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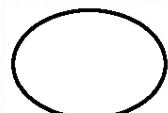
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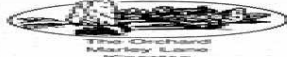
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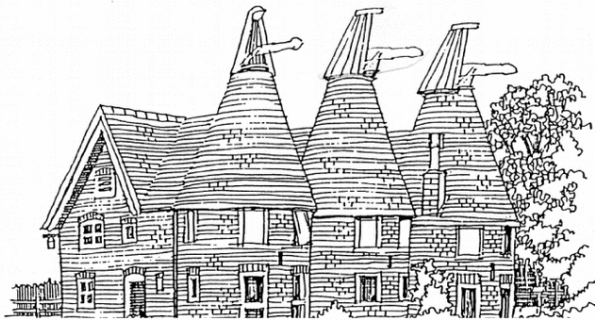
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**Services for the month of February 2012**

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Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> February Ash Wednesday			7.00pm Ash Wednesday Service			NT: 2 Cor 5.20b- 6.10 G: Matt 6.1-6, 16-21
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.

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

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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

### Art in Bridge

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

### **Patricbourne with Bridge Fund Raising Events 2012**

The following events have been organised to help raise funds for Patricbourne with Bridge PCC. Please come along and support us.

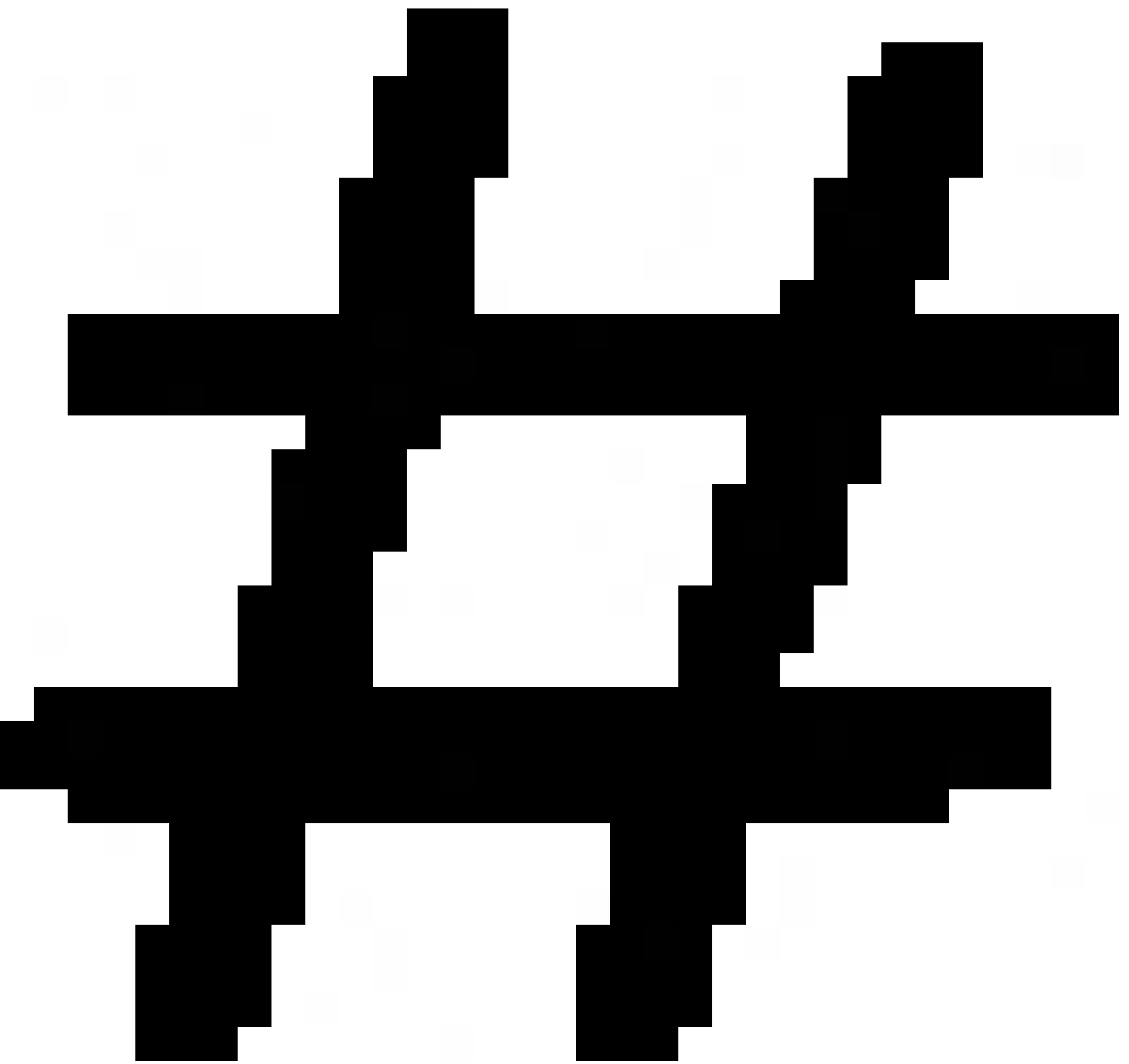
March 24th	Nearly New sale
March 31st	Easter Coffee Morning including Book and Puzzle sale.
May 5th	Spring Coffee Morning
July 15th	Strawberry Tea
Sept 30th	Harvest Lunch and Produce Sale
Nov 3rd	Autumn Fair.

