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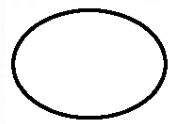
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Services for the month of February 2012

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 5 th February Third Sunday before Lent	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: 1 Cor 9.16-23 G: Mark 1.29-39
Sunday 12 th February Second Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT: Col 1.15-20 G: John 1.1-14
Sunday 19 th February Sunday next before Lent		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT: 2 Cor 4.3-6 G: Mark 9.2-9
Wednesday 22 nd February Ash Wednesday			7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service			NT: 2 Cor 5.20b- 6.10 G: Matt 6.1-6, 16-21
Sunday 26 th February First Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service & Baptism	11.00 am Mattins		NT: 1 Peter 3.18- 22 G: Mark 1.9-15 OT: Gen 9.8-17
Sunday 4 th March Second Sunday of Lent	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: Rom 4.13-25 G: Mark 8.31-38

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As Vicar I would want to affirm the congregations in our parish churches for the ministry of welcome they offer. It is never easy for a visitor to enter and join a church congregation or any other type of community or social group for a first time. However having read the mystery worshipper reports for other churches both in the UK and further afield in the Christian satirical web site www.shipoffools.com it is clear that we can never allow ourselves to be complacent. This Lent as a church community we are running a series of talks/discussions called '*Finding Welcome*' which are designed to help people to think about how the church and its members can welcome others into 'the community of the friends of Jesus'. This is not a study or Lent course in the traditional sense but an opportunity to engage in how as a church community we can be more welcoming. The group will meet on Monday evenings through Lent at 7.30pm at Bridge School starting the 27th February and it would be really great to get as many enthusiastic souls there as possible, or maybe you need to come to be enthused?

I realise the Christian community forms only part of the wider secular and social community of Bridge, but as Vicar can I say how saddened I am by what seems a very short sighted decision by the district council in their proposal to close the Mill Centre in Bridge. I recognise that budget cuts are being made in very critical areas across both Central and Local Government but to shut the one place that is specifically able to provide space for young people to meet in the village to me seems very sad and goes against the spirit of local provision of services to the whole community. Can I urge all village residents to make their views known to the City Council and for more information you can find details at this web site www.millcentre.org.uk . Let us hope that all involved in this matter can work creatively and a constructive outcome can be found.

Finally can I take this opportunity to thank all those who worked so hard in our churches to make this past Christmas such a joyful occasion.

Yours

Simon

Your Parish Matters

Funerals

23.11.11	Bridge	Andrew Burdge
24.11.11	Bekesbourne	James Alexander (Alec) Hills
28.11.11	Bridge	Frank Allison
29.12.11	Bridge	Raymond Thomas Price

The Vicar will be having his 'Day Off' on a **Friday** each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible. The Curate, Rev Julia Pickles will also have her day off on Friday each week.

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.

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*

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February

02/02	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
07/02	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at New Close
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
08/02	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
13/02	19.30	Caring & Sharing
14/02	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
15/02	15.00	Hymns at New Close
21/02	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
27/02	19.30	'Finding Welcome' Lent Group Bridge School
	19.30	Caring & Sharing
28/02	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

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The dates for the above are Saturday and Sunday, 6th and 7th October 2012.

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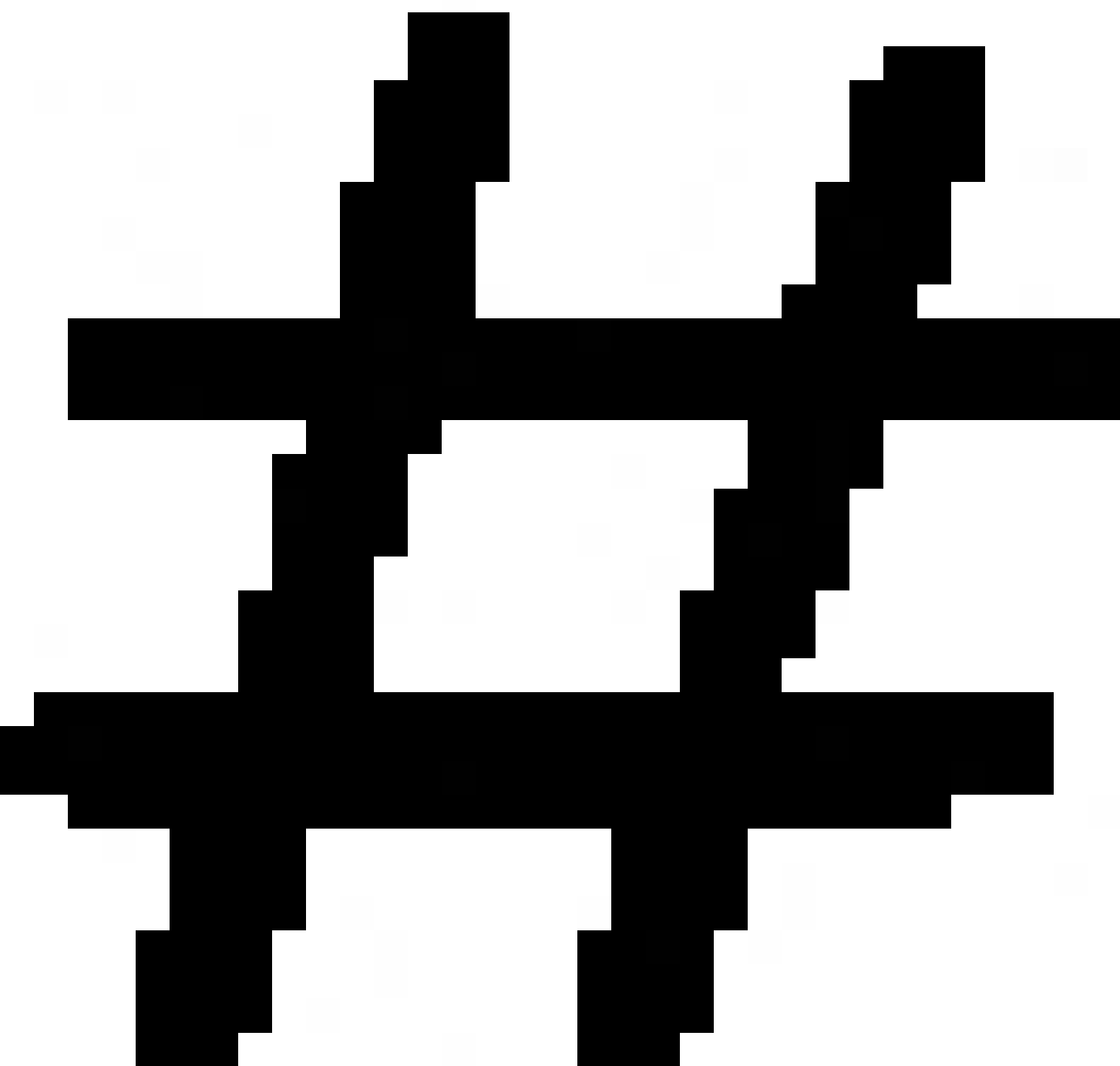
March 24th	Nearly New sale
March 31st	Easter Coffee Morning including Book and Puzzle sale.
May 5th	Spring Coffee Morning
July 15th	Strawberry Tea
Sept 30th	Harvest Lunch and Produce Sale
Nov 3rd	Autumn Fair.

Details of all events will appear on Church Pew Sheets, posters around the village and in future editions of On the Nail.

If you are able to help at any of these events or provide items for sale, please contact Andrea 830947, Gail 830250 or Sue 832084.

If you have any ideas for future fund raising events we would be delighted to hear from you.

Bridge Group of churches includes the Churches of Bekesbourne, Patricbourne, 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.



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The February Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 8th from 10 to 11.15. Do come.

Poppy Appeal 2011

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Last year at Chilham Castle, I attended my first British Legion event as a Poppy Appeal Organiser. We were ushered into a large room where the chairs were scattered at random and then a 'Poppy Ambassador' was introduced. He was very smartly turned out, in his forties perhaps. He explained that he had been found in the streets as a derelict drunk some years ago and when it was discovered that he was a veteran he was taken under the wing of the British Legion. Now he has a set of rooms where each morning he wakes up, he reads a laminated card telling him his name, who he is and who the other people there are. The card then directs him to a computer which reminds him of the events planned for the day. He has no memory longer than 24 hours.

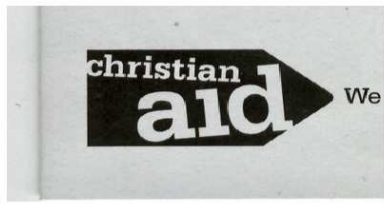
He wove through the scattered chairs giving us all a playing card and a piece of paper which had the words 'Thank you' on it. I forget the significance of the playing card. The gesture itself was too poignant.

John Shirley

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

At our January meeting we welcomed new member Peter Prebble. We have sadly lost two of our long serving members who passed away recently, John Hodges and Sam Cork. Sam was for many years our branch standard bearer who we were proud to have parading at the Royal Albert Hall. We also have several sick members who we wish well - Margaret Fenn, Heather Leaves and Bernie Guyatt. We also wish Mick Wigmore well in his new home at Whitstable. Our Poppy Appeal total is already up on last year at £4,400, with more money to come in. Well done all our helpers!

It is our quieter time of year now so can I take time to encourage new members to come forward and join - whether ex-service or not you will be very welcome. Our next two meetings will be at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne on Tuesdays 14 Feb and 13 March, both at 8pm.



Bekesbourne Epiphany Service on 8th January

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The prizes will be a selection of Fairtrade goodies!

All the cakes and puddings will be sold at the end of the Coffee Morning in aid of church funds and the Canterbury Fairtrade Network.

Please use this flyer as your entry form, listing your ingredients on the back, and return it to Jean Barber, 1 Riverside Mews, Bridge by 1st March.

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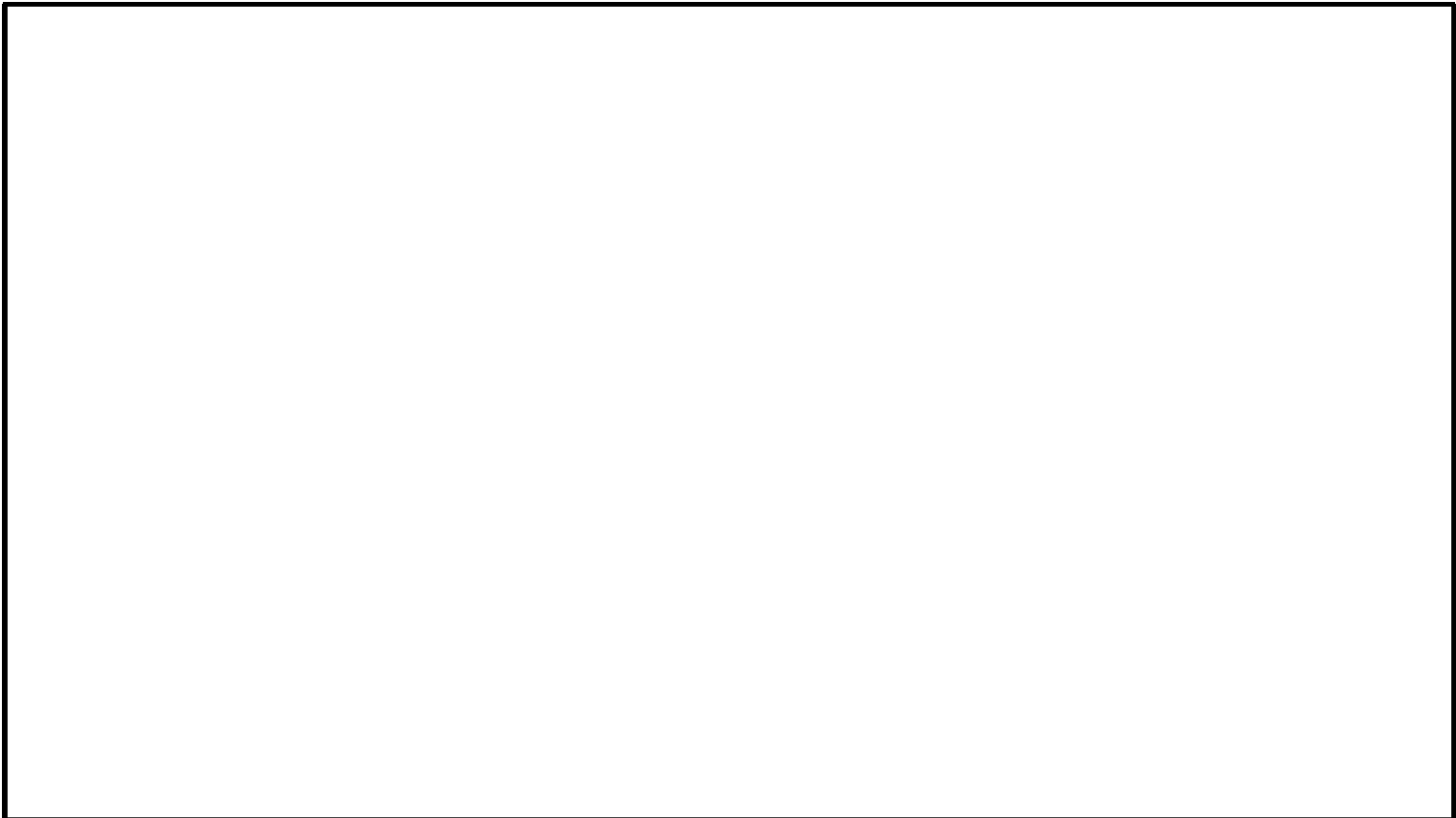
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Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute.

The title of the talk for the **February** meeting on **Tuesday 21st** at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall is the "**Work of the Howletts Foundation**" and is to be given by their Education Officer. It should prove to be an interesting insight into, in particular, the conservation work of the Foundation.

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The Diamond Jubilee Of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth will be celebrated in Bridge next June.

'The Big Bridge Jubilee Lunch' is to be held at the Recreation Ground on
Sunday, 3rd June 2012 from midday.

Bring along your picnic, your family, your friends, and celebrate with all
of our Village. Please put the date in your diary.

The Bridge Beacon will be lit after dusk on Monday 4th June..

Join with us all to celebrate this unique event in our country's history

More details of the days events nearer the time

We will need volunteers to help on the day. If you think you will be able
to offer any help on the day or have any ideas please email
louise@tasou.fsnet.co.uk.

Bourne Vets News

We have been seeing many more cases of arthritis and stiffness as the cooler, damper weather can make joints more painful. Older animals definitely find the winter months harder and if you have noticed that your pet is less mobile there are many treatment options that can make them feel more comfortable. If your dog is stiff after sleeping or exercise or your cat is no longer climbing their favourite tree they could well be developing arthritis.

Osteoarthritis is also known as degenerative joint disease (DJD) and is very common in middle-aged or older pets. It can unfortunately also occur in younger animals if they have developmental joint problems such as hip or elbow dysplasia. DJD is associated with damage to the cartilage that lines joints and causes lameness, pain and swelling of the affected joint with reduced mobility. Once a joint has DJD it cannot be cured. The goal of treatment is to decrease pain, minimise lameness, improve mobility and provide a good quality of life for affected patients.

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This is really worthwhile, you'll be glad you offered!! We organise your Volunteer CRB check which is all you will need to start. You may also like to look at our websites www.vineyardgardencentre.co.uk and www.familyinvestmenthomes.com
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The New Close is hosting a 'Time for a Cuppa?' event there on Monday 27th February at 2 pm. There will be a 'Singalong' . proceeds for Dementia UK. Please RSVP to Julie or Nicola at the New Close 01227 780070

The New Close is asking if anyone can donate unwanted teacups, tea plates, saucers, sugar bowls, milk jugs and teapots for the tearoom that is soon to be opened in the grounds.

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We are hoping to hold 4 workshops next year – dates to be decided. Email us for more details.

Knitted Lace shawlette – learn how lace ‘works’ and how shawls/shawlettes are constructed and designed – you will work in 4ply for a faster result

Socks – hopefully led by Jan

Cables – learn different cable patterns and knit a small project

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For information about Thursday sessions or next year’s exciting workshops email stitchandknit@googlemail.com or ring Anne on 01227 700567 / Rowan 01227 462046 www.stitchandknit.wordpress.com

Affordable Housing – Bridge Primary School had agreed to supply seven items for the time capsule to be buried at the site. Each of the seven years at the school would contribute one item. The parish council would add an 8th, possibly a diamond jubilee souvenir. The parish council would have the right to veto any items regarded as unsuitable. Cllr Bill Oakey reported that East Kent Housing were taking action to ensure that any arrangements to ‘house swap’ council houses took account of the close local connection rules for affordable housing before being approved.

Christmas Trees – Cllr John Hill thanked Mark Esdale and the team of helpers who had put up the Christmas trees the previous weekend. He also thanked Janet Horsley for arranging refreshments for the volunteers. The trees would be taken down on Wednesday and Thursday 4th & 5th January and all helpers would again be very welcome.

A2 slip road - There had been two accidents in the past week with cars overshooting the T junction off the A2 southbound carriageway at Bridge. The Clerk had reported both accidents to KHS and to the police and had asked for the demolished signs to be restored as a matter of urgency. The on-going problem of the safety of this junction had been raised with the relevant authorities in February and it was agreed it would be discussed again at the January parish council meeting.

Twinning of Bridge with St Andre –The votes for and against the twinning proposal were counted with 96 in favour and 7 against. Cllr Bill Oakey admitted that the lack of ballot boxes had been unfortunate. A letter from the Mayor of St Andre had been received confirming that the twinning would result in no cost to the parish council, all finance coming from an EU fund. It was agreed that the twinning should go ahead. Cllr Oakey would arrange a signing of the agreement to take place in Tower House in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Canterbury.

Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Celebrations- A committee had been formed and plans were under way for a ‘Big Bridge Jubilee Lunch’ on Sunday 3rd June. There would be a hog roast, refreshment stalls, an entertainer and residents would be invited to bring picnics to the recreation ground where there would be gazebos and a long table to emulate a street party. On Monday 4th June the Jubilee beacon would be lit on Star Hill. Commemorative medals for Bridge children were under consideration._

Recreation ground- Monster Play Systems had agreed to replace the rusting youth shelter seats and to touch up the peeled paint work under guarantee but would charge the parish council £450 for labour. It was agreed to ask Monster to send the parts so that the replacement could be arranged locally. Monster had refused to repair the splits in the wet pour on the play area on the grounds that the guarantee for repairs only held good for one year. It was decided to ask a local contractor to carry out the repairs.

Western Avenue bollards – It was agreed that the parish council would pay for two replacement bollards for Western Avenue

Date of Annual Parish Meeting – The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd. May. Councillors would discuss possible speakers at the January parish council meeting.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th. January 2012 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 6.45pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

Mill Centre – Cllr John Hill and Mark Esdale had spoken at the meeting of the City Council's Executive Committee the previous week requesting that the Mill Centre was leased to the parish council on a long lease at an affordable rent. However, the Executive Committee had decided to sell the Centre for housing development with a valuation in the region of £300,000 and give the youth organisations nine months to find alternative premises. The parish council expressed its great disappointment at this decision and its determination to ensure that the youth of Bridge and surrounding areas were able to continue their activities. The parish council would approach the city council's Head of Community Services to open a dialogue about possible alternative premises for the village youth organisations. Meanwhile the Mill Centre Management Committee would fight to keep the Mill Centre for the youth. Mark Esdale was asked to draw up the requirements of the youth organisations so that these could be put to the city council in the specifications for an alternative youth centre.

A2 Slip road- There had been a series of accidents with cars overshooting the A2 slip road in the previous six weeks. These had demolished the signs on Bekesbourne Road. Kent Highway Services had not replaced the signs. The Highways Agency and KHS had been asked to take urgent action to improve this dangerous junction, as they had promised at the inter agency meeting held in February 2011. It was reported that the transportation team of KHS would visit the site the next day and would make recommendations. It was agreed to report any further incidents to the Clerk who would inform KHS.

Affordable Housing – The city council housing officer, Gillian Pritchard had advised all those intending to bid for the affordable housing to telephone the city council direct between Friday 20th January and noon on Wednesday 25th January to bid for specific properties

Neighbourhood Plan- It was agreed to set up a Neighbourhood Plan Committee consisting of parish councillors and other residents of Bridge. The Committee would report its recommendations to the parish council. Cllrs John Hill, Terry Wilmshurst, Ann Edmonds and Bill Oakey would initially form the committee.

Twinning of Bridge with St Andre – Cllr Hill asked that the twinning ceremony should be held in Bridge rather than in Canterbury. Cllr Oakey, who had organised the event, explained that Bridge did not have a suitable civic space available for the twinning, which would take place at the Guildhall on the morning of 10th February at 11.00am.

Working party for local footpaths – It was agreed to arrange a working party to clear the footpath CB 309 running from Renville to White Hill Woods. This would take place on Saturday 21st January. Volunteers should meet at Renville Oast at 9.00am and wear boots or Wellingtons, gloves and, if possible, eye protectors. Tony Walder, Bridge Footpaths officer, would supply further information Tel 830 057

Village litter pick- There would be a village 'Litter Pick' on Saturday 3rd March organised by Cllr Brigitte Ward. Volunteers should meet at Bridge Post Office at 9.30am.

Recreation ground- A picnic bench had been vandalised and moved into the Health Centre car park. Cllr Wilmshurst had retrieved it and would attempt to repair it. The Health Centre had been notified that their fence had also been broken down.

Methodist Chapel – English Heritage were still considering national listing for this building. There had been no further information regarding its sale

Bus shelter seat – Cllr Hill had located a suitable model of tip-up bracket for the bus shelter seat. Cllr Wilmshurst would make further enquiries about the feasibility of installing the seats.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th. February 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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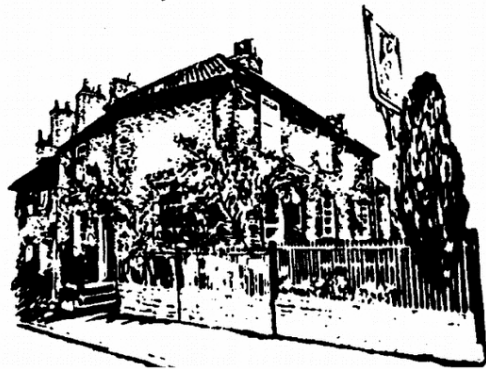
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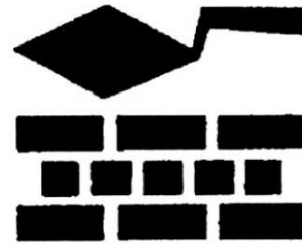
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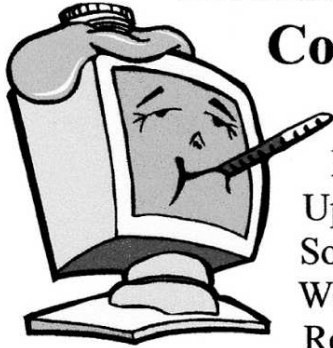
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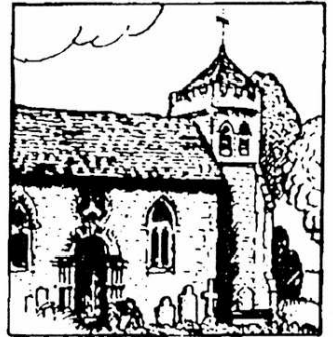
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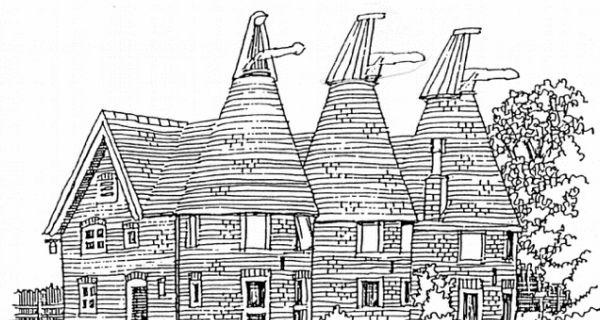
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Sunday 4 th March Second Sunday of Lent	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: Rom 4.13-25 G: Mark 8.31-38
Sunday 11 th March Third Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT: 1 Cor 1.18-25 G: John 2. 13-22
Sunday 18 th March Mothering Sunday		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT: 2 Cor 1.3-7 G: Luke 2.33-35
Sunday 25 th March Passion Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service & Baptism	11.00 am Mattins		NT: Heb 5.5-10 G: John 12.20-33 OT: Jer 31.31-34
Sunday 1 st April Palm Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: Phil 2.5-11 G: Mark 15.1- 39(40-47)

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This March finds us in the midst of Lent as the four parishes in the Benefice continue to explore the theme of welcome and Christian hospitality both in the Lent Group and in sermons as we follow the Diocesan Lent Course. We are blessed to welcome and have licenced a second Associate Lay Minister (ALM) Mrs Beverley (Bev) Latham to the Benefice and specifically to Lower Hardres. Bev has completed a yearlong training course in leading worship and will be working with the other members of the ministry team who support me in leading the family service at St Mary's Lower Hardres. It's great that we now have a developing ministry team in the Benefice with Julia our Curate, Margaret our Lay Reader, two ALM's Pat and Bev and the three teams who help lead family worship at St Peter's Bekesbourne, St Peter's Bridge and St Mary's Lower Hardres. It is also important to remind ourselves that all Christian Ministry comes from our Christian calling through Baptism to share God's love. All Christian's are called to show through their lives God's transforming love in the world. Does warmth emanate from our churches (winter weather and antiquated heating systems aside!); can people joining us for worship glimpse something of God's grace and hope? Welcome is not simply the greeting at the church door, it involves relationships and feeling a sharing of God's Holy Spirit to the point it overflows beyond buildings into communities. As we prepare to welcome Bev and challenge congregations to welcome the stranger or visitor, let's also be aware of our own Christian calling through baptism to share in His mission to the world around us, about us and beyond the confines of a church building.

Yours

Simon

Bridge Group of churches includes the Churches of Bekesbourne, Patricbourne, 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

Funerals

05.1.12 Bridge Eileen Millicent Pysden

The Vicar will be having his 'Day Off' on a **Friday** each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible. The Curate, Rev Julia Pickles will also have her day off on Friday each week.

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.

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

Women's World Day of Prayer - In St Peter's Church, Bridge on Friday 2nd March at 11 am. All are welcome. This service has been prepared by the Christian women of Malaysia. It is entitled "Let Justice PREVAIL ". It is an Ecumenical service with many participants. We welcome as preacher Rev. Barbara Heather.

Dates for inclusion in Your Diary

March

01/03	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
05/03	19.30	'Finding Welcome' Lent Group Bridge School
06/03	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at New Close
12/03	19.30	'Finding Welcome' Lent Group Bridge School
13/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
14/03	10.00	Fish Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
19/03	19.30	'Finding Welcome' Lent Group Bridge School
20/03	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
21/03	15.00	Hymns at New Close
26/03	19.30	'Finding Welcome' Lent Group Bridge School
27/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield


Art in Bridge

The dates for the above are Saturday and Sunday, 6th and 7th October 2012.

Porch Sale - Mothering Sunday (Sunday 18th March at 9.30am) at Lower Hardres there will be a Porch Sale with cakes, jams etc after the service.

Easter Arts and Crafts Workshop - Good Friday (6th April) we shall be holding our Easter Arts and Crafts Workshop at the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres from 9.30am until approximately 11.30am. Rev Simon will then lead a short service. Pick up time for children will be 12 noon. Please book your places now by phoning Julie Cox on 788316 or Margaret Clarke on 765598. If your child is under 4 years of age please stay with them. Hot cross buns and drinks will be provided for everyone. It would be appreciated if you could donate a minimum of £1 per child to cover the cost of hall hire and materials.

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Fish (Neighbourly Help) News - tel 07935 966 080

The Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday March 14th in Bridge Village Hall. A representative from Hi Kent will be there to help with hearing aids.

The Cornelia Slavin Spring Outing will be on Thursday April 19th and details will be available at the Pop-In.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is due to be updated shortly. If you are not already on the Roll and would like to be included, please complete a form (available in church during March) and return it to the Vicar or a churchwarden. If your name is already on the Electoral Roll you need do nothing.

Nailbourne League of Friends of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital

On March 10th a coffee morning and AGM will be held in Bridge Village Hall at 10am with bring and buy, raffle and cakes. Everyone welcome.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

Not much to report this month - a quite time of year. We do have several unwell members and we would like to wish them well.

Can I take this opportunity to say that we always welcome new members - whether they are ex-service people or just ones interested in supporting the cause. We meet every second Tuesday of the month at Littlebourne Recreation Club at 8pm. Our next two meetings will be on 13th March and 10th April.

Bridge History Society

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15 March at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. There were a number of 'hospitals' in Canterbury in medieval times, and Dr Sheila Sweetinburgh will be telling us about the role such institutions played in medieval society and how this changed over time.

Meriel Connor

From a Grateful Subscriber I just want to thank the Rev. Simon for giving my little book a plug in 'On The Nail' and to thank those in the parish who have also encouraged me concerning the contents of: 'THIS IS IT' by Maurice Fullard Smith which is available in Waterstones, St. Margaret's Street, Canterbury. Priced £5.95 Meanwhile at 85 years I am still scribing—and plugging! Maurice

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A reminder that our **Spring Show** is being held by way of a change this year on the morning of **Saturday 14 April in Bridge Village Hall**. For those who have not yet got one, show schedules are now available. Please contact Kathy Walder on 830057.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

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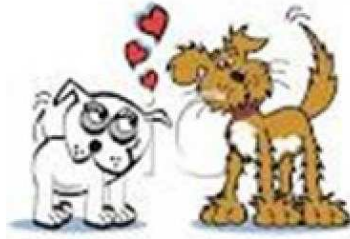
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Unfortunately there is no injection available for cats and it can be very difficult to know if your cat has been mated so the best option for cats is still to get them neutered so there is no risk of an unwanted pregnancy.

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Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 18th May 2012 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In the three years we have been running the event we have raised £20,000 to support spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.”

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips

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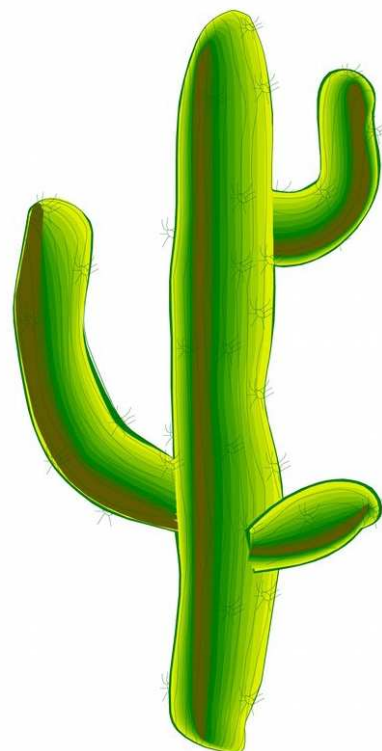
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Mill Centre – Cllr Simon Cook reported on a meeting held that morning between parish council representatives and city council officers to discuss the need to find premises for Bridge's youth organisations following the decision by the city council to sell the Mill Centre. The parish council discussed two possible options to retain the youth groups within the village. One option was to build a new scout and guide centre in the grounds of Bridge Primary School subject to the agreement of the school and KCC and funding being available. The use of the building would be shared between the school and youth groups. The advantage of this plan would be that it would take a relatively short time to implement. It was hoped that the city council could be persuaded to agree to extend the lease of the Mill Centre until a new building had been completed, perhaps within 2 years.

The second option was for a new community centre for the village incorporating facilities for the scouts and guides. The city council's Principal Valuer reported that Cantley Estates were in exploratory talks for a large housing development in Bridge. It was suggested that provision of a new Community Centre could be a *quid pro quo* for agreeing the development. The time scale for such a solution could be several years and the outcome was uncertain. The parish council rejected this option. It was noted that the Mill Centre Management Committee had already expressed an interest in buying the Centre but such an option had not been offered to the Committee.

It was agreed that Cllr Cook would put the option of a new youth centre at the primary school to Bridge's youth organisations. If agreed, this would be taken forward by the scouts and guides. Cllr Cook would inform the city council of the parish council's preferred scheme.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - Cllr Alan Atkinson told the council that it was proposed to give a commemorative coin to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee to every child up to the age of 16 living within the parish of Bridge. It was planned to distribute order forms for the coins round the village, probably with the next Parish Council Newsletter. The council unanimously agreed to give the committee a loan of £1,000 for a period of eighteen months at zero rate of interest to enable early payments to be made to secure entertainers etc. This would be in addition to the £1,000 grant already approved by the parish council.

Dog fouling- The parish council deplored the increase of dog fouling in the village and urged all residents to use the litter bins provided to dispose of dog waste. It was pointed out by Cllr Bill Oakey that action could be taken against dog owners if residents were prepared to make witness statements when they saw dog fouling taking place.

A2 slip road –Cllr John Hill had thanked the Kentish Gazette for their publicity about the dangerous A2 slip road. It was agreed to write to the Highways Agency to thank them for taking action to prevent further accidents at the A2 slip road, which had so far proved to be effective.

Ice on Pavements – There had been complaints from residents about ice on the pavements. Specifically complaints had been received that the post office / pharmacy had not cleared ice from the front of the shop making the area dangerous. Cllr Bill Oakey volunteered to get salt for the pavements. In future the Emergency Planning Committee would include a contingency plan for volunteers to clear ice from Bridge pavements in their emergency plans. It was agreed to re-visit this matter at the September parish council meeting so that plans could be made in good time.

Walkers are Welcome – Cllr Alan Atkinson reported that the scheme would cost around £40 per year and would be good publicity and bring visitors to the village. Canterbury Ramblers had agreed to assist with setting up the scheme, which would require a petition of 25 signatures and a launch event. The local landlords had agreed to display stickers for the scheme. The parish council agreed to implement the scheme. Cllr Atkinson would make further enquiries and report back to the next parish council meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting – Ann Millington, Deputy Chief Executive of Kent Fire & Rescue Service had agreed to speak at the meeting on 3rd May and would bring two colleagues from the Service with her. It was agreed to ask representatives from the Bridge/St Andre Twinning Association, the Diamond Jubilee Committee and the Mill Centre Management Committee to give short reports.

Affordable Housing – The city council's list of successful applicants would be sent to the parish council and Southern Housing within the next few days. The parish council's only involvement in the selection process would be to verify claims of close connections by those applicants.

Village Litter Pick -Cllr Brigitte Ward agreed to postpone the litter pick she was organising until Saturday 17th March because several councillors were unavailable on 3rd March, Volunteers should meet at the post office at 9.30 am and all helpers would be very welcome.

Recreation Ground Working Party – Cllr Sue Hodges would organise a working party on the recreation ground on Saturday 21st April at 9.30am. Volunteers would be very welcome.

