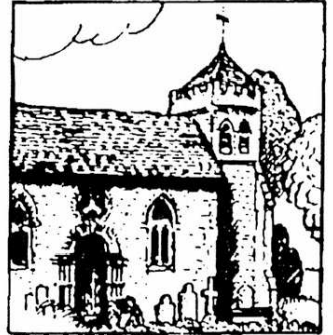


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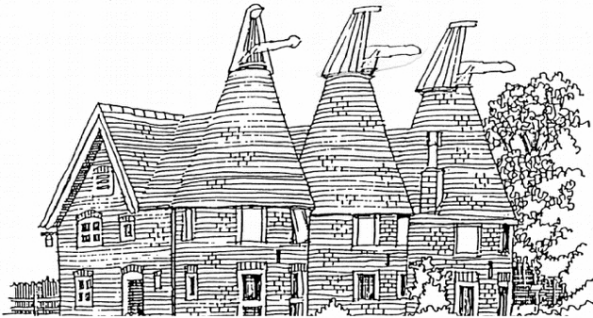
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Sunday 10 th February Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	OT: Exodus 34. 29-end G: Luke 9. 28-36
Wednesday 13 th February Ash Wednesday			7.30pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes			OT: Joel 2.1- 2,12-17 G: John 8. 1-11
Sunday 17 th February 1 st Sunday of Lent		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT: Romans 10. 8b-13 G: Luke 4. 1-13
Sunday 24 th February 2 nd Sunday of Lent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		OT: Genesis 15. 1-12,17-18 G: Luke 13.31- end
Sunday 3 rd March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Third Sunday in Lent Family Service	NT: 1 Corinthians 10. 1-13 G: Luke 13. 1-9



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Business as usual...

Well, since the interregnum (period in-between vicars) has started, now seems like a good time to answer some of the frequently asked questions that have been floating about of late. But before I do – let me reassure you that as far as life in the Benefice goes – with services, baptisms, weddings and funerals etc. it's business as usual. Come and see!

Who's in charge now? In the interregnum, the church wardens are in charge of their individual churches with the Area Dean and the Archdeacon. The curate plays a pastoral role in supporting the churchwardens and is a point of pastoral contact across the Benefice. As far as services go – we are blessed to have the generous support of our usual team of lay and ordained ministers (including our saintly band of retired clergy) plus a little extra help.



How long will it take before we get a new vicar? At least 8 months from the end of Jan 2013. It takes a few months with liaison between all the churches to write up the parish profile (this highlights the sort of person we think God is calling to minister here and where God might be leading us as a benefice in the future), after which the post can be advertised. The period from the point of advertising to the new vicar arriving is roughly 5 months, if all goes without a hitch so that makes a total of 8 months as a minimum (any new vicar usually needs to give their existing parish 3 months' notice).

Will our new vicar live in the existing vicarage in Bridge and be full-time? Yes.

Why will the 'living' be suspended in Bridge temporarily? This is for legal reasons and administrative purposes only – it will not affect the day to day life, ministry and services here in the Benefice.

What can I do to help? Please pray for the churchwardens, lay ministers, curate, retired clergy helpers, Area Dean and Archdeacon as we journey on in the interregnum and form the parish profile – for wisdom and discernment. Please also pray for our new vicar for grace that he or she may hear God's invitation to serve in this Benefice!

So...what now?

A bit like the disciples after Jesus' ascension into heaven...staring a-gog into the sky ... we might feel a bit lost without our vicar....we might feel like lack lustre Christians singing: "sit up, sit up for Jesus" or "Take my life and let me be..." but sooner or later the Holy Spirit will revive us once again with Jesus' call to 'go out into the world and make disciples of all the nations' she will strengthen us as we journey on and outwards in mission. As Fr John McKenna reminds us, in his reflection on the 'Ascension', "The Christian is a missionary, one who will not sit at home, but will leave comfort and comfort zones with the love of God burning in their hearts. Disciples are made — by welcoming people into our hearts. Disciples are made — welcoming people into an embracing community."

May it be so with us all. God bless you, Julia

Your Parish Matters

Christenings

18.11.12	Bridge	Georgia Lilly Dennett
02.12.12	Bekesbourne	Alfie James Pidcock
02.12.12	Bekesbourne	Ellie Mae Pidcock
02.12.12	Bekesbourne	Charlie Luca Dobson
02.12.12	Bekesbourne	Lily Jane Dobson

Funerals

06.12.12 Thea Carr

Memorial Services

09.01.13 Dr. Ashley
John Cooper

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 5th February**.

All welcome. Contact Rev. Julia on 830265.

Bible Study Group. The next meeting will be held at 21 High Street, Bridge on **Wednesday 20th February at 7.30pm**.

All welcome. (Adults from age 17 and up!).

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.*

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		15.00 Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		20.00 After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
07/02	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
11/02	19.30	Caring & Sharing
12/02	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
13/02	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
13/02	14.00	Social Afternoon at

John Baker White Memorial Hall,

Lower Hardres

19/02	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
19/02	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
20/02	14.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
		19.30 Bible Study Group, 21 High St., Bridge
25/02	19.30	Caring & Sharing
26/02	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

5th/6th October Art in Bridge

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.

The Vicar is moving...

Since the publication of the last edition of the Parish Magazine, rather a lot has been happening at the Vicarage. At the end of November, following an interview process, I was offered the new post of the Priest in Charge of St Mary of Charity Faversham leading a proposed team ministry based in the town by Bishop Trevor. I have subsequently accepted the new post and will have moved from Bridge by the time you receive this magazine. It may seem that I am moving with undue haste but due to other commitments outside the parish this coming year with the Army, I felt that it was important to settle Gail and Josh into the new parish as quickly as possible. This is something which I am pleased the Bishop has supported.

I am to be licensed in St Mary of Charity on Shrove Tuesday 12th February at 7.30pm by the Bishop of Dover. Members of all parishes are warmly invited to attend. Please advise a Church Warden of your wish to attend so that we have an idea of numbers.

On behalf of Gail, Josh and myself, I thank you all for the kind words, cards and the generous gift you so kindly gave us at our leaving service on the Feast of Epiphany. We have all felt tremendously supported and cared for in our time in the Benefice. As we move to Faversham we are aware how many friends we have made and how you have allowed us the privilege of sharing the past six years with you all. We move to our new parish trusting in God not only for ourselves but also for your care as well. There are so many precious memories we take with us and you all as a group of communities have a special place in our hearts.

Yours in Christ

The Revd. Simon Rowlands

Electoral Roll

In March/April 2013 the Electoral Roll has to be completely revised. From Sunday March 3rd forms will be available in the churches. If you wish to be included on the new Roll, please complete a form and return it to Revd. Julia or one of the churchwardens.

The Responsibility is Ours

On behalf on the PCC can I express our gratitude to the parishioners of both St. Mary's and St. Peter's for the response to our TRIO appeal. 55 parishioners responded, many of which pledged to continue their Planned Giving, and 32 either increased their contribution or became contributors for the first time. The additional funds generated will greatly assist with covering ever increasing costs.

Clive Medhurst
Hon. Treasurer

VILLAGE DIARY

The Parish Council has set up an on line events diary on the parish web site. We wish to avoid clashes between village societies etc. especially fund raising events. To ascertain if dates are free, access the village web site and click on the small calendar to the right of the events box.

Would the secretaries of the relevant groups please email "events@BridgeVillage.org.uk" with their programme as soon as possible, after it has been arranged for the following year. Please include the date(s), times), location, a brief description, and if possible a contact name/telephone number/email. We hope that this initiative will be helpful in the future.

Ann Edmonds
Bridge Parish Council

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

The monthly Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 13th February from 10 to 11.15 in Bridge Village Hall. Everybody is most welcome for a coffee or tea and a chat.

