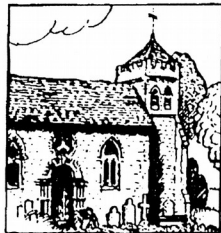


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Sunday 3rd June Trinity Sunday	8.00am BCP Communion	11.00am Family Communion	10.00am Jubilee Celebration Family Service 6.00pm Evensong	See Bridge	See Bridge	NT: Romans 8.12-17 G: John 3.1-17
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June First Sunday after Trinity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



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

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

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

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

## Your Parish Matters

### WEDDINGS

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### FUNERALS

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

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

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

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

**Church Weddings.** *If you, or anyone you know would like to explore the possibility of getting married in church in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patribourne, 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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## Dates for inclusion in Magazine Diary

June

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

06/06

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

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

For several years now a small band of us has met together regularly to plan social events for the parish. We are running short of inspiration at the moment and very keen to get some fresh ideas. If you feel able to help us we would be very grateful. It has been mentioned to us that some of our raffles at recent events have suffered due to a lack of good quality prizes. Again if you feel able to help by donating any prizes to us, we would be happy to use these throughout the year at our fund raising events.

For next year we are thinking about holding the following

Bingo and Bangers Evening

Pudding Evening

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

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

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

Many thanks

## **Something at The Vicarage**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Joan Hill Village Co-ordinator

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting**

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

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

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

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

### **MIKE SOLE TO RUN MARATHON FOR CHARITY**

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

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

Thank you  
Mike Sole



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

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



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

*Bridge Village Fete*

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2012  
12 - 4pm in the school grounds*

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

*Beer tent, cream teas*

*Victoria Sponge Competition*

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*Children's performances*

*Craft stalls*

*additional stalls can be organised through Stephanie Chapman  
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### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Bridge in Bloom**

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

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

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## Bourn Vets News

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **Avante Care & Support**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **New Drama Group**

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

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

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

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

Phil Clark and Pam Ginman

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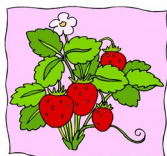
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# *Strawberry Tea*

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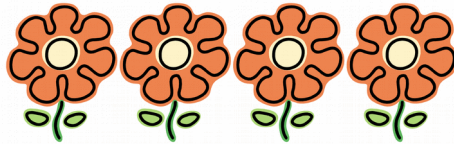
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2012 9.30pm RACHMANINOV Vespers Canterbury Choral Society will be bringing a  
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in Russian. A thousand years ago music consisted of single melodic lines which took the  
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music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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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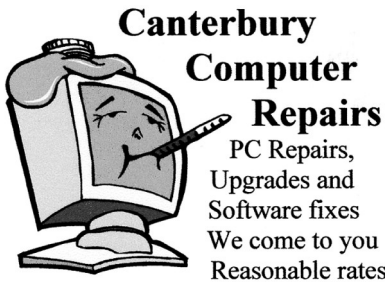


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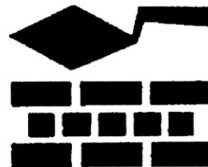
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