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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£2391.76 was donated by the people of Bridge, Patricbourne and Bishopsbourne.

It is certain that this will be greatly appreciated by bereaved wives, husbands and families and by those who have survived patrols but returned with physical or mental wounds-the latter being much more costly to treat as they are generally longer term.

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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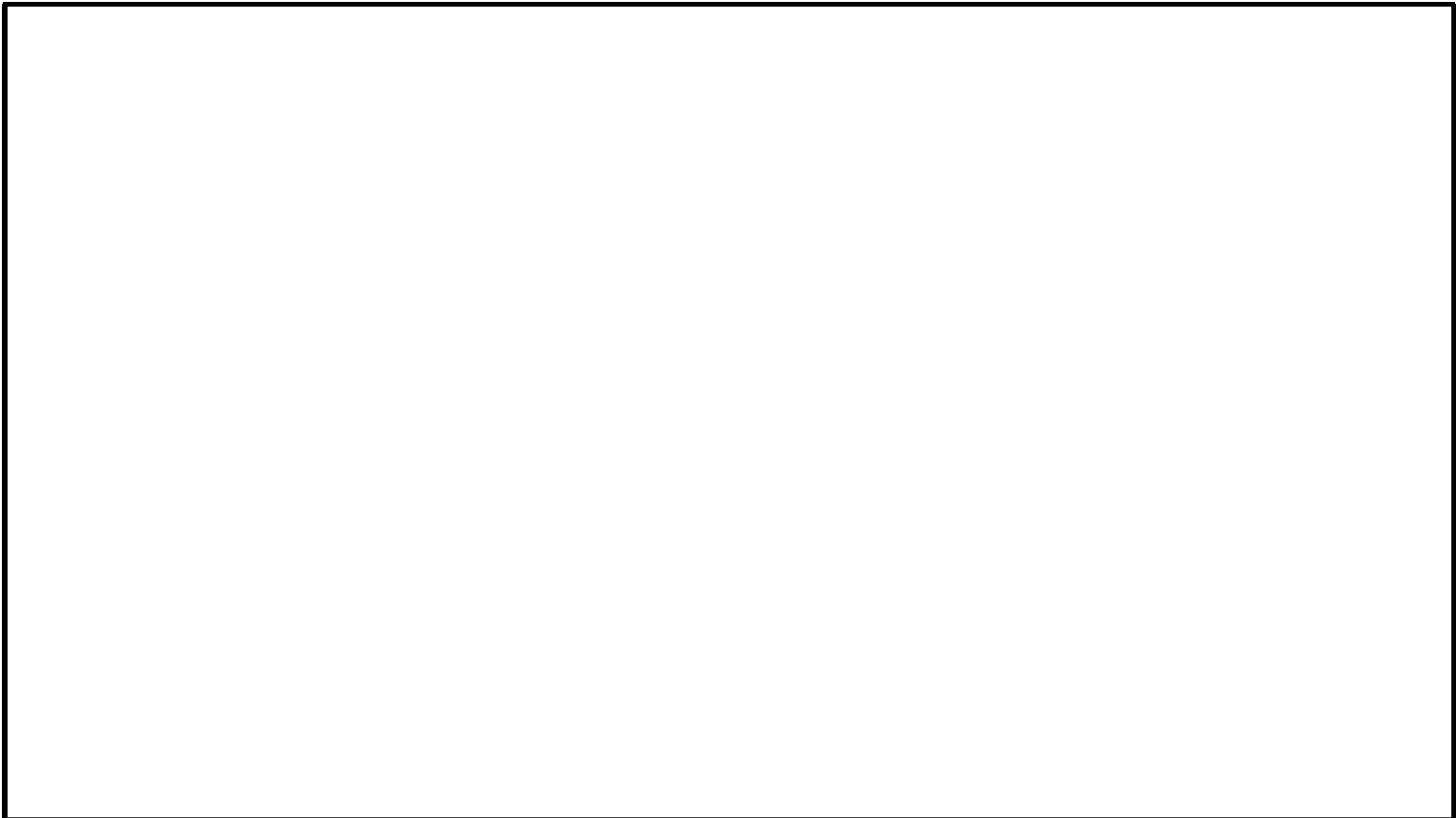
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## **Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute.**

