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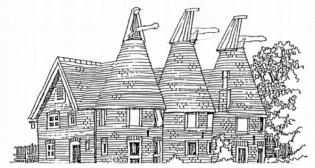
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#### The Bridge Group Services for the month of May 2013

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : Acts 16: 9- 15
after Easter						G: John 14: 23- 29
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May			7.30pm Ascension Day			NT :Acts 1: 1-11
Ascension Day			Holy Communion		- 0	G : Luke 24: 44- end
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May Sunday after	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion (Christian Aid)	(1)	8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : Acts 16: 16- 34
Ascension Christian Aid Week			,			G : John 17: 20- end
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May Pentecost		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Acts 2: 1-21 G : John 14: 8-17
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Mattins		OT: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 G: John 16: 12-15
			Family Service			9 : JOHN 10: 12-13
Sunday 2nd June 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	OT : Kings 18: 20-21, 30-39
after Trinity						G : Luke7: 1-10

This month, Revd Julia Pickles has invited Revd Lizzie Hopthrow, once chaplain to the Pilgrim's Hospice in Canterbury to guest write our parish letter and tell us a bit more about her wonderful prayer garden: "The Quiet View", which is only a stone's throw away from our Benefice in Kingston and open to all...

#### Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I'm really delighted that Julia has given me this opportunity to invite you to visit our garden, The Quiet View! It hasn't always been a lovely garden for when we bought the field adjoining our house 40 years ago, it was derelict land. Gradually, as we cleared and planted, we discovered that many friends and visitors told us that they felt peaceful having spent time in the garden.

We felt God was calling us to make it possible for more people to come to the garden to find peace of heart and so we became affiliated to the Quiet Garden Trust which encourages and promotes the use of natural spaces where people can come to pray and find silence.

Jesus said, 'Come with me to a quiet place and rest.' He experienced the need to draw aside from the busyiness and stress of life to pray. Prayer is a conversation, and sometimes it is easier to talk to God than to listen to him! So in our garden we have created quiet spaces, inside as well as out, over looking the view, for people to sit quietly and, we hope, discover within them what they would like to say to God, and what He is saying to them.

Richard Rohr, a modern mystic, says that God is always, already praying, in us. When we're able to be quiet we can hear his words of love, encouragement, hope and inspiration. For some people, simply being in nature speaks of God. So if you would like to come, do get in touch and book a time. If the weather is foul, you can sit beside the log-burning stove in the yurt – or sleep on the Turkish carpet cushions if you just need to rest!

Or you can join in with something on our programme which usually takes place in the yurt and is advertised elsewhere in the magazine as well as on our website <a href="https://www.quietview.co.uk">www.quietview.co.uk</a>. Every month we have a Taizé prayer on the first Friday. It's really beautiful with simple chants, icons, candles and time for silence. Do come, you'd be very welcome.

With warmest greetings
Lizzie Hopthrow 146 The Street Kingston
lizziehopthrow@gmail.com
01227830070

		Funerals
19.04.13	Malcolm Mound	e
23.04.13	Joan Williams	
23.04.13	Kathleen Wells	
		Weddings
23.03.13	Lower Hardres	David Wells and Tracey Hill
30.03.13	Lower Hardres	Kester Mollahan and Clare Tricker
		Christenings
13.04.13	Bridge	Joseph Lachlan McInally
13.04.13	Bridge	Robert Lewis McInally
13.04.13	Bridge	Matthew Peter McInally

**Mid-Week Communion** takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Bridge Church. This is a short service (30 minutes) and I hope this will provide an opportunity for those who drop children off at school to have time for themselves with God in a quiet atmosphere.

Your Parish Matters

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

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

**Church Mice.** The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge from 2pm-3pm for preschool children (0-5) and their parents and carers - play, songs, bible story, craft and tea and coffee. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 7th May.** 

All welcome. Contact Rev. Julia on 830265.

The Curate, Rev Julia Pickles has her day off on Friday each week. In case of an emergency on a Friday please contact the Rev Stephen Hardy on 01227 831340.

**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 <a href="https://www.yourchurchwedding.org">www.yourchurchwedding.org</a>

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

#### **Dates for inclusion in Magazine Diary**

May				
02/05	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close		
07/05	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church		
		15.00 Holy Communion at Bridge Haven		
		20.00 After 8's at 7 Windmill Close		
08/05	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Ha	3 <i>  </i>	
14.00 Lower		Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall, Hardres		
13/05	19.30	Caring & Sharing		
14/05	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court		
15/05	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven		
21/05	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge		
		20.00 After 8's at 7 Windmill Close		
27/05	19.30	Caring & Sharing		
28/05	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield		
		Forthcoming Events		
15th June		Bridge Village Fete		
23rd June		Old Palace Open Garden, Bekesbourne		
7th September		Bekesbourne Boot Fair		
5th/6th October		Art in Bridge		

#### **Benefice Workshop**

Our workshop was held on March 29th and it was great fun from cooking to decorating crosses. About 50 children came and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the helpers for working so hard. I was very impressed that young people who came when small took charge of various groups or helped in many ways. The parents enjoyed it too and there was a delightful atmosphere. The morning ended with a short service with Rev. Julia.

Thank you most sincerely to ALL who helped because it made Easter so meaningful.

Margaret

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

We will be holding our one and only fund-raising Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy on Saturday May 25th from 10 to 12.

Do please support it - with plants and cakes being particularly welcome. The proceeds fund the telephone and subsidise the lunch and outings.

The monthly Wednesday Pop-In will be on 8th May.

#### Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride

Following the sad death of Derek Prior, Bridge does not have an organiser for the annual Ride and Stride on the second Saturday in September. The organiser needs to find cyclists or walkers to raise money for your church, find people to sit in the church on the day to sign in visitors and send off the sponsor money when it has been collected. If you think you could be the person to take that job on, why not have a chat to Pauline Pritchard from Patrixbourne or Jill Gillanders from Bekesbourne, who have both been organisers for their respective churches for years and can tell you all about it. Alternatively, let your Churchwardens know. The Ride and Stride is an easy and enjoyable way of raising money for the church and almost organises itself, so it would be a real shame if Bridge were to miss out on it.

#### **Lent Lunches**

Many thanks to all those who supported the soup lunches for Christian Aid during Lent, especially those regulars who donated so generously. The sum of £270 was raised, which with the large number of Gift Aid donations will reach nearly £300. See you all next year!

Jean Barber.

#### Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We had an enjoyable meeting this month, despite some absences due to illness. One of our members is having a foot operation and we wish him well - should be running around again soon! We are still looking to find a new Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser and hope that there might be somebody to take on this worthwhile job. You don't need to be a Branch Member, just somebody interested in the cause. We are also keen to recruit new members. We can be contacted via the secretary on 01227 472023 for more details. Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, 14th May and 11th June both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

#### **Report of the Working Party**

#### Wild Flower Project-Bridge Recreation Ground Saturday 6th April 2013

Grateful thanks are due to the volunteers who came to help on Saturday. A natural hedge was planted against the new wire fence. The wild flower area was cleared of leaves to display the bluebells and more primroses and aconites were planted. Turf was removed from some areas ready for planting snowdrop plants and wild flower seeds at the end of the month. Thank you also to the local residents who generously donated plants. It was a very successful morning enjoyed by everyone. Sue Hodges

#### **Bridge History Society**

Our next event is a visit to Aylesford Priory – founded in the 13th century. The visit takes place on Wednesday 22 May. We have arranged a guided tour of the Priory by one of the brothers, and a cream tea will be served in the restaurant. Travel is by individual cars, meeting at the Priory entrance at 2.30 pm. The cost for members is £6.00 and for non-members £8.00, including the tea. The event is being organized by Jenny Vye, telephone number 01227 830983.

Meriel Connor

#### The Quiet View

Our first labyrinth walk of the year is on Saturday 4th May – Walk as One at 1 on World Labyrinth Day. The Labyrinth Society invites the world to 'Walk As One at 1'" in an attempt to create a wave of peaceful energy moving around the planet." We meet in the yurt at 12pm and walk the labyrinth at 1pm. If wet we'll use our new fabric rainbow labyrinth in the yurt. Bring and Share Lunch - Suggested donation £5

A special 'first' for us is our **Poetry Evening** on **Thursday May 9th** at **7.30pm** when 3 local poets will read from their own spiritual works. This is an opportunity to hear **Victoria Field, Lyn White and Judith Dimond** whose new book *Friends, Foes and Families* was recently published by SPCK. Wine & nibbles in the interval Donations invited - Signed copies of books available.

Our earlier writing workshop was a great success and so on **Saturday 18th May, Jackee Holder** will repeat her **Writing with the Senses Retreat** 10am - 4pm £75 includes Ebook and light lunch. Please book with Jackee - <a href="http://www.jackeeholder.com/">http://www.jackeeholder.com/</a>

The Labyrinth in Britain, Past and Present - with The Labyrinth Society on Saturday 25th May This is a day for all with any kind of interest in labyrinths – there will be a variety of Labyrinth presentations and opportunities to walk different labyrinths. To register and for more details contact <a href="mailto:andrew@labyrinthbuilders.com">andrew@labyrinthbuilders.com</a>.

