pritchard	830685	

Are There any intrepid people who wish to ride & Stride to raise funds to be shared equally between St.Peters Bekesbourne and The Friends of Kent Churches on Saturday 8th September. At the moment we only have one rider Roger Nicholls, so even if you are unavailable to ride or stride it would be great if you could sponsor him. If you can help in any way please call me. Gill Gillanders 830894



month's On the Nail about how the people of Gbap celebrated this year should have included our Christian Aid Week result. We amount raised was a record £2341.87 (which will increase to Aid). This wonderful result was due to the increased efforts of our loyal collectors and the generosity of the people of Bridge, Patricbourne, Bekesbourne and Lower Hardres. Many thanks.

The Tax Justice Bus is coming to Canterbury!

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Celebrate Africa

Following the success of its Indian Evening in 2010, Christian Aid Canterbury is celebrating the vitality, diversity and achievement of African countries at St Andrew’s URC hall, Watling Street, Canterbury (next to the car park) on Saturday 15th September from 6-9pm. It will be a fun evening, suitable for all ages. Do come and share it. (See poster elsewhere in the magazine for details).



**What you need to know about: SHINGLES**

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Treatments are available and vary from person to person depending on the severity of the symptoms. Medical advice should be sought within 72 hours of the rash occurring.

The best solution is prevention. Vaccines are available to protect you against the virus developing but are not currently available on the NHS.

All Health Matters, Canterbury is a small, friendly private clinic offering shingles vaccinations for people over 50. If you would like more information, or to book an appointment to be vaccinated, we would be happy to hear from you. Tel: 01227 451233 Email: [admin@allhealthmatters.co.uk](mailto:admin@allhealthmatters.co.uk) Web: [www.allhealthmatters.co.uk](http://www.allhealthmatters.co.uk)



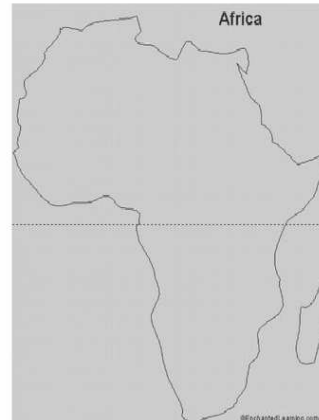
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## The National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

After taking a stand at the Kent County Show, the Society returns to Bridge Village Hall for a talk by Dusty Miller on **"What is Organic Vegetable Growing?"** on **Wednesday 8 August**, 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start.

Then on the weekend of 26/27 August, the Society will again be organising what is a most impressive stand at the **Edenbridge Show** prior to its own Vegetable Show to be held, as last year, in Bridge Village Hall on the weekend of **8 and 9 September**. Do pop in to the hall to see and admire the exhibits on display and perhaps be inspired by what can be achieved in the growing of vegetables.

Following on closely, there will be a talk by Heather Willis entitled **"Spring and Autumn in Scotland"** on **Wednesday 12 September**, in **Bridge Village Hall**, 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start.

The Society is always happy to welcome non-members to its events.

### Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

There are two events planned for the month of August. Firstly, on **Wednesday 15 August** between 2.30 and 4.00 pm, we are holding our annual fund-raising **Afternoon Tea** at 17 Union Road, Bridge. As well as cream teas, priced at £2.50, there will be a bring and buy, cake, craft and plants stalls and a raffle. By that time, we hope that the weather will be set into a sunnier pattern and you will be able to relax and enjoy a chat in the garden with friends over a cup of tea. Do come along and support us in this venture.

Then, at the end of the month, on **Wednesday 29 August**, we have an outing planned to the architect **Pugin's house, The Grange, at Ramsgate**. We will leave Bridge at 11.30 am and, weather permitting, we will picnic on the Esplanade close to The Grange prior to our booked tour at 2.00 pm. There is a pavilion cafeteria nearby if it is raining. The cost of entry to the house and the adjacent church is £3 plus a fuel contribution.