Recreation ground rent increase – The increase in rent for the recreation ground from £450 to £550 per annum with effect from 24th. June 2012, proposed by Savills, Agents for Cantley Estates, was agreed.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8th.March 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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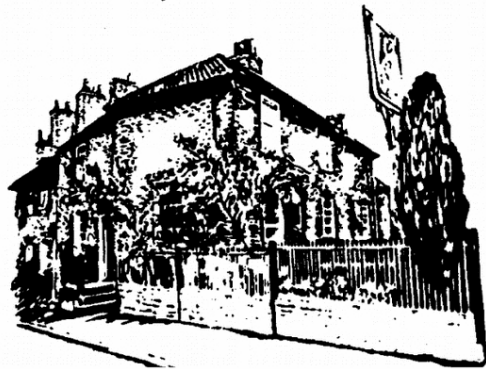
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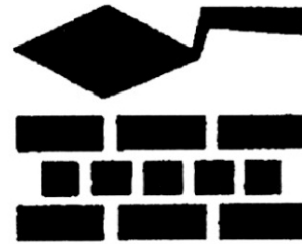
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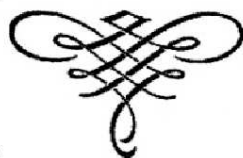
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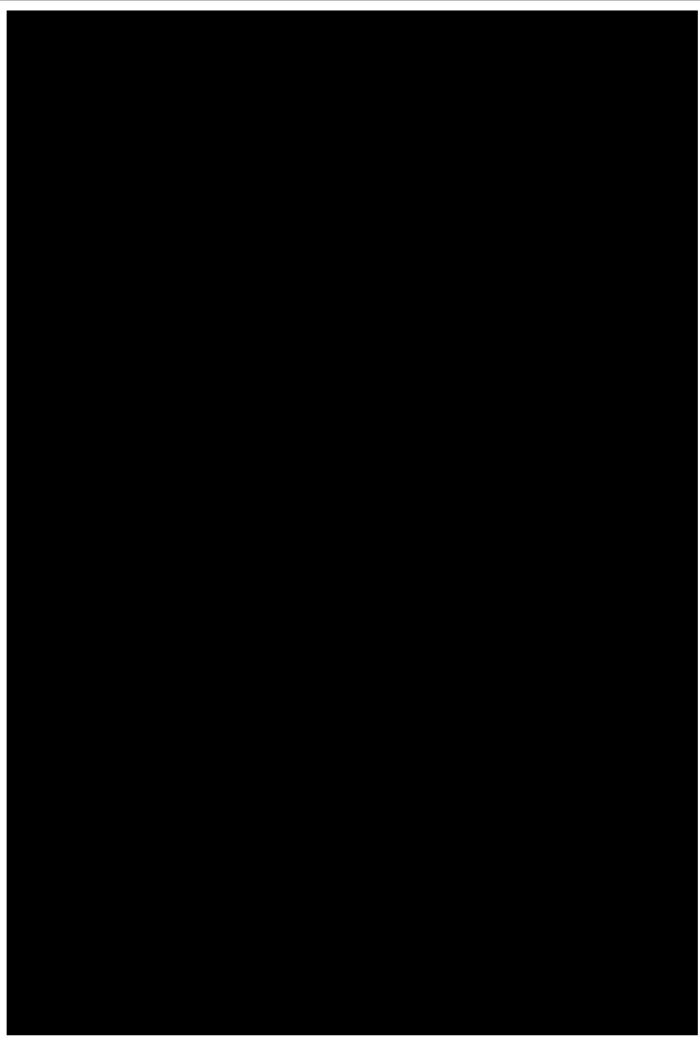


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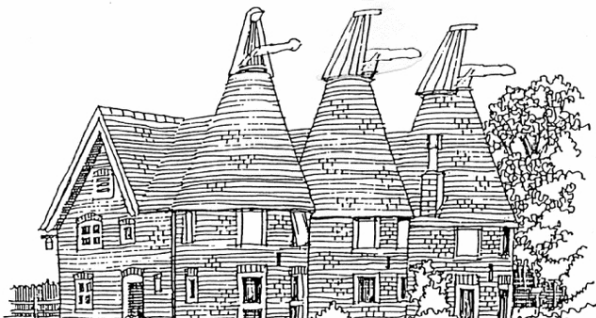
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Services for the month of April 2012**

Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Words and Music for Passiontide	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: Phil 2.5-11 G: Mark 14.1-15.47
HOLY WEEK	Wednesday 4 th April 7.30 pm Compline	Good Friday 6 th April 7.30 pm Compline 9.30am Easter Arts & Crafts Workshop and Cross Procession	Maundy Thursday 5 th April 7.30 pm Holy Communion with foot washing	Tuesday 3 rd April 7.30 pm Compline	Monday 2 nd April 7.30 pm Compline Saturday 7 th Easter Eve 8.00pm Service of Light & Communion	
Sunday 8th April EASTER DAY	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Family Communion	9.30 am Family Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	NT: 1 Cor 15.1-11 G: John 20.1-18
Sunday 15th April Second Sunday of Easter		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT: 1 John 1.1-22 G: John 20.19-31
Sunday 22nd April Third Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Holy Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT: 1 John 3.1-7 G: Luke 24.36b-48 OT: Acts 3.12-19
Sunday 29th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.30am Benefice Service					NT: 1 John 3.16-24 G: John 10.11-18
Sunday 6th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: 1 John 4.7-21 G: John 15.1-8

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HOLY WEEK IN THE BENEFICE

Mon 2 nd April	7.30 pm	Compline	Bekesbourne
Tues 3 rd April	7.30pm	Compline	Patricxbourne
Wed 4 th April	7.30pm	Compline	Nackington
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with foot washing	Bridge
Good Friday	9.30am	Easter Arts & Crafts Workshop	Lower Hardres JBW Hall
	7.30pm	Compline	Lower Hardres
Easter Eve	8pm	Service of Light & Holy Communion	Bekesbourne
Easter Day	8.00am	Holy Communion	Bekesbourne
	9.30am	Family Communion	Bridge
	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Nackington
	11.00am	Family Communion	Lower Hardres
	11.00am	Sung Eucharist	Patricxbourne

Words & Music for Passiontide

A special service at St Peter's Bridge on Palm Sunday 1st April at 6pm with hymns, readings and prayers, plus a varied selection of seasonal music from the choir and friends.



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Easter Celebration – New Life in Christ

This Easter Eve at Bekesbourne we are re-introducing a traditional Easter Service in the Benefice with a service of Light and Holy Communion, Julia has written a short introduction to this service in this edition of the magazine. It is good to remind ourselves what we celebrate at Easter, light overcoming darkness, through Jesus' resurrection.

Central to all four gospels (good news stories) in the bible is the life and teaching of Jesus. Following his death, it is the first meetings between Jesus' followers with the risen Christ that transforms the preceding gospel stories. They take on a new sense and meaning that can only be realised after Easter, for Jesus' identity and good news is fully revealed in his resurrection.

For some people Jesus is a historical figure, a good person, with moral ideas. The next step on from this 'thoroughly decent chap' comes through faith in recognising his divinity, supremely identified through the first Easter. The risen Jesus gives us hope that death has been overcome and after our own deaths we can share in new life in all its fullness with God. This new life is the ultimate born again experience and is freely available to those who would believe. Even Thomas a disciple with first hand personal experience of Jesus struggled to believe in the risen Christ. We as post modern twenty first century science aware people struggle. It's natural. It's the reality of our humanity. However, something reaches beyond our struggling rationality to express the reality of God's love for us as we struggle with the concept of resurrection. To believe without question, without struggling is to believe without thinking, without engaging with the gospel message.

If to celebrate, to partake or even consider Easter is for you a struggle, fine you are fully human, but a human being who God loves so much that he sent his Son to reconnect with humanity. In faith on occasion with more questions than answers, in faith we gather to proclaim at Easter with the world wide Christian community, rejoicing "Alleluia Christ is Risen – He is risen indeed Alleluia"

Yours

Rev Simon.

Easter Eve

Service of Light and Holy Communion

New this Easter to St Peter's Bekesbourne is the Service of Light with Holy Communion on Easter Saturday night starting after sunset at 8pm. But what's it all about? Well in brief – here goes!...there'll be a bonfire outside...then lighting of candles...music...readings...renewing our baptism vows ... experiencing new life in Christ...passing from darkness to lightand sharing the Easter communion.

And here's the longer answer....from earliest times Christians have gathered through the night of Easter to recall the story of God's saving work, from creation through to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and to experience new life and hope with the celebration of Jesus' rising from the dead.

Early Christian worship on Easter Saturday happened after dark so candles were lit and over time this ceremony was eventually understood as symbolizing the return of the light of Christ and the beginning of the Easter celebration. So our worship will begin with the lighting of a new fire (a bonfire) from which the Easter candle is lit and then processed into church proclaiming the return of the light of Christ into the world. As the service progresses the light is spread to illuminate the whole church as we each hold a lighted candle and we have the opportunity to renew our baptism vows. The history of our salvation in the scriptures is heard as we reflect on our own journeys of faith leading up to the climax of the Easter proclamation, which is proclaimed with all the joy and splendour we can muster! The service then enters its final stage with our Easter holy communion.

It's a wonderful and atmospheric way to end the emptiness of Easter Saturday, to feel the full force of Christ's light and resurrection glory entering the world afresh – all are welcome - come and join us!

Your Parish Matters

Funerals

09.02.12	Bekesbourne	William (Bill) Hawkins
17.02.12	Bridge	John Thomas Ash
05.03.12	Bekesbourne	Aspacia Mayhew
09.03.12	Bridge	Mary Monica Barten

The Vicar will be having his 'Day Off' on a **Friday** each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible. The Curate, Rev Julia Pickles will also have her day off on Friday each week.

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.

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*

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.

Dates for Your Diary

April

03/04	14.00	<i>Church Mice at Bridge Church</i>
	15.00	<i>Holy Communion at New Close</i>
	20.00	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
05/04	19.30	<i>Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close</i>
09/04	19.30	<i>Caring & Sharing</i>
10/04	14.30	<i>Holy Communion at Mansfield Court</i>
17/04	15.00	<i>Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge</i>
	20.00	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
18/04	15.00	<i>Hymns at New Close</i>
23/04	19.30	<i>Caring & Sharing</i>
24/04	14.30	<i>Holy Communion at Highfield</i>

Children's Easter Arts and Crafts Workshop

Good Friday (6th April) we shall be holding our Easter Arts and Crafts Workshop at the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres from 9.30am. We will then walk to St Mary's Lower Hardres with a cross to remember Good Friday and parents are welcome to join us for this, or pick up time for children will be 12.30pm at St Mary's Church. Please book your places now by phoning Julie Cox on 788316 or Margaret Clarke on 765598. If your child is under 4 years of age please stay with them. Hot cross buns and drinks will be provided for everyone. It would be appreciated if you could donate a minimum of £1 per child to cover the cost of hall hire and materials.

Easter Lillies

Easter is nearly here and preparations are underway to decorate St. Peter's, Bridge for this festival. I am hoping the price of lillies will be about the same as last year and that is £3 each. Anyone wishing to buy a lilly in memory of a loved one, or make a donation towards the flowers, please let Viv Brasier know, on 830981, or give your gift to a Churchwarden.

Thank you Viv

Brasier

Fish News – tel no – 07953 966 080

The Coffee Pop-In planned for April 11th in Bridge village hall has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

The Cornelia Slavin Spring Outing is on Thursday 19th April with lunch at the interesting Walpole Bay Hotel at Cliftonville. If you would like to go please hand in your forms at Frank Whitten's office, 29 High Street, by April 6th.

Looking ahead, the fund-raising Bring and Buy – particularly good for plants and cakes – will be on Saturday May 19th in Bridge village hall. Do come.

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There were some wonderful entries for the Bake-in Competition at the Fairtrade Coffee Morning on 3rd March. All the cakes had to include some Fairtrade ingredients and the bakers provided an imaginative selection of tempting delights, which were eagerly snapped up at the end of the morning.

The competition was judged by Lou Newman (of Mama Feelgoods), Gail Rowlands and Laurence Dunderdale.

Winners of the adult class were Ailsa Williamson and Hilary Whiting. Emily Roper won the youth class and Zoe, Max and Lily Wright and Djamilla Nkereuwem from Bridge and Patricxbourne School won the children's class.

The Coffee Morning raised £193 which was shared between the Canterbury Fairtrade Network and St Peter's Church, Bridge. The Traidcraft stall raised another £196.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the event. Please continue to buy Fairtrade!

If you bought 3 Traidcraft greetings cards at the Fairtrade Coffee morning in the Village Hall on March 3rd and left them behind, please ring Jean on 01227 831956.

History Society

Our planned visit to Westgate Towers on Thursday, 12 April has unfortunately had to be cancelled, but we have been able to arrange a visit instead to Tower House and the Guildhall. We meet at Tower House at 2.45pm on the same day.

Numbers are restricted, but we have a few places left, so any member interested in coming who has not already applied, should contact Joan Hill on 01227-830215 as soon as possible.

Election of Churchwardens and Annual Church Meeting at Bekesbourne

A meeting to elect two Churchwardens of St Peter's Church Bekesbourne for 2011/12 will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 19 April in Bekesbourne Village Hall. All residents of the civil parish of Bekesbourne and all people listed on the Bekesbourne Church electoral roll are very welcome to attend and may vote at the meeting.

This will be followed by the Annual Church Meeting, at which the Parochial Church Council and Sidesmen/women for the coming year will be elected. The meeting will also include Annual and Financial reports on the affairs of the church and other matters of general church interest.

If you would like to be included on the church electoral roll (which entitles you to vote at the Annual Meeting), please contact me on 01227 830256 or email janemillyard1@btinternet.com

Jane Millyard
Churchwarden & Secretary

Bekesbourne Church—We're getting there!

It is some time since I gave a progress report on how we are getting on with our project to re-order the choir vestry at the rear of Bekesbourne Church. The plan is to build a cubicle on one side of the vestry, where we will install a toilet, and tidy up the other side by installing purpose-built cupboards in British Columbian pine and a worktop. At the same time, the worm-eaten infill to the screen at the rear of the nave will be renewed, but painted the same colour. The whole project is estimated to cost nearly £36,000.

The aim of the PCC is to raise most of the money from grants and this has progressed steadily, although it has not proved as easy as it has been for projects in the past. Thanks to a pump-priming donation from the Friends of Bekesbourne Church and a small contribution from church funds, our total of funding available or pledged has reached over £26,000. The PCC is most grateful to the following: Viridor Credits, Marshalls Charity, Bekesbourne Parish Council, Garfield Weston Foundation, Allchurches Trust, Kent County Council, the Archbishop's Charitable Trust and a small number of well-wishers who have made voluntary donations. We are waiting for the results of several more grant applications and if these are unsuccessful, we may decide to scale down the project slightly. A contractor has already been lined up for the work and we would like to be able to engage him to start in the autumn.

Jane Millyard

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital

The AGM and Coffee Morning of the Nailbourne Group was held on Saturday 10th March at Bridge Village Hall. £150 was raised, thanks to all who attended and those who have supported the group in the past year.

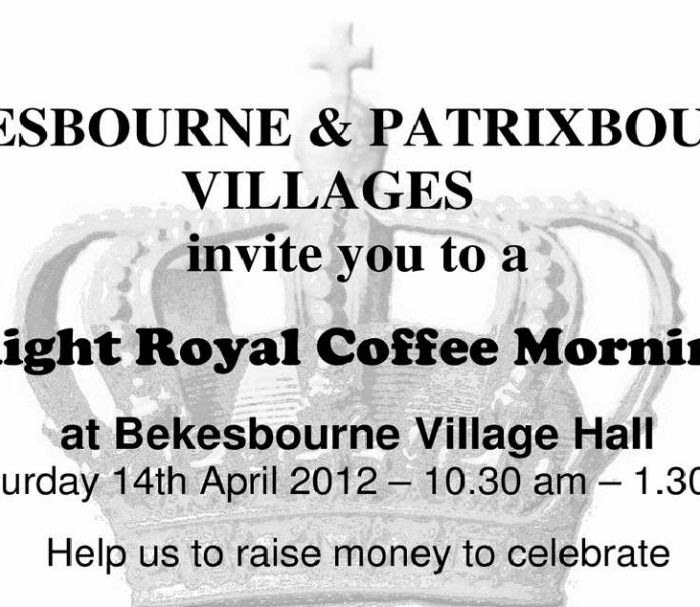
£103,223 was received during the year from a legacy, subscriptions, donations and fundraising which included a talk and supper, coffee morning, teas and collection boxes. Gifts of equipment costing £106,130 were made to the hospital.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

9 members were at the March meeting - quite a few are still suffering the effects of winter viruses and we wish them well. We remembered Margaret Fenn who passed away recently. Margaret was one of our most active members and we will miss her greatly.

We are holding a Casserole Supper at the Hay Wain, Bramling on Tues, 17th April - 7.30 for 8pm. £10 per head. Anyone interested can ring the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two branch meetings will be on Tuesdays, 10th April and 8th May both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.