Fabric of Life – a Story Based Workshop led by Madi Strong is on Saturday 1st June – 10.30 – 4 Bring your own lunch. Suggested Donation £15 Madi writes – "Story telling is an art both ancient and profound. In cultural terms it helps us understand who we are and where we have come from. As a story is told and retold it is re shaped again offering the teller and listener alike the chance to see the world through different eyes. This workshop is for all who love a good story. We will be focusing on one of the Jewish traditions timeless stories, with fun, imagination and laughter. We will explore the rich world of story and make connections with our own tale and and the tales of our times. There will be time and space for reflection, fellowship and enjoyment of the beautiful world all around us." Madi is an Artist, priest, and psychotherapist, currently working in London, Kent and the Lebanon.

Please book for all events and wear sensible shoes as the ground is uneven! We hope to welcome you soon.

Lizzie Hopthrow 146 The Street Kingston - lizziehopthrow@gmail.com 01227 830070 www.quietview.co.uk

#### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK May 12 - 18

#### All Change!

On Sunday 12th May the annual Canterbury service for the start of Christian Aid Week will be completely different.

- Instead of being in the evening at the Cathedral, it will be at 3.30pm at St Peter's Methodist Church, St Peter's Street, Canterbury.
- Instead of St Stephen's Choir, we will have singing from Royal Destiny, the wonderful local group from Southern Africa who delighted us all at our 'Celebrate Africa' event last Autumn.
- Instead of a speaker from Christian Aid, Revd. Peter Davie will help us understand how helping the poor is a vital part of our Christian commitment.

As well as the commissioning of all who will help with the house-to-house collections, there will be a short film and afterwards Fair Trade refreshments in the Hall and exhibitions of some of Christian Aid's work in different parts of the world.

Find out what happens to the money you give during Christian Aid Week. Everyone is welcome, whether involved in Christian Aid Week or not. Please come!

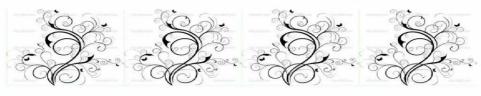
#### **East Bridge Chorale**

East Bridge Chorale directed by Benedict Preece are to hold their late Summer concert in St.Mary's Arts Centre ,Sandwich on Aug 31st.They are performing Mozart's Requiem accompanied by the East Bridge Concert Orchestra Rehearsals for this start in Littlebourne Church ,7pm Friday June 28th.All singers are welcome to join.

To encourage new singers to join us we are holding a SINGING DAY in Littlebourne Church on Sat.15th June when we will be learning choruses from Haydn's Creation and may give a scratch performance in the evening. For more details visit: <a href="https://www.eastbridgechorale.com">www.eastbridgechorale.com</a> or phone Geraldine Wyant on 01227721319

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## Sarah Losh - Architect of the Strangest Church in Cumbria'

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BRIDGE RAINBOWS NEEDS A NEW LEADER CAN YOU HELP? Rainbows are the youngest section of Girlguiding with girls aged 5 - 7. The unit in Bridge is thriving but the present leader is leaving in July. We urgently need someone to take over the general running and join the team who are willing to carry on helping. We meet for an hour every week in term time with occasional outings on other days. There is a training programme and support. No experience is needed, just enthusiasm and a commitment to join Girlguiding. If you would like to find out more please phone Sarah on 01227 830318.











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#### May at Bridge Farmers' Market

will so exciting mooth at the Farmers' Market as we are getting longer days and will so seeing the bounty from those first promising shoots. It should be the month, it is created, for that not to be missed seasonal treat - asparagus. Asparagus at solinie best when cooked within hours of being picked, some some best achievable when buying at a farmers' market. Make the most cruit is created and adding a simple vinaigrette.

Other spring vegetables are just starting to appear after the cold too. Look out for English new notatoes which can give those jerseys a run for their money and there should also be waters ess, spinach and lettuce too.

If you haven't visited us yet why not make May the month to give us a try? Twice a month some of the best of East Kent's producers come along and share their goods with us. At almost every market you can find meats, sausages and pies, fruit and vegetables, bread, chocolate, jams and chutneys, curries, cakes and cookies. Something for everyone. Whether you are stocking up your larder, supporting local producers or just coming along for a coffee in the Red Lion and a chat - or indeed all three - you are very welcome.

Last month we welcomed Susan from Invicta herbs who brings delicious edible herbs for the kitchen and garden. She will be here for most markets during the growing season and is really passionate and knowledgeable about her products - as indeed are all our stallholders - so please chat to her and use her expertise.

As well as welcoming new stallholders we are very proud of our loyal stallholders who pitch up every market come rain or shine. So, a little insight in to one of them. Tobi Schwenn is our baker making the delicious loaves that Ben sells for him at the market. Tobi is based in Whitstable and sells his bread at the Farmers' Market there too. His bread is 'Slow Bread' as is the name of his business, so called as it is made without yeast. The whole process, as the name suggests, is much longer but well worth the wait. Tobi now also uses freshly stone ground flour milled with their own stone mill in the bakery. Tobi is up from 1am on Saturday morning baking for our market so it truly is fresh. There's always samples available so come along and try.

Next month we'll take a look at the world of Henry's Chocolates.

Our market dates for this month are May 11th and May 25th and looking ahead to June we have a special summer market on June 22nd when there will be lots of special tastings to tempt you - more details later. Hope to see you at the market soon.

Pam Dobson

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#### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

For our meeting on Tuesday 14 May at our usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, we have invited Tsuyoko Page to give a talk and demonstration on "Ikebana" which is, for those not in the know, the art of Japanese flower arranging. As always, we are delighted to welcome non-members to our meetings. There will be a small charge to include refreshments.

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

The meeting on Tuesday 21 May starting at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall will be our Birthday and Resolutions Meeting and will include a light supper. Watch out for further details.

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

For the second month running, the local association has secured a speaker from the National Vegetable Society, this time the National Chairman, Barry Newman, who will be giving a general talk on "Vegetable Growing" on Wednesday 8 May in Bridge Village Hall. The evening starts at 7.30 with refreshments followed by the talk itself at 8.00 pm. Non-members, as always, are most welcome to come along.

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#### **BRIDGE RAINBOWS**

#### **NEEDS**

#### A NEW LEADER

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#### Snowdown Male Voice Choir Concert

This excellent choir will be giving another concert in Womenswold church on Sat. June 15th at 7.30p.m. They will perform a mixture of old and new, classic and light-hearted pieces to their usual high standard. Nibbles and a glass of wine will be available in the interval.

This is always a very popular concert so advanced booking is advisable, although tickets will be on sale at the door if available. Tickets cost £6, (£5 for Friends), from Marilyn Lewis, (tel. 01227 831208) or Jeanie Wright, (tel.01304 830894). All proceeds are in aid of the Friends of Womenswold Church.

Many thanks, Jenny Cracknell

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

## lkebana



Talk and demonstration on the art of Japanese flowering arranging

Tsuyoko Page Tuesday 14 May 7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall

All welcome

Small admission charge to include refreshments

With your help in March we raised £230 for The foundation for the study of infant deaths. Many Thanks to all for your support. Emma Haynes BUTTERFLY TEA PARTY Tea/Coffee, Lots of Cake and Phoenix Cards! Raising money for 'Together for short lives' formally Children's Hospices. Tuesday 14th May 9.15 - 3pm At 16 Riverside Close, Bridge. Tel 830558 All donations for refreshments to charity and 10% of card sales. All welcome, bring your friends!

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T.O.P.S

**PRESENTS** 

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#### The Occasional Performance Society

T.O.P.S. formed just under a year ago to bring plays, shows and other entertainment to the villages of Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne and surrounding areas, and we are now looking to expand our membership. We will soon be starting to rehearse our programme for 2013, but unfortunately, two of our younger members are leaving us for University. If you would like to join us, we can't promise glamour, but hopefully loads of fun. We have built our own portable stage, had curtains and a sound system donated and with thanks to Canterbury City Council's small grants team, we have been able to buy a set of new stage lights. All we need now is a technical whiz to operate them!

Four of our members are taking their first stab at directing some short plays and sketches, and are in the process of casting. It should be great fun, scheduled for public viewing at the beginning of June '13.

With your help, we could do more! So if you would like to act/sing or just be part of the technical or props teams please get in touch with **Pam or Phil on 01227 832006 Mble:** 

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Rehearsal start in July for our Christmas Panto!

#### Bridge Parish Council www.bridgevillage.org.uk

#### Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 11th April 2013 \_

Resignation of CIIr Bill Oakey – Cllr John Hill reported with regret that Cllr Bill Oakey had resigned from the parish council because of ill health. Cllr Hill paid tribute to Cllr Oakey's work for the Parish Council and Councillors sent their good wishes.

Nailbourne Pollution –Cllr Alan Atkinson had circulated a report on the latest situation regarding the pollution of the Nailbourne. He reported that the Environment Agency was loth to act while Southern Water were dealing with an 'emergency' by over pumping. Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group was trying to get the emergency regulations removed, arguing that an event which occurred regularly could not be deemed and emergency. The solution was to renew the pipe. LSNRMG was liaising with other organisations and groups which were suffering similar problems. The advice was still to keep away from the water. Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Atkinson for his continued hard work on this issue.

<u>Mill Centre-</u> After much discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to the City Council to express its wish to buy the Mill Centre to secure the future of the youth organisation within the village.

