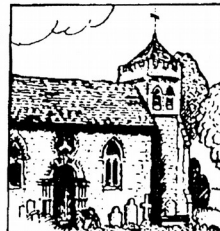


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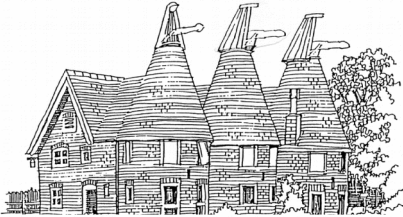
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Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service				NT : Colossians 3: 1-11  G : Luke 12: 13-21
Sunday 11 <sup>th</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				9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service		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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<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16  G : Luke 14: 1, 7-14
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	OT : Deuteronomy 30: 15-end  G : Luke 14: 25-33
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : 1 Timothy 1: 12-17  G : Luke 15: 1-10
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	9.30 am Harvest Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Harvest Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		OT: Amos 8: 4-7  G : Luke 16: 1-13
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Michael and All Angels</b>			11.00 am Benefice Family Service Followed by a Harvest Lunch at Bridge School	8.00 am Benefice BCP Communion		OT : Genesis 28: 10-17  G : John 1: 47-end
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Harvest Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30am Harvest Sung Eucharist	9.30am Harvest Festival Family Service	NT : 2 Timothy 1: 1-14  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.  
Amen. Julia

## Your Parish Matters

### Christening

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

### Weddings

29.06.13	Bridge	Myles O'Keefe and Elaine Allen
06.07.13	Bekesbourne	Peter Kelly and Katie Payne

### Funerals

19.06.13		Ronald (Ron) James Child
02.07.13		George Percival Hoad
22.07.13		Georgina Hagger

**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 3rd September. There will be no meeting in August.**  
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. 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, Patricbourne (next to Bekesbourne Recreation Ground).

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

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

Lower Hardres There will be a Porch Sale following the service at Lower Hardres on Sunday 4th August 2013 at 9.30am. All welcome. Harvest – our Harvest Service this year will be held on Sunday 6th October 2013 and will include the usual competitions for all. Friends of St Mary’s Lower, Hardres Group - A date for your diary – Saturday 12th October 2013. More details to follow. Dates for Your Diary

August 06/08	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven	13/08
	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court	20/08 15.00
		Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge	21/08 15.00 Hymns at
Bridge Haven	27/08	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield
03/09	14.00		Church Mice at Bridge Church
15.00			Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
20.00		After 8’s at 7 Windmill Close	05/09 19.30
Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close	08/09		17.00- MOBY BBQ and
GAMES		19.00	Riverside Cottage, Old Palace
Road, Patrixbourne	09/09	19.30	Caring & Sharing
	14.30		Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
10.00			Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall 14.00
			Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower
			Hardres 17/09 15.00 Holy Communion at Saxon
Lodge	20.00		After 8’s at 7 Windmill Close
15.00			Hymns at Bridge Haven
Sharing	24/09	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield
			29/09

After Benefice Family Service Benefice Harvest Lunch at Bridge School 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.

## **“In search of a new vicar” latest update!**

By the time you are reading this edition of 'On the Nail', interviews for our next priest will have taken place on the 16th and 17th July. If a successful candidate has been selected then it might be a few weeks before the announcement is made public – if no candidate was suitable then I anticipate we would follow the usual Diocesan procedure to wait a few months and then re-advertise the post. So, God-willing let's hope there is some good news on the horizon! Julia

## **Fond Farewell for Sarah**

The Bridge Rainbow guides said a sad farewell to their leader, Rowan, aka Sarah Wetherell, at their meeting in the village hall on 17th July. The Division Commissioner attended as well as many past Rainbows, helpers and parents. One of the many gifts for Sarah was a Rowan tree.

It was Maggie Field, then Division Commissioner, who decided to set up the pack in 1996 and Sarah has been the leader since the very beginning. For seventeen years she has lead the girls aged five to seven on Wednesday evenings through their fun activities including a trip to the pantomime each year. Many of the girls went on to Brownies and Guides and some returned as helpers.