Bridge History Society

Our February meeting will be held on Thursday 21 February at 7.30 in Bridge Village Hall. Colin Breed will be talking to us about his experiences as the person in charge of the protection of members past and present of the Royal Family during their visits to Kent. His talk will be illustrated by film clips, many of which have not been seen before. There will be a buffet to follow the talk, supplied by the Plough and Harrow, and tea and coffee are included in the price. If you would like other drinks, we request that you bring your own. This meeting is our annual Members Evening – but non-members are welcome at an additional price. Members £8.50; non-members £12.

Meriel Connor

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We had a good meeting in January despite some sad news - we lost one of our foremost members, Fred Bennett, who passed away recently. He will be sadly missed. We have a fairly quiet time just after new year but it will not last!! We are planning another Beef Pudding Supper Night in the spring at the Hay Wain, Bramling. More details on that later. Our next 2 monthly meetings will be held on Tuesdays, 12th February and 12th March both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

Bekesbourne Choir Vestry

Christmas at Bekesbourne was memorable, but not only as it was Simon's last service at St Peter's with a congregation of 160 filling every available inch. We were also appreciating the successful completion of the choir vestry project at the back of the church. The composting toilet is a source of interest to the children and brings relief to all! The new cupboards and pine panelling round the cubicle have been beautifully crafted. Below the floors, rotting timbers have been replaced and damp proof course inserted, together with ventilation pipes to prevent further rot in this area.

The final cost of just over £35,000 has been met by generous grants from Viridor Landfill Tax, Marshall's Charity, the Allchurches Trust, the Garfield Weston Foundation, Kent County Council (via Michael Northey), Bekesbourne Parish Council, the Tory Family Foundation, the Beatrice Laing Trust, the Archbishop's Charitable Trust and a few well-wishers both local and further afield. The panelling to the screen was restored in memory of John Ash of Parsonage Farm. The project was pump-primed by a donation from the Friends of Bekesbourne Church and wouldn't have been possible without their help.

'Before' and 'after' photos are on the Bridge Benefice website.

A service of thanksgiving for the project will be held at St Peter's at 3.30pm on Sunday 30 April at which Archdeacon Sheila will be present. All are welcome.

Christmas Show at Bekesbourne Village Hall

The Occasional Performance Society (T.O.P.S.) based in Bekesbourne presented its Christmas Show to packed audiences on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th December 2012. The wide variety of festive songs and comic sketches had something to appeal to everyone present and we all went home with our spirits cheered. Clear and effective narrators engaged the audience's interest and introduced each highly professional act. The singers were excellent and gave us a medley of songs ranging from Bing Crosby's 'I'm dreaming of a White Christmas' with enthusiastic audience participation to an Elvis tribute act accompanied by some screaming female fans. A fast paced series of comic sketches had everyone laughing hilariously. Of particular note were two drunks in New York and an impersonation of Fanny Craddock which particularly amused older cooks in the audience.

This was the second performance for this newly created group with a local membership which spans all age groups. Its directors are to be congratulated in creating such a range of very well rehearsed acts, decorous costumes and efficient stage management and lighting. As anyone who has ever been involved in a performance for a live audience knows, an effective performance takes a great deal of time and hard work from everyone involved. The Chair of T.O.P.S, Pam Ginman said, 'I am delighted that we had such a good rapport with our audience who understood our philosophy which came into being to carry forward the community spirit created by the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.' The T.O.P.S. company have certainly got off to an excellent start and we look forward to their 'Murder Mystery Evening' on Saturday 2nd March 2013.

Gillian Woodhouse

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We would love to see you again this year at our Lent Lunches of home-made soup and bread!

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1st Bridge Rainbows News

2012 was another busy year for Rainbows, the youngest section of Girlguiding. We celebrated the 25th Birthday of Rainbows nationwide with a special challenge badge and party complete with tea, games and cake! Locally we travelled by bus to Dane John Gardens, walked to Bifrons Farm to see the lambs, visited Howletts Zoo and had a meeting at Build-a-Bear creating our newest mascot named Diamond in honour of the Queens Jubilee. We also had a day out in London attending Girlguiding HQ, seeing where the Queen lives and where she keeps her carriages.

Our meetings follow the Rainbow jigsaw programme of 'Look, Learn, Laugh, Love'. Each week is based on one topic which is explored through chat, song, games and craft activities. Topics during 2012 ranged from Penguins in Antarctica, Chocolate from Gambia, to 'Being Happy', Yetis, and the ever popular Haggis from Scotland!

After 16 years the present leader will be leaving in July. The unit urgently needs someone to take over. Guiding involves giving time and energy but it's very rewarding and great fun. If you would like to find out more please contact Sarah Wetherell on 01227 830318. Bridge Rainbows is thriving and has a long waiting list, please help your community and find out more about this opportunity to be part of Girlguiding.

Teashop at Elham Valley Vineyard

May we apologize to all our regular customers for a rather extended period of closure of the Teashop whilst we refurbish the kitchen to accommodate more of our Catering students. We initially hoped to re-open after Christmas on 2nd January but when we cleared the kitchen we discovered some potentially dangerous electric wiring and had to wait for a visit by a qualified electrician before continuing with the work. Unfortunately he couldn't come until 4th January so this delayed everything for over a week! We hope now to re-open by mid-January with our new, improved kitchen facilities which will enable us to go from strength to strength with this very popular venue. All enquiries for weddings, christenings, buffets, cakes etc should go to Claire or Karen on 01227 831266. A Happy New Year to you all.

Sue Goddard

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Bridge Farmers' Market

Bridge Farmers' Market will be on the 9th and the 23rd of this month, February 2013, at the usual time, 9 am - 12 noon and at the usual venue, the Red Lion Inn.

In February we will have coming back Hilde from Catering 4 Kent who will be demonstrating her cooking skills with all the lovely produce at the market - giving you recipes and recipes to take home - you may have sampled some of her delicious pumpkin recipes in the autumn.

Though it may not seem like it the days are getting longer and a trip along to see us is a great way to shake off the winter gloom. Then it's back home for some serious comfort eating. If you just need to boost your immune system with all our delicious vegetables, meat and game. For meat eaters game is a great seasonal choice. Most modern game is lean and full of flavour and just needs to be stir fried or griddled. Guinea fowl, wood pigeon, venison, hare, partridge and pheasant are all good in February, whilst the comfort eaters might like to try some really slow cooked mutton - delicious.

Serve your meat with the best of all the cabbages and brassicas that are around now. Savoy cabbage, sprouts, purple sprouting broccoli and cauliflower all work really well in stir fries and curries, or you can simply steam them with a little seasoning. Maincrop potatoes, jerusalem artichokes, parsnips and turnips provide the accompaniment to the game dishes and provide the starch that keeps us going through the cold winter months.

If you didn't make it to our first market of 2013 on January 12th you missed a really talented local folk band 'The Beards' who entertained us brilliantly in the freezing cold and managed to get a plug on Radio Kent as we were live on air at the time - lucky for us they are returning again in the spring - don't miss them.

Come along and buy all your **local seasonal produce** from us this month, and every month - everything at the market is grown, made, baked etc. within 30 miles of Bridge so it truly is local - hope to see you soon.

Pam Dobson



great to the health of our dogs and cats in Britain and the Sick Animals (PDSA), a veterinary charity, estimates that of the UK canine population and 3 million cats – a quarter overweight. The charities 2012 Animal Wellbeing report found and 86% of cat owners admitted to feeding their pets cheese, crisps, biscuits, toast and takeaways.

ely affect your pet's health. It puts extra strain on the limbs study showed that overweight dogs require treatment for ur years sooner than dogs at an optimum weight. Obesity heart disease and diabetes as it does in humans.