<u>Recreation ground lease</u> – It was agreed to ask Cantley Estates to extend the recreation ground lease by 50 years. The lease is due to expire in 2023.

<u>Pavilion refurbishment</u> – Mervyn Gulvin, Chairman of Bridge Village Sports Trust, reported that the cost of refurbishing the pavilion would be about £18,000. Fund raising would be necessary but this could not begin until the lease on the recreation ground, which currently expired in 10 years, had been extended.

Annual Parish Meeting –The Annual Parish Meeting would take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 1st May. In addition to the talk a Larissa Reed, Head of Environmental Services at the City Council, on the new recycling system, Cllr Atkinson would report on the latest position regarding the Nailbourne pollution. Colin Beesty would also be invited to report on the future of the Mill Centre. Cllr Cook would report on the work of City Council.

Request for bollards outside Bridgeway Stores – It was decided not to ask the City Council for bollards outside Bridgeway Stores. This would affect the ability of large lorries to deliver supplies to the store. The PCSO had been asked to deal with on going concerns about vehicles being parked on the yellow lines at the corner of Western Avenue and outside Woodlands Hairdressers.

Request for disabled parking bays outside the Post Office – Councillors did not support this request. There were currently only two parking spaces outside the Post Office. Enforcement of disabled parking bays would be impossible and it was also pointed out that disabled drivers could park on double yellow lines if need be.

<u>Car Parking in the High Street</u> – It was decided to take no action to deter car owners from leaving their cars in the High Street all day. It was thought that some of the cars belonged to people who worked in the village and there was not enough evidence that cars were being parked while their owners went to Canterbury on the bus for the day. <u>Dog waste bin for Bifrons Path</u> – Following complaints from residents, it was agreed to request a dog waste bin to be installed on Bifrons Path.

<u>Wild Flower Project</u> - Cllr Sue Hodges thanked the volunteers who had worked on the recreation ground on 6th April, planting a hedge by the fence, transplanting wild flowers and preparing the ground for children from Bridge School to help with planting. She also thanked residents who had donated plants.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th.May at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.



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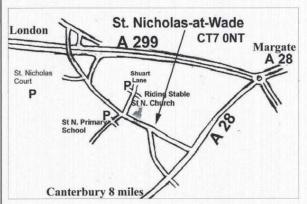
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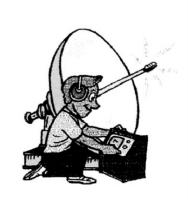
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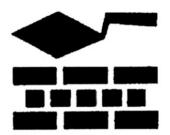
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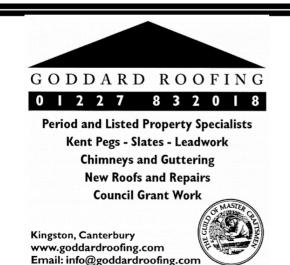
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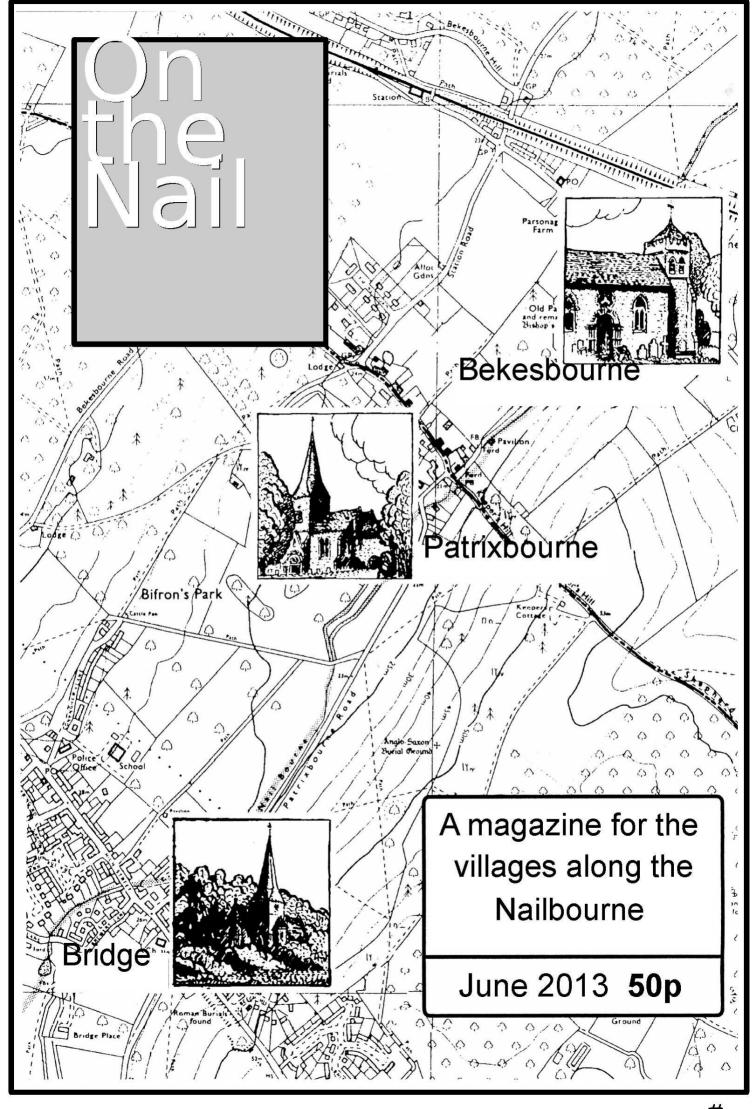
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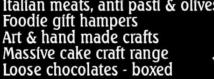
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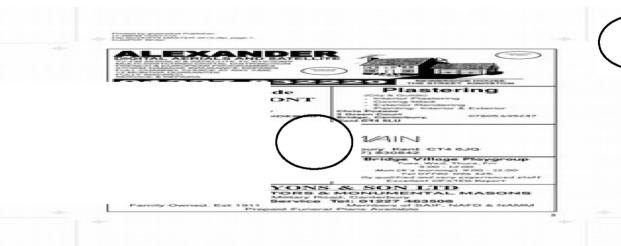
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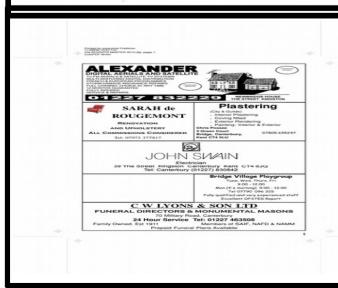
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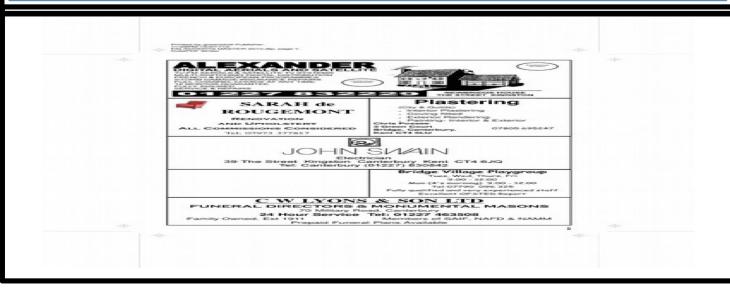
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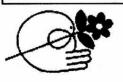
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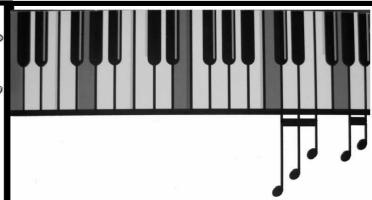


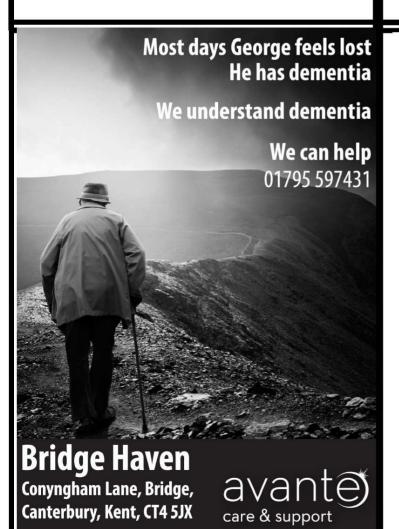
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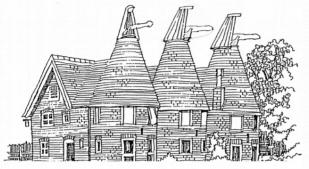
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June 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	BCP Communion	Family Communion	Evensong	Sung Eucharist	Family Service	20-21,30-39
after Trinity	- 1		= -			G : Luke 7: 1-10
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	6.00 pm	9.30 am		8.00 am	OT : 1 Kings 17:
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Sung Eucharist	Evensong	Family Communion		BCP Communion	17-end
after Trinity						G : Luke 7: 11-17
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>		9.30 am	9.30 am	8.00 am	9.30 am	NT : Galatians 2:
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday		Family Service	Sung Eucharist	BCP Communion	Sung Eucharist	15-end
after Trinity						G : Luke 7: 36 -8:
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am		8.00 am	11,00 am	1 H = 1 H =	OT : Isaiah 65: 1-
June 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Sung Eucharist		BCP Communion	Mattins		9
after Trinity			11.00 am Family Service			G : Luke 8: 26-39
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am			MY 5 mm = mm	11.00 am	NT : Galatians 5:
June	Benefice	# H =			Pet Service at	1, 13-25
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	BCP Communion		= e e iii ii		Chalk Pit Farm	
after Trinity						G : Luke 9: 51-end
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	11,00 am	6.00 pm	9.30 am	9.30 am	OT : Isaiah 66:
July 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	BCP Communion	Family Communion	Evensong	Sung Eucharist	Family Service	10-14
after Trinity			y 5 5 1			G : Luke 10:
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June		Dates for your Diary				
04/06	14.00 15.00 19.00 20.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church Holy Communion at Bridge Haven MOBY. Meet at Pavilion for Games on the Field After 8's at 7 Windmill Close				
06/06	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close				
10/06	19.30	Caring & Sharing				
11/06	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court				
12/06	10.00 14.00 Lower	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall, Hardres				
18/06	19.00 20.00	15.00 Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge MOBY. Trip to Deal Beach After 8's at 7 Windmill Close				
19/06	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven				
24/06	19.30	Caring & Sharing				
25/06	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield				
Forthcoming Events						
7th September		Bekesbourne Boot Fair				
5th/6th October		Art in Bridge				