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.

# **HELLO????**

## **Deanery Youth Day !!!!**

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

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Sunday, 3rd June 2012 from midday.

Bring along your picnic, your family, your friends, and celebrate with all  
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The Bridge Beacon will be lit after dusk on Monday 4th June..

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More details of the days events nearer the time

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## 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](http://www.vineyardgardencentre.co.uk) and [www.familyinvestmenthomes.com](http://www.familyinvestmenthomes.com)

Our Volunteer Co-ordinator is Sylvia Scott who can be reached on 01303 840584.

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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.

The Kingfisher suite at The New Close is now open. The suite boasts six beautifully designed en-suite bedrooms which have been specially equipped to provide a safe, welcoming and stimulating environment for residents with dementia. The interior of the suite has been designed to stimulate the senses, particularly through the use of striking and highly original colour schemes and textures. Many of the rooms have an added luxury of patio doors leading out to the secure gardens surrounding The New Close. For more information on the Kingfisher suite or to arrange a viewing please call 01227 831607.



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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

Beaded Bag – learn how to knit with beads

For information about Thursday sessions or next year’s exciting workshops email [stitchandknit@googlemail.com](mailto:stitchandknit@googlemail.com) or ring Anne on 01227 700567 / Rowan 01227 462046 [www.stitchandknit.wordpress.com](http://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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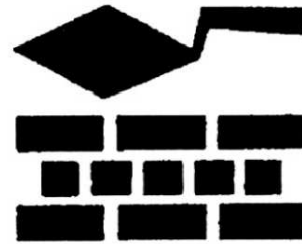
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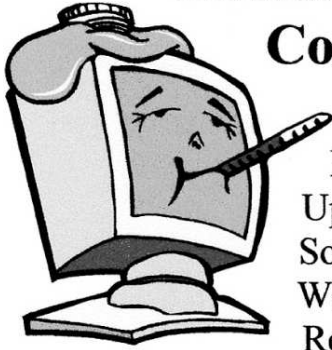
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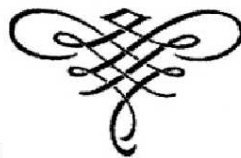
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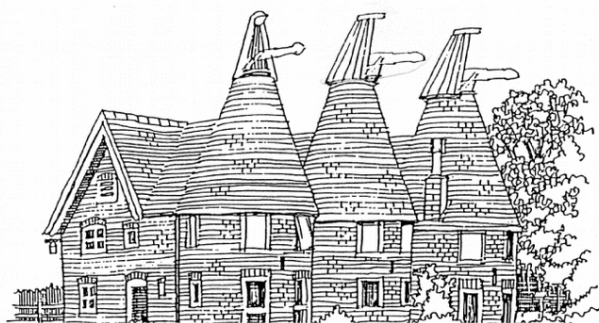
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Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT: 1 Cor 1.18-25 G: John 2. 13-22
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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, 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**

### **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, Patrixbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please phone the Vicarage to make an enquiry: 01227 830250. Further information is also available at [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)*

**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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UNCHES Following the success of these last year you are  
nade soup and bread lunch on the Wednesdays during Lent  
and 28 March, between 12-1.30pm. These will be held at 1  
(Ian & Jean Barber). On 7 April the lunch will be at 8A  
Conyngnam Lane (Peggy Pryer). Everyone is welcome. Please ring in advance to  
book – 831956 (Barber) 832058 (Pryer). All donations will go to Christian Aid.