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You should be able to see and feel the outline of your pet's ribs, and it's waist should be obvious when viewed from above. The stomach should also be tucked up when viewed from the side. If you think your pet is overweight, we can help you make them feel much more comfortable and enjoy life more. Please give us a call at **Bourne Veterinary Practice** on **01227 832322** if you would like any further advice or information.

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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 13th December 2012

Councillor Robert Moon was welcomed as a newly elected member of the parish council and congratulated on his strong election performance.

Snow & Ice Clearance -Cllr Bill Oakey reported that he had had a good response to his call for volunteers to help with clearing snow and ice from the pavements. He would be meeting volunteers shortly. The parish council agreed to buy salt and any equipment that might be required.

Recreation Ground – The old George Pratt memorial bench was reported to be in a poor state. It was agreed to replace it with the new George Pratt memorial bench, which was presently situated by the lay by at the recreation ground. The spare parts for the larger swing bank had been received.

Cllr John Hill commented on the excellent job that had been done in installing the new brackets at the pavilion to try to protect the guttering from frequent vandalism.

Sycamore tree on recreation ground – It was agreed to authorise the tree work proposed for the sycamore tree on the recreation ground, which had been recommended by the city council's Arboricultural Officer, i.e. reduce the height by 20% and inspect the cavities.

Purchase of Plaque for Diamond Jubilee Tree- Councillors decided not to opt for the more expensive brass plaque to commemorate the diamond jubilee oak tree because of the cost and the danger of metal theft. It was agreed to opt for a less expensive alternative made from an artificial material.

Bridge Village Sign – Cllr Hill reported that the village sign was in need of refurbishment. It was agreed to ask a local tradesman to do the restoration work

Twinning Sign – Cllr Brigitte Ward showed councillors the design of the new Bridge signs which would indicate that Bridge was twinned with St Andre, which the approved. The signs would be paid by St Andre from EU funding.

Christmas trees – Cllr Hill thanked councillors and residents who had helped to erect a record number of Christmas trees in the High Street on 1st December. The trees would be taken down on 5th January and it was hoped that many residents would come and help to do this.

Recreation ground fence – Cllr Robert Moon reported that the new fence would be erected on the recreation ground by the pavilion in the first week of the New Year.

Review of Parish Precept requirement – In the light of a Government change in the funding of parish council precepts, which could result in lower grants available to parish councils after the next financial year, it was decided to increase the parish council's precept requirement for 2013/14 by £3,000 to £28,707._

Replacement windows for the village hall – Councillors objected to the Village Hall Management Committee's proposal to replace the wooden window frames of the village hall with plastic frames because they considered this was inappropriate in a Conservation Area. It was agreed to ask the Village Hall Management Committee to submit three quotations for wooden replacement frames

Recreation Ground – Cllr John Corfield reported that a hole was developing in the earth floor of the youth shelter. The Recreation Ground Committee would see what could be done to repair it.

Cllr Robert Moon was thanked for his work to repair and increase the height of the fence between the recreation ground and Riverside Close

A **Spring Working Party** would take place on the recreation ground on Saturday 6th April. Volunteers should assemble at the pavilion at 9.30am

Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group - Cllr Alan Atkinson drew councillors' attention to the report from the Environment Agency circulated by LSNRMG reporting that the Nailbourne level was rising and suggesting that there could again be problems with sewage contaminating the river. Residents should ensure that the river bed was not blocked by obstructions that could impede the river flow.

Date of the Annual Parish Meeting – The date of the Annual Parish Meeting will be Thursday 2nd May. It was agreed to invite Larissa Laing, the Head of the City Council's Environmental Services, to the meeting to talk about the new system of waste collection and recycling.

Village Diary- Cllr Ann Edmunds explained that there had been clashes of dates for some events in the village and a system was needed for societies to publicise their programmes for the year in a way that would be easily available to other groups. It was agreed that an electronic calendar on the village website would be the best solution. Cllr Corfield agreed to discuss this with Mark Esdale, who is jointly responsible for the village website.

Dog waste bin for Brewery Lane – In view of the amount of dog mess in the area, it was agreed that the city council would be asked to provide a dog waste bin for Brewery Lane and locate it near the entrance to the water meadows.

Street lamp in Mill Lane- Cllr Moon reported that branches from trees outside the oil depot were obscuring the street lamp in Mill Lane. Kent Highway Services would be asked to cut them back.

Fire hydrants- The council decided not to take over responsibility for maintaining fire hydrants in the village from Kent Fire & Rescue Service