**Dates for your Diary** 

The Curate, Rev Julia Pickles has her day off on Friday each week. In case of an emergency on a Friday please contact the Rev Stephen Hardy on 01227 831340.

# Vacancy Update

By the time you are reading this note, the profile (job advert) for our next priest will have been written and we are hoping the post will be advertised in early June with a view to interviewing candidates in mid to late July. If all goes smoothly and a candidate is selected, it would usually be about 3 months from the point of selection to the new person's arrival. A huge thank you to all those who have been working so hard on the process. Revd Julia Pickles

### THANK YOU to YOU!

At the end of April in all our Churches, we had the annual parish church meeting - a chance to look back over the year, to reflect and say thank you to God and all the people who have supported us throughout the year. This April it became abundantly clear to us that there are more people we would like to thank than just those who come to church on a regular basis or those who serve in official capacities. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who lives in Bridge, Patrixbourne, Lower Hardres, Nackingon and Bekesbourne for all their support and encouragement to me and to us in the churches - so many people offer their time, their resources and talents in the background in quiet ways often unnoticed....you know who you are.... perhaps you help us inside church or outside it....maybe by unlocking on a daily basis, maintaining the fabric of our church buildings, clearing and weeding the churchywards or vicarage and beautifying them, cleaning, flower aranging, keeping the webiste up to date, donating items for church fundraisers...the list goes on. Thank you very much - we really appreciate your gift to us. May God bless you richly. Revd Julia Pickles

# Patrixbourne with Bridge Annual Church Meeting.

The Annual Meeting took place on 25th April at Bridge School. It was disappointing that Only 12 peOple attelled.

The mesting received <u>reports</u> on the services and activities of both churches in the parish over the last year. It was noted that whilst som

### **Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting**

At the annual meeting of St Peter's Church on 24 April, the PCC reported another successful year in terms of church attendance and special services. The accounts for 2012 showed a small profit. Thanks were given to all those who had generously donated. The Friends of Bekesbourne Church were thanked for all their hard work in raising funds to keep the church building and churchyard in good repair. This year we have installed a composting toilet and put in cupboards and storage facilities in the old choir vestry.

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

## Thank you

Carole, Katie and James Mounce would like to thank all their friends in Bridge for their comforting cards, letters and gifts during the last few weeks. It is at a time such as this that we realise how fortunate we are to live in such a lovely village.

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

The June Coffee Pop-In in Bridge village hall will be on Wednesday 12th from 10 to 11.15. Do ring the Fish number if you would like to come but need a lift. We hope that a representative from Hi-Kent will be there to help with any hearing-aid problems.

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

Many thanks go to the loyal band of collectors in Bridge, who raised the splendid sum of £722.93. The overall amount collected for the Canterbury area was £9,600. RNLI relies totally on voluntary donations and thanks go to all those who collected and all those who contributed, to such a worthwhile cause. Joan Hill Village Co-ordinator

### Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride

Following the sad death of Derek Prior, Bridge does not have an organiser for the annual Ride and Stride on the second Saturday in September. The organiser needs to find cyclists or walkers to raise money for your church, find people to sit in the church on the day to sign in visitors and send off the sponsor money when it has been collected. If you think you could be the person to take that job on, why not have a chat to Pauline Pritchard from Patrixbourne or Jill Gillanders from Bekesbourne, who have both been organisers for their respective churches for years and can tell you all about it. Alternatively, let your Churchwardens know.

The Ride and Stride is an easy and enjoyable way of raising money for the church and almost organises itself, so it would be a real shame if Bridge were to miss out on it.

### Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We had a lovely evening at the Hay Wain with our Beef Pudding Supper in April. We were entertained with 1940's songs and enjoyed a quiz. The raffle realised just over £100 in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Thanks to Kevin, the landlord and all those who helped.

We have, sadly, lost a member - Fred Barnett - recently. Our thoughts go to his wife and family.

We are still seeking a new Poppy Appeal Organiser for our area and would be glad if somebody - or maybe a couple - who could take on this important role. Tel: 01227 472023 (Branch Secretary) if you feel you might be the person or persons to do it. Our next two monthly meetings will be at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne on Tuesdays 11th June and 9th July, both at 8pm.

# **Bridge Benefice Pet Service**

11am
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013
Led by the Archdeacon of Canterbury
at Chalk Pit Farm, Bekesbourne, CT4 5EU

during this simple service of hymns and readings there will also be an opportunity for your pet, no matter how small or large to be blessed. **All Welcome** 



Some seating will be made available but if you are able to bring your own deckchair please do so.

The service will be followed by refreshments.

### **Rogation Walk**

A small group of parishoners and almost as many dogs enjoyed a wonderful walk in warm sunshine on Sunday 5th May lead by Jill Thomas following the family Service at St Peter's Bekesbourne. Our annual Rogation walk of boundaries started from the church and followed the Nailbourne north to the boundary with Ickham parish passing the depleted stand of elm trees up to the Boundary Cottage, Aerodrome Road, along Carter's Road and down Keeper's Hill to Church Bank and the finally the Oasts. Prayers thanking God for the countryside, for the crops, farm animals and wildlife were said at the Elms, top of Keeper's Hill and on Church Bank from where most of the parish could be viewed.

Thanks to Jill and all who participated, dogs included! Duplock

Graham

### **SSAFA**

I work for a very worthwhile charity SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Families Association) which supports and helps those who serve have served in the armed forces. I hope to have a pitch at the Bridge Village Fete on 15th June—so if you would like to know more about the charity come for a chat. We always need new volunteers and fund raisers.

Hope to see you there.	Barbara Binder











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# June at Bridge Farmers' Market

Summertime at the market at last!

With the sun up at 4am and setting at 10pm growers and producers a full str now and the fruits of their labours should be in evidence at the market. maka most of all this wonderful bounty and fill your basket (or better still you Market jute bag) with the very best that the Kentish countryside has For growers one of the biggest indicators of the late spring was the de asparagus season. Asparagus is now here and the season will be sport so don't miss out on one of the joys of our climate - sweet tender spearing paragus picked and cooked on the same day. Other vegetables to look forward to trisp radishes, spring onions, spinach and of course new potatoes. If the waatben is there may be early cucumbers, runner beans and courgettes, alongside all k salad leaves now in season. It's also the ideal time to plant out herby pranger in the bedding plants.

The long days and the warmth also heralds the start of the great English soft fruit season with strawberries in abundance and also fine Kentish cherries - justifiably world famous.

Spring lamb is now at its very finest and a boned out shoulder or leg is perfect on the barbecue or simply roasted and served with baby new potatoes and minted broad beans and peas.

Henry of *Handmade by Henry* is sadly not attending the market regularly anymore, as he has moved further away, but the good news is that he hopes to attend our special markets - so you'll need to stock up on his delicious chocolate then. Henry specialises in handmade, high quality moulded truffles and chocolates. All his chocolate is handcrafted with attention to detail and made from a specially selected range of chocolates and natural ingredients without artificial enhancers or additives. Catch him when you can.

Our June dates are the 8th and the 22nd, and the 22nd is our special summer market celebrating all things summer, and the best of all fresco dining. Come along and sample the best of the market at our tasting table, try and buy some really local cider at our new cider stall and fill your own picnic basket with locally made cheeses from Laurie Wakeham, scotch eggs from Penny's cakes (Have you tasted them? They are fantastic!), a loaf of Tobi's Slow bread, chutney or relish from Alkham Valley preserves, cherries or strawberries from Nethergong Nurseries......and you are all set. We are running our pumpkin growing competition again this year and this will be the market to pick up your pumpkin if you fancy a try. Why not have a go? The pumpkin seedlings are coming along nicely so should be ready for you to plant in June and reap the rewards in the autumn. Some of our special guest stallholders will be at this market, Karen Francis with her gorgeous silk prints, OlivesRGood4U with those delicious marinated olives for your picnic and Nicola from Blue Egg Hens promoting chicken keeping at home. Canterbury City Council will be coming along to this market to give us more information

on the new recycling scheme too. Come along if you can.