Sarah will be a hard act to follow and greatly missed but fortunately the Rainbow assistant leaders are continuing and a new lady has volunteered to take over so come September there will still be Rainbows in Bridge following their activity jigsaw which has four areas - look, learn, laugh, love.

## **1st Bridge Rainbows**

This thriving unit is likely to close in July as the present leader is standing down after 16 years and a new leader is urgently required. Bridge is lucky to have its own Guide, Brownie and Rainbow units. Please consider contributing to your local community and becoming part of the largest organisation for girls and young women in the United Kingdom. There is a supportive team and training is provided.

If you could be an enthusiastic and committed volunteer and have an ability to engage with children please help Bridge Rainbows continue to be an active part of the village. **To find out more phone Sarah Wetherell on 01227830318**

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

We have, as a branch, been through some illness and accidents recently but our members seem to be now on the mend. We are sorry to learn that, following his recent operation, Geof Welch has had a bad fall but he is getting on quite well now.

There is a possible outing in the pipeline to the Hawkinge Aerodrome Museum in the autumn. More details later. We are still seeking a new Poppy Appeal Organiser for the branch and will welcome anybody who is interested in taking on this important position. Contact the secretary 01227 472023. Our next 2 branch monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 13th August and 10th September, both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

**Benefice Harvest Lunch** is to be held in Bridge School Hall after the Benefice Family Service on Sunday 29th September (approx. 12 noon). Please see September pew sheets or phone Evelyn on 830960 for more details.



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

The August meeting, as in recent years, takes the form of an **outing**, this year to **Salmestone Grange** on **Thursday 8 August**. We shall meet at our usual place in Western Avenue at 1.0pm, and plan to arrive at Salmestone Grange ready for our tour 2.0pm, followed by afternoon tea. At our meeting on Tuesday 17 September at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Bob Cooper will be entertaining us with an "Introduction to Woodturning". We are always happy to welcome non-members and interested persons to our meetings. SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen Families). Thank you to all the people who kindly contributed items for my charity stall on June 15th at the School Fete. Also thanks to everyone who came to buy! After battling with the windy weather for hours we did make a healthy profit!

Barbara Beinder



# Visit to the Commonwealth War Graves in Northern France and Ypres.

Saturday September 21st



Chilham Church is organising a one-day trip to the War Graves in Northern France and the Menin Gate in Ypres in Belgium. People from the churches around are invited to join with us. Primarily the trip is to visit the memorials of those men who are remembered on Chilham's War Memorial in our Churchyard. However, if you have a grave you would particularly like to visit then we will try to incorporate it into our schedule.

The cost will be £30-35, depending on numbers, and people born after the war are particularly welcome. Also Children. If you have not been before then it will be an emotional day and one you will remember for ever.

For further details contact Len Budd  
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## Unfair Bus Prices!

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Details of the Megarider for 16-18 year olds and the map of the areas covered can be seen on the stagecoach website.

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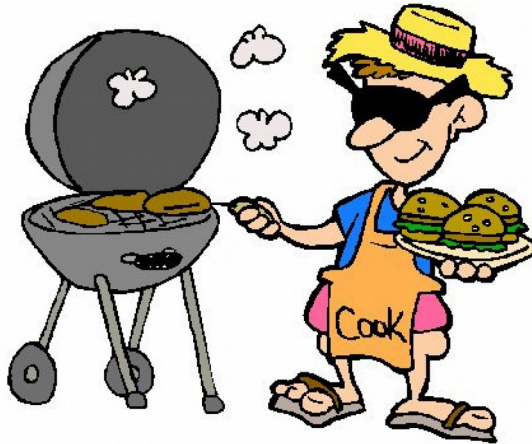
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## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

The Society held a successful **Summer Show** in Bridge Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 13 July. Both the number of exhibitors and the number of exhibits showed an increase on last year despite some difficult growing conditions.