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th February 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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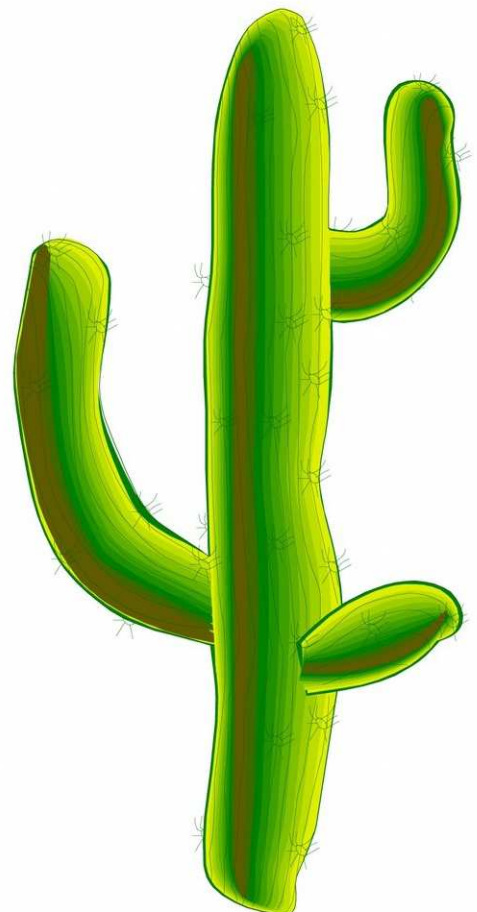
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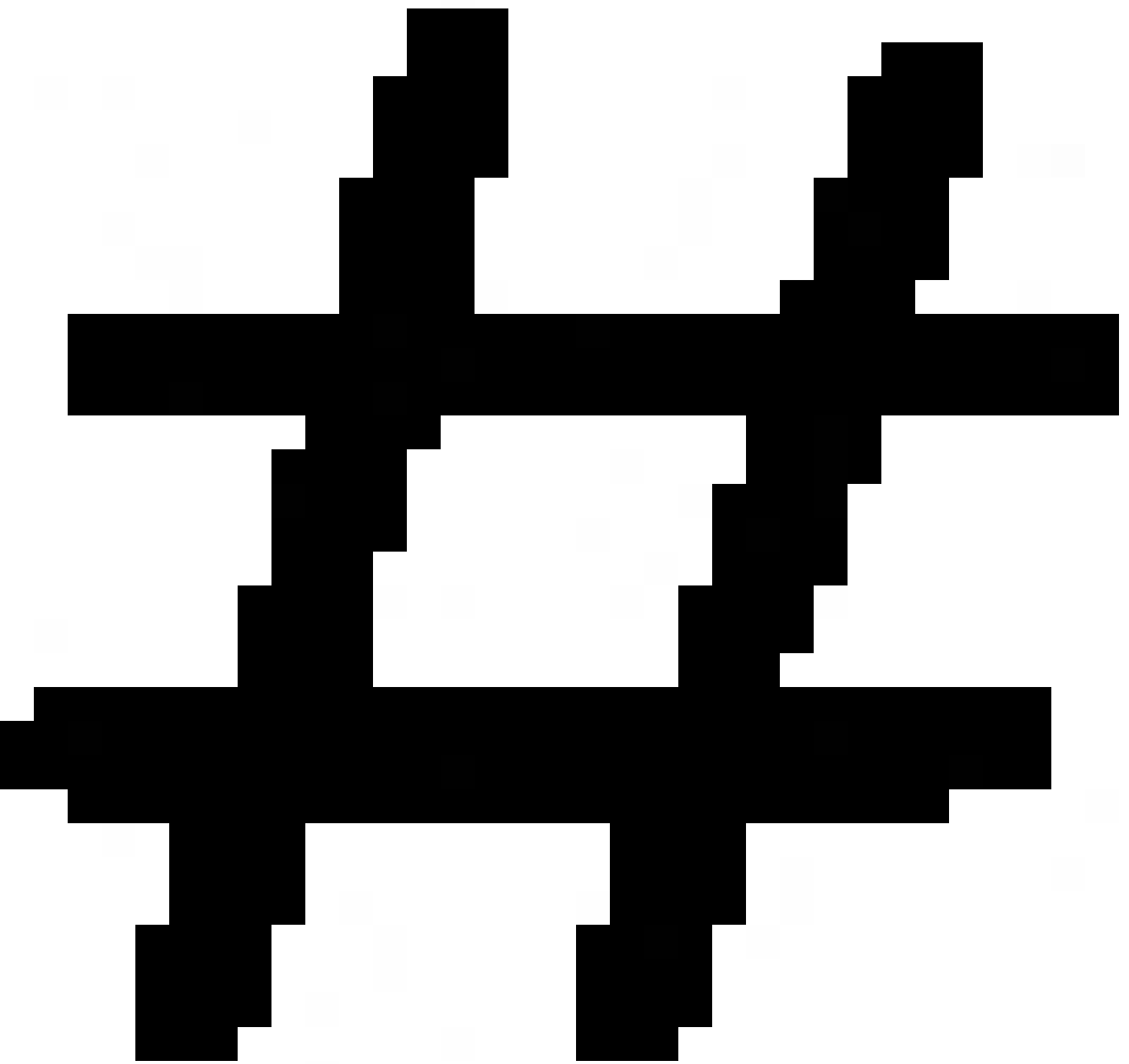
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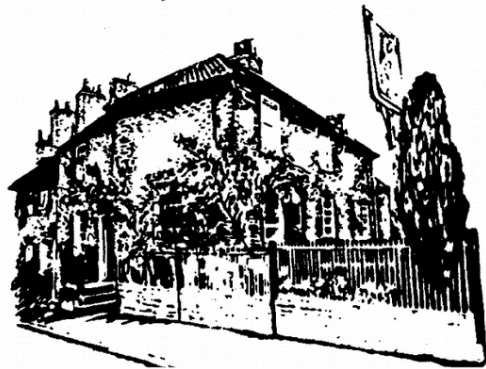
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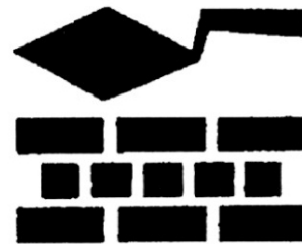
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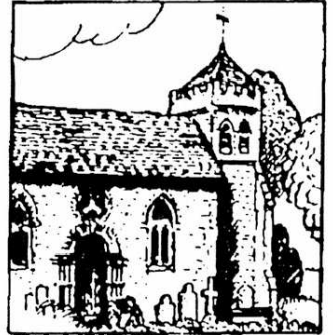
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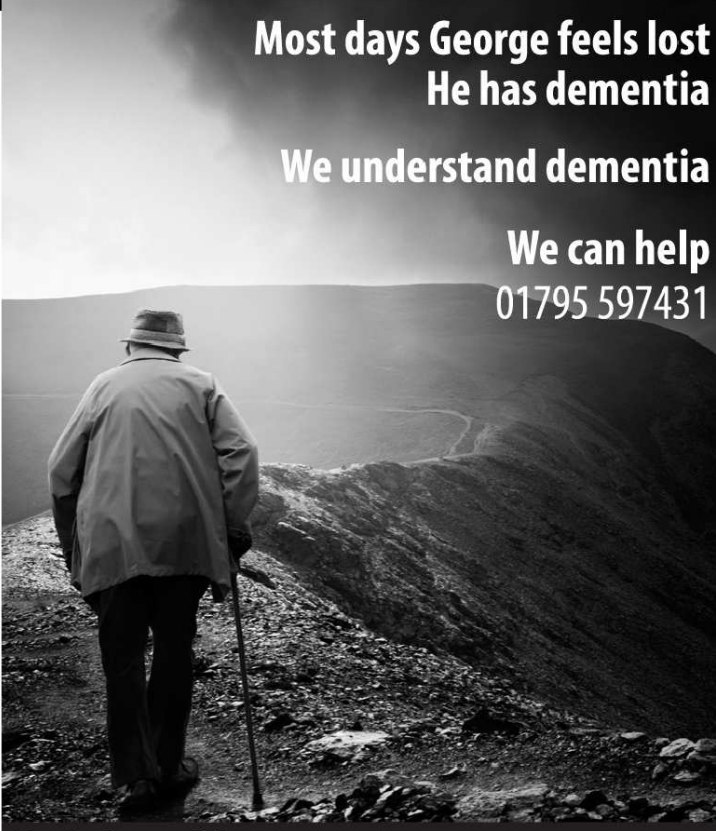
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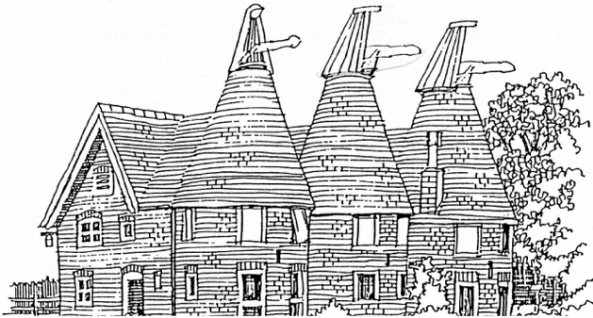
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Sunday 3 rd March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	8.00 am BCP Communion TBC	11.00 am Family Communion Canon A. Duke	6.00 pm Evensong Rev J. Pickles	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Rev J. Pickles		NT : 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 G : Luke 13: 1-9
Sunday 10 th March 4 th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Rev J. Pickles	9.30 am Mothering Sunday Family Service Mrs M. Clarke & Family Service Team	9.30 am Family Communion Canon R. Humphriss		8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J. Pickles 9.30 am Mothering Sunday Family Service Mrs P. Kusel	OT : Exodus 2: 1- 10 G : John 19: 25b- 27
Sunday 17 th March 5 th Sunday of Lent		6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M. Clarke	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Canon G, Manley	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J. Pickles	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Rev J. Pickles	NT : Philippians 3 : 4b-14 G : John 12 : 1-8
Sunday 24 th March Palm Sunday	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Rev J. Pickles		8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J. Pickles 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins Mrs M. Clarke		OT : Psalm 118 : 1-2, 19-end G : Luke 19 : 28- 40
Sunday 31 st March Easter Sunday	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Rev V. Malan	11.00 am Family Communion Rev J. Pickles	9.30 am Family Communion Rev J. Pickles	11.00 am Sung Eucharist Canon R. Humphriss	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon G. Manley	NT : Acts 10 : 34-43 G : John 20 : 1-18
Sunday 7 th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter				9.30 am Benefice Service		

Ministers may be subject to change

HOLY WEEK IN THE BENEFICE

Monday 25 th March	7.30pm	Compline	Nackington
Tuesday 26 th March	7.30pm	Compline	Bekesbourne
Wednesday 27 th March	7.30pm	Compline	Lower Hardres
Maunday Thursday	7.30pm	Holy Communion with foot washing	Bridge
Good Friday	9.30 am	Easter Arts & Crafts Workshop	Lower Hardres JBW Hall
	2.00 pm	Good Friday Service	Patixbourne
Easter Eve	8.00 pm	Service of Light and Holy Communion	Bekesbourne
Easter Day	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Bekesbourne
	9.30 am	Family Communion	Bridge
	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Nackington
	11.00 am	Family Communion	Lower Hardres
	11.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Patixbourne



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After reading the small print, we know that the first box was a bargain but that future boxes will incur hidden charges; what looks like a good deal on the surface is actually not cost effective and at any rate, we're going to be finishing off the large number of leftovers from the first case at his second ordination party this summer – we wouldn't be able to cope with an annual box, let alone a monthly one!