We really look forward to seeing you at the markets in June.

Pam Dobson

### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

In the expectation of some warm sunny weather by then, the Horticultural Society have organised an evening visit to the **Gardens of Old Bladbean Stud** on **Thursday 20 June**. We shall meet at our usual place (Green Court/Western Avenue area of Bridge) at 6.00 pm to arrange car sharing in order to arrive at the gardens for our visit at 6.30. Admission for evening visits is £7.50 each, which includes a short tour and tea/coffee and cakes, and a bag of home grown dried strawberries to take home. Sounds good!?

I am informed by the owners that you are welcome to bring cameras and that they have a range of plants for sale grown from seed or cuttings taken from the garden. Sadly the paths are too narrow for wheelchairs, but fine for walking frames.

Please also make a note of the date of our **Annual Summer Show**. It is being held on the morning of **Saturday 13 July** in Bridge Village Hall. More details will follow in the July edition but, in the meantime, if anyone requires a show schedule, please contact Kathy Walder on 830057/07791 656539.

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

June is a busy month for our WI. The regular monthly meeting is on **Tuesday 18th** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when we will be having an illustrated talk by **Helen Kendall-Tobias on "Pearls and Princesses"**.

Prior to that we are going to **Sissinghurst** on **Wednesday 12th** to meet up with Otford WI, our West Kent sister WI.

And finally, our annual fund raising **Garden Party** will be held on **Wednesday 26th June** from 2.30 until 4.00 pm at 17 Union Road, Bridge. Do come along to support us on this day and relax with friends over a cup of tea in the pleasant and peaceful garden (weather permitting!). We will be serving tea and home-made cakes, with the opportunity to purchase gifts made by our craft group, or something from the bring and buy or plant stalls, and, of course, there will also be a raffle. Entry will be £2.50, to include refreshments. See you then!

# National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

The local Association are delighted to welcome back **Sherie Plumb**, one of the top exhibitors in the show world, to speak this time on "**Runner Beans**" on **Wednesday 12 June** in Bridge Village Hall. The evening starts at 7.30 with refreshments followed by the talk itself at 8.00 pm. The Association are delighted to welcome non-members to their meetings.

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# Wednesday 26th June

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# Bridge Parish Council www.bridgevillage.org.uk Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 9th May 2013 \_

<u>Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman</u> – Cllr Sue Hodges was nominated as Chairman by Cllr John Hill, seconded by Cllr Brigitte Ward and elected unanimously Cllr Hill was nominated as Vice Chairman by Cllr Terry Wilmshurst, seconded by Cllr John Corfield and elected unanimously.

<u>Parish Council vacancy</u> – As no election had been called, the vacancy would be filled by co-option. Notices asking candidates to come forward would be posted on the parish council notice boards. The deadline for applications would be 31st May with interviews to be held, if possible, on 7th June.

Local District Development Plan The draft District Development Plan had been published. A development of 4,000 homes and other associated building was proposed for South Canterbury. City Councillor Cllr Simon Cook said that he would be holding surgeries in Bridge Village Hall on 22nd June and 6th July and urged residents to come and make their views about the Plan known to him. Residents could also write or email the City Council direct with their opinions. The consultation process would last for 8 weeks over the summer. Neighbourhood Plan —. The Committee would meet again on 24th. May before holding a Consultation Event in the village hall on 1st June. This would seek the views of residents about the most important issues to be addressed by the Neighbourhood Plan. Draft issues would also be available on the website. There would be an opportunity for residents to give feed back at the event, on line and by paper response forms. The City Council's website did not yet show the required information about Bridge's Neighbourhood Plan.

<u>Mill Centre-</u> Cllr Hill and Mervyn Gulvin had met David Kemp and Martin Bovingdon of the City Council to discuss the possible purchase of the Mill Centre. The officers had undertaken to consult with city councillors and advise on a price for the site.

<u>Nailbourne Pollution</u> – Cllr Alan Atkinson reported on the latest situation. Southern Water was now putting cameras through the sewers to assess the situation. The river level was falling but tankering would continue after the Nailbourne had stopped flowing.

<u>Audited Accounts for 2012-13</u> The internal auditor's report was noted and the Parish Accounts for 2012-13 were signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer

Recreation Ground – Cllr Hodges reported that 28 children from Bridge Primary School had helped to plant snowdrops, sowed wild flower seeds and cleared leaves from the recreation ground the previous week. The remains of the last picnic table had been removed from the recreation ground. All the 4 tables had now been destroyed by vandalism. It was agreed to purchase two more tables as soon as possible at a cost of about £400. Although vandalism could well be a problem again, councillors thought that the picnic tables were enjoyed by many Bridge residents so it was important to provide them.

<u>Skateboard Ramp-</u> Following comments from a resident at the Annual Parish Meeting, councillors again discussed the possible provision of a skateboard ramp. It was decided not to go ahead with this. The initial cost was prohibitive and routine maintenance costs would also be high. At present there was insufficient time left on the recreation ground lease to have any prospect of fund raising. It was agreed that available funds should be directed to the purchase and refurbishment of the Mill Centre, which would be of benefit to all the young people in Bridge.

<u>Illegal Parking on Conyngham Lane</u> - This was something over which the parish council had no control. Complaints should be addressed to Cllr Simon Cook and Larissa Reed at the City Council. Parking enforcement was the responsibility of the City Council.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th. June at 7.30pm 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.\_

**Bridge Tennis Club** would like to thank everyone who supported their recent Charity Open Day at the club in Patrixbourne Road.

Club Coach Stewart Bristow staged an incredible 12-hour Marathon Tennis Match against club players and families in aid of Cancer Research at the courts in Patrixbourne Road. He won an amazing 215 games to a cumulative total of just 26 from his opponents. The club also hosted an Open Day and together with Stewart's sponsorship, a raffle, fantastic cake stall and BBQ the Club raised £600 for Cancer Research. Katie Brooks and family of Bridge won the draw for 3-Months Free Family Membership. For more enquires about joining Bridge Tennis Club contact Membership Secretary Martyn Hewett: 01227 831321 (evenings) or visit <a href="https://www.bridgetennisclub.org">www.bridgetennisclub.org</a>



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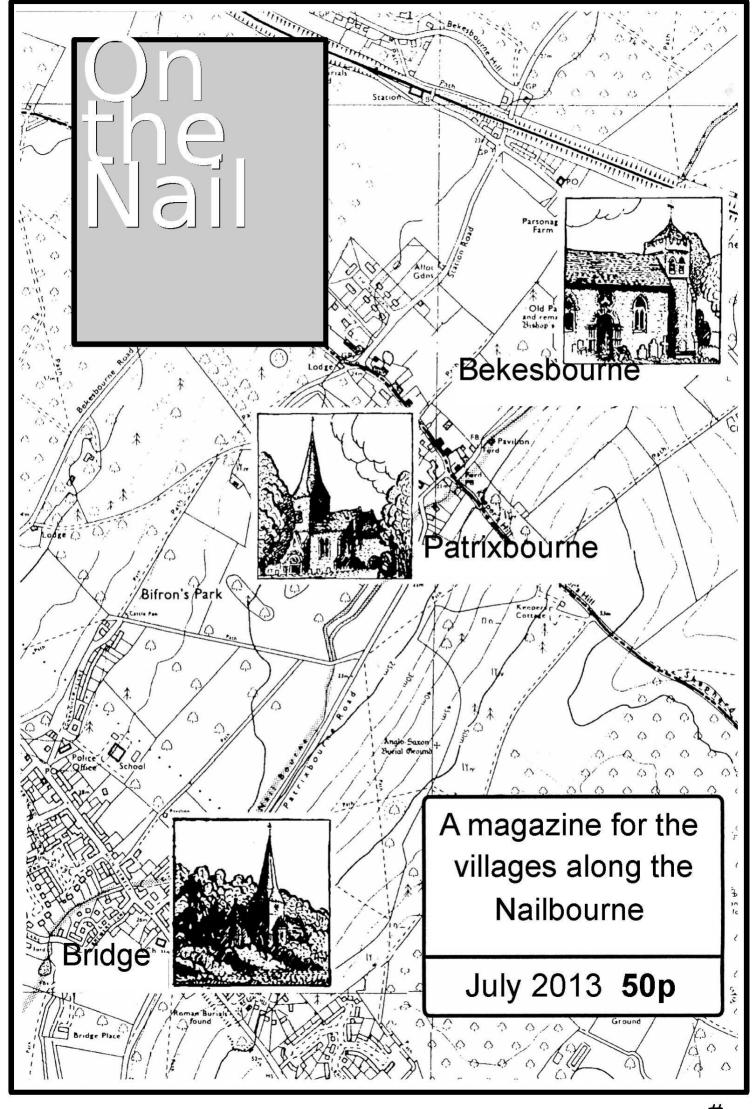
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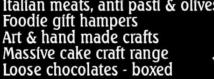
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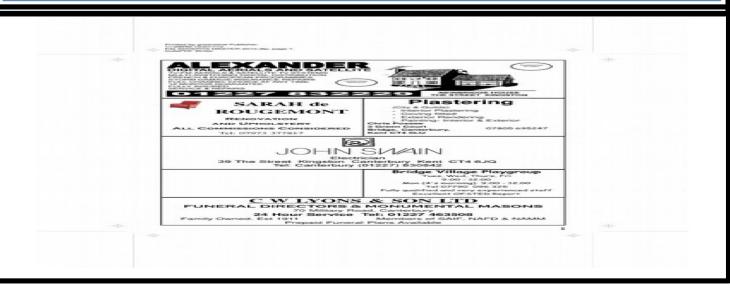
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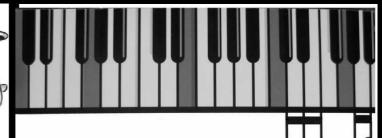
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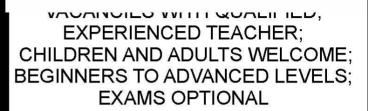
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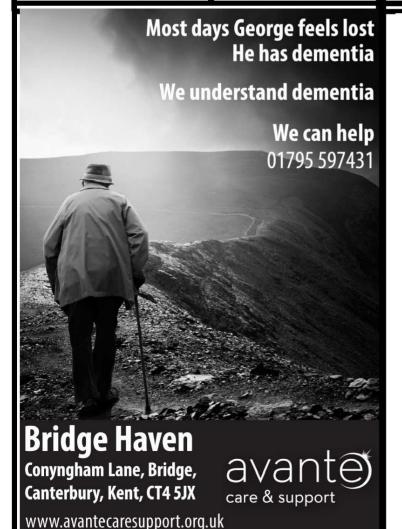