The Chairman's Challenge attracted the largest number of entries. The challenge this year was to grow a potato in a pot and Trevor and Brenda Wood were the proud winners of the Whitten Spencer Cup with an impressive weight of 1.275 kg.

Despite some good competition, Penny and David Spencer were again the main prize winners, carrying off the majority of the cups and trophies: Champion Cottage Gardener's Cup for most points in the vegetable classes, Blee Cup for most points overall in the show, husband and wife cup for most points as a husband and wife team, Silver Rose Trophy for most points in the flower classes, the Sarah Louise Prestige Cup for floral art and the Handicrafts Plate. The Fremlin's Challenge Cup for cookery was shared by Carina Whiting and Jackie Thackray. The Anderson Cup for the best novice in the vegetable classes was presented to Trevor and Brenda Wood and the Hawkins Cup for the best novice in the flowers section went to Pleasance Kirk. The Tankard for the Collection of 3 Vegetables was won by Tony Walder and the Open Cup, presented this year for a photograph portraying an aspect of Bridge, went to Brian Whiting. In the garden classes, the Plate for the Prettiest Small Garden was won by Lesley Forwood with her delightful courtyard, Peter Ellis was the winner of the Tankard for the Best Vegetable Garden with his well stocked plot and he also with his wife Linda was deservedly awarded the Silver Rose Bowl for the Most Picturesque Garden.

Finally, a big thank you to the members of the committee, exhibitors and visitors who all helped to make the Show such a success.

After a short summer break, the programme resumes on **Tuesday 10**

**September** with an **introduction to basketry** by Katharine Woodward which will include a demonstration on how to make a simple object relevant to gardening like a plant support. There will also be the chance to purchase some basketry items. The evening will be held as usual at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and, of course, non-members are always welcome. There will be a small charge to include refreshments.

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

The local Association returns to Bridge Village Hall on **Wednesday 14 August** when Chris Stewart will be speaking on "**The Life of the Mole**", a topic which could be of interest to and affect us all at some stage in our gardening!

The following month, on **Wednesday 11 September**, there will be a talk on **Sweet Peas** given by expert Darren Everest.

Both evenings start 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.

Then over the weekend of **Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September**, the Association will be holding their **Annual Show**, again in Bridge Village Hall. Entry is free so do pop into the hall during opening times and be amazed at the standard of vegetables on show.



condition that can affect rabbits in the summer months when r. It is caused when flies lay their eggs on susceptible animals ut into maggots which start to feed on the poor rabbit. Usually its or nasty open wounds around your rabbits tail and bottom. it frantically grooming all the time in an attempt to get rid of the : feeling so poorly that he is not eating and very quiet. If you find maggots on your rabbit it is an emergency as they can cause a lot of damage very quickly and it is important that you take the rabbit to your vet practice immediately as without rapid treatment affected rabbits can die.

To avoid fly strike happening to your rabbit it is important to make sure your rabbits environment is clean. The hutch should be regularly cleaned out and we recommend that during the summer months you inspect your rabbits bottom for cleanliness and any signs of fly eggs at least once a day, ideally twice a day as the eggs hatch within hours in warm weather. If your rabbits bottom is dirty you should seek veterinary advice as this can be a sign of underlying disease. It may be caused by inappropriate diet, dental disease, diarrhoea, urinary or genital problems, obesity or spinal problems such as arthritis and old age which mean the rabbit does not groom itself as well. If the dirty bottom can be treated then fly strike is less likely to occur.

There are also products available from veterinary surgeries which can be used to prevent or slow the progression of flystrike.

If you are concerned that your rabbit may be at risk or you would like further information please call **Bourne Veterinary Practice** on **01227 832322**.