Moving on to September, we have a practical evening on **"Origami"** led by Tsuyoko Page organised for **Tuesday 18 September** back at our usual venue, **Bridge Village Hall**, and at our usual time of 7.30 pm. It goes without saying that we are always delighted to welcome visitors at our events.

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## FAMILY DAY \*

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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 12th July 2012

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Canterbury City Council had been formally notified of the Bridge Neighbourhood Plan area. Five members of Bridge's Neighbourhood Plan Committee had attended a Government funded training day organised by the Campaign to Protect Rural England. A response on the three possible housing development sites would be sent to the City Council to meet its deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> September. An analysis of the questionnaires would form the basis of the response regarding possible sites. It would be necessary to hold an extraordinary parish council meeting in August to approve the response.

**New Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors-** Parish Councillors approved the new Code of Conduct. The Code adopted by the parish council is the same as the Canterbury City Council Code. The City Council would continue to administer the Code as it applied to parishes.

**Revised Standing Orders-** Councillors adopted the revised Standing Orders required following the approval of the new Code of Conduct.

**Re-surfacing of Children's Play Area-** It was agreed to use wet pour to re-surface the children's play area. Four quotations had been received but the Clerk would obtain one further quotation before a decision on the preferred three companies was made by the Recreation Ground Committee. Grants would be applied for to help to fund this work.

**Proposal for the re-building of the Mill Centre** – Cllr Cook outlined a proposal for a section of approximately 1/3rd the Mill Centre site to be offered to the Parish Council by the City Council on a lease of at least 30 years in order to rebuild the Centre. The City Council would offer no financial contribution and the Parish Council would be responsible for finding funding for the new building. Parish Councillors voted unanimously to support the idea in principle and confirmed that funds were available in the reserves for the Mill Centre that could be put towards a new building.

The Executive of Canterbury City Council had earlier voted to give the Mill Centre a new lease for a further two years. The clause restricting its use to uniformed organisations had been removed from the new lease.

**Recreation Ground** There had been more damage to the guttering round the pavilion caused by footballs being kicked against it repeatedly. It was proposed to bolt the guttering onto the fixing brackets in the hope of making it less likely to be dislodged. Our PCSO had been carrying out foot patrols in Bridge and had the names of those suspected of being responsible for recent episodes of vandalism on the recreation ground.

The next scheduled meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th. September at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.\_

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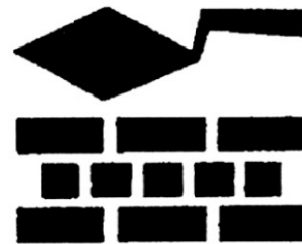
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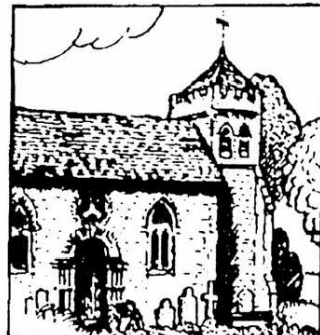
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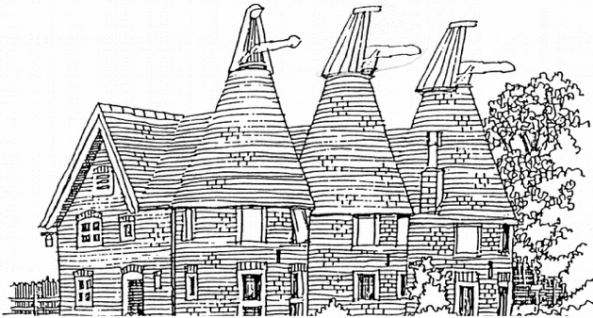
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Services for the month of October 2012

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Sunday 7th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: Hebrews 11- 4, 2.5-12 G: Mark 10.2-16
Sunday 14th October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT: Hebrews 4.12-16 G: Mark 10.17-31
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Hebrews 5.1-10 G : 10.35-45
Sunday 28th October Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT: Hebrews 7.23-28 G : Mark 10.46- 52 OT: Job 42.1-6, 10-17





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Sometimes it's lovely not to have to do anything, just sit and 'be' especially if the sitting and the being is further enhanced by a glass of something. But life generally is not spent in relaxed reflection and even in the country idyll of the Vicarage looking at the number of e-mails requiring reply in my in-box and the ever ringing telephone, today like yesterday is not going to be a day of prayerful contemplation! Life can have a habit of requiring never ending sessions of hard slog, or more simply getting on with the ordinary. In the simple repetition of life one can easily be deluded into thinking that God exists not in the everyday ordinariness but rather in what seems on the surface as the extraordinary other life of holiness.