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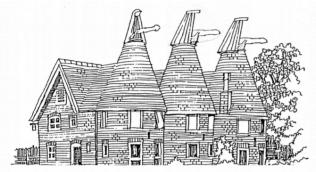
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#### The Bridge Group Services for the month of July 2013

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	OT : Isaiah 66: 10-14
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Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	OT: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14
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Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service					NT : Colossians 2: 6-15 G : Luke 11: 1-13
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service				NT : Colossians 3: 1-11 G : Luke 12: 13-21



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So many people in the world today are seeking ... searching for something or someone to bring meaning to their lives and they look in all sorts of places to greater or lesser success. One need only turn on the TV to be bombarded by adverts for products that we are persuaded our life is meaningless without. But deep in our hearts we know that more stuff, a bigger house or a holiday in the sun or beauty product X or Y – though satisfying for a while - will not actually quench that deep soul thirst within us that craves for meaning and for true peace. A peace that I would argue comes only from God as gift.

The challenge today for us as a church is to be wellsprings of life to those who are seeking and spiritually searching...a challenge to let God be God and speak to those who are thirsty and give them to drink. Our calling as a church community is to come and receive from God, to be watered and then to give you, to give everyone to drink in the name of God.

David Adam in his gem of a book: *The Cry of the Deer*, also reminds us of how many seekers have found what they are looking for through service, through caring, through loving their brothers and sisters. This is one profound way in which all of us can meet with God, with meaning as we encounter Christ in the person alongside us, whom we seek to serve. This is expressed beautifully in this verse, whose author is unknown:

I sought my God
My God I could not see.
I sought my soul
My soul eluded me.
I sought my brother
And I found all three.

If you are seeking – may this be a source of inspiration and a wellspring for you too as it has for me,
Julia

	Υοι	ır Parish Matters
20.05.13	<b>Weddings</b> Bekesbourne	Nicholas Fulljames and
25.05.13	Bridge	Alex McCabe Scott Shirley an
25.05.13	Patrixbourne	Megan Sanford Martin Page and Claire Francis
30.04.13 16.05.13	Funerals Joyce May Grigg Anthony Charles N	lesfield Purchese

**Mid-Week Communion** takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Bridge Church. This is a short service (30 minutes) and I hope this will provide an opportunity for those who drop children off at school to have time for themselves with God in a quiet atmosphere.

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

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

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

All welcome. Contact Rev. Julia on 830265.

MOBY. Members of Bridge Youth or MOBY is the Bridge Benefice Youth Group for Year 7 plus. It aims to support young people in their Christian faith...and have fun. The MOBY July meeting is on Tuesday 2nd July, 7pm-8.30/9pm. The MOBY camp will take place on Saturday July 6th – Sunday July 7th at the Quiet View, Kingston. For further information please contact Ruth & Tony on 831156.

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

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

Dates for Your Diary					
<b>July</b> 02/07	14.00 15.00 19.00 20.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church Holy Communion at Bridge Haven MOBY. Meet at Pavilion for Games on the Field After 8's at 7 Windmill Close			
04/07	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close			
06/07-07/07	Quiet View,	MOBY Camp. The final event of the year at the Kingston.			
08/07	19.30 Caring & Sharing				
09/07	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court			
10/07 14.00		Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall ocial Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial all, Lower Hardres			
16/07 15.00 20.00		Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at 7 Windmill Close			
17/07	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven			
22/07	19.30	Caring & Sharing			
23/07	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield			
Forthcoming Events 7th September Bekesbourbe Boot Fair					

5th/6th October Art in Bridge

7th December Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar

The Curate, Rev Julia Pickles has her day off on Friday each week. In case of an emergency on a Friday please contact the Rev Stephen Hardy on 01227 831340.

Editors Important Announcement. The next edition of On The Nail will be the combined August/September edition. Please may I have all contributions for both months on 15th July. Thanks in anticipation to all our contributors. Laurence Dunderdale. Laurence.dunderdale@btinternet.com

#### Fish (Neighbourly Help) News. Telephone:07935 966 080

Many thanks to everyone who came and supported our Bring and Buy so generously. We made over £400 which will pay for the telephone and subsidise the lunch and outings.

The next Coffee Pop-In will be on July 10th in Bridge Village Hall from 10 to 11.15.

#### **Bridge History Society**

Following the summer break our next meeting will be held in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19 September. Our speakers will be Pat Gibb and Amanda Harris-Deans and they will be talking about their experiences during the restoration of Higham Park, Bridge Hill. The meeting will be preceded by a short Annual General Meeting and at that time we would welcome ideas from the membership about any talks or visits you might find interesting, or any other suggestions. We do hope you will come. Visitors welcome.

Meriel Connor

#### Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We had an enjoyable meeting this month, despite some absences due to illness. One of our members is having a foot operation and we wish him well - should be running around again soon! We are still looking to find a new Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser and hope that there might be somebody to take on this worthwhile job. You don't need to be a Branch Member, just somebody interested in the cause. We are also keen to recruit new members.

We can be contacted via the secretary on 01227 472023 for more details.

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, 9th July and 13th August, both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne starting at 8pm. New members always welcome.

#### **Lower Hardres and Nackington Garden Society**

The Society is holding a summer show on **Saturday 27th of July** at the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres. The Society would like to invite children in the area to join in and enter the various classes in the show, for example Photographs, Handy Craft, etc.

If you are interested please contact Margaret on 01227 765598.

# Vicarage Garden Working Party Saturday 13th July 9.00am to 4.00pm Volunteers urgently needed to help tidy the Garden at the Vicarage. Please bring garden tools and gloves. Refreshments provided.

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#### IF WHAT?

It was a moving moment as 45,000 people in Hyde Park fell silent to remember the 2 million children who died of hunger in 2012. We were there on Saturday 8th June for the **BIG IF Campaign Rally**, having walked in a procession of witness from Westminster. There we listened to Danny Boyle, Rowan Williams, Bill Gates and many others some famous and some not, calling on leaders of the G8 meeting in Enniskillen NI to take this opportunity to end world hunger.

That's a big ask you may say, but those signed up to the IF Campaign—more than 150 UK organisations like Christian Aid, Oxfam and UNICEF as well as Jewish and Muslim charities—believe that there is enough food for everyone in the world IF We give enough aid to help the poorest people feed themselves;

We stop big companies dodging paying tax in poor countries;

We stop poor farmers being forced off their land so that large companies can grow biofuels;

We force governments and big corporations to be honest and transparent about their activities.

Bill Gates reminded us that it was only the strength of 'people power' that has brought about democracy, women's rights and the end of slavery, so ordinary people must demand that world leaders make these changes. The fact hat 900 million people—that's 1 in 8 of the world population—go to bed hungry every night is just not acceptable in the 21st century. Poverty disempowers people and nations and provides a breeding ground for unrest and fundamentalism; eradication of poverty could lead to a more stable world.

By the time you read this the G8 will have met and we will know what commitment they have made to ending world hunger. Whatever the world leaders pledge to do it is important to keep up the pressure to ensure that they follow through on their promises. If you want to know more, go to www.enoughfoodif.org or www.christianaid.org.uk/if

<u>Christian Aid Week</u> here in May began with an imaginative service in Bridge Church involving many young people, then a chocolate cake was baked to illustrate the story of Bolivian cocoa farmers supported by Christian Aid's partner, CIPCA. Collectors in the Bridge Benefice raised £2095.50 this year (£2366 with Gift Aid) - a good result in spite of us not being able to cover all the usual roads. Many thanks to all those who gave up their time to collect and to those who donated. One more important step in the fight against hunger!