### **Kingsbourne Players**

The amateur dramatic group The Kingsbourne Players will be holding auditions for their next pantomime, in late September. Likely to be 'Aladdin', the auditions will take place in Barham, in the Grabham Room of the village hall (formerly the 'Small Hall') at 7.30pm on Fridays 20th and 27th September. All are welcome, whether you'd like to be in the panto, or just get to meet us if you'd rather help backstage, or with costumes etc. The pantomime itself is scheduled for Thursday 30th January - Saturday 1st February 2014.

### **T.O.P.S**

T.O.P.S would like to welcome the new members that came along to our drama group on Tuesday 9th July, we had a fantastic evening of play readings, and have even cast some on the new members in our next production. T.O.P.S meets most Tuesdays at Bekesbourne village hall, at 8pm, so if you would like to join or just come and see what we are about then please feel free to just pop along. We would love to see you there.

T.O.P.S have been busy fund raising for the groups next production which will take place on Saturday 16th September 2013, at Bekesbourne village hall. This will be our 'Take Five' evening of short plays and sketches, that unfortunately, had to be postponed earlier in the year, but all is now on course for a super evening of fun entertainment. If you would like to book tickets for this event please call Tara 01227 832414.

We will also be performing a Murder Mystery in October '13, directed by Peter Langford, one of our talented members.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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## Creative Places

### AUTUMN PROGRAMME

Creative Places is a new **Community Interest Company** that has been set up to provide a range of fun and friendly creative workshops and courses in a variety of locations for people to be able to try their hand at new things and develop new creative skills.

The first programme for Autumn 2013 has been put together and will take place at Barham Village Hall:

#### **Sewing for Beginners: Ten Week Course**

**Thursdays: 12th September – 21st November 7.30-9.30pm**

Have you always wanted to sew but don't know how? Then grab your sewing machine (or someone else's) and let's go! This ten week course will teach you how to use your sewing machine, starting with the real basics and will take you on a journey to provide you with the skills and confidence to get stitching at home. You will be invited to work on a project of your own choice in the final two weeks.

**Cost: £120 for 10 weeks (not including half term)**

#### **How to Hand Knit:**

**Thursdays: 12th September – 26th September 7pm-9pm**

Itching to get knitting? Or can you knit already but it just gets out of hand? Don't worry! Join these workshops and learn how to cast on and off, how to increase (when you want to) and decrease stitches and by the end of the three week course you will have completed a beautiful hand-made hat for the winter. Needles, pattern and wool supplied.

**Cost: £42 for all three workshops or £16 per workshop**

#### **Pottery:**

**Thursdays: 10th October – 24th October 7pm-9pm**

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#### **Soap Making**

**Thursday: 14th November 7pm-9pm**

Achieve a perfect bath time soak by learning how to make pretty soaps and candles! In one evening you can make some beautiful soap creations using melt and pour soap base and additional perfumes and colours. Create Christmas gifts that are useful and unique. All materials supplied.

**Cost: £16**

#### **Candle Making**

**Thursday: 21st November 7pm-9pm**

Spend an evening melting wax, colouring and adding wonderful fragrances to create beautiful handmade candles. These are ideal as winter gifts. All materials supplied

**Cost: £16**

#### **Further Information:**

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We are always looking for people to join our team of tutors. Please get in touch if you have a creative talent you would like to teach others. Alternatively, if there's something you've always wanted to try your hand at, let us know and we'll see what we can do!

## Creative Places

### AUTUMN PROGRAMME

**Canterbury Draft Local District Plan-** There was a detailed discussion of the Canterbury Draft Local Plan. Councillors expressed concern about the plans to build 4,000 houses in South Canterbury and the effect this would have on Bridge and the AONB as a whole. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would draft a response to the Draft Plan, which would be circulated to Councillors for comment.

**Neighbourhood Plan –** Mervyn Gulvin reported that two successful consultation events had been held in June; one in the village hall and one at the village fete. The aim had been to consult on the issues that the Neighbourhood Plan would cover. The completed questionnaires produced from those consultations were being analysed and a set of objectives would be formulated. It was reported that 'Locality' had agreed a grant of £6,640 towards the production costs of the Plan. These funds would be channelled via Parish Council accounts.