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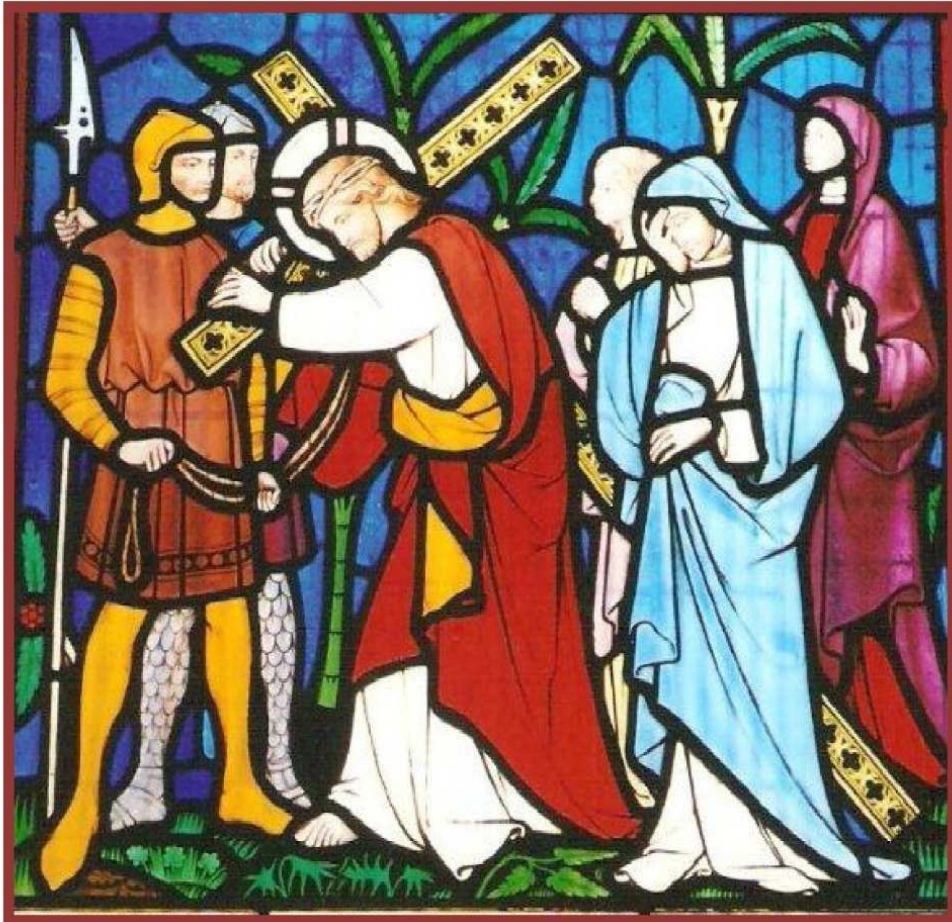
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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Society's **Spring Show** is being held by way of a change and experiment this year on the **Saturday morning of 14 April in Bridge Village Hall**. For those members who are exhibiting, the hall will be open from approximately 8.00 am until 10.00 am for the staging of exhibits. We also look forward to seeing how successful members have been with their Chairman's Challenge so do remember to bring your pot of daffodils along.

Judging will take place at 10 and the show will be open to the public from 11.00 until 12.30 pm. We would love to see villagers popping in to enjoy what we hope will be a colourful display of spring flowers, cookery and floral art while they have a cup of tea or coffee. There will also be a plant/bring and buy stall and a raffle for society funds. Do come and join us on the morning of the 14th!

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

The April meeting is on Tuesday 17th at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when Mr Roy Brewer will be talking about the restoration of Pugins House in Ramsgate prior to a planned outing there in August.

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.

Wild Flower Project Recreation Ground

There will be a Working Party on Saturday 21st April from 9 30 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. If you cannot help, come and have a look at the work that has been done in the past. Your ideas and comments would be welcomed.

Sue
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The Big Bridge Jubilee Lunch

Keep Sunday June 3rd 12-4pm free in your diary. In line with the National Jubilee Celebrations, Bridge Village will be holding an event at the recreation ground. The fun will be centred around a 'street party', where adults and children can enjoy a family and friends get together. Bring a picnic or relax and buy food and drink at the event. The day will have a vintage feel, transporting everybody back to simpler times. There will be food, drink, music, entertainments and lots more. There are no admission charges, this will be a free, non-profit making event, so please support your village party and help to make it a success.

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As part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations will you donate a cake for the event? We need as many delicious mouthwatering cakes as possible to ensure a successful "tea time". I also need willing helpers on the day, so if you have an hour to spare please contact me on 01227 830514.

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Spring Show



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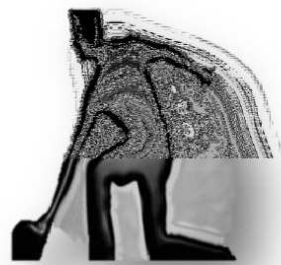
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All pets wishing to travel will still need to be vaccinated against rabies but pets from the EU and listed non-EU countries such as the USA and Australia will no longer need a blood test and will only have to wait 21 days before they travel. Pets from unlisted non-EU countries such as India, Brazil and South Africa will be able to enter the UK if they meet certain strict criteria to ensure they are protected against rabies, including a blood test and a three-month wait before they enter the UK. These changes will still ensure that the risk of rabies coming to the UK remains extremely low whilst making it easier and cheaper for people to take their pets abroad.

Tick treatment is now no longer required for pets returning to the UK, although we would still recommend the use of treatments to control ticks as part of good animal health practice.

You do still need to treat your pet for tapeworms between 1 and 5 days before returning to the UK to continue to protect the public from the risk of serious exotic tapeworm infections.

So if you wish to take your pet abroad to an EU country they still need to be microchipped, vaccinated against Rabies, have a passport, wait 21 days post vaccine before they return to the UK and be treated for tapeworm 1-5 days before they return but they no longer have to wait 6 months for a blood test or have tick treatment which is a huge improvement.

Pets coming from unlisted non-EU countries will no longer need to be quarantined if they have been microchipped, vaccinated against rabies, had a blood test at least 30 days after the rabies vaccine and waited 3 months after the blood test before entering the country.

For more information have a look on the defra website [www defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk).

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**Bridge Parish Council www.bridgevillage.org.uk
Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 8th. March 2012**

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Affordable Housing – The new properties would be handed over by Jenners to Southern Housing Group on 19th March. The successful new tenants had been informed. Cllrs John Hill and Sue Hodges would go to Bridge Primary School to accept items for the Time Capsule and the parish council would be happy to receive suggestions for other items to be placed in the capsule.

Mill Centre- Mark Esdale reported that the Mill Centre Management Committee was meeting fortnightly to try to resolve the problem of a future base for youth activities. A meeting with the primary school had been arranged for 23rd March to discuss a possible new building in the school grounds but there were many issues to be resolved. It was not clear who would own, use or fund the building. There were many organisations, not just Scouts and Guides who wanted to use the Centre. It was

thought that any building supplied by Cantley Estates as a *quid pro quo* for a large housing development in Bridge would not be suitable for the needs of the youth groups and the Mill Centre Management Committee rejected that idea. If no workable alternative could be found it was planned to mount a major campaign to save the Mill Centre at the end of the school term.

Recreation ground- Cllr Brigitte Ward reported that the guttering had been pulled down from the pavilion again and yellow paint had been sprayed over the newly painted sand bag store. It was thought that using anti climb paint on the guttering might make it difficult to repair. It was agreed that the Recreation Ground Committee should discuss the repairs to the pavilion with Mervyn Gulvin, Chairman of BVST. It was also agreed that Cllr Sue Hodges should buy an oak tree to be planted on the recreation ground to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The parish council would provide a suitable plaque.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations- Cllr Alan Atkinson reported on the progress of the plans for the celebrations, which were going well. In future the minutes of the regular Diamond Jubilee Committee meetings would be circulated to parish councillors. A flyer giving information about the celebrations and enabling residents who wished to do so to order commemorative coins for their children would be included with the Parish Council Spring Newsletter.

Methodist Chapel – It had been reported that the matter of the disposal of the Methodist Chapel had been passed to the Property Department of the Methodist Church for a decision. It was agreed to approach that body again to remind them of the parish council's interest in obtaining the building for community use.

Bridge in Bloom competition – The parish council agreed to support the competition again this year. Cllr Ann Edmonds announced that this year there would be extra marks for plants that attract insects. Further details would be placed in 'On the Nail' and the Parish Spring Newsletter.

Litter at The Butts – There had been complaints about an increase in litter at the Butts and the old railway line. It was agreed to write to the manager of Mansfield Farms to ask him to arrange for his workers to clear up the sites. Cllr Hill thanked Selwyn Lewis for continuing to pick up litter around the village.

High Street planters – Mr Possee, who had cared for the planters in the High Street for many years, would be retiring in the summer. It was agreed to write to thank Mr Possee and also to try and find volunteers to take over his duties. The parish council could arrange reimbursement for the costs plants and other materials used.

Spring Newsletter – It was agreed to produce a Spring Newsletter under the direction of Cllr John Corfield and several items were agreed for inclusion. The deadline for copy would be 1st April.

Letter of thanks to Kent Highway Services – Cllr Hodges reported that Kent Highways Agency had completed the re-surfacing and repainting of the white lines at the junction of Higham Lane and Bridge Hill. It was agreed to write to thank KHS for carrying out this work

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th April 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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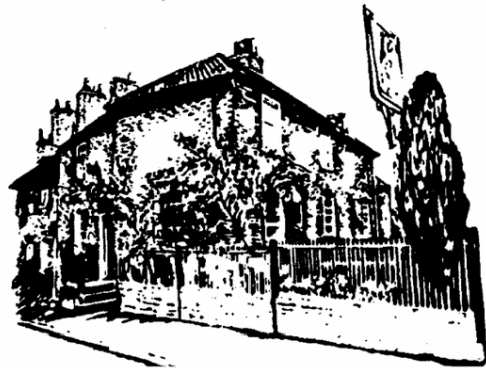
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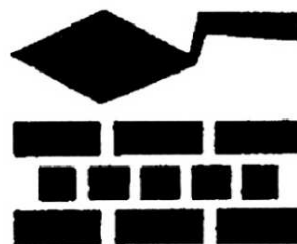
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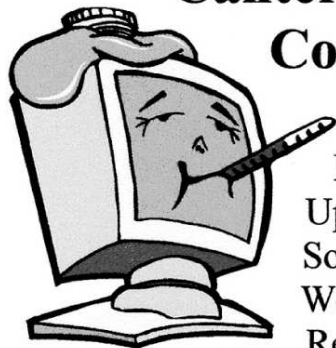
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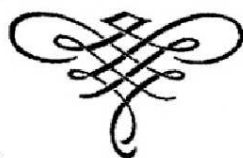
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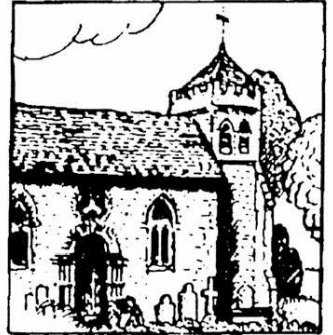
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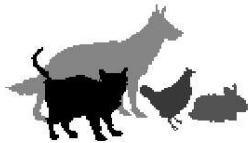
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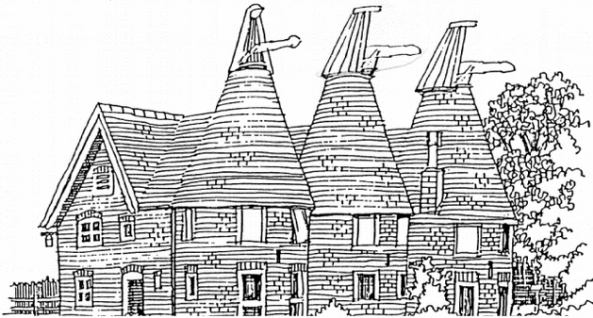
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Sunday 6 th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: 1 John 4.7-21 G: John 15.1-8
Sunday 13 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Family Communion	9.30 am Family Communion	11.00am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	NT: 1 John 5.1-6 G: John 15.9-17
Thursday 17 th May Ascension Day			7.30pm Holy Communion			NT: Acts 1.1-11 G: Luke 24.44-53
Sunday 20 th May Sunday After Ascension		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT: 1 John 5.9-13 G: John 17.6-19
Sunday 27 th May Pentecost	9.30 am Holy Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT: Acts 2.1-21 G: John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15 2 nd Reading: Romans 8.22-27
Sunday 3 rd June Trinity Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	10.00 am Family Service to Celebrate the Golden Jubilee 6.00pm Evensong	(See Bridge)	(See Bridge)	NT: Romans 8.12- 17 G: John 3.1-17



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s letter with a note of thanks to all those involved in the Benefice who worked so hard in preparing our churches for the Easter Celebration. It is easy to take for granted the time and effort taken in cleaning, flower arranging, photocopying, the preparation and rehearsal of music and this Easter for the first time bonfire building! In whatever way you may have been involved in preparing for the Easter festival thank you.

Easter is now past and two feast days, the first of Christ's Ascension and secondly Pentecost is fast approaching. When you look back at the gospel stories of Christ's ministry, after Jesus performs a particular miracle or healing he is seen going to a quiet place to pray with the disciples.

This year in the nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost (Friday 18th May – Saturday 26th May), Bishop Trevor is offering each one of us an invitation to wait.....and pray for renewal in the gift of hospitality. The disciples who watched Jesus ascend, waited and prayed together. By waiting and praying together they were ready for what God wanted them to do next. So what are we invited to do? Our invitation to the Nine Days of Prayer is to wait. Our invitation to the Nine Days of Prayer is to share in prayer together, in confidence that we serve a risen and ascended Saviour. He invites us to wait together for the Holy Spirit, a gift beyond imagination.

The particular gift of the Holy Spirit we are praying for across the Diocese is to be renewed is the gift of hospitality. This gift characterizes our relationship with God. Hospitality is how we receive from and give to God, and to one another. Using nine stories of 'hospitality' from the Bible, resources including personal Pocket Prayers, and service sheets called 'Daily Waiting' are available to help individuals, groups and church communities see different facets of the way God gives himself to us, and invite us to be agents of transformation.

Please use these days to pray - however and whenever - alone and with others. Along with the Pocket Prayers and Daily Waiting, there is a twitter link, and worship service ideas and resources for children and young people's groups, available at: www.canterburydiocese.org/247liveit/novena2012

Can I invite as many of you who wish to be involved to use the resources available to share in this time of prayer.

Yours

Rev Simon.

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

Baptisms

01.04.12 Bekesbourne Lucy Skye Turner-Chalmers

01.04.12 Bekesbourne Alyssa Beatriz Sommer

The Vicar will be having his 'Day Off' on a **Friday** each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible. The Curate, Rev Julia Pickles will also have her day off on Friday each week.

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.

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*

The Easter Workshop.

On Good Friday over 40 children attended the workshop and had great fun. At the end of the morning after the children and helpers processed over the fields to Lower Hardres Church where the Vicar and Rev. Julia held a short Devotional Service .During the service Ben carried a large wooden cross into the church. It was very moving and a lovely ending to the morning. A big thank you to all who helped with the workshop.

Dates for inclusion in Magazine Diary

May		
01/05	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at New Close
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
03/05	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
08/05	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
09/05	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
14/05	19.30	Caring & Sharing
15/05	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
16/05	15.00	Hymns at New Close
22/05	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield
28/05	19.30	Caring & Sharing

BEKESBOURNE ROGATION SUNDAY WALK

Sunday 13th. May is the date for this year's Bekesbourne Rogation Sunday Walk. Meet at Bekesbourne Church lych-gate at 10.30a.m. for a leisurely walk through fields and orchards thanking God for his bounty and praying for those who provide our food and care for the countryside.

For more information telephone Jonathan 831029

Fish (Neighbourly Help) News –Tel no 07935 966 080

The May Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 9th from 10 to 11.15.

Our all-important annual Bring and Buy will be on Saturday morning May 19th. It is a great source of plants and baking. Do come – you will be most welcome.

BRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

On Wednesday 16 May at 7.30, Jim Davies will be talking to us about Coal Mining In Kent. Jim Davies was a miner for 33 years at Betteshanger Colliery and was there at its closure in March 1990 - indeed he was employed in the overseeing of the infill of the shaft. He is well qualified, therefore, to talk about this interesting local industry. As usual, the meeting will take place in the Village Hall, Bridge, and is open to all: Members £3.00 and Non-members £4.00, including refreshments.

Meriel Connor

BRIDGE AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

We are looking for someone to transcribe on to Microsoft "Word," the oral history recordings we have made, of local people's memories of life in the Village in the past.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact the Secretary by email at vyebriidge@rmplc.co.uk or phone on : 01227 830983 and let us know your hourly rate.

Bridge with Patixbourne Women's Institute

The meeting on Tuesday 15 May at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall is our Birthday and Resolutions Meeting which will include a supper, more details of which are to follow.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

Our April meeting was well attended, though several members are still having health problems. In particular we wish Bernie Guyatt and Ray Tupper a speedy recovery. We have our Coffee Morning in aid of the Poppy Appeal booked for Saturday, 8th September - more details later.

Anyone wishing to find out more about possibly joining the "Legion" are welcome to contact the secretary on 01227 472023. You do not need to be an ex-service person - just someone who would like to join us and support our valuable work.

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Tenneh Keimbay stands with others in the food production group set up by Christian Aid partner the Methodist Church of Sierra Leone (MCSL). By working together, the farmers have become a powerful force for change

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During Christian Aid Week, 15,000 churches across Britain and Ireland will organise house-to-house collections and events to raise funds to enable organisations like MCSL to carry out their work transforming communities such as Gbap. Christian Aid currently works with 507 partners in 47 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, helping people to make change happen. Our donations will be multiplied many times over as many small actions come together to make a huge change.

Tenneh says that 'when you are a group and work with focus and total commitment, you work at a faster rate; the stronger ones can help with work that weaker ones cannot do by themselves'.

In our area we are proud to be a part of this. We have a loyal group of collectors who will be delivering and collecting envelopes in Bridge, Patixbourne, Bekesbourne and Lower Hardres during Christian Aid Week. If you can, please give generously when they call.

£6.50 could buy a set of four hand tools for a farmer living in the town of Gbap.

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£123 could buy a reclaimed aluminium greenhouse for women working on market gardening projects in Tajikistan, providing a vital tool for growing vegetables in a harsh climate experiencing extremes of hot and cold.

A few more collectors would enable us to cover more roads. If you are able to help, please contact Jean on 01227 831956.

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CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHESES

Many thanks to all those who supported the soup lunches during the five Wednesdays of Lent. They raised £273.47 for Christian Aid (which will be more with Gift Aid added). As well as raising funds they were enjoyable social events, so I hope our regulars will return next year, together with some newcomers.

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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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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.