### **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



# BEKESBOURNE & PATRIBOURNE VILLAGES

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## *Right Royal Coffee Morning*

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This will be a great morning for meeting friends and launching the celebrations.

Please look into your wardrobes for those items of clothing too good for the jumble. You can deliver from 9<sup>th</sup> April to **Pam Ginman** at Parsonage Farm, School Lane or call (832006) for collection. The Village Hall will be open from 3pm to 6pm and from 9.30 pm to 11pm on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> and from 8.30am on the day for all other donations and deliveries.

## The Friends of Bekesbourne Church Invite You To **A Wine & Wisdom Evening**

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### Nailbourne Horticultural Society

For our March meeting, we have organised jointly with Lower Hardres and Nackington and Wickhambreaux gardening societies a talk by **Helen Yemm**, the Daily Telegraph's gardening correspondent, entitled "**A Tale of Two Gardens: Downsizing without Tears**" on Thursday **15 March in Bridge School Hall**. At the time of writing, I am not sure of the availability of tickets. Anyone still interested in going should contact Lesley Forwood on 832175.

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

The March meeting on Tuesday 20th at our usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall will be what promises to be a most interesting talk on "Owlers, Smugglers and Red Cappers" by the highly entertaining Mr Rob Masters. We are always delighted to welcome visitors to our meeting.

## Mothering Sunday 18th March



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# *Easter Coffee Morning*

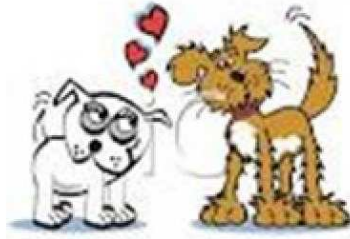
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# Bourne Vets News



Love has been in the air in February and some of our patients have been feeling a bit too romantic much to the horror of their owners and unfortunately accidents do happen occasionally!

Did you know that if your bitch has an unwanted romance we can help with a course of 2 injections of an anti-hormone drug 24 hours apart that can be given from 1 to 45 days after the event to prevent pregnancy, so there really is no need to have a litter of unwanted puppies.

Obviously it is better for your pet to have the injections as soon after the event as possible as after 20 days it will be much more distressing for the dog and there is more risk of a uterine infection developing. The injection also has a small risk of some unpleasant side effects such as vomiting, diarrhoea and anorexia and the bitches seasons can be irregular for a while afterwards so you wouldn't want to give it unless you knew for sure there had been a mating.

The alternative if you don't wish to breed from your bitch is to have them spayed early in the pregnancy. This means the problem won't happen again and you won't have to carefully manage your pet during her seasons anymore. It also means she has no risk of uterine infections and a greatly reduced risk of getting mammary tumours later in life.

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.

If you are worried that your pet may have had an unplanned mating then please give us a call at **Bourne Vet Practice** on **01227 832322** and we can discuss the options with you.



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★ You are invited to bring your own nibbles and ★

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★ performers move round the hall between the ★

★ tables, large bags of food might be in the ★

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★ can be made through Marilyn Lewis (01227 ★

★ 31208) or Maggie McKenzie (01227 831414). ★

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### **Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 18th May 2012**

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](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk) or visit [www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips](http://www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips)

## Return of a Favourite

In six years the most popular of our Hundred Shows' performers has been **Ben Osborne**, 2008's World Wild Life Photographer of the Year. His **Jungle Journeys** and **Dog Days and Lion Nights** filled the hall. On **Saturday, March 10th at 7.30** he's back.

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St. Peter's Church Bridge  
**Church Yard – Garden of Remembrance**  
**Volunteer Gardeners urgently required**

A small garden of remembrance is open in Bridge church yard for the burial of ashes of parishioners living in the parish. The garden is in need of much horticultural TLC, if any volunteers could offer time to help keep the garden area tidy, offers of help would be gratefully received.