People often realise that coming back to former suppliers or companies doesn't always deliver the service or the hope that is advertised; disappointment almost always inevitably ensues. But coming back to God in Lent or at any time is different. God will never disappoint us. He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love (Joel 2:13). Ready to forgive us and help us start afresh, God waits patiently to throw his arms around us in love.

Traditionally, Lent is a time for repentance, for turning back to God – drawing closer and deeper in our relationship with him. In the Benefice, you are warmly invited to join us as we all try to come back to God in two obvious ways: firstly, through following our **Lent course "Guides not guards"** on Wednesday nights at Bridge School throughout Lent (7:30pm-9pm), which we hope will lead us deeper into the mystery of God. And finally, by worshipping with us on **Good Friday** as part of your Easter journey (2pm St Mary's, Patrixbourne) as we come back to God together at the foot of the cross – this service has made a comeback this year! The Good Friday service is stark, mysterious, sorrowful and beautiful at the same time and without the cross, our joy on Easter Sunday morning at the resurrection doesn't make sense. So this lent and Easter, why not joins us in coming back to God by sharing in the full journey of Easter, cross, resurrection and beyond?

God bless you and your families, Julia

Your Parish Matters

Christenings

02.02.13 Bridge Ffion Mari Edwards

Funerals

31.01.13 Rosina May Webb

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 5th March.**

All welcome. Contact Rev. Julia on 830265.

Lent Group. The 2013 Diocesan Lent Course invites us to deepen our capacity to be awed and amazed by Jesus Christ and to enter into the mystery of God. Bridge Benefice Lent groups will be held at Bridge School on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm-9pm. The group will meet on the following Wednesdays : 6th March, 13th March and 20th March. All welcome

Lent Lunches. There will be homemade soup and bread lunches from the 6th to the 27th of March between 12-1.30pm at 1 Riverside Mews. Everyone is welcome, especially if you have not been before. All donations will go to Christian Aid. Please ring Jean on 831956 to book.

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*

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	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
06/03	19.30	Lent Group, Bridge School
07/03	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
11/03	19.30	Caring & Sharing
12/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
13/03	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge
Village Hall		
13/03	14.00	Social Afternoon at John Baker White
	Memorial	
		Hall, Lower Hardres
	19.30	Lent Group, Bridge School
19/03	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
19/03	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
20/03	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
		19.30 Lent Group, Bridge School
25/03	19.30	Caring & Sharing
26/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

5th/6th October Art in Bridge

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.

"At peace" by Joyce Huggett

You are my peace, O Lord.

*From the thousand wearinesses of the day-to-day,
from the disappointments, from the nervous and senseless haste,
I turn to you and am at peace.*

The clamour dies.

I spring to life in the sunshine of your presence.

*Even so, come, Lord Jesus,
to this heart of mine.*

"Mothering Sunday at Lower Hardres – We shall be holding our traditional Mothering Sunday Service at 9.30am on Sunday 10th March. Please note in your diary that this a week earlier than our usual Family Service. Evensong and Family Service have swapped Sundays for March to accommodate this service."

Bekesbourne Family Service in March has been moved to the 2nd Sunday — 10th March so we can celebrate Mothering Sunday with our traditional distribution of "poses". Looking forward to seeing you there.

Electoral Roll - Parish of Patribourne with Bridge / Parish of Bekesbourne

As you may know the Electoral Roll is to be completely revised this year. Forms will be in church from Sunday March 3rd. If you wish to be included on the new Roll please complete a form and return it by April 2nd to Revd. Julia or one of the churchwardens. Bekesbourne parishioners can also return forms to Mrs Maggie Field.

BENEFICE WORKSHOP GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH AT JOHN BAKER WHITE HALL . This event will take place at 9-30 am .It will end with a a very short service and home at 12 noon . There will be a charge . Names please to Julie Cox 788316 or Margaret Clarke 765598 .If your child is pre school please stay with him/her. It will be lovely to see you . Margaret Clarke . Fish (Neighbourly Help) News. Tel no: 07935 966 080 Everyone is most welcome at the Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall between 10 and 11.15 am on Wednesday April 10th. As well as knitting wool for garments for needy children there is also a paperback exchange. *****
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Rosalie Stacey

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She first became organist at Womenswold, then Wickhambreaux and finally Aylesham, before replacing Grace Allen at Patricxbourne many years ago. She continued the tradition of the Patricxbourne Carol Service, and the sizeable choir she recruited seemed to enjoy coming as they always answered her summons each year.

When Bekesbourne also came to need an organist, she combined this with her duties at Patricxbourne. This continued until she began to find it difficult to get up the steep path at Bekesbourne. She then successfully persuaded John Harris to replace her as organist at both churches.

Many local children (and some of their parents) will also remember her fondly as a kindly and encouraging piano teacher.

Thea Florence Carr (nee Smith) 1922 - 2012

Thea was born on 8th January 1922 in Blenheim, New Zealand. She came to England in the 1950s to further her studies in music and drama, attending Trinity College of Music in London. She held posts in teaching singing, piano and voice training. She married her husband William Carr in 1965, and the couple settled in Hampton, Middlesex, William being employed as an Immigration Officer at London Heathrow Airport. William had also been trained in music and drama, and they took an active part in the cultural life of the area, becoming members and singing regularly with the London Bach Society.

In 1981 William's job moved him to Dover, and he and Thea settled into Wayside Cottage in Bridge High Street. They took an active part in the musical and dramatic life of the area. They took lead roles in the Mystery Plays performed in Canterbury Cathedral. When Kent Opera performed in Canterbury they kept open house for performers so as to relax, unwind and take refreshment.

After William died in 1996 Thea bravely carried on alone. She was an active member of the choir here at St Peter's and an inspirational, committed teacher, of voice, drama, singing and piano.

Thea will always be remembered with affection by her relatives, friends and students. She always showed warm, sympathetic understanding of others, and kept her sense of humour even when in considerable pain. She leaves no close relatives in England, but seventeen nephews and nieces in New Zealand, Australia, California, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

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Bridge with Patribourne Women's Institute

For the monthly meeting on Tuesday 19 March, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, popular speaker Mr Don Wilks is returning to Bridge to talk this time about "Paddlers, Waders and Swimmers". As always his talk will be illustrated with magnificent photos of these birds - a real treat. If you are not a member but are interested in the talk, or indeed would like to see if the WI is for you, please come along and join us on 19 March. You will be made most welcome. Bridge History Society In either March or April, the Society is still hoping to visit Cobham Hall, the one-time home of the Earl of Darnley. At the time of going to press it has not been possible to finalise the arrangements for this visit with the owners. A Newsletter will be distributed shortly once details of this visit become available. For further information please contact David Gilmour on 832450. Like many other small societies and organisations, we are hoping to decrease the amount we spend on postage, which has recently increased significantly. We would be most grateful if any of our members who are available on email, whose email addresses we do not have, would be kind enough to register your email address with us at the next meeting you attend. This will help us easily to keep you informed of any changes in our programme and also reduce our postage costs. Finally, we would be pleased to increase our membership numbers. If you see an event which you think might interest a friend, please encourage them to come along. We would be delighted to see them.