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Bourne Vets News

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You can visit their website at 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 or go to 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

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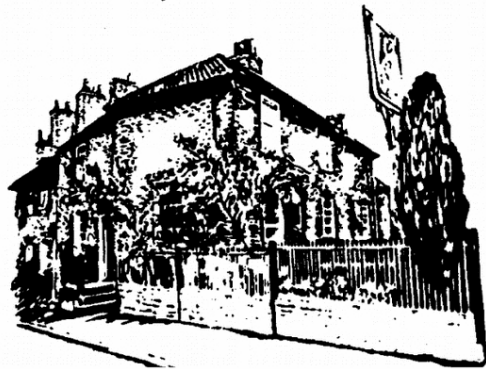
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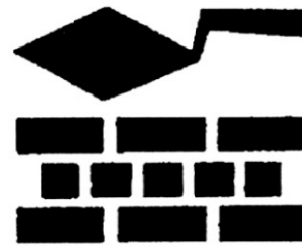
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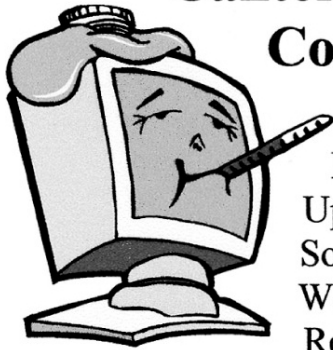
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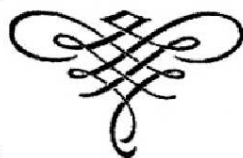
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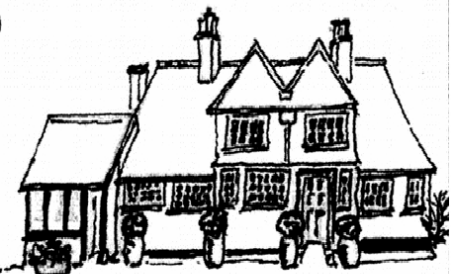
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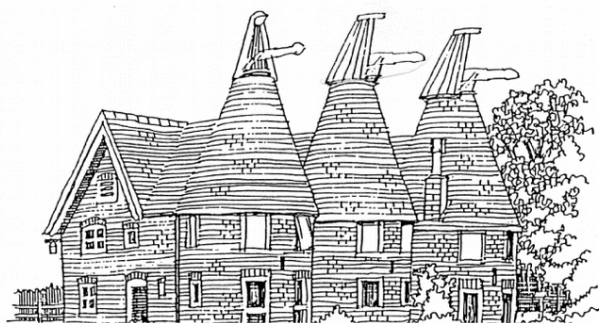
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Services for the month of June 2012

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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 th 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 th 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 th 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 st 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.

Your Parish Matters

WEDDINGS

04.05.12	Bridge	Nicholas John Bell and Dawn Maleed
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FUNERALS

30.03.12	Nackington	Beryl Elizabeth Whorwell
18.04.12	Bridge	Irene (Babs) Robson

The Vicar will be having his 'Day Off' on a **Friday** each week. Please try not to disturb him unless absolutely necessary, but leave a message on the answer phone which will be responded to as soon as possible. The Curate, Rev Julia Pickles will also have her day off on Friday each week.

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 on Tuesday 5th of June has been cancelled. Church Mice will return in July.

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*

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.

Dates for inclusion in Magazine Diary

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 24th 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.

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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.

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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 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 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.

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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.

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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 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.

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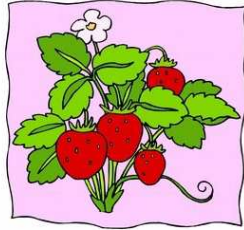
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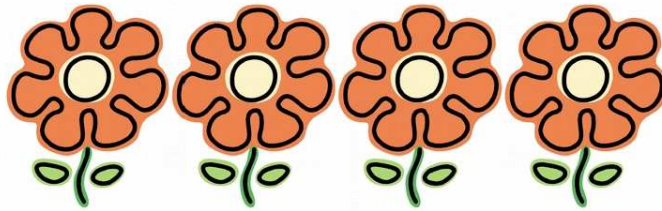
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Monks who were the scholarly class of the age. A simple notation was used with arrows
pointing up and down whilst in Western Europe a variety of symbols appeared. One
particular influence on the growth of Russian music was that the Orthodox Church
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
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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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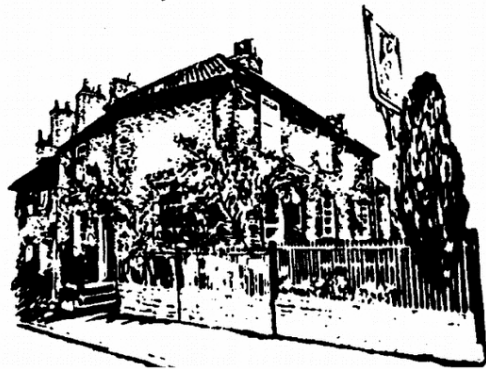
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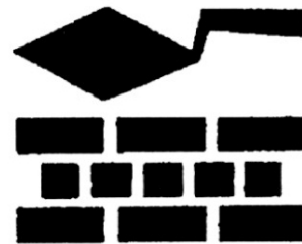
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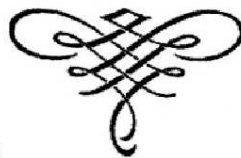
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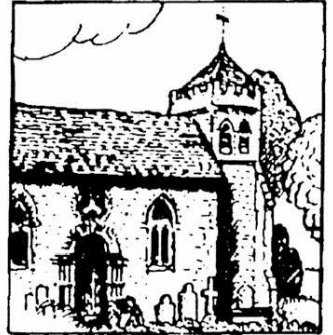
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Sunday 8 th July Fifth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : 2 Cor 12.2-10 G : Mark 6.1-13
Sunday 15 th July Sixth Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am BCP Communion	NT : Ephesians 1.3- 14 G : Mark 6.14-29
Sunday 22 nd 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 th July Eighth Sunday after Trinity				9.30 am Benefice Holy Communion Service		NT : Ephesians 3.14-21 G : John 6.1 - 21
Sunday 5 th 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, 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

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.*

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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

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Jubilee Committee

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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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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

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 Patricbourne 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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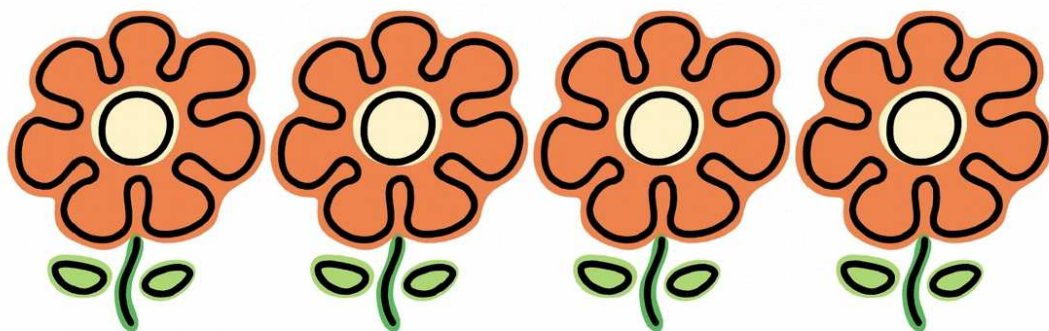


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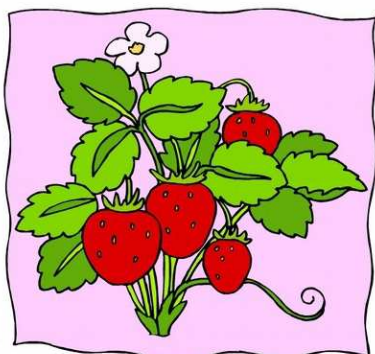
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en our first case of Erlichiosis at the practice. We have been s a gorgeous 2 year old Pyrenean Mountain Dog for this n very poorly indeed but is fortunately, gradually improving. e which is very rarely seen in the UK. It is more common in the A and 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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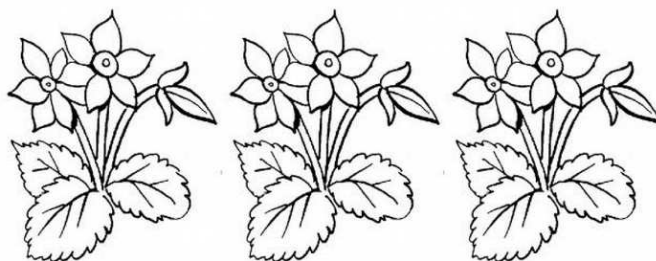


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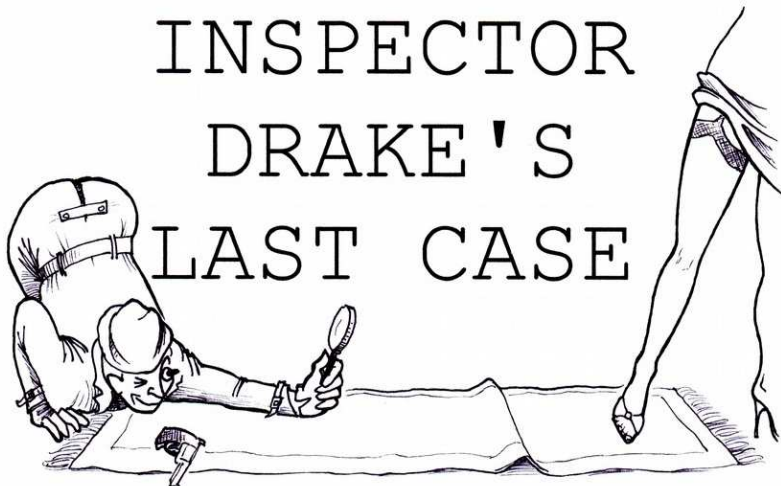
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Neighbourhood Plan – Joe Connor, Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, reported that 335 questionnaires had been returned out of 705 distributed. The data was being processed and it was intended that the Neighbourhood Plan would be completed 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 23rd. 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 Patricxbourne 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 1st 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 12th.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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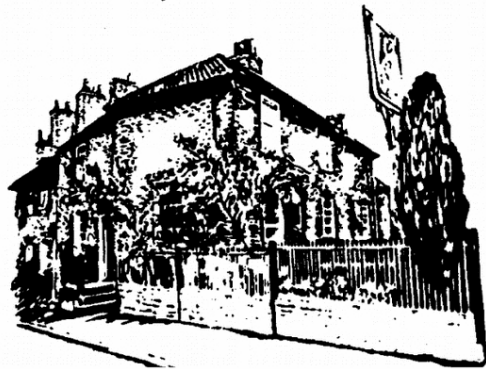
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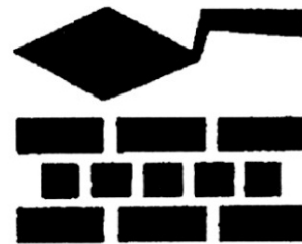
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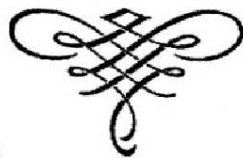
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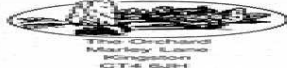
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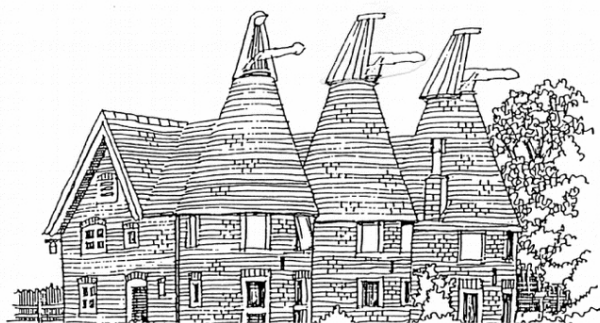
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Services for the month of August 2012

Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 5 th August Ninth Sunday after Trinity					9.30 am Benefice Service - Holy Communion	NT : Ephesians 4.1- 16 G : 6.24-35
Sunday 12 th 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 th 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 th August Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Benefice Service - Holy Communion					NT : Ephesians 6.10-20 G : John 6.56-69
Sunday 2 nd 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 th 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 th 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 rd 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>Sunday 30th September Back to Church Sunday 11.00 am A special Benefice and Harvest Service will take place in Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School</p>						
Sunday 7 th 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

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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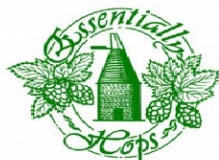
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The work is expected to take 6-8 weeks, but we hope to continue to hold services as usual. However, the congregation might want to move to the front pews to avoid the dust, coffee may have to be brewed in the Vicar's vestry and the bells may be silent 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

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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:-

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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.

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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

Shingles is a condition caused by the reactivation of the chickenpox virus. Anyone who has had chickenpox at some point in their lives could potentially develop shingles, though it is far more prevalent in people over 50.

People who develop shingles often complain of a headache followed by tiredness, fever and a general unwell feeling. A burning feeling on the body somewhere is common, and can sometimes be extreme. This pain later develops a rash on the upper body or head and neck area and around the eye, which turns into painful, fluid-filled blisters. Eventually these blisters burst and become sores which will crust over and heal. Symptoms usually occur only on one side of the body. Most people recover but some continue to feel extreme pain in the areas of the rash that can last for months or even years.

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.

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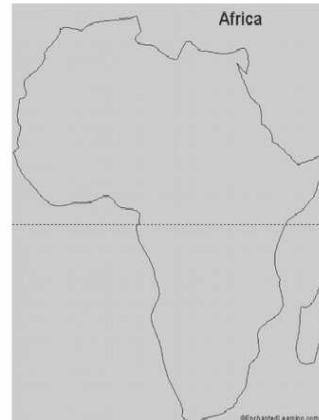
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Then on the weekend of 26/27 August, the Society will again be organising what is a most impressive stand at the **Edenbridge Show** prior to its own Vegetable Show to be held, as last year, in Bridge Village Hall on the weekend of **8 and 9 September**. 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 Patricbourne 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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Sunday 26th August from 12.00pm

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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 28th 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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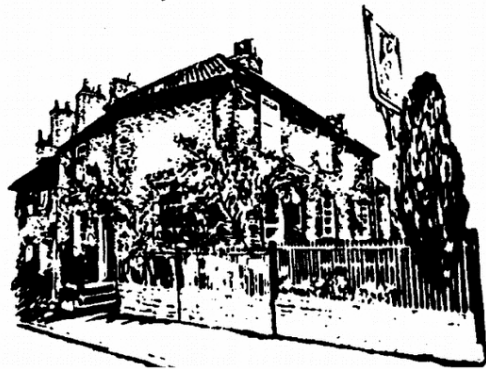
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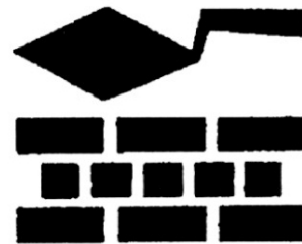
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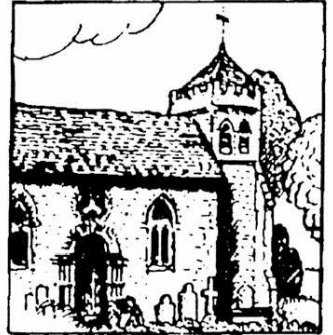
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Sunday 7th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT: Hebrews 11- 4, 2.5-12 G: Mark 10.2-16
Sunday 14th October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	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 st 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*

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

Bridge Village Fireworks

Saturday 10th November

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Fish (Neighbourly Help) News

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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.

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This year door to door collectors are needed for Bridge High Street, Bridge Down & Riverside Close.

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Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

The Branch have had a fairly quite spell, but this is soon to end because Poppy Appeal time is creeping up on us rather rapidly. We are looking for volunteers who can spare an hour or two to become Poppy Collectors. Anyone interested can call the Organiser on 722912 or the Secretary on 472023. Can we also mention that Branch subscriptions become due on the 1st October.

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 16th

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 th	7–8.30 p.m.
Thursday, December 13 th	7–8.30 p.m.
Sunday, December 16 th	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. 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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Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

The October meeting of the WI sounds fun with an active evening of "**Belly Dancing for Fitness**" planned for **Tuesday 16 October** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings. Do come along if you are interested.

Come along and support a Charity Event and Enjoy Indian food prepared by well known local chef Paul Babra **CURRY NIGHT** at Lower Hardres Village Hall On Saturday 24 November 2012 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets £15 each (admission by ticket only) from Christine Barnett 01227 832447 Raffle Traidcraft Stall Proceeds to the Children's Liver Disease Foundation

Family Day St Lawrence & Highland Court Cricket Club would like to thank friends and supporters who helped make the Family Day on Sunday 26th August such a success. The weather was certainly kind to us which helped make the day that bit more enjoyable and raise some much needed funds for the Club. Please keep a lookout for similar events next season and if you would like to get involved with the Club in any capacity please contact the Club Secretary, Peter Turrell on peter_turrell@hotmail.com or 07974 965046. In particular the Club would like to thank: Laurie Wakeham Butchers Woodlands Beauty Club Alpine, Canterbury Kent County Cricket Club Cafe Mauresque, Canterbury The Marlowe Theatre

News from Elham Valley Vineyard – September 2012

Hi everyone – we hope you all had a good Summer. We have had a fantastic few months – our new vines are all doing well now and one of the varieties has a lovely crop of grapes in spite of the fact that it is only 1 year old. Grapes normally take at least 3 seasons to settle and produce so we are really pleased that we can make a little wine ready for next year. It will help to eke out what we have left in our store from previous years.

In the Teashop, Sunday lunches are shortly to be available every weekend as they are getting more popular and we will soon be offering our Winter Warmers and a special Christmas menu. We have also prepared buffets for various recent events i.e. a Christening and also a lunch party for 150 people at Faversham.

Our new Woodwork Studio is producing some really innovative wooden items which are sold in the Plant Centre. Horticultural students decorated the Mayor's Marquee for Canterbury Cricket week and Music students are to visit the Marlowe in November to see "The Marriage of Figaro" which they are really looking forward to.