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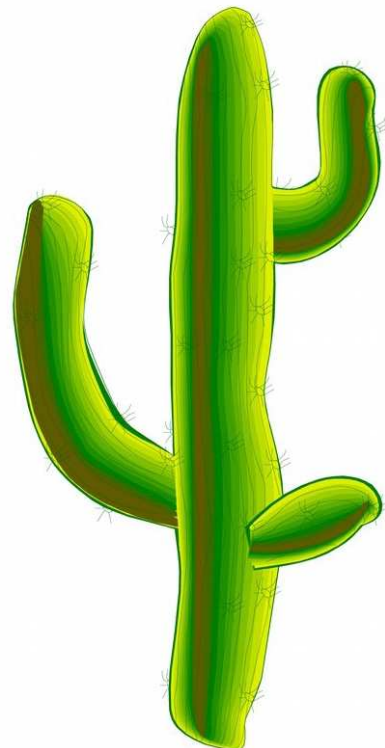
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**Mill Centre** – Cllr Simon Cook reported on a meeting held that morning between parish council representatives and city council officers to discuss the need to find premises for Bridge's youth organisations following the decision by the city council 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> March because several councillors were unavailable on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>. June 2012, proposed by Savills, Agents for Cantley Estates, was agreed.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>.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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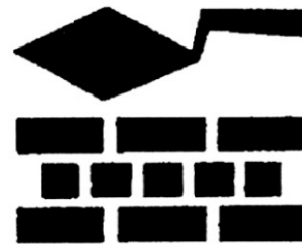
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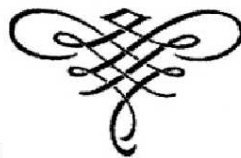
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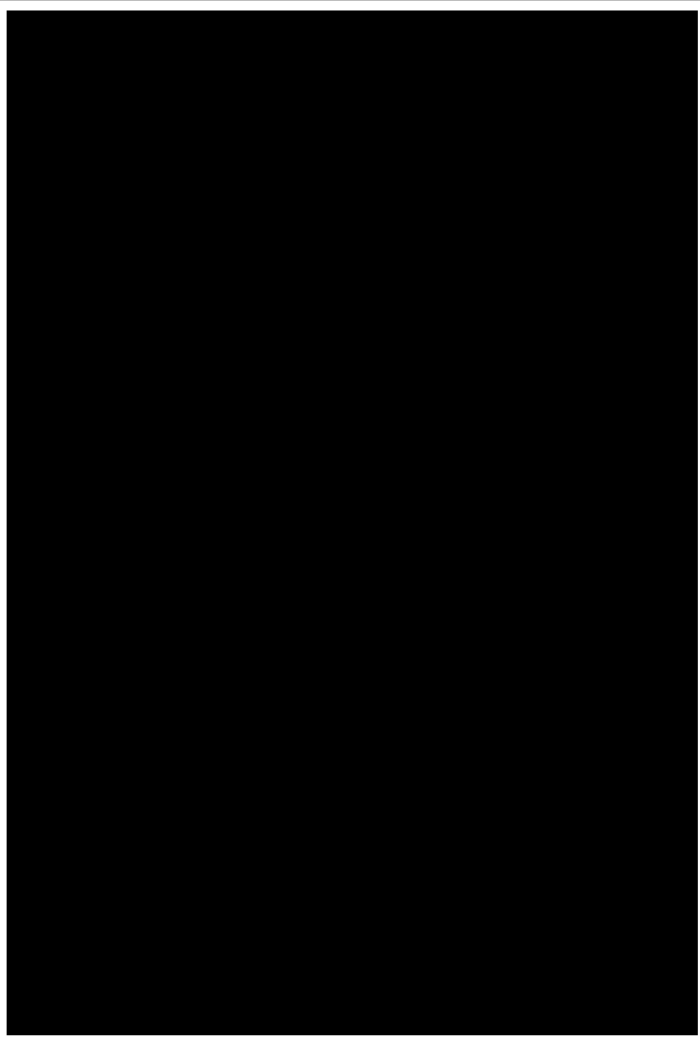