Muriel Connor Wild Flower Project Working Party Recreation Ground Spring is round the corner! There will be a Working Party on Saturday 6th April from 9 30 am on the Recreation Ground. If you can spare part of the morning to come and help your time would be appreciated. Jobs include weeding, pruning and tidying the areas round the pavilion and further work on establishing the wild flower area by the tennis courts. Please bring warm clothing and your own gardening tools. If you cannot help, come and have a look at the work that has been done in the past. Your ideas and suggestions would be welcomed. Sue Hodges 01227 830311



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March sees the start of the winter at the Farmers' Market and a chance to savour the last of all those wonderful comfort foods. Soon Spring will be with us and with the changing of the seasons new ingredients will come into play, and we can enjoy new food at it's finest. We will also have the knowledge that we will be supporting local growers and producers who are working flat out to cope with the challenges of our changing climate.

Pork is an excellent choice this month, ideal for a hearty roast with the family. Try a shoulder joint for a great combination of flavour and texture. Rough shooting takes over as the end of the season has arrived for many game birds, and rabbit and wood pigeon are great value now.

Winter cabbages, cauliflower, spring greens and kale are all picking well now. They need little cooking and are really at their best shredded and steamed, or quickly stir fried with ginger, garlic and chilli as a great accompaniment to sausages. Make the most of leeks, radishes, carrots, swede and jerusalem artichokes before they disappear.

If you tried Hilde's delicious recipes at the market last month and want to try them at home you can leave your contact details with Hilde at the market and she will mail it to you, or just email me at cr.dobson@virgin.net and I will email you the recipe you request. We hope to have them on the website soon as well. Hilde runs Catering4Kent in Ashford and comes along to share her love of cooking and show us how we can make the most of what the market can offer. If you haven't tried one of her creations stop at her stall next time - just follow the delicious aroma!

Our March market dates are **March 9th** and **March 23rd** and the 23rd March will be our special Easter Spring market with lots of guest stalls for you to enjoy before Easter. Come along and buy your local Easter eggs and other chocolates, cakes, Easter gifts and stock up on seasonal meat and vegetables for the long bank holiday weekend.

Happy Easter to all our customers.

Pam Dobson

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Nailbourne Horticultural Society, this the oldest society in Bridge, was held on Tuesday 22nd January at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall attended by 30 people.

It was reported that in spite of the difficult weather conditions in 2012, members had put on good displays at both the Spring and Summer Shows. These had both been held on Saturday mornings, to coincide with the Farmers' Market, in Bridge Village Hall to attract more visitors, which proved successful.

The Treasurer reported that although the figures for the year looked to be in profit, they were in fact false as the dates of the Direct Debit for insurance had been changed, so an increase in subscriptions would be likely for 2014. The combined societies talk by Helen Yemm had made a profit of £134 .47 for each society.

The President, Ann Shirley, thanked all the members of the committee for organizing the speakers, shows and outing to Hadlow College, and for helping behind the scenes at every event. She encouraged everyone to plant more trees and to plant less common or non-native trees to combat the failure by disease of some of our native trees.

One member resigned and two new members volunteered to serve on the committee. Raj Dasan agreed to stay on for one more year as Chairman, Mona Butrous offered to shadow the long-standing Secretary, Kathy Walder, with a view to taking over in 2014. The Treasurer, Ann Edmonds, also wants someone to shadow her with a view to taking over in a year or two but there were no volunteers.

The Spring and Summer Show Schedules had been prepared with some changes, details available at the meeting and will be advertised. Every member was encouraged to enter at least one class to ensure the continuing success of the society.

After the AGM, Una Smith gave an interesting, illustrated talk about the National Garden Scheme and her garden at Womenswold. She was thanked for giving the talk and for her services to the committee.

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

The Society begins this year's programme of meetings in Bridge Village Hall with its AGM on Wednesday 13 March. The evening starts at 7.30 with refreshments and time for a chat with fellow members prior to the formal part of the proceedings at 8.00 pm.

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SATURDAY 13th APRIL 2013 – exhibitors 8.00 onwards – doors close at 10.00 for judging. Doors open again at 11.00 for visitors and participants. Coffees will be served. Raffle and plant sales.

Prize giving at 12.00 noon. Even if you don't participate, just call in to have a look, buy a plant, have a coffee and meet friends!

Schedules have been handed out to all members – please contact Lesley Forwood on 832175 or lesley.forwood@virgin.net if you are a member and do not have a copy.

The **OPEN COMPETITION** for everyone (all ages) for the Spring Show will be:

MRS POST'S LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE – as found in Paul Hollywood's book 'How to Bake'. The recipe is available in the Schedules or for non-members it can be picked up from:

Bridge C of E Primary School reception, the Post Office, Nicholas James Hairdressers or Mervyn Gulvin's office (opp the Red Lion PH).

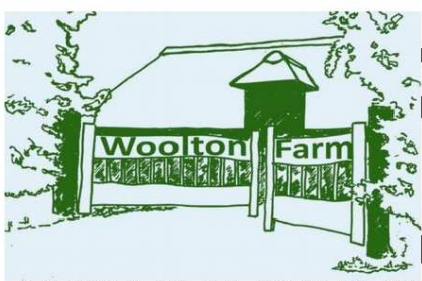
A copy of the recipe will also be printed in the April copy of 'On the Nail'. Alternatively contact Lesley Forwood (as above) for a copy.

PRIZE: copy of 'How to Bake' signed by both Paul Hollywood and Mrs Post

SATURDAY 13th JULY 2013 – same times and general information as for the Spring Show – further details on the event nearer the time but importantly the **OPEN COMPETITION** for everyone (all ages) for the Summer Show will be:

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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 14th February 2013

Pollution in the Nailbourne – Cllr Alan Atkinson would represent the parish council at the meeting of the Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group. He would report that the parish council was appalled by the way sewage was being pumped into the Nailbourne. This had happened in two out of the past three years. The sewer needed replacing. Cllr Atkinson reported that some work had been done to the sewer but that the pipe work was not watertight everywhere and, as a result, ground water was seeping into the sewer. The pumping station was not working.

Snow Clearing arrangements – Cllr Bill Oakey reported that the new team of volunteers had managed to keep the pavements of Bridge clear of snow and ice over the weekend of 19/20th January. There were now 14 volunteers and around £200 had been spent on equipment and rock salt. Bridge Down residents had organised their own snow clearance but it was hoped that they would join the team. Cllr Oakey would leaflet Bridge Down with details. Cllr Sue Hodges reported that the steps from Bridge Hill to Bridge Down had not been cleared. More volunteers would be welcome. Cllr John Hill thanked Cllrs Oakey and Moon for their hard work and for organising the new system.

Annual village litter pick – Cllr Brigitte Ward would organise a village litter pick on Saturday 16th. March. Volunteers should meet at Bridge Post office at 9.30am. New high visibility vests were needed and the Council accepted a quotation from Workwear Express for 24 new vests overprinted with 'Bridge Volunteer'. Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Ward and her team of volunteers for their efforts to keep the village free from litter.

New Parking Proposals – The Council did not support the proposal to put double yellow lines at the corner of Brewery Lane and Bridgeford Way. However the proposal to put double yellow lines between the chicanes on Town Hill was strongly supported because of the danger posed by parents who parked in this area when collecting children from Bridge School. These comments would be passed to the Joint Transportation Committee for consideration at its meeting on 19th February. Cllr Oakey would put the case in support of Bridge.