Jean Barber

#### **BEKESBOURNE CHURCHYARD**

Throughout the summer a small band of volunteers get together to try and keep the churchyard tidy by cutting back the undergrowth, strimming round the gravestones and generally keeping the area tidy. Care is taken to ensure it still looks like a country churchyard and also provides a suitable habitat for wildlife.

The next WORKING PARTY will be on Saturday 20th. July, from about 9.30 a.m. for a couple of hours or so – with a break for coffee. If you can spare a little time to help us bring a pair of gloves and join the team.

Jonathan Cowans

#### Two dates for your Diaries to be held in Bekesbourne

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, in aid of church funds BOOT FAIR ~ Saturday, 7th September, 2013, 8am to 12noon School Lane, CT4 5ER More details in August/September issue

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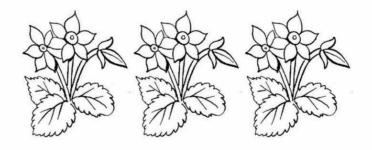
Nailbourne Horticultural Society

# Summer Show



# Saturday 13 July Bridge Village Hall

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#### Bridge Farmers' Market July 2013

At the last market someone asked me a few questions about Bridge Farmers' Market, and the whole concept of Farmers' Markets in general, and I thought it worth sharing a few of the things that were discussed - they may be questions that you have wanted to ask yourself.

How did the Farmers' Market come about? In June 2010 the *Bridge Going Green* group carried out a survey to see which, of a number of projects, the people of Bridge, and the surrounding area, would most like to see developed. A Farmers' Market came out resoundingly at the top of the list, and Saturday came out as the day that most people preferred for a market. So in November 2010 Bridge Farmers' Market was born at the Red Lion, with the very kind permission of Rene and Harry, without whom the market would not take place.

We got a lot of help from the Kent Farmers' Market Association while we were setting the market up, and continue to be affiliated to them today. KFMA formed in 2007 specifically to help markets such as ours that have a very positive effect on the local economy. KFMA estimates that in Kent, Farmers' Markets contribute nearly 3 million pounds a year to the economy.

So why buy with us? There are many reasons of course. The food and drink is *local*, it is grown in and around Bridge so is truly a *local* product. The food is *very good value for money*, you can buy directly from the grower or producer and enjoy competitively priced quality products. The food is *fresher*, *tastier and seasonal*. And, very importantly, buying at a Farmers' Market is a great chance to meet your neighbours and friends and have a chat, it provides a *focal point to meet* and linger for a coffee too.

Where do the stalls come from? At Bridge Farmers' Market our preference is that producers come from within 30 miles of Bridge, so for example our preserves stall is from the Alkham Valley near Dover, our vegetable stall from Upstreet just outside Canterbury and our new baker from Aldington. Our main stalls are food and drink stalls but we also like to have guest stalls to create diversification and choice especially at our four seasonal markets, sometimes we have a silk screen printer from Canterbury, a furniture restorer from Bearsted and alpaca wool stall from Boughton Monchelsea.

Who runs it? Bridge Farmers' Market is run by a small group of volunteers who help to set up and run the market on the second and fourth Saturday of the month, and behind the scenes liaise with stallholders, design leaflets and posters and generally promote the market. Mark Esdale has been our Market Manager since the beginning and has done a fantastic job, but now we are looking for a new Market Manager to run the market from the Autumn of 2013. Could this be you? Are you interested in local foods and keen to continue this community project? Perhaps you are already a shopper at the market? If you think you might be interested please contact Philip Wicker, the chairman of our group at <a href="mailto:philip.wicker1@gmail.com">philip.wicker1@gmail.com</a> or look out for the posters at the end of the summer. We are also looking for new volunteers to help out at the market from time to time, putting up gazebos and bunting, also delivering leaflets and helping us with publicity. Please ask at the market if you are interested. We look forward to hearing from you.

Our dates for July are July 13th and 27th.

Hope to see you there....and if you have any questions, or have any ideas about the market, please ask one of us at the market or contact us via the website <a href="https://www.bridgefarmersmarket.co.uk">www.bridgefarmersmarket.co.uk</a> Pam Dobson

#### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

The Society's **Annual Summer Show** is being held on the morning of **Saturday 13 July in Bridge Village Hall**. For those of you with entries, the hall will be open from 8.00 am to 10.00 am to allow you to stage your exhibits. Judging will then take place and the hall will open to the public at 11.00 am with the presentation of cups and prizes at 12 noon. There will be something for everyone to enjoy - vegetable and flower classes, cookery, floral arrangements and handicraft to admire as well as a plant/bring and buy stall, a raffle and coffee/tea and homemade cakes.

For those of you who are nurturing your Chairman's Challenge potatoes in a pot, remember to bring them to the Show, pot and all. We will empty them out and weigh them to find out who is the winner. If you need help in getting them to the hall, please contact Kathy Walder on 830057.

There are also three classes in the Show open to non-members. One of these is for a photo (not to exceed A4 size) entitled "An Aspect of Bridge", details of which have already appeared in the magazine.

There are another two classes open to non-members. One is for "Any Other Vegetable" not included in any other class, which means any vegetable other than spring onions, onions (seed or set), potatoes, shallots (exhibition or pickling), French beans, broad beans, peas, courgettes, lettuce, tomatoes or cucumber. So, anything you have other than one of those and just use common sense as to numbers.

The other class open to non-members is for a container of mixed flowers (which means anything in flower). We supply the vases, just bring along the flowers.

We would love to see entries from residents so do think seriously about entering. We will always be happy to give advice.

We look forward to seeing you at our Show on Saturday 13 July. Please contact Kathy Walder (830057) if you would like a schedule.

#### IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO EXHIBITORS - Nailbourne Horticultural Society - Summer Show

For those entering the Filled Victoria Sponge class, would you please note that, on the advice of our judge, the sponge has to be jam filled (it really should be raspberry or strawberry, but she won't downpoint the sponge if it has any other type of jam) and it should have either caster or icing sugar, or nothing at all, on the top - but definitely NOT lemon curd!!!

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

Our July meeting on Tuesday 16th at our usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall will be a practical evening on "Tile Painting" with Jan Fagg. Sounds a bit different as well as interesting and fun? As always, we are pleased to welcome visitors at our meetings.

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Camilla was a music scholar at King's School Canterbury and the Royal Academy of Music. She has performed throughout the Europe and the UK.

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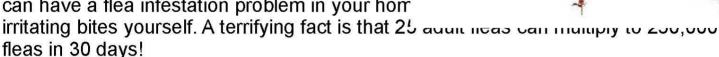
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#### **Littlebourne Music**

This informal, friendly music appreciation group was originally formed in Bridge but now meets in Littlebourne at the home of Jill and Jerry Neff. Meetings are held on Thursday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00 over periods of 7 to 10 weeks. No previous musical knowledge or practical experience is required, just a general interest in music. Course subjects are chosen by the group members. The next course will start on Thursday 26th September, lasting 10 weeks, entitled "Firebird and Beyond – Great Ballet Scores of the 20th Century". For further information on the course, location and approximate costs please contact the tutor Michael Chandler (01795 590420; e-mail mchandler@ymail.com)

#### T.O.P.S Take Five Show

Due to unforeseen circumstances T.O.P.S Drama group had to postpone their latest show, Take Five. This show will now take place in mid Sept '13. T.O.P.S would like to apologise for any disappointment this may have caused, but hope to see you all in September for a great show.