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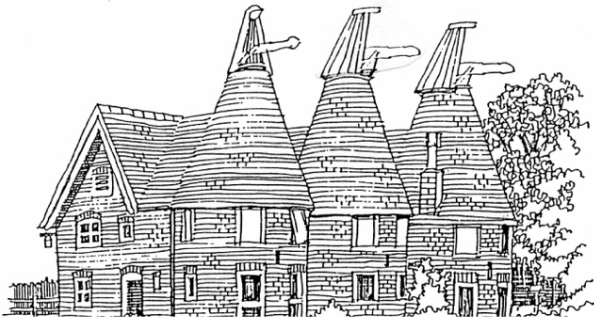
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**The Bridge Group  
Services for the month of April 2012**

<b>Year B</b>	<b>Nackington</b>	<b>Lower Hardres</b>	<b>Bridge</b>	<b>Patricbourne</b>	<b>Bekesbourne</b>	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April Palm Sunday</b>	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
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm Compline	Good Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm Compline  9.30am Easter Arts & Crafts Workshop and Cross Procession	Maundy Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm Holy Communion with foot washing	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 7.30 pm Compline	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 7.30 pm Compline  Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Easter Eve 8.00pm Service of Light & Communion	
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April EASTER DAY</b>	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
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April Second Sunday of Easter</b>		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
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April Third Sunday of Easter</b>	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
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.30am Benefice Service					NT: 1 John 3.16-24 G: John 10.11-18
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	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 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.30 pm	Compline	Bekesbourne
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.30pm	Compline	Patricxbourne
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 light .....and 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](http://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 &amp; Healing at 7 Windmill Close</i>
09/04	19.30	<i>Caring &amp; 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 &amp; 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.

### **Sponsored Ride & Stride 2011**

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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](mailto: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.

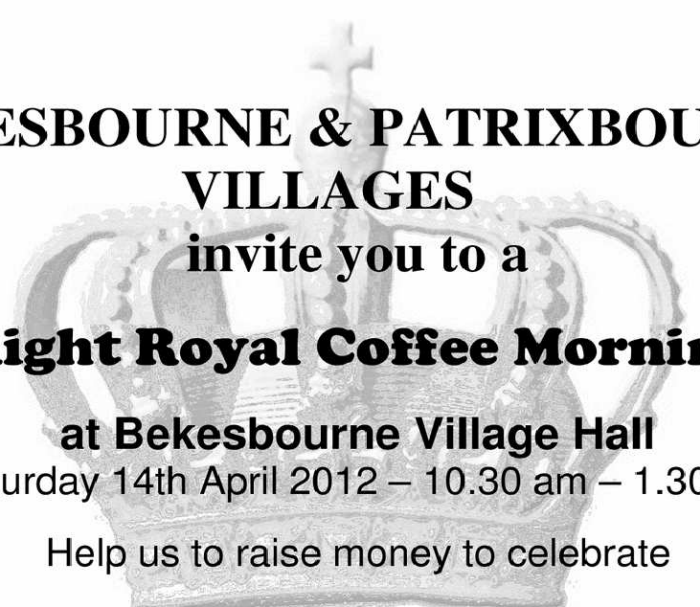
£103,223 was received during the year from a legacy, subscriptions, donations and fundraising which included a talk and supper, coffee morning, teas and collection boxes. Gifts of equipment costing £106,130 were made to the hospital.