A draft Village Design Statement had been produced and would be circulated to Councillors. There would be a public consultation on the Village Design Statement towards the end of the summer, before it was submitted to the City Council.

The issue of car parking in Bridge needed to be addressed and an assessment of the current situation would be made.

**Mill Centre-** A Finance Committee meeting had been held. An application to demolish and rebuild the toilets and entrance area had been submitted to the City Council. A decision was awaited before funding could be sought. 'Locality' might be able to offer advice on funding for Community Asset Transfer. There had been no response from the City Council to the request to produce a valuation of the building.

**Electoral Review of Canterbury** Following a vote it was decided not to support the reduction in the numbers of City Councillors from 50 to 38. It was thought that a reduction in the Executive from 10 to 8 would mean that too few individuals would make decisions affecting the District. The Constituencies were already very large in the District and a reduction in Councillors could affect the level of local representation.

**Recreation Ground Lease-** A letter had been received from Savills, the agents for Cantley, owners of the recreation ground, refusing to extend the current recreation ground lease at present. It was agreed to acknowledge their reply and to express the hope that Cantley would work closely with the Parish Council in the future.

**Nailbourne Pollution –** Cllr Alan Atkinson reported that it was intended that three groups would be formulated to tackle the problem from different viewpoints; the existing LSNRMG, a Multi Agency group, which would oversee the remedial work and an Enforcement Group which would react promptly and robustly to future damaging flooding episodes. An Emergency Action Plan was being formulated which would tackle issues such as pollution, disruption, highway's verges etc. Southern Water were proposing to distribute 'FOG' funnels via which fat, oil and grease could be re-cycled, to discourage residents from tipping such substances into drains. It was yet to be determined how these products were to be collected and stored.

**The water levels were still high in the village. Tankering was due to end the following week but the process of repairing leaks would be on-going and protracted.**

**Recreation Ground –** Cllr Brigitte Ward reported that she had, with the help of Cllr Burns-Stark, removed some of the graffiti from the sandbag store, pavilion, youth shelter and play area. Some mole traps had worked up to the surface of the recreation ground. There was a possibility of children tripping over them. It was explained that the mole problem was increasing and the only effective method of control was by traps. It was agreed that the next Newsletter would include an item asking parents to tell their children to keep away from any traps that had come to the surface. The pest controller was visiting the area more frequently and re-buried traps where necessary. It was important to prevent the moles from invading the football pitch.

Bridge in Bloom – Cllr Edmonds reported that she was short-listing for the competition. Judging would take place at the end of July and Viv Brazier would assist her. Cllr Edmonds reported that the High Street planters were being tended by Vicky White, who was a Committee member of the Horticultural Society. Weeds in the High Street – A spraying programme by KCC was currently under way, although slightly behind schedule. Residents were asked to pull up any weeds outside their property to improve the appearance of the village. The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th September 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. More ways to contact your neighbourhood police officer As part of a new initiative, Police Contact Points have been launched in the east of the county in July, and will come to West Kent in August, and North Kent in September. Police Contact Points are held each day from Wednesday through to Sunday, mainly in rural locations, on a rolling two-week schedule. Our police vans stop at a prominent location for one and a half hours per visit, enabling residents to drop by and speak to a neighbourhood officer about any policing concerns or issues they may have. The new Contact Points are in addition to the existing surgeries, meetings and online question and answer sessions local officers hold each month. The contact points are currently available in Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet and by the autumn will be available across the county. Residents can follow their progress on dedicated Twitter accounts. For times and locations of the Police Contact Points, and to find out about other ways of contacting Kent Police in your area, please visit the Kent Police website

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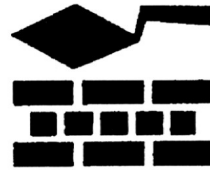
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