This 'other life' is the sort of life inhabited by holy people who live in a place of other worldliness. These people we imagine know nothing of the realities of frustrated relationships, caring for crying babies who wake at two in the morning in need of a feed with a partner who could sleep through the Blitz happily unaware of your need for sleep and work in the morning. The holy person never has to, deal with/ remonstrate / negotiate with (delete as appropriate) the teenage creature that was once your beloved child but age seems to have transformed them into something parenthood never really prepared you for. As life deals with the ordinary, God happens to other people who have the time and temperament for such things.

Yet in the ordinariness of life God is there, sadly we tend to look for him in the yesterday of failed possibilities or the urgency of the tomorrow which holds the prospect of what might be. We live lives of looking into the yesterday or racing around coping with the next day to come and all of its needs. The few wise and holy people I know are fully aware of the world around them, much more aware than the busy people who rush by caught up in the hubris of life. They are grimly in touch with the hurt and pain of life whether caused by human action or the onset of age and disease. Yet they see life in the present of today, the life lived in the moment of now where God exists and yearns for us to share in as well. So please give what you think religion might be a miss and instead stop and celebrate the present moment with God.

Yours in Christ.

Rev Simon

Vicar to the Bridge Benefice.

Bridge Group of churches includes the Churches of Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne, Bridge, Lower Hardres and Nackington. \*The church at Bekesbourne is normally kept locked but a key can be borrowed from Essentially Hops in Chalkpit Farm during shop hours.

## Your Parish Matters

### Christenings

01.07.12	Bekesbourne	Jessica Jane Tunbridge
08.07.12	Bridge	Olivia Rose Matthews
29.07.12	Bekesbourne	Mia Louise Benzies
05.08.12	Bekesbourne	Charlie Thomas Ellis
19.08.12	Bekesbourne	Max Harvey Paskell
19.08.12	Bekesbourne	Ellis Friend
26.08.12	Bekesbourne	Marco Gabriele Jopling

### Weddings

07.07.12	Lower Hardres	Colin Stratton and Ellie Russell
14.07.12	Bridge	James Pottle and Rachel

Hornibrook

### Funerals

03.09.12 Mrs Daisy Evelyn Watson

**Mid Week Communion** takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Bridge Church. This is a short service (20 minutes) and I hope this will provide an opportunity for those who drop children off at school to have time for themselves with God in a quiet atmosphere.

**Morning and Evening Prayer.** Morning and evening prayer take place at Bridge Church, from Monday to Thursday at 8.30am and 5pm respectively. All are very welcome to attend.

**Prayers** There is a book for prayer requests on the altar of the Lady Chapel in Bridge Church.

**Church Mice** –The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge from 2pm-3pm for preschool children (0-5) and their parents and carers - play, songs, bible story, craft and tea and coffee. The next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd October. All welcome.

**Church Weddings.** *If you, or anyone you know would like to explore the possibility of getting married in church in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please phone the Vicarage to make an enquiry: 01227 830250. Further information is also available at [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)*

*For Baptism and Funeral enquiries please feel able to contact the Vicar. The Church of England seeks to serve the community not just those who go to church.*

## Dates for inclusion in Magazine Diary

October

02/10	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at New Close
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
04/10	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
08/10	19.30	Caring & Sharing
09/10	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
10/10	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
16/10	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
17/10	15.00	Hymns at New Close
22/10	19.30	Caring & Sharing
23/10	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

The Vicar try's to have his 'Day Off' on a **Friday** each week. Yes we know he's invisible six days and incomprehensible on the seventh but on a Friday please leave a message on the Vicarage answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible. The Curate, Rev Julia will also have her day off on Friday each week.