Health Centre Proposals – Councillors who had attended the public meeting on 11th. February reported that staff of Bridge Health Centre had assured patients that there would be no diminution of services following the proposed merger with the London Road Surgery. Councillors expressed some concern over the possible increase in traffic along Patricbourne Road.

Rural Area Member Panel Grants – Cllr Atkinson drew the council's attention to the RAMP fund and thought that some organisations in the village might benefit from such funds if they were made aware of them. The Clerk reported that the Farmer's Market Committee intended to submit a request for funding for market equipment from RAMP.

Replacement windows for the village hall- Councillors had seen the three quotations obtained for replacing the windows of the village hall with double glazed wood framed windows. Councillors supported the choice of contractor made by Mr Gulvin._

Youth Shelter floor – The hole which had developed in the youth shelter floor would need to be repaired by installing a concrete floor. The Clerk would obtain two quotations for this work.

Recreation Ground –Cllrs Hill and Moon were thanked for installing the Jubilee plaque. Cllr Sue Hodges reported that vandals had damaged the door to the sandbag store. The store was still secure. Cllr Robert Moon would assess the damage and the Clerk would get new quotations for its repair since the original contractor had been unable to undertake the work. After a vote it was agreed that Cllr Hodges should purchase pyracantha shrubs to plant against the newly repaired fence between Riverside Close and the recreation ground.

Correction ; The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at on Wednesday 1st May at 7.30 in Bridge Village Hall. (Not 2nd May as previously stated in ‘On the Nail’.) The main speaker will be Larissa Reid, Head of Canterbury City Council’s Environmental Services who will explain the new waste collection and recycling system and answer questions. All are very welcome.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th.March 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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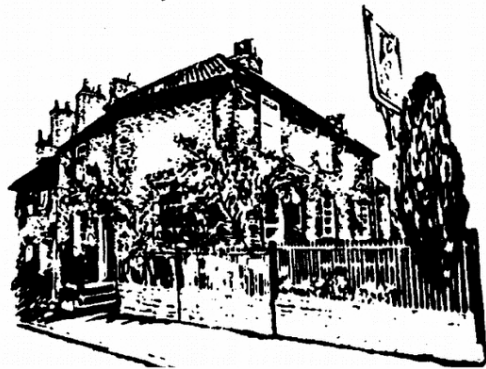
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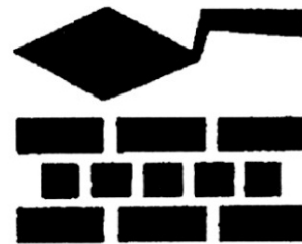
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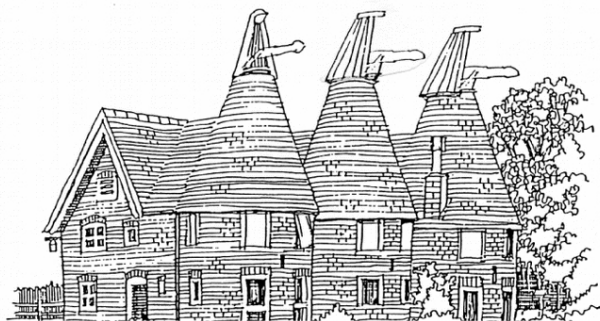
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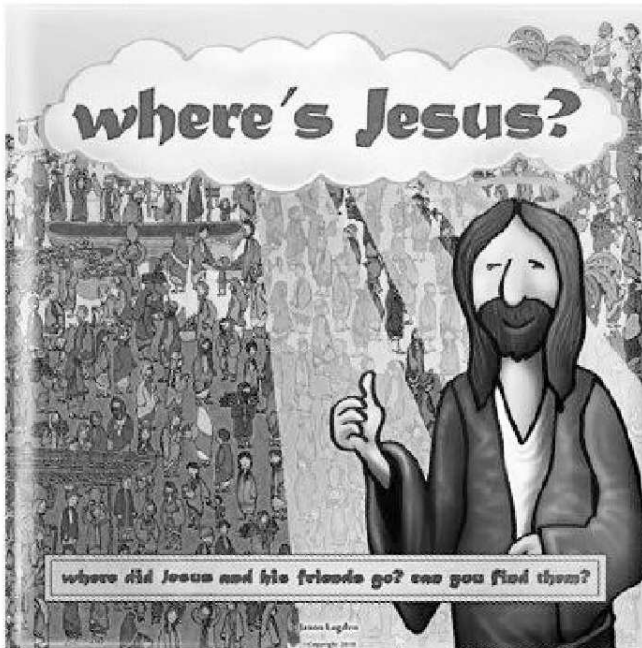
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Sunday 7 th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter				9.30 am Benefice Holy Communion		NT : Acts 5: 27- 32 G : John 20: 19- end
Sunday 14 th April 3 rd Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : Acts 9: 1-6 G : John 21: 1-19
Sunday 21 st April 4 th Sunday of Easter		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Acts 9: 36- end G : John 10: 22- 30
Sunday 28 th April 5 th Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins	3.30 pm Thanksgiving Service for the Re-ordering of the Church	NT : Acts 11: 1-18 G : John 13: 31- 35
Sunday 5 th May 6 th Sunday after Easter	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 G : John 14: 23- 29
Thursday 9 th May Ascension Day			7.30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion			NT : Acts 1: 1-11 G : Luke 24: 44- end

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Happy Easter: Alleluia! He is Risen!

I was tickled to discover recently that there is a picture book called "Where's Jesus?"; it takes its inspiration from the ever popular 1980s' illustrated puzzle book "Where's Wally", which invited readers to hunt for a cartoon man in distinctive red and white striped jumper and hat, called Wally, amidst a sea of hundreds of cartoon characters similarly dressed in different exotic locations doing a variety of amusing things. Instead in "Where's Jesus?", the task is to spot Jesus from among a myriad of bible characters doing biblical things like fishing in the Sea of Galilee or shepherding their flocks...genius!

Well, it struck me that Easter is all about this same theme: "Where's Jesus?" But instead of hunting in a puzzle book perhaps God is encouraging us to look closer at the puzzling faces of those around us to see the reflection of Christ in our neighbours near and far. At Easter, Christ's bursting from the tomb and his variety of resurrection appearances in the gospels remind us that Jesus is alive, is rather surprising and more importantly: continues to be so.

At this time of year, we are invited again to seek the mysterious risen Jesus not among the dead but among the *living* as Mary too was amazed to discover at the empty tomb – it was the unusual gardener *not* the tomb that gave her some very good news to share and it wasn't in the place she expected it to be. We are reminded that if we are open to surprises, God will invite us to wonder at signs of resurrection all around us; the hopeful sight perhaps of new lambs in the fields around our villages and that we will find the light of Christ in the faces of others ... the risen Lord emerging in the midst of us like he did on the road to Emmaus with those disciples. So as you look back on today spend some time mulling this over – in the midst of the mysterious puzzle of life – Where's Jesus? Where has the resurrection life of God been present to you today? Has God surprised you? Did you notice? Or is it only in retrospect that you can say...that was God.

Prayers and best wishes, Julia

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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 9th April.**

All welcome. Contact Rev. Julia on 830265.