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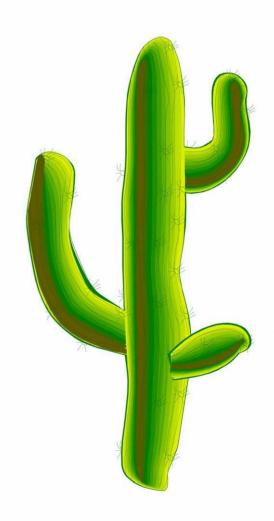
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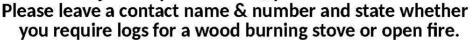
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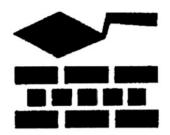
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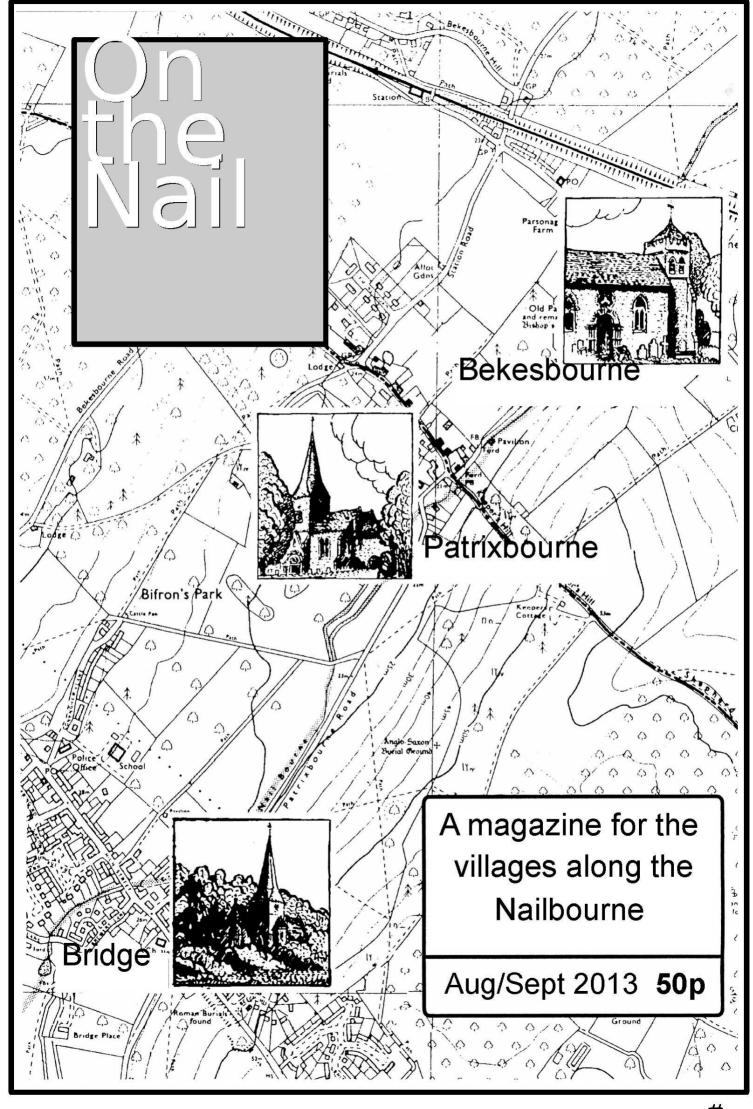
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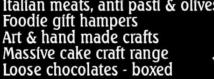
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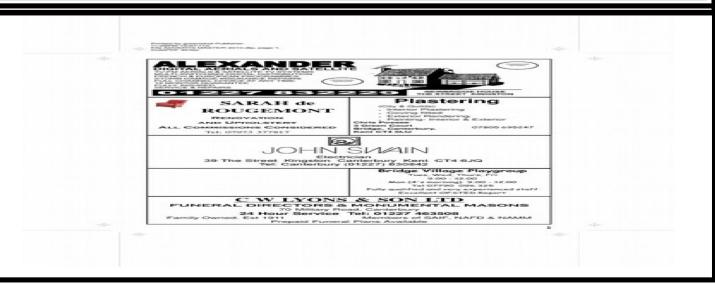
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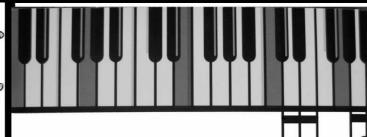
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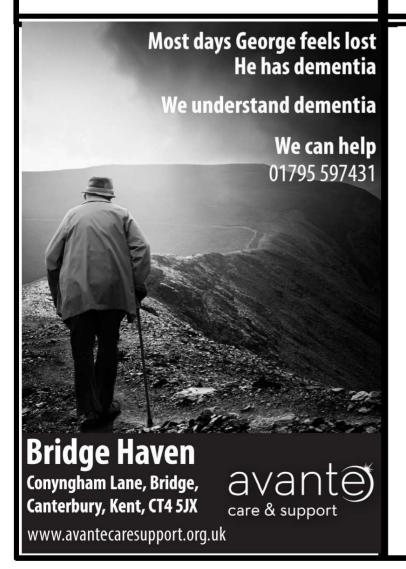
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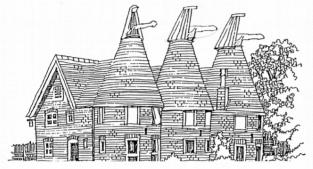
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#### The Bridge Group Services for the month of August 2013

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August 10th <sup>h</sup> Sunday after Trinity	7 1 B e = w =	9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service			V	NT : Colossians 3: 1-11 G : Luke 12: 13-21
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity			9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service	=	8.00 am Holy Communion Benefice Service	OT : Genesis 15: 1-6 G : Luke 12: 32- 40
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity					9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service	NT : Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2  G : Luke 12: 49-56
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity			100	9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service	- 11 -	OT : Isaiah 58: 9b-end G : Luke 13: 10-17
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	9.30am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 G : Luke 14: 1, 7- 14

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Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 1st	8.00 am	11.00 am	6.00 pm	9.30 am	9.30 am	NT : Hebrews 13:
September 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	BCP Communion	Family Communion	Evensong	Sung Eucharist	Family Service	1-8, 15-16
after Trinity						G : Luke 14: 1, 7- 14
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	6.00 pm	9.30 am		8.00 am	OT:
September 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Sung Eucharist	Evensong	Family Communion	=	BCP Communion	Deuteronomy 30: 15-end
urrer rriiiry			=	11 11		G : Luke 14: 25- 33
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	= =	9.30 am	9.30 am	8.00 am	9.30 am	NT: 1 Timothy 1:
September		Family Service	Sung Eucharist	BCP Communion	Sung Eucharist	12-17
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		= =	× =			=
after Trinity						G : Luke 15: 1-10
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am		8.00 am	11.00 am		OT: Amos 8: 4-7
September	Harvest Sung		BCP Communion	Mattins		
17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Eucharist		11.00 am			G : Luke 16: 1-13
after Trinity			Harvest Family			
			Service			
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>			11.00 am	8.00 am		OT : Genesis 28:
September			Benefice Family	Benefice BCP		10-17
Michael and			Service	Communion		
All Angels			Followed by a			G : John 1: 47-
***			Harvest Lunch at			end
			Bridge School			
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	11.00 am	6.00 pm	9.30am	9.30am	NT : 2 Timothy 1:
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BCP</b> Communion	Harvest Family	Evensong	Harvest Sung	Harvest	1-14
Sunday after		Communion		Eucharist	Festival Family	
Trinity		=	= =		Service	G: Luke 17: 5-10



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Recently on BBC 4, whilst channel flicking, I stumbled upon a fascinating documentary presented by Julia Bradbury called Icelandic Walk. Julia was filmed hiking a 60km trail to reach the huge volcanic crater at the centre of the Eyjafjallajökull glacier in Iceland (affectionately and more pronounceable named... "the Big E"), whose ash cloud brought aeroplanes across Europe to a halt so memorably in 2010. In the programme, viewers were treated to a stunning series of vistas: steaming tundras of volcanic ash, soaring rocky peaks, freezing rushing rivers, clouds of sulphuric gas, hazy green meadows, treacherous ravines and swirls of snow and glacial ice. At one memorable point, Julia's guide Hanna, told her to peek down a crack in the rock beneath her feet. To her amazement, Julia discovered a deep glowing red fire, where the molten rock was swirling only a metre below the surface underneath them. There was a palpable sense of awe reflected in the presenter's face and voice - a sense of wonder at creation's power - an overwhelming joy. Sitting on the sofa at home, I longed to be there feeling the heat of the ground and watching the molten rock seethe beneath my feet; it was the kind of experience and discovery where one needed to be there but human limitations, of course, prevented me from doing so. But it reminded me that God, being unlimited, is there alongside that presenter out there in the rugged Icelandic landscape as well as in the domesticated comfort of my cosy lounge. Miraculously...simultaneously.

God holds us and the whole of the world, his creation, in the palm of his hand. Through Christ he bridges the gap between humanity and God to be fully human with us as well as fully divine – his flesh is the threshold where two worlds meet perfectly united and intertwined – in time and outside of it. He is both out there and close here – near and far. Sometimes we can domesticate God too much and put him on the sofa next to us all the time, at other times we hold him too much at arm's length in the Icelandic landscape, away from our experiences – to be admired and revered but from a distance. Where is God for you? On the sofa? Or untouchable in the distant scene? Or somewhere in between? Wherever God seems to be, may you be surprised by the vistas he opens up before your eyes.

#### **Your Parish Matters**

Christe	enina	
07.07.13	Bridge	Jake Anthony Bell
14.07.13	Bridge	Henry-James Edward Green
14.07.13	Bridge	Logan Jacob Crawford
14.07.13	Bridge	Alicia Jane Siddle
14.07.13	Bridge	Evie Grace Siddle
14.07.13	Bridge	Lily Fay Siddle
14.07.13	Bridge	Max Joseph Siddle
14.07.13	Bridge	Scarlett Rose Siddle
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29.06.13	Bridge	Myles O'Keefe and
		Elaine Allen
06.07.13	Bekesbourne	Peter Kelly and
		Katie Payne
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Funera	lis	
19.06.13		Ronald (Ron) James Child
02.07.13		George Percival Hoad

Mid-Week Communion takes place on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am at Bridge Church. This is a short service (30 minutes) and I hope this will provide an opportunity for those who drop children off at school to have time for themselves with God in a quiet atmosphere.

Georgina Hagger

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

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

Church Mice. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge from 2pm-3pm for preschool children (0-5) and their parents and carers - play, songs, bible story, craft and tea and coffee. The next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd September. There will be no meeting in August.

All welcome. Contact Rev Julia on 830265.

22.07.13

MOBY. Members of Bridge Youth or MOBY is the Bridge Benefice Youth Group for Year 7 plus. It aims to support young people in their Christian faith...and have fun. MOBY will meet again on **Sunday 8th September** with a **Start the Year BBQ and Games**. Please come along, **5-7pm**, to Riverside Cottage, Old Palace Road, Patrixbourne (next to Bekesbourne Recreation Ground).

Year 7's and up all welcome. For further information please contact Rev Julia on 830265.