Hold fire for the

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Saturday 10th November

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### **Fish (Neighbourly Help) News**

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The Scheme telephone number for help with lifts is 07935 966 080

### **2012 Poppy Appeal**

Help needed for this years Poppy Appeal during 27th October to 10th November.

Every year volunteers from Bridge, Bekesbourne & Patricbourne give up a few hours of their time collecting door to door for the Poppy Appeal.

People always give generously and the money raised goes towards providing ex servicemen with essential assistance.

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If you can help, please contact John Shirley on 0780 8734 842 or drop a line to him at Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge, Canterbury, Kent CT4 5AT

### **Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion**

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Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 9th October at and 13th November (A.G.M.) both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

### **Wild Flower Project Recreation Ground**

There will be a Working Party on Saturday 20th October from 9 am on the Recreation Ground. If you can spare part of the morning to come and help your time would be appreciated. Please bring warm clothing and your own gardening tools. There will be refreshments provided. If you cannot help, come and have a look at the work that has been done in the past and the proposed plans for the future. Your ideas and comments would be welcomed.

Sue Hodges

*You are warmly invited to*  
**Come and Sing Carols**  
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*on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>*

and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service!

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform *What Adam's Disobedience Cost* (Jeremiah Clarke), *Comfort Ye, my People* (Nössler, arr. Miles), *Make We Joy Now in this Fest* (William Walton), *He Smiles Within His Cradle* (Trad. arr. Martin Shaw), *O Leave Your Sheep* (French Trad. arr. Keyte & Parrott) and *The Little Drummer Boy* (arr. Miles).

We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line.

We will again keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make *both* the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

Wednesday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	7–8.30 p.m.
Thursday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	7–8.30 p.m.
Sunday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	3.45–5.30 p.m.

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

If you are able to join us, please let me know as soon as possible on Canterbury 787994 or [mjm@kings-school.co.uk](mailto:mjm@kings-school.co.uk). I can then assess balance and the viability of the programme!

With thanks & best wishes

Martin Miles

## Bekesbourne 100 Club

Recent winners in the annual subscription lottery to raise funds for St Peter's are: July Anna Croall £50; Kieran Cole £25; and Neville Thorp £15. In August first prize of £50 was scooped by Katrina Johnston; Mark Mount received £25; and Philip Jones £15. Many thanks to all who continue to support this initiative to raise funds for the maintenance of the church and good luck for the autumn and Christmas draws.

Mrs Daisy Watson Although Daisy Watson, who died recently shortly after her 100th birthday, never lived in Bekesbourne, she had a long association with the village. Born Daisy Friend in August 1912 (sister of David, Olive and Lily), she was brought up in Shepherdswell, where she met her future husband Ern. Daisy worked as a nurse at Pembury Hospital during the war, while Ern served in the Royal Marines. They married after the war and lived in Adisham, where they brought up their two sons and a daughter. Daisy would walk from Adisham with the children to attend Bekesbourne Church and was a member of the Bekesbourne Mothers' Union and the Women's Institute. Ern, who worked for Mounts, was then offered a house in Worcester Lane and Daisy lived there until shortly after his death in the late 1970s, when she moved to Bifrons Gardens in Patricbourne. There she tended her garden, producing quantities of plants for every village sale, willingly helped with all Bekesbourne church activities and was a familiar sight smiling behind the cake stall at church markets. She was a lady of the 'old school' always preferring to be called Mrs Watson and addressing others as Mr or Mrs..... Sunday observance was very important to her. She would never work in her garden on a Sunday and preferred to cook on a Saturday, rather than Sunday. She continued to walk well into her 90s - to church, to the station, to Bridge to collect her pension, always correctly dressed and wearing her hat. Five years ago she moved to sheltered accommodation in Canterbury, where she lived until shortly before her death. After she celebrated her birthday with a family party which included her sons from Germany and Australia, her daughter and three grandsons, her long life reached a peaceful end.

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