Collectively the students and staff are busy making items for sale at our Crafts for Christmas event on Saturday November 24th which starts at 11 a.m. with the Mayor of Canterbury in attendance. We hope to have all the usual stalls, cakes, craft work, woodwork, cards, plants etc and plan to get students and staff to demonstrate some of the crafts actually being made. If anyone would like to donate unwanted gifts for our raffle or tombola, they would be greatly appreciated. They can be left in the Teashop or Plant Centre. Many thanks for the fantastic support we get from the local community, our students really benefit from chatting to people who visit us here.

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market – lots of stalls, demonstrations and free birthday cake!*

1st Bridge Guides have spaces for girls aged 10-11 who have participated in synchronised swimming, a penny challenge at Howletts and a get wet night on the river. The weekend is complete with salsa dancing, and alcohol free pinning. PGL on an activity weekend near Hastings and had the opportunity to do canoeing, climbing, zip wires, abseiling and many more.



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Bridge Tennis Club Opens New Patio Social Area At Annual Tournament Finals Day,

The culmination of Bridge Tennis Club Summer Tournament took place on Saturday 15th September with matches to determine the winners of the Men's and Ladies Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles titles. Winners' cups were presented by John Hill, President of the club and Chairman of the Parish Council. Winners were Rhona Jardella, Katrina Bromfield, Penny Morgan, Karen Lawson, Patrick Dear and Andy Rice. The successful afternoon of impressive tennis concluded with a celebratory drink and BBQ to mark the recent completion of the new outside patio social area which enhances the club's already well equipped pavilion and three well maintained hard courts. Club coach Stewart Bristow was in attendance with some of the increasing number of juniors he coaches. The event was blessed with perfect tennis and BBQ weather and it is hoped that the new patio will facilitate more socialisation and similar events will take place in the future.

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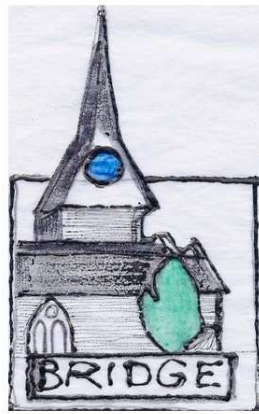
We will be serving bacon rolls and hot drinks. There will also be the opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. Traidcraft, and Phoenix Cards will have stalls. There will also be a cake stall, a book and puzzle stall, a gift stall and a chocolate tombola. There will also be a raffle with a prize of luxury Christmas hamper.

You can support us in several different ways.

1. Come along on the day and enjoy our hospitality and cheery faces!!
2. Search out any good quality unused gifts (toiletries, jewellery, gloves, scarves etc - any items suitable for Christmas gifts) that if you are like me you have lurking in the back of a cupboard 'just in case'
3. Search out any books and puzzles in good condition
4. Make a cake, mince pies or sausage rolls
5. Donate a box of chocolates....large or small, or any other item containing chocolate for the tombola
6. Donate us something for our luxury Christmas hamper e.g. posh coffee or tea bags, some marmalade, a box of crackers, a Christmas pudding or Christmas cake, some Christmas napkins, unusual biscuitsuse your imagination and find something out of the ordinary
7. Make some Christmas decorations e.g. bunting, dried flower arrangements that we can sell

All items can be dropped off at The Vicarage at your convenience.

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70 seater coach through the Channel tunnel.

First come first served. Full payment required for seat reservation which will be non refundable.

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To book your place please go to Bridge School Office to complete the booking form and make payment. *Please note that under-18s **must** be accompanied by an adult.*

Don't forget to bring Euros on the day, as some stalls may not accept credit cards.

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Potential Housing Development sites

Bridge Parish Council held an extra-ordinary meeting on 15th August to discuss in detail the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Committee on the proposed development sites for Bridge. The report had been compiled from an analysis of data obtained from the recent village questionnaire. It was noted that 50.5% of respondents had said that they did not think Bridge needed any more housing. There was a general consensus that Church Meadow should not be developed at all. On the proposals for the A2 site and Brickfields, the report showed that opinion was almost equally divided with a slight majority considering the A2 site more suitable. After considerable detailed debate, a majority of councillors voted for limited development shared between the Brickfields and A2 sites. A map showing the extent of the area on which development could be acceptable, together with the report, would be submitted to the city council for inclusion in the draft Local District Plan.

Play area surface

Having considered the four quotations for the renewal of the wet pour surface of the children's play area, it was agreed that the quotation from Wicksteed Leisure was the preferred option. Councillors agreed to contribute approximately 51% of the cost of the renewal from parish reserves. The Clerk would seek funding from Canterbury City Council under their Capital Grant Scheme.

Boundaries for possible housing development sites – It was agreed to draw the boundary of the area acceptable for housing development on SHLAA site /201 (land west of the A2) alongside the present boundary of Bridge Health Centre, to finish level with the Centre's perimeter fence and approximately 1/3rd of the proposed site wide. A maximum of 10 houses for families to be built on this site during the period of the District Plan.

It was agreed to draw the boundary for SHLAA site /186 (Brickfields) along the top of the field, to follow the line of the existing affordable housing and extend it as far as necessary to accommodate a maximum of 8 affordable housing units to be built during the period of the Local District Plan. A map showing the extent of the two areas for development would be submitted to the city council with the parish council's formal response to the SHLAA site proposals.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Connor reported that an exhibition showing the results of the analysis of the questionnaire up to that date had been held in the village hall on 25th. August. A decision would be taken by the Committee as to whether to use the services of a volunteer professional planner. It was expected that the Neighbourhood Plan would take about 2 years to complete.

Bridge in Bloom – Cllr Edmonds announced that the presentation of awards for 'Bridge in Bloom' would be held on Thursday 27th. September at 3.00pm in Mansfield Court. Flowers would be presented to Mansfield Court, which won the Community Garden award again, Penny Spencer would be presented with a garden token and the Red Lion would be awarded a shield, which was being engraved. Cllr Edmonds thanked Viv Brazier for her help in judging the competition. Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Edmonds for organising the competition again.

Recreation Ground-. Cllr Hodges thanked people who had donated plants and seeds to the wild flower project. She announced that a working party would take place on the recreation ground on Saturday 20th October. Volunteers should meet at the pavilion at 9.00am. The fence by the pavilion had been damaged. It was agreed to decide how it should be replaced at the next parish council meeting. An application for funding for the renewal of the play area safety surface had been made to the city council's Capital Grant scheme. An application would be made to Viridor for funding as soon as all the required documentation had been obtained.

Volunteers for the recreation ground – Cllr Hodges would be setting up a task force of volunteers to work on the recreation ground. She would welcome offers of help from anyone who was able to give some time to this on a regular basis. Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Hodges for her work on the wild flower project

Overhanging branches It was agreed that in future a letter would be sent by the parish council to residents who failed to cut back overhanging branches which impeded pedestrians, asking them to remove the branches. It was pointed out that if Kent Highway Services had to cut back overhanging trees from private property they charged the householder for the work.

Audit of Parish Accounts 2011/12 – Councillors noted that the Audit Commission had completed the audit of the parish accounts without qualification

Resignation of Cllr Simon Cook – Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Cook for his work as parish councillor.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 11th. October 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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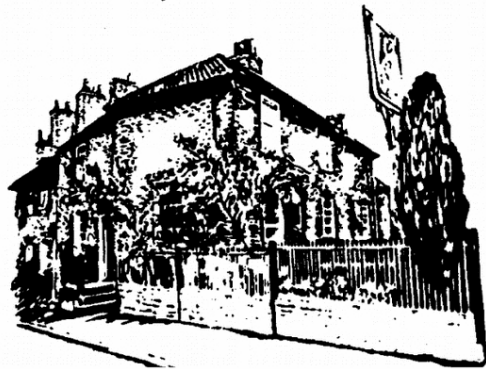
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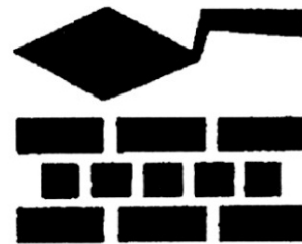
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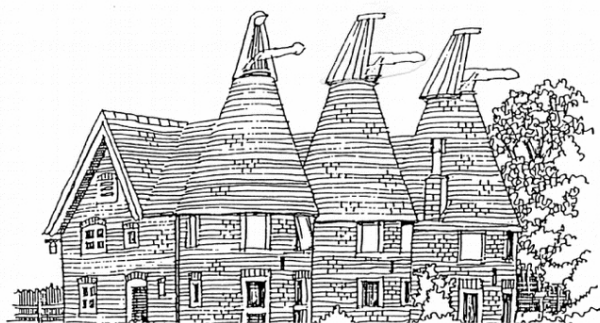
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Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 4th November Fourth Sunday before Advent	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : Revelation 7.9-17 G : Matthew 5.1- 12
Sunday 11th November Third Sunday before Advent. Remembrance Sunday	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong 10.45 am Act of Remembrance	9.30 am Remembrance Family Communion Followed by an Act of Remembrance at 10.45 am		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : Hebrews 9.24-28 G : Mark 1.14-20
Sunday 18th November Second Sunday before Advent		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Hebrews 19.11-14(15-18) 19-25 G : Mark 13.1-8
Sunday 25 th November Christ the King	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT : Revelation 1.4b-8 G : John 18.33-37 OT : Daniel 7.9- 10,13-14

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“Carry on Daisy. As we all must...” said Mr Carson, the butler in Downton Abbey to Daisy the Maid after the tragic turn of events in a recent episode, where one of Earl Grantham’s daughters dies in childbirth. True to character, Mr Carson coolly and swiftly exits as stiffly and abruptly as his words of advice! Meanwhile, poor bereaved Daisy is left to whimper, clad only in her nightdress in the half-light of the servant’s quarters. Thank heavens for Mrs Hughes, viewers might well say, as the housekeeper scoops a shivering, bereaved Daisy into her arms holding her tight as they shed a tear together. Her hug says, Daisy you are not alone in this grief, together we’ll walk the difficult road ahead. I am with you.

“Carry on Daisy. As we all must...” in themselves good words of advice for Daisy because life does go on, but Mr Carson forgets that words alone do not always suffice – words on their own can be quite cold – action, in the form of Mrs Hughes’ comforting hug, is needed to enable Daisy to “Carry on...”.

Perhaps this gives us an opportunity to reflect on our own actions or the actions of those around us? Sometimes we say we love people but our actions fail to show this to the full – sometimes we or someone we know might be a bit like Mr Carson – carrying a warm heart in a cool, constrained exterior, which occasionally breaks like the dawn to reveal a soft heart underneath. So how can we be more loving not just in what we say, but in what we do? How can we look beneath another person’s cool exterior to the warmth beneath? How can we be more like Mrs Hughes and bring a soft heart to warm our words, which are cold on their own? Who do we know who needs the warmth of a hug or its equivalent from us? Or do we discover that we are Daisy, can we spot a Carson and Hughes on the horizon?

God tells us Jesus is the *Word made flesh* – not just the Word. In John’s gospel, God promises us not just speech but action – God speaks to us *and* God lives with us because God knows that sometimes words are not enough...

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives. Amen.

God bless you, Julia

Your Parish Matters

Christenings

23.09.12	Bridge	Lois May Holdaway
30.09.12	Bridge	Clay Obadiah Stevens-Greenwood
30.09.12	Bridge	Marley Zachariah Stevens-Greenwood
30.09.12	Bridge	Moss Kimiko Stevens-Greenwood
30.09.12	Bridge	Verdi Pollen Stevens-Greenwood
30.09.12	Bridge	Winter Song Stevens-Greenwood

Funerals

21.09.12

Gladys Chandler

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 6th November.

All welcome. For further information contact Rev. Julia on 830265.

New Bible Studies Group. The meeting will be held at 21 High Street, Bridge on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm. All welcome. (Adults from age 17 and up!).

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*

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November

<i>06/11</i>	<i>14.00</i>	<i>Church Mice at Bridge Church</i>
	<i>15.00</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Bridge Haven</i>
	<i>20.00</i>	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
<i>01/11</i>	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close</i>
<i>12/11</i>	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Caring & Sharing</i>
<i>13/11</i>	<i>14.30</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Mansfield Court</i>
<i>14/11</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall</i>
<i>14/11</i>	<i>14.00</i>	<i>Social Afternoon at John Baker White</i>
	<i>Memorial</i>	
		<i>Hall, Lower Hardres</i>
	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Bible Studies Group, 21 High St., Bridge</i>
<i>20/11</i>	<i>15.00</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge</i>
	<i>20.00</i>	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
<i>21/11</i>	<i>15.00</i>	<i>Hymns at Bridge Haven</i>
<i>26/11</i>	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Caring & Sharing</i>
<i>27/11</i>	<i>14.30</i>	<i>Holy Communion at Highfield</i>

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 Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News Tel no 07935 966 080

The Annual General Meeting will take place during the Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday November 14th at 10 am. Every one is most welcome.

There is always a need for knitting wool. If you have any to spare please bring it to the Pop-In or telephone Rosie Green on 830204. Thank you.

Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride

Sincere thanks to all those who involved themselves in the above on 8th September. It turned out on the day that only 3 of us were able to take part, so our deepest thanks go to cyclist CHRIS BARNETT and walker KATHY PIERCE, because the combined total of £362 for the village is a truly brilliant result, with all 3 of us being so generously sponsored.

Our thanks also to those who kindly welcomed other participants to our church. Half of the money will go to 'Friends of Kent Churches' and the other half to Patricbourne & Bridge Church Funds.

Many, many thanks, Derek Prior.

A big thank you to all the people who manned St Mary's Patricbourne on Ride and Stride Day and to all those who sponsored Pauline and Chris. Final total is not yet in but we are over £100.

Pauline Pritchard.

I would like to thank ROGER NICHOLLS and HUGH PEARSON for doing the cycle ride for St. Peters Bekesbourne, raising money to be shared between St Peters and 'Friends of Kent Churches'. My thanks also to Val, Jonathan and Ian for welcoming and signing in the riders from their churches and serving refreshments. Last but by no means least a big thank you to all the sponsors for their invaluable support.

Jill Gillanders

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Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

It's been a difficult month for some of our members with illness and mishaps galore! But, hopefully they will all be on the mend soon. We are sorry that we have lost Alf Gardner from Aylesham who passed away recently. Our thoughts are with his family. Our recent Coffee Morning has raised just over £250 in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to all who donated cakes and raffle prizes and those who helped on the day. Our Remembrance Service - which takes place on Sunday, 11th November - will be at Wickhambreaux Church this year. We assemble by the war memorial at 10.45am. Our branch AGM will be on Tues, 13th November at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne and we look forward to seeing as many members as possible at that meeting. Annual branch subscriptions (£15) are now due. The following monthly meeting will be on Tues, 11th December at 8pm also at the Recreation Club.

Bekesbourne Choir Vestry Project

Building work is now progressing on the installation of a composting toilet and storage cupboards in the former choir vestry at the back of Bekesbourne Church. We expect it to be completed sometime in November, provided we don't encounter any more set-backs!

As is always the case when undertaking work on old buildings, we have come up against what the architect describes as 'challenges'. Extensive damp and some rot was found under the floor boards, which has involved new floor timbers and damp-proof courses, which we had not anticipated. However, it does mean that the project will have identified and cured some long-standing problems at this end of the church. As a preventative measure for the future, ventilation pipes have been inserted below the newly-laid floors and will be capped with grilles externally in shallow trenches, which have been dug outside the tower. It is planned to extend these trenches ourselves in due course, digging the soil away from the tower walls to below floor level, to further combat the damp.

While the contractor is on site, he will also carry out maintenance to the church roof, identified in the architect's last five-yearly inspection of St Peter's.

A service of thanksgiving for the project will take place in the spring.

Jane Millyard

Bridge History Society

Our next event will be a talk entitled 'A Stroll Along the Nailbourne Valley', to be given in Bridge Village Hall on **Wednesday 14 November at 7.30 pm** (not on Thursday 15 November as advertised). This talk will illustrate both the wildlife and the history of the Nailbourne and how it affects the villages of Barham, Kingston, Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne. As members of these village communities you will all be aware of the eccentricities of this river which occasionally floods, sometimes flows actively and sometimes not at all! Our speaker will be Peter Ewart who has entertained us several times in the past and his talks are always interesting and enjoyable. All are welcome.

Meriel

Connor

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

To escape the winter blues, the Society have invited a favourite East Kent speaker, **Don Wilks**, back again on **Tuesday 6 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. This time Don's subject is "**Cyprus in Spring**" and for those of you who have not heard Don speak before, you are in for a treat - Don's photography is superb. There will be a small charge to include refreshments and it goes without saying that non-members will be most welcome.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The November meeting to be held on **Tuesday 20 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall is the Annual Meeting of the Institute which includes reports on the past year as well as the election of President and Officers for 2013. There is therefore no guest speaker on this occasion.

The WI will also have a stall at the **Farmers' Market** on **Saturday 24th** when they will be selling cards and a variety of craft items. Do come along and chat to us there and find out more about our activities throughout the year.

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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 th	7–8.30 p.m.
Thursday, December 13 th	7–8.30 p.m.
Sunday, December 16 th	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. I can then assess balance and the viability of the programme!

