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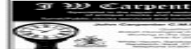
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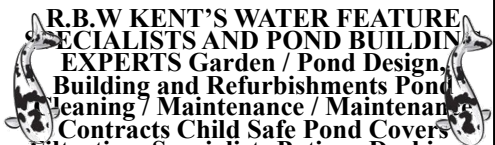
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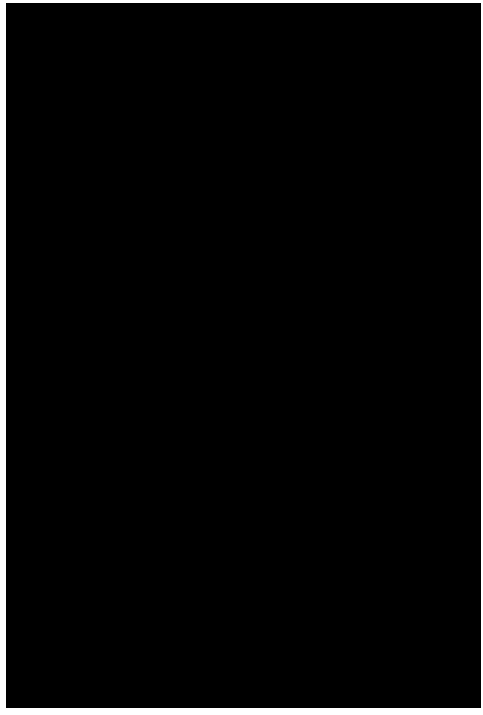
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Services for the month of April 2012**

Year B	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>April</b> <b>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></b> <b>April</b> <b>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></b> <b>April</b> <b>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></b> <b>April</b> <b>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></b> <b>April</b> <b>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></b> <b>May</b> <b>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	Patixbourne
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	Patixbourne

### 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 Bokesbourne 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.

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## 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

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## **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**

Last September's Friend's of Kent Churches event raised the magnificent sum of £135,190 in Kent. Our sincere thanks and congratulations to all involved locally, to sponsors, welcomers, riders and walkers.



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 Patribourne 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)

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## **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.

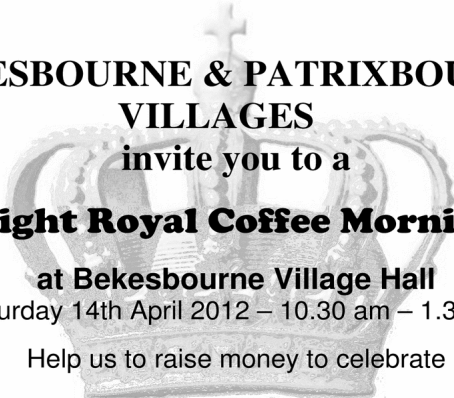
£103,223 was received during the year from a legacy, subscriptions, donations and fundraising which included a talk and supper, coffee morning, teas and collection boxes. Gifts of equipment costing £106,130 were made to the hospital.

## 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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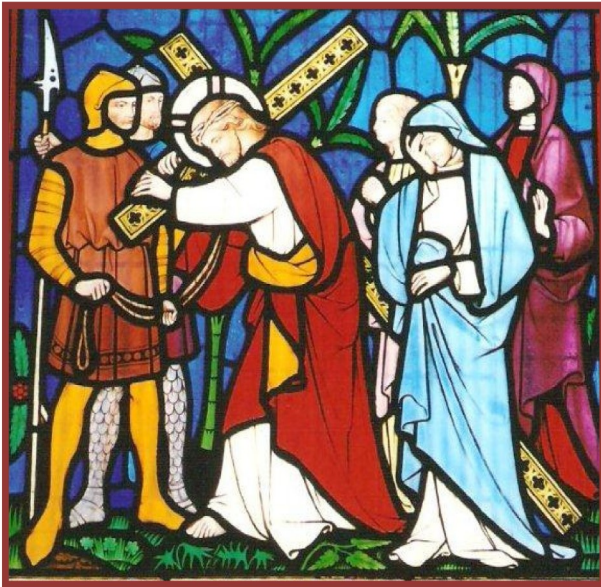
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## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

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 Hodges

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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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## 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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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

# Spring Show



Saturday 14 April

Bridge Village Hall

11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Refreshments

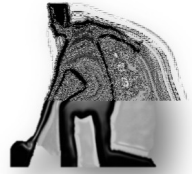
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All pets wishing to travel will still need to be vaccinated against rabies but pets from the EU and listed non-EU countries such as the USA and Australia will no longer need a blood test and will only have to wait 21 days before they travel. Pets from 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](http://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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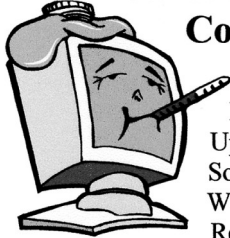
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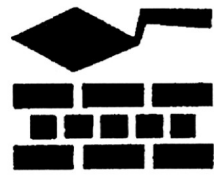


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