## 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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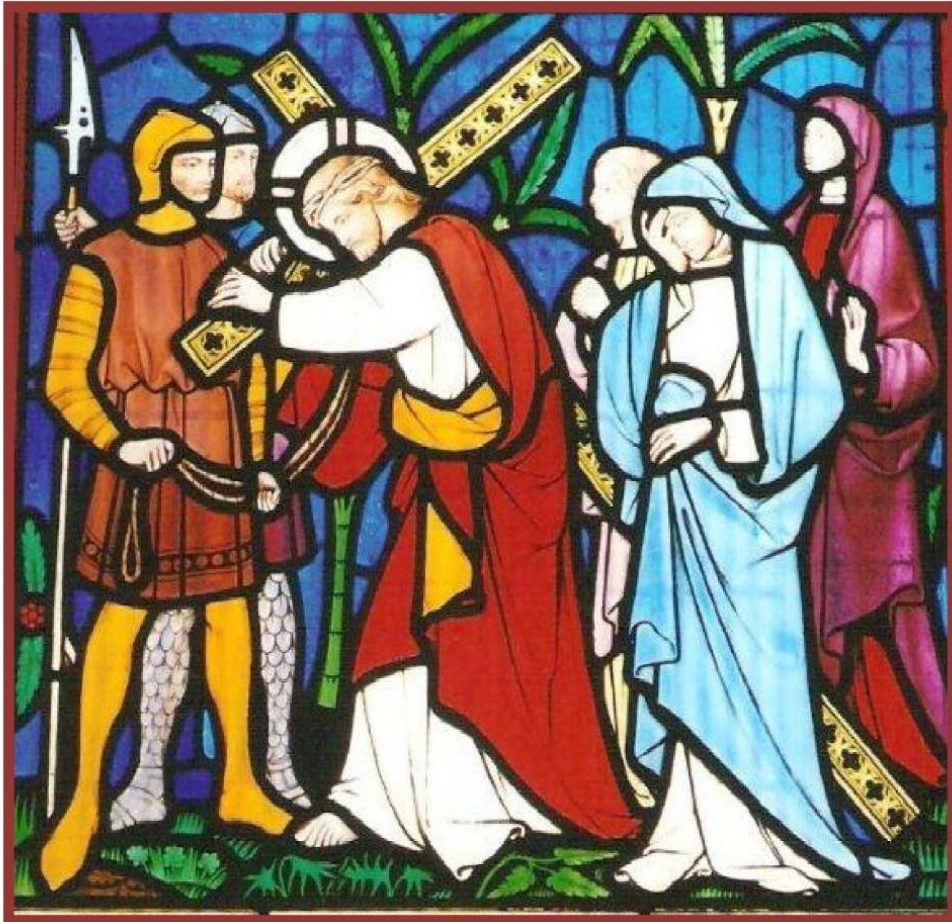
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### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

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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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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## Jubilee Celebrations June 3rd 2012 12 -4pm

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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Barbara

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

# Spring Show



Saturday 14 April

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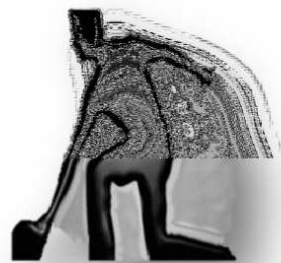
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**Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 8th. March 2012**

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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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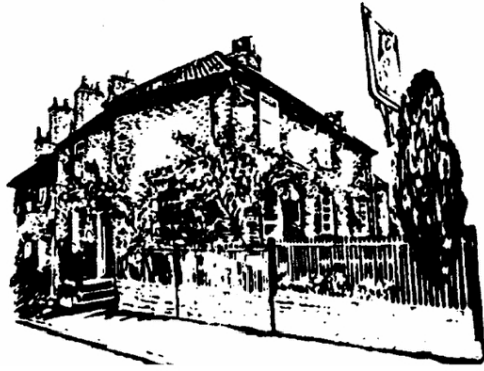
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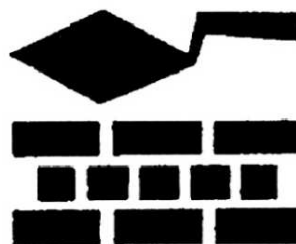
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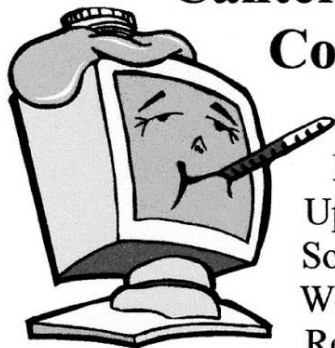
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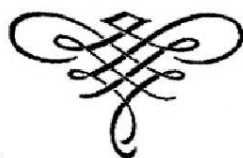
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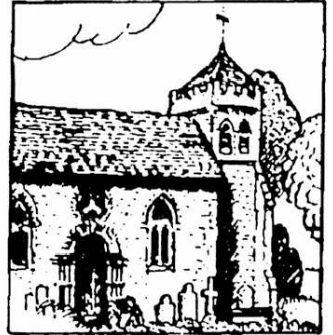
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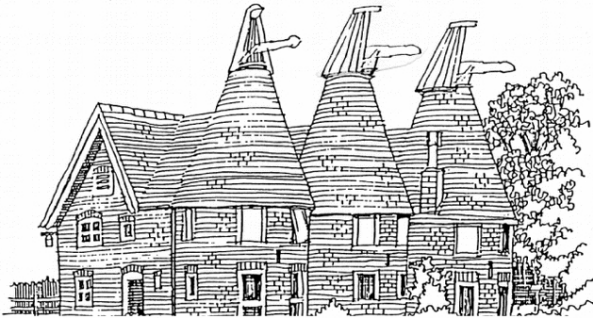
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**Services for the month of May 2012**

Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day			7.30pm Holy Communion			NT: Acts 1.1-11 G: Luke 24.44-53
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 8.22-27
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.