With thanks & best wishes

Martin Miles

Bridge Tennis Club

A very successful Open Day was held on Saturday 6th October at Bridge Tennis Club to encourage more children and adults to take up the sport. This friendly village Club, which has three floodlit hard courts and a club-house, is keen to encourage more people to join, and during the afternoon children and adults enjoyed trying the game under the expert guidance of Club Coach Stewart Bristow. Members were on hand at the club house offering refreshments and to explain the weekly coaching programme and the different club evenings that run throughout the year. The afternoon was rounded off with a mini-tournament for the children. For more information about joining please contact the membership secretary Martyn Hewett: 01227 831321 or visit www.bridgetennis.com

Art in Bridge

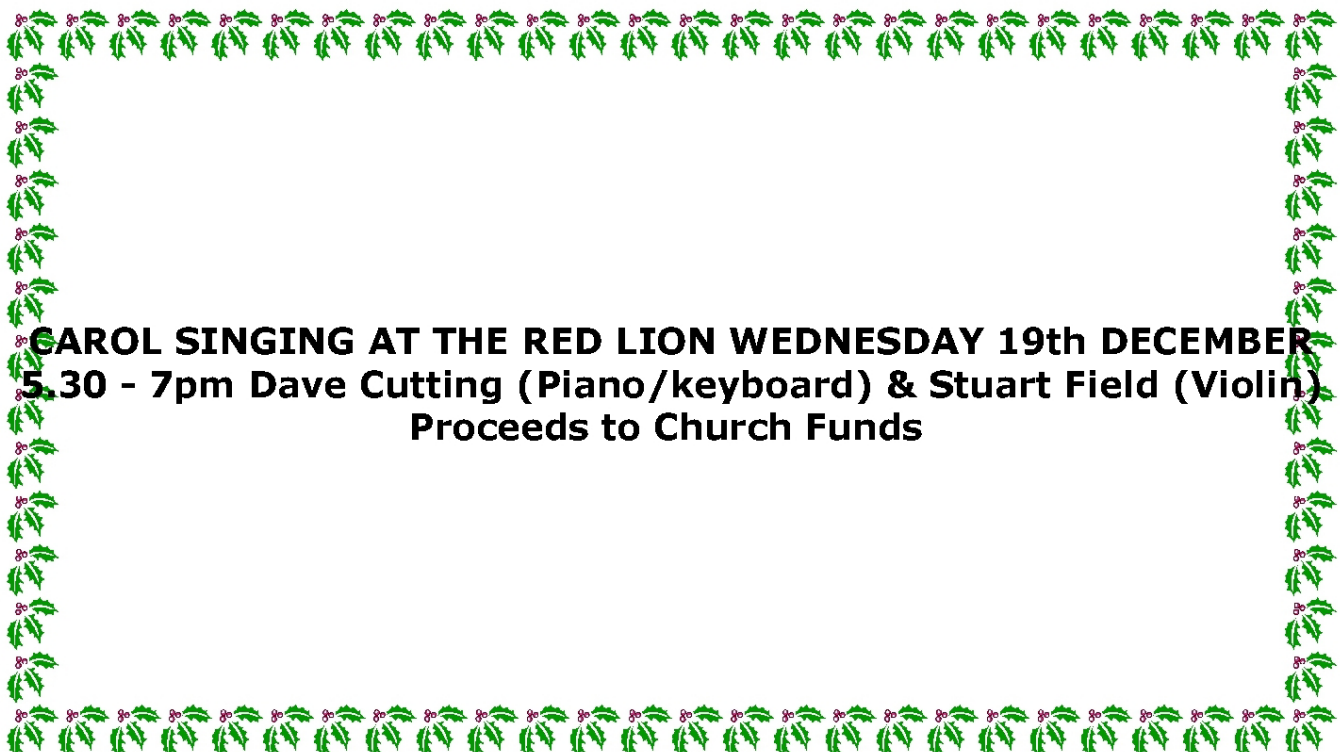
Annual Open Exhibition October 2012

This was another very successful exhibition in the twelve years that the exhibition has been held. There were over 200 exhibits covering paintings, photographs, sculptures and craftwork from people of all ages living or working in or within a five mile radius of Bridge. Bridge School contributed two colourful hanging Jubilee Crowns. The exhibition favourite was a painting by Barry Kirk, entitled "Country Garden in May".

Refreshments were available and visitors were encouraged to sit and talk. On Saturday evening piano music was played by Michael Chandler which added to the enjoyment of the event.

Thanks are due to the exhibitors and the many helpers who contributed to making the weekend such a success.

Sue Hodges



CAROL SINGING AT THE RED LION WEDNESDAY 19th DECEMBER
5.30 - 7pm Dave Cutting (Piano/keyboard) & Stuart Field (Violin)
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We hope you all enjoyed the summer despite the miserable weather. Now that the nights are drawing in and autumn is here we are unfortunately approaching that time of year again when pets are exposed to the unpredictable loud bangs and flashes of fireworks which they can find very stressful.

To help your pets cope with this stress it is best to start preparing them as early as possible. There are a number of options you can use to try and minimise their



desensitisation which has successfully helped many pets. This involves using a CD which simulates the random and unpredictable noises of fireworks. This should be played for several weeks before the firework season, gradually increasing the volume and length of time it is played so your pet will become used to the noises and ignore them. At the same time as playing the CD, your pet should respond well to being distracted with a favourite toy or a chew.

When you are expecting fireworks it is important to ensure your dog has a good meal before the fireworks start and is fed early as tired and well-fed dogs are far less anxious. It is important to ensure your pets are inside and will feel safer if confined to one small darkened room. If you are going out then leaving a radio on can provide comfort for them. If you are staying in don't pat and stroke your pet as this teaches them they get rewards for being scared and it's best to not let them know you are concerned.

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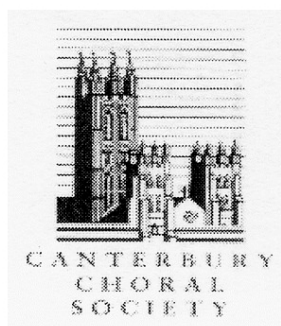
It was wonderful to put a 'sold out' notice across the poster for our first event - a Murder Mystery Evening, when, as far as we could tell, people had a really good time. It encouraged us to go ahead with our plans for a show at Christmas. With the money made that evening (and subscriptions!} we have been able to buy the materials to build our own stage (Mark Fisher) and acquire curtains. We are borrowing basic lighting locally from a good friend and raising money for sound equipment. We are getting there! However we still have need of more people to swell the sound! and if you are interested in sound and lighting we would love you to help us put together and operate our own system. So please get in touch if you would like to join us, with either Pam or Phil on 01227 832006.

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there!**

Choirbook for the Queen

During the wonderful celebrations of Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee a project to celebrate her sixty years as Queen has been quietly unfolding in Cathedrals, Churches and Chapels across the Country.

www.choirbookforthequeen.org.uk contains 44 anthems written in the last decade. 11 anthems were specially commissioned from leading British composers and are being premiered across the country. Many have been heard on BBC Radio 3's Choral Evensong. The final anthem to be premiered (BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong on 5th December 2012 from Westminster Abbey) is called 'Advent Calendar'. It is composed by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and based on a poem by Rowan Williams, who steps down as Archbishop of Canterbury in the New Year. Universally acknowledged as one of the foremost composers of our time, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies has made a significant contribution to musical history through his wide-ranging and prolific output. He lives in the Orkney Islands where he writes most of his music. Maxwell Davies' huge output of work includes operas, two ballets, music-theatre works, eight symphonies and numerous concerti, light orchestral works and large-scale works for chorus. Maxwell Davies has guest-conducted international orchestras at the highest level and retains close links with the St. Magnus Festival, which he founded in 1977. He was knighted in 1987 and appointed Master of The Queen's Music in 2004.



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Cathedral Friday 14th December 2012 Monteverdi

~~il Election~~ ~~Vespers (1610)~~ ~~Saturday 19th January 2013~~

~~All election to fill the vacancy created by Cllr Simon~~
~~ation from the parish council would be held in Bridge on 15th~~
~~pective candidates should collect nomination papers and~~
instructions from either the Parish Clerk or the City Council. The closing date for nominations would be noon on Friday 19th October.

Recreation Ground- The annual safety inspection report on the children's play area had been received from Digley Associates and no significant safety issues had been raised. Cllr Ward thanked Cllr Hill for cleaning the graffiti from one of the recreation ground signs. It was reported that there were more broken tiles on the pavilion roof. Cllrs Hill and Wilmshurst had recently carried out repairs to the roof and would investigate the new damage.

There had been two recent complaints about an aggressive bull terrier type dog on the recreation ground. Our PCSO had asked residents to report such matters via the police 101 number.

Brackets for pavilion guttering- Cllr Wilmshurst showed councillors a prototype bracket, which could be installed under the pavilion guttering to protect it from further damage caused by vandals kicking footballs against the guttering. The cost of installing the brackets would be between £200 and £300. Councillors agreed to go ahead with this plan.

Fence by Pavilion- The chain link fence by the pavilion was being damaged by children climbing or jumping over it. Plants designed to deter this had been damaged or removed. It was agreed to ask a local contractor for an estimate for a higher, more robust fence,

New swings. It was agreed to purchase two replacement swings for the larger swing bank at a cost of approximately £100 each

Recreation Ground Working Party Cllr Hodges reminded councillors about the working party on the recreation ground on Saturday 20th October. Volunteers should meet at the pavilion at 9.00am.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Joe Connor reported that Stella Meesters, a representative of Planning Aid and Sarah Platts, a volunteer planner from Dover District Council, had addressed a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee on 9th October. Little further progress could be made with the Neighbourhood Plan until the City Council had produced its Core Strategy document. Efforts continued to arrange a meeting with Adrian Verrall at the Canterbury City Council.

Bus shelter seat – Mr Mark Esdale reported that a local carpenter had assessed the bus shelter near the pharmacy and would submit a quotation to install a seat. The approximate cost would be £200.

‘Walkers are Welcome’ scheme - Cllr Atkinson announced that there would be a ‘Walkers are Welcome’ event in Bridge on Sunday 21st October. There would be two circular walks round the village, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, with lunch in Bridge. Further information would be put on the village website.

Jubilee Tree -Cllr Atkinson was arranging for a quotation for a commemorative plaque to be put by the Jubilee tree on the recreation ground and would report back.

Lille Christmas Market trip - Cllr Ward reminded councillors of the trip to the Christmas Market in Lille which the Twinning Association was organising on 1st December

Christmas trees – Councillors agreed that the village would put up Christmas trees in the High Street again this year. Mark Esdale had volunteered to organise this again. The trees would go up on Saturday December 1st and be taken down on Saturday 5th. January. All volunteers would be very welcome to help.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8th. November at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm.

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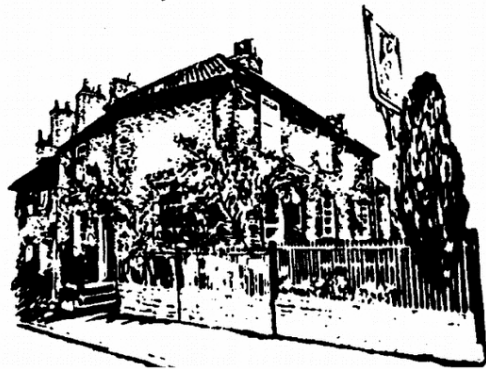
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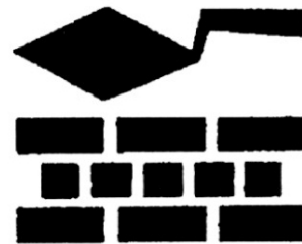
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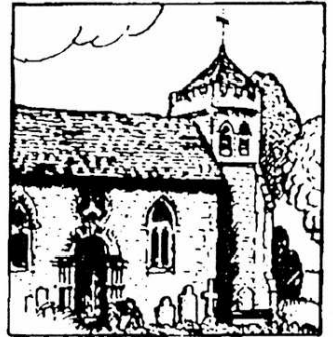
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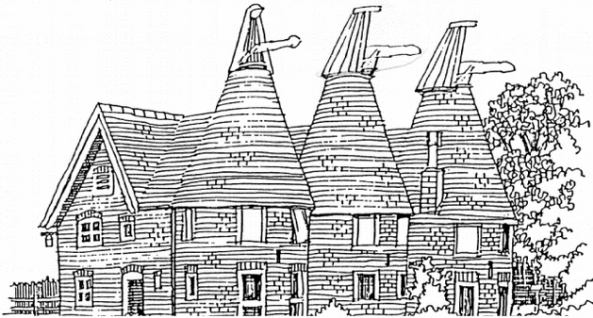
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Emmanuel, God with us, is the centre of the Christmas message. As a church community we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, born as God yet in human form to a virgin. What seems a simple story of birth becomes an extraordinary life changing revelation in the message that God so loves each one of us and our world that he sends his Son to reconcile humanity to himself. In celebration of this love so generously and freely given to humanity, it seems strange that we celebrate in a way that can be so subverted by human excess and guilt. Each year I try really hard not to be drawn in by the commercialism and the frantic pace that is generated by the festive period. Christmas Day holiday is after all the 'Holy Day' when we stop and celebrate Christ's birthday. If you are like me it has become a point of near exhaustion from rush to make the 25th December the 'perfect day'.

There is a story of a king being woken in the night from a loud noise above his bed. The king shouts out 'Who is there?' The king's jester replies 'It's me looking for a camel.' The king shouts back 'Camels on the roof, camels on the roof? You fool why are you looking for a camel on the roof of the palace?' The jester replies 'You fool! Why are you looking for God in a golden bed dressed in gold?' If we want to find God this Christmas my guess is that he will not be found in the pre-Christmas commercial induced exhaustion. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day as Christian communities gather together in church we celebrate Emmanuel, God with us. It's even free!

As we celebrate Christmas and the coming New Year may I take this opportunity to wish you every blessing and Christ's peace.

Simon

Stop Press

On Friday 16th November Bishop Trevor Willmott the Bishop of Dover, following an interview process very kindly offered me the post of Priest in Charge St Mary of Charity Faversham. After careful thought and consideration I have accepted this new post and will finish in both the Bridge and Littlebourne Benefices at the end of the year. I have with Gail and Josh felt both blessed and supported in sharing the past six years with all of you in the Bridge, and more recently, the Littlebourne Benefice. We as a family move to Faversham with hope for the unknown but strengthened by your love and prayers. I hope to meet as many of you as possible before we leave, in the meantime pray for the parishioners of the soon to be formed new Benefice of Faversham and their three church communities and for their future as we will for you as you enter into a time of exploration in God's grace.

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

13.10.12	Bridge	Alexander William Feakins
13.10.12	Bridge	Anna Catherine Feakins
21.10.12	Bridge	Josephine Alicia Rose Millyard
28.10.12	Bridge	Eloise Mai Sawyer
28.10.12	Bridge	Mia Jill Sawyer

Weddings

06.10.12	Nackington	Katie Wright and Edward Burlison-Rush
27.10.12	Bridge	Jennifer Dobing and Graeme Heap

Funerals

19.10.12		Roy Peter Davies
26.10.12		Roderick James Seymour
01.11.12		David Rex Powell

Mid Week Communion takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Bridge Church. This is a short service (30 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 4th December**.

The January meeting of Church Mice will be on the **2nd Tuesday, the 8th of January 2013**. All welcome. Contact Rev. Julia on 830265.

Bible Study Group. The next meeting will be held at 21 High Street, Bridge on **Wednesday 12th December at 7.30pm**. The January meeting will be held on the **16th of January at 7.30pm**. All welcome. (Adults from age 17 an up!).

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*

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.

Does Christmas make you want to sing? Then why not sing in Patrixbourne Carol Choir? Our Carol Service is on Friday 21st December at 7pm in St Mary's Church We extend a warm invitation to singers of all ages to join in a small number of rehearsals leading up to a friendly and enjoyable occasion. In addition to regulars and singers from the Bridge Choir and beyond, we hope to welcome newcomers. We shall be singing the traditional favourites as well as hymns and anthems familiar and unfamiliar such as "Joseph and the Angel" and "O Holy Night". If you would like more details, please contact Pauline Pritchard (830685 or pvpritchard@tiscali.co.uk) or John Harris (830631 or jmk.harris@virgin.net).

Dates for Your Diary

December

01/12	10-12.30	Lower Hardres Christmas Fayre at John Baker White
		Memorial Hall
04/12	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
06/12	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
10/12	13.30	Highfield Carol Service
	19.30	Caring & Sharing
11/12	14.30	Mansfield Court Carol Service
12/12	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
12/12	14.00	Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall,
		Lower Hardres
	19.30	Bible Study Group, 21 High St., Bridge
15/12	09.30-12	Children's Christmas Workshop at John Baker White
		Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres
18/12	15.00	Saxon Lodge Carol Service
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
19/12	16.00	Bridge Haven Carol Service

January

03/01	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
08/01	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
09/01	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
	14.00	Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres
14/01	19.30	Caring & Sharing
15/01	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
15/01	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
16/01	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
	19.30	Bible Study Group, 21 High St., Bridge
21/01	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield
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WANTED Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC/Benefice Secretary This is a voluntary position which involves taking minutes of meetings and distributing relevant papers etc. The committees meet approximately 6 times a year from 7.30pm – 9.30pm on a weekday evening. If you would like to discuss this further please contact either Laurence Dunderdale on 830668 or Evelyn Andrews 830960.

Bridge Flower Arranging

A meeting will be held on Friday 7th December at 2.00pm at 'The Archways' to organise flowers at Christmas in St. Peter's Bridge and to draw up next years rota. If anyone is thinking about joining our team of decorators, not necessarily flower arrangers please pop in for a cuppa , or give me a call on 830981.

Thanks. Viv Brazier

Fish Scheme News

Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM in November. The next Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday December 12th and Stuart Field will kindly provide music for carol singing. Do come. The provisional date for our Winter Warmer lunch is Wednesday 23rd January but there will be more details at the Pop-In. The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital Nailbourne Group held a very successful Charity Lunch at the John Baker White Memorial Hall Lower Hardres on 1st November 2012, raising £923 for the benefit of the hospital. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Bridge & Patricxbourne C.E.Primary School



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The Festival of the Three Kings

Epiphany will be celebrated at the Family Service on 9.30am. On January 6th at St.Peter's Bekesbourne. We like to do some form of 'production' drama on the day involving all the children and young people who want to be part of it. In order to plan the drama we would like to know who wants to be involved. If you want to be included then please let me know as soon as possible by ringing me on 830272. You will need to be available for a rehearsal at St.Peter's on Sat.5th at 2.30pm

We also look forward to welcoming anyone else who wishes to come and celebrate with us. Pat (Kusel)

Deanery Children's Day

This is a report written by a member of St.Peter's, Bekesbourne Family service congregation who attended the recent SINK and SWIM event organised for Keystage1 and Keystage 2 children led by Captain Graham Nunn of the Church Army.

'Me, Evie (my sister), Darcy (my best friend) and Imogen (her sister) went to Ash school on Saturday 13th October. When we got there, we got into our groups. Me and Darcy were in the Blue Group. We made our own name badge. I put on a flower and spots for decoration. Then we did some word searches and crosswords while we waited for the others to finish. After this we sang some songs and Captain Graham did some magic tricks. I really liked it because when he opened his Holy Bible fire came out!

We then went to work in our groups on making a big frieze about the story of Noah. Darcy and I had to colour and cut out the men who made the ark.

After all the hard work we had some more fun playing parachute games. This made us all hungry and thirsty so we had some cakes and biscuits. Yum! Yum! Then Captain Graham told us the story of Noah until our parents came. Then we sung another song and did some circus skills before our parents took us home.

The time flew by because we were having such fun.'Nesta Maylam

Fashion Show

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church would like to thank all involved for helping to make the Fashion Show on 19th October 2012 a tremendous success.

Special thanks go to the models ~ Wendy Durell, Janet Street, Jenny Skinner Rosie Mount, Gail Rowlands and Christine Ash. All agreed, they were terrific.

Scout Christmas Post
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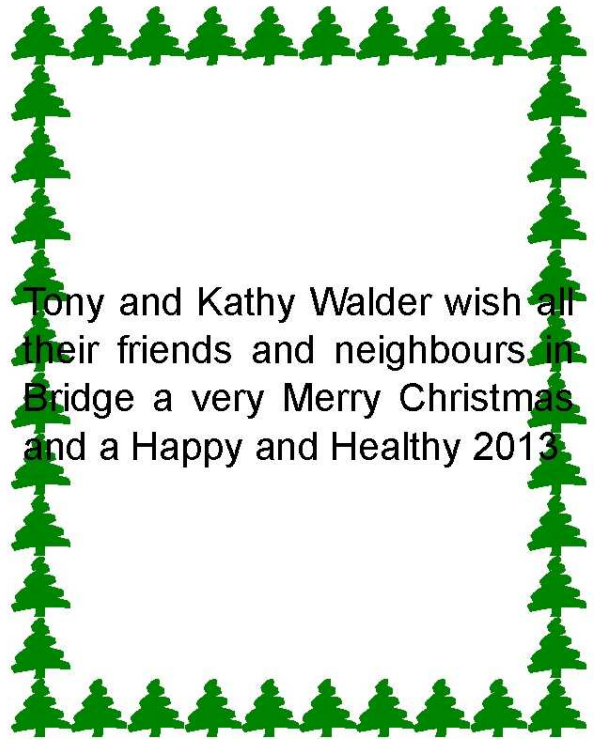
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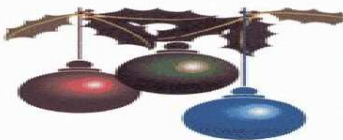


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Services for the month of December 2012

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 2 nd December First Sunday of Advent	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Advent Family & Gift Service	NT: 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end G : Luke 21.25-36
Sunday 9 th December Second Sunday of Advent	9.30 am Advent Carol Service	4.00 pm Advent Carol Service	9.30am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT: Philippians 1.3-11 G : Luke 3.1-6
Sunday 16 th December Third Sunday of Advent		3.00pm Family Crib Service	9.30am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Carol Service	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Philippians 4.4-7 G : Luke 3.7-18
Friday 21 st December				7pm Carol Service		
Sunday 23 rd December Fourth Sunday Of Advent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	----	8.00 am BCP Communion		----	NT : Hebrews 10.5-10 G : Luke 1.39-45
Monday 24 th December	11.30 Midnight Mass		3pm Christingle 5pm Christingle 11.30 Midnight Mass		11.30 Midnight Mass	
Tuesday 25 th December Christmas Day		9.30am Family Service		9.30am Holy Communion with Carols	11.00am Family Carol Service	
Sunday 30 th December First Sunday of Christmas			8.00am BCP Holy Communion			NT : Colossians 3.12-17 G : Luke 2.41-end
Sunday 6 th January The Epiphany	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Feast of the Three Kings Family Service	NT : Ephesians 3.1-12 G : Matthew 2.1- 12

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Sunday 6 th January Epiphany	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Feast of the Three Kings Family Service	NT: Eph 1.3.1-12 G: Matt 2.1-12
Sunday 13 th January Baptism of Christ	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT: Acts 8.14-17 G: Luke 3.15- 17.21-22
Sunday 20 th January Third Sunday of Epiphany		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT: 1 Cor 12.1-11 G: John 2.1-11
Sunday 27 th January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT: 1 Cor 12.12- 31a G: Luke 4.14-21 OT: Nehem 8.1- 3.5-6.8-10
Sunday 3 rd February Presentation of Christ	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: Heb 2.14-end G: Luke 2.22-40

Lower Hardres Christmas Fair - We shall be holding our Christmas Fair on 1st December 2012 from 10am – 12.30pm in the John Baker-White Hall. If you have any contributions for collection please contact Margaret. It promises to be a good time with some lovely gifts, home made goodies. Please come along!

Lower Hardres Advent Carol Service – Following the success of last year's Service, we shall be holding an Advent Carol Service on Sunday 9th December 2012 at 4.00pm. Gerrard Ahern will be playing Advent music and there will be a selection of Advent and Christmas Hymns and readings. Mulled wine and mince pies.

Crib Service – Sunday 16th December, 2012 at 3pm. Christmas would not be the same in Lower Hardres without our traditional Crib Service in which the children place the nativity figures in the stable as we begin to prepare for our Christmas celebrations. If children would like to dress up as a Nativity character we shall be delighted. This year we have chosen Demelza House Children's Hospice as our Children's Charity. There will be a selection of candles on sale at our services during November and December – all proceeds to Demelza.

Benefice Children's Workshop

The Workshop will take place on Saturday 15th December from 9.30 to 12noon in the John Baker-White Hall, Lower Hardres. Our vicar, Simon, will end the morning with a short service. Please book your place by contacting Julie Cox 788316 or Margaret 765598. Parents please stay with your preschool child. It would be appreciated if each child could bring £1 towards materials. Do come along – it will be fun!

Wild Flower Project Recreation Ground

October has been a busy month. Several volunteers gathered on Saturday morning 20th October to weed, prune, replant and generally tidy the area round the pavilion on the Recreation Ground. Ferns and foxgloves were planted under the trees in the Wild Flower area together with seeds for next spring and summer. Several residents donated plants and seeds. Clearing the vegetation at the side of the path to the school was started several weeks ago and continues.

Last but not least on 22nd October the Eco Club from Bridge School planted Narcissi bulbs on the banks of the Nailbourne. The list of volunteers who have opted to help occasionally on the Recreation Ground during the year is growing. It is not too late to join! Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way during the year.

Sue Hodges

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Elham Valley Vineyard Dec 2012

The Teashop is going from strength to strength with their very popular breakfasts and light lunches, it is also a favourite place for our students to want to work in. In order to accommodate more of them in the kitchen, we are scheduling an expansion and so will be closing between 17th December and 2nd January as that is a relatively quiet time.



We apologise to our regular customers and urge them to come back to see the difference in the New Year. Meanwhile we are now doing Sunday Lunches every week and are serving our Christmas Menu right up until 17th December. To book please phone the Teashop on 01227 831266. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and an excellent New Year from students and staff at the Vineyard.
Nikki Marley – General Manager

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

For the Society's pre-Christmas social evening, this year on **Tuesday 4 December** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, **Mr Rob Masters**, a most entertaining and popular speaker, will be regaling us with topical tales under the heading of "**The Joys of Christmas**". Afterwards, there will be mince pies and a Christmas raffle and time to chat with fellow members and villagers. There will be a small entrance charge (to include refreshments) of £2 for members and £3 for non-members.

The 2013 programme is all in place and begins with the **AGM on Tuesday 22 January** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. Annual subscriptions are due then, still held at £4 for single and £6 for joint membership, and show schedules for both the Spring and Summer Shows will be available. After the business part of the meeting, Una Smith will give an illustrated talk on the history and operation of the **National Garden Scheme**.

The Nailbourne Horticultural Society is one of the long-standing village organisations, but, in order for it to carry on, it is in desperate need of **new committee members**. Please consider joining us. It is not too arduous a commitment, with only three committee meetings a year and a little "behind the scenes" help at the evening meetings and the Spring and Summer Shows. Do give it some thought and keep this village society flourishing. Have a word with one of the existing committee members or volunteer at the AGM itself.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

Please note that the December meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month, namely **Tuesday 11 December**, still at the usual time of 7.30 pm and in Bridge Village Hall. Sandy Sharp will be entertaining us with her music and a talk on "**English Traditional Dance**" to be followed by festive mince pies and a refreshing drink.

At the first meeting of the New Year on **January 15th**, back to the third Tuesday of the month and at our usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, **Dr Peter Giles** will give a talk on "**The Human Voice, its Mystery and Beauty**".

Bridge Royal British Legion

On the occasion of the re-launch of the refurbished Plough & Harrow, Bridge the landlord and landlady Mr.& Mrs.Ranulph Neame were asked to choose a charity of their choice for the Shepherd Neame Group to donate to.

So it was at 7.30 in the evening on Tuesday the 23rd of November that long-standing Poppy Appeal Organiser Barry Whiting was presented with a cheque to the British Legion for £200 by the board of Shepherd Neame in a packed Plough & Harrow.

Not only that, but Barry was given the honour of being the recipient of the first pint drawn from the pumps - complementary of course!

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We have had a busy month with the Poppy Appeal, our Remembrance Service and our AGM.

The Poppy Appeal total is not in yet but we feel very optimistic about the result – all thanks to our Organiser, Jo Tatman.

Our Remembrance Service at Wickambreaux was a very enjoyable and memorable occasion. The church was full and we were joined by the local junior uniformed organisations, scouts, cub, guides and beavers. The Silence was observed at the war memorial, the branch standard being carried by Standard Bearer, Tom Pett.

At our AGM election of Branch Officers and Officials was as follows:-

President: John Marsh

Vice Presidents: Oswin Kent, Fred Bennett, Bernie Guyatt and Hugh Wheeler

Chairman: Ray Tupper

Vice Chairman: Barbara Hunt

Hon Secretary: Barbara Hunt

Hon Treasurer: John Hewett

Branch Committee: Ray Tupper, Fred Bennett and John Marsh

Welfare Committee Officer: Geof Welch

Standard Bearer: Tom Pett

Poppy Appeal Organiser: Jo Tatman has now decided to stand down for the coming year.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesday, 11th December 2012 and Tuesday, 8th January 2013, both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

Bourne Vets News

We have been seeing many more cases of arthritis and stiffness recently as the cooler, damper weather can make joints more painful. Older animals definitely find the winter months harder and if you have noticed that your pet is less mobile there are many treatment options that can make them feel more comfortable. If your dog is stiff after sleeping or exercise or your cat is no longer climbing their favourite tree they could well be developing arthritis.

Osteoarthritis is also known as degenerative joint disease (DJD) and is very common in middle-aged or older pets. It can unfortunately also occur in younger animals if they have developmental joint problems such as hip or elbow dysplasia. DJD is associated with damage to the cartilage that lines joints and causes lameness, pain and swelling of the affected joint with reduced mobility. Once a joint has DJD it cannot be cured. The goal of treatment is to decrease pain, minimise lameness, improve mobility and provide a good quality of life for affected patients. There are many treatment options which can greatly help your pet, and we can discuss with you the best options for your specific pet. We can provide courses of treatment to relieve pain and inflammation, and can offer guidance on diet and weight control to minimise extra strain on joints. We can also provide dietary supplements and advice on gentle exercise and hydrotherapy as well as weekly injections which protect damaged cartilage and inhibit further damage. There are many options available and many people comment that their pets behave like puppies and kittens again after treatment.

We can discuss all the options and the best treatment specifically for your pet at **Bourne Veterinary Practice**. We are open 7 days a week, just call us on **01227 832322** to book an appointment.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your pets a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2013.



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Nailbourne Horticultural Society The Joys of Christmas A talk by Rob Masters
Tuesday 4 December 7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall Refreshments with Mince Pies
Christmas raffle time to chat with fellow members and villagers small entrance
charge (to include refreshments) £2 for members and £3 for non-members

SNOW AND ICE PROBLEMS

The last 3 winters have all had periods of snow and ice bringing with them danger to our more elderly residents and disruption to those trying to get to work. In the old days the task of clearing our footpaths was the job of our own "roadman", but these individuals have long gone. Whilst it is the responsibility of Highways we all know that, in times of need, the clearing of Bridge footpaths is way down the list of priorities and will not happen unless we, the residents of Bridge, do something ourselves.

In this respect, we, The Parish Council, are seeking to get volunteers who will commit themselves to clearing a stretch of footpath, treating it with sand and salt, and generally ensuring that it is safe for the elderly to walk on. If you are able bodied and likely to be unable to get to work because of the snow conditions, why not offer your services to clear the footpath in your road? It is good fun, it will get you warm at no cost and you will have the satisfaction of doing some good for your community. We, the Parish Council will provide you with Snow Shovels, brushes and sand mixed with salt. All we want you to provide is the manpower (or womenpower!). So, if you are up for a spot of community activity that will make a huge difference to the most vulnerable in our society, contact me, Bill Oakey on 832397 or e mail me on bill.oakey@canterbury.gov.uk and we will arrange to have an informal meeting (probably in one of our local hostelrys) and get ourselves ready for the worst that the elements can throw at us!

Councillor Bill Oakey
Bridge Parish Council

WE NEED YOUR HELP !!!!!

Calling all residents,

KCC Community Warden , Allan Macdonald has been working in your local community to try and identify your neighbours that may need some support in their wellbeing and access to local services.

We need you to support Allan in identifying residents that would benefit from a home visit to talk about how he can help.

With the Winter months fast approaching, it is so important to make these links to help support people through the colder weather.

Cold or damp homes affect the most vulnerable members of your community.

Allan can be identified by his uniform and contacted on **07773 396657**.

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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 8th November 2012

Budget & Precept requirement: The precept and the budget requirements for 2013/14 were agreed. The required precept level would be 0.07% higher than the previous year.

Revision of Financial Regulations: The Finance Committee had reviewed the Internal Audit arrangements and had not recommended any changes. Changes to Financial Regulations recommended by the Internal Auditor were agreed. These included raising the level above which three quotations for work should be obtained from £1,000 to £3,000.

Neighbourhood Plan – Mr Joe Connor reported on a constructive meeting between three members of Bridge Neighbourhood Plan Committee and Adrian Verrall of CCC, in charge of drawing up the Local District Plan. It had been suggested that Bridge should put forward a small number of proposals for inclusion in the Plan, based on data from the questionnaires. It was important that the Neighbourhood Plan Committee should consider other issues apart from housing. Another meeting of the Committee would be held before Christmas with the aim of putting further proposals to the parish council in January.

Recreation Ground- Cllr Terry Wilmshurst had again repaired the tiles on the pavilion roof. All spare tiles had now been used up. One of the picnic tables had been smashed. It was agreed to move the remaining picnic table into the pavilion for the winter. Cllr John Hill thanked Cllrs Corfield and Wilmshurst for installing the new swings. It had been found that one of the shackle pins needed to be replaced. Cllr John Corfield would supply the details to Wicksteed so that a replacement could be ordered.

Quotes to replace the hinges on the sand bag store and to replace the wire /fencing between Riverside Close and the pavilion and raise its height were accepted.

Cllr Sue Hodges thanked the volunteers who had joined the working party on the recreation ground on 20th. October. She also thanked those who had donated plants and seeds and the volunteers who had signed up to work throughout the year on the recreation ground. Cllr Hodges reported that Bridge School Eco Club had planted narcissi on the riverbank and she thanked the school for their help.

It was reported that the football pitch had been severely damaged by a team playing in very wet conditions the previous Sunday. As a result the grounds contractor had taken emergency action to repair some of the damage but the pitch would be unfit for matches until December.

Snow and ice removal from pavements – Cllr Bill Oakey would compile a list of volunteers who would be willing to help to clear ice and snow from the street when required. Volunteers were asked to contact Cllr Oakey.

Bus shelter seat – It was agreed to accept the quotation for a new seat for the bus shelter near the pharmacy.

Recreation Ground Maintenance Contract 2013/14 It was agreed to award the contract for grounds maintenance to AJ Garden Services again. The price of the contract would be raised by 5% but this would be held for two years. Councillors praised Mr Longley for his good work and his helpful approach

Christmas trees – The Christmas trees will go up on Saturday December 1st and be taken down on Saturday 5th. January. All volunteers will be very welcome to help. Please meet at the village hall.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th. December at the earlier time of **6.15 pm** in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at **6.00pm**. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

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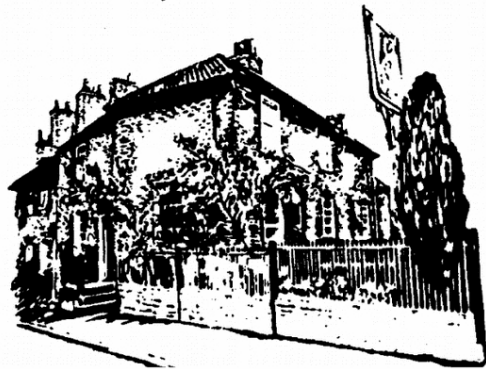


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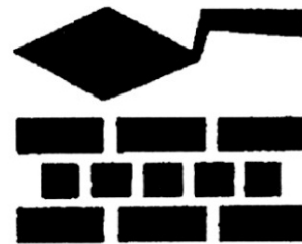
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