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## 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.

## The power of standing together



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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.

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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.

Jean Barber

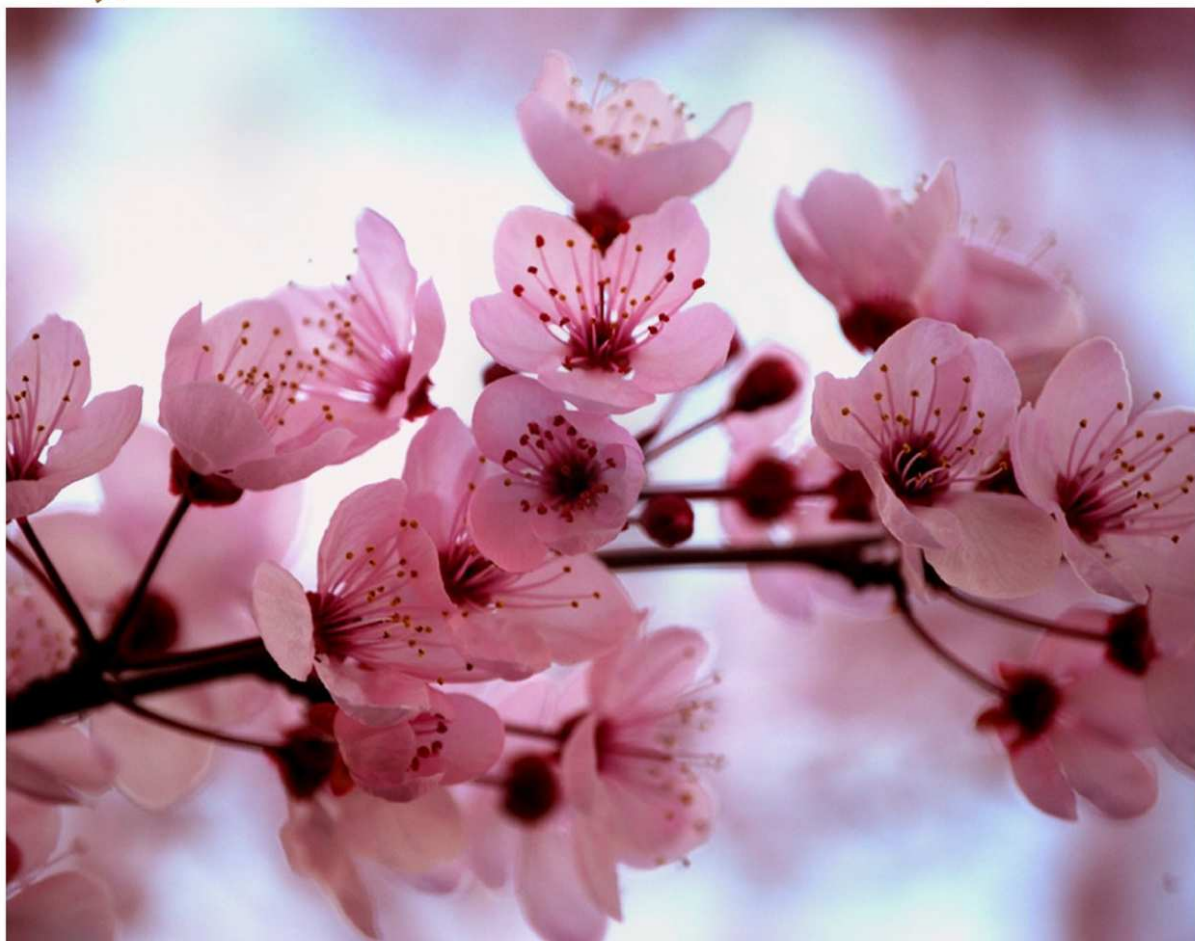
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