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02/04	15.00		Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
04/04	19.30		Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
08/04	19.30		Caring & Sharing
09/04	14.00		Church Mice at Bridge Church
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
10/04	10.00		Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social Afternoon at John Baker White
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			Lower Hardres
16/04	15.00		Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
17/04	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
22/04	19.30		Caring & Sharing
23/04	14.30		Holy Communion at Highfield

Forthcoming Events

11th May		Coffee Morning/Nearly New Clothes Sale,
Bridge Village Hall		
15th June		Bridge Village Fete
23rd June		Old Palace Open Garden, Bekesbourne
7th September		Bekesbourne Boot Fair
5th/6th October		Art in Bridge

"In search of a new vicar" latest update! Where are we up to? Well, on Saturday 9th March an open meeting was held for all members of the nine churches to meet together for a "vision day" facilitated by Peter Ingrams from Diocesan House. This was a very helpful and useful exercise, which generated positive reflection and it was a great opportunity for us to update ourselves on what God is up to in each church. In small groups we took stock of the ministry and mission that is happening already in each of our parishes (flavour of services, involvement with schools, pastoral ministry undertaken in care homes and links with community groups as well as outreach to young people to name but a few), then we started to discern where God might be leading us in our future mission and ministry. Lastly, in the light of this, we began to reflect realistically on the specific skills and qualities God might be looking for in the new priest who will minister here. All of the discussion from this day is being fed into the profile writing (job brochure given to all applicants for the post), a large glossy document which is currently being drafted by a stalwart team of three church members across the Benefices; we hope this will be ready, approved by parochial church councils and by the Archdeacon by the end of April so that the post can be advertised at the beginning of May. All prayers gratefully received for those involved in the profile writing and process of selection as well as for potential applicants! Best wishes and prayers, Curate Julia.

Bringing the Bible to Life Our Area Dean, Rev'd Stephen Hardy is leading a study tour to Israel and the West Bank covering the half term holiday this coming Autumn, and there are still a few places left. He writes: "I have been involved with CMJ, Shoresh Tours and Alexander College in Jerusalem for some years now, and am convinced that one of the most powerful ways of bringing the Bible to life, is to actually walk in Jesus' footsteps and experience life in the lands where it all took place". Stephen has been a regular visitor for over 30 years, and has built up experience and contacts that make for a unique experience. This coming tour entitled "God's Faithfulness" takes us from Dan (a source of the Jordan) to Beersheba (on the edge of the desert) as we explore God's dealings through Old and New Testaments. We include some days staying right inside the old walled city of Jerusalem. Further information is available from www.barhamdownschurches.org.uk or 01227 831340. Rev'd Stephen Hardy Area Dean of East & West Bridge The Rectory, The Street, Barham, Canterbury CT4 6PA 01227 831340 stephenhardy1@mac.com

Election of Churchwardens and Annual Church Meeting at Bekesbourne

A meeting to elect two Churchwardens of St Peter's Church Bekesbourne for 2013/14 will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24 April in Bekesbourne Village Hall. All residents of the civil parish of Bekesbourne and all people listed on the Bekesbourne Church electoral roll are very welcome to attend and may vote at the meeting.

This will be followed by the Annual Church Meeting, at which the Parochial Church Council and Sidesmen/women for the coming year will be elected. The meeting will also include Annual and Financial reports on the affairs of the church and other matters of general church interest.

Nicky Fry Secretary to Bekesbourne PCC

The **Patricxbourne with Bridge Annual Church Meeting** will be on Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm at Bridge School. It will take the same format as Bekesbourne's meeting (above).

Alan Barber PCC Secretary.

Book case request

I wonder whether anyone has, or knows someone who has, a fairly low set of book shelves or a small bookcase that might be donated to St. Peter's Church, Bridge.

The reason is simply that I possess a number of books relating to religious matters which I thought might be of interest to others, and which I am offering on some sort of "lending service" to like minded folk.

If so, I (or Laurence) would be pleased to hear from you. I would collect it if it's not too large! Many thanks,

B V Whiting, 830506

P.S. There may be others who would like to add to the collection in time to come

Thank you from the Cooper family Julia, Clare, Genevieve and Cyrus, and Rod (Ashley's brother) and Liz and their children would like to thank everyone for the condolences, help and loving support during Ashley's six days in ITU and since his untimely death on 22nd December 2012. We are so grateful for the thoughtfulness and continuing friendship of this community. Fish (Neighbourly Help) News tel no:07935 96 60 80 The Coffee Pop-In to which everyone is invited is on Wednesday April 10th in Bridge Village Hall and the Spring Outing will be on Thursday April 25th. We are delighted to say that more than 40 volunteers in our villages drive about 60 people to appointments at the local surgeries and hospitals – people who would otherwise be faced by taxi costs. But all the volunteers are busy people and it can still be difficult to find helpers, especially if, as has just happened, there are seven requests on one day. Would you please consider going on the list of volunteers? It is not onerous. If you cannot help one day that is fine – we just go on to the next name. The person you drive will pay a set amount to cover your petrol and you will make a friend. It is just one of the services that makes our villages good places to live. Thank you. The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital The AGM and Coffee Morning of the Nailbourne Group was held on Saturday 9th March at Bridge Village Hall. £155.30 was raised, thanks to all who attended and those who have supported the group in the past year. £3112 was received during the year from subscriptions, donations and fundraising which included a charity lunch, coffee morning, teas and collection boxes. Bridge History Society Thursday 18 April is the date of our next meeting entitled 'Life in an English Village, 1900-1918'. Helen Allison has entertained us before. This time she will talk about village life just before and during the First World War and demonstrate how much life has changed since then. The meeting will take place in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. Meriel Connor Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion Not too much to report this month, but we are looking forward to our Beef Pudding Supper on 16th April. We have had a number of members unwell but with the coming of spring we are all improving. We currently are looking for a new Poppy Appeal Organiser for our area. This work is largely centred around the weeks in October and November. It is a rewarding job as it is the most important part of the Legion's work. If there is anyone who feels they might be able to take on the task, or maybe several people as a group, please contact the Secretary on 01227 472023 to find out more. We would still like to attract more members to the branch and the number to contact is the secretary on the above number. We meeting every second Tuesday of the month at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. Our next two meetings are 9th April and 14th May.

A message from FOSM

This is to give you advance notice of a talk by **Jenny Uglow** in Patrixbourne Church at 3pm on Sunday 26th May. It will be entitled 'Sarah Losh - Architect of the Strangest Church in Cumbria', which is the title of her latest book. Jenny is also the author of biographies of Elizabeth Gaskell, William Hogarth, Charles II and Thomas Bewick. Tickets will be available soon so look out for the posters or contact Pauline Pritchard for more information.

Bekesbourne Celebration

All are welcome to come to a service at St Peter's on Sunday 28 April at 3.30pm, when Archdeacon Sheila will be helping us to celebrate the successful completion of our Choir Vestry Project. The re-ordering of the rear of the nave has provided a toilet cubicle and some beautiful cupboards, as well as improving an unsightly storage area and renewing rotting floor timbers.

There will be tea and cake after the service!

Jane Millyard

"An event for your diaries ~ Old Palace Open Garden, Bekesbourne

Nicky Fry will very kindly be opening her garden again this year on Sunday, 23rd June, 2013. As the Old Palace Open Garden was such a success in 2011, we recommend you put the date in your diaries for this year. More information will be posted in a future copy of the Parish Magazine"

Young Trees Available To Plant Now

Ann Shirley has spare trees in her garden from ten inches to ten feet in height - hazels, English maples, ash, hawthorn, holly, beech etc. If you are interested, please phone 831810. A small donation for the church would be appreciated.

Coffee Morning and Nearly Clothes Sale

St Peter's Bridge and St Mary's Patrixbourne are holding a sale in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday 11th May 10am—12 noon. If you have any good quality clothes, bric a brac, preserves, etc. please call 830960, 832084 or 830947 for collection. Or you may leave your donations at The Purlins Meadow Close, Bridge, 24 Bridgedown or Riverside Cottage Patrixbourne. Please come along on 11th May to find a bargain. Refreshments will also be served.

With the death of Derek Prior we have lost not only a dear friend but also an active volunteer in so many ways. One of these was Derek's dedication to collecting in Christian Aid Week each year. We will need to find someone willing to take on his round this year. Could this be you? Please contact Jean Barber on 01227 831956 if you feel able to help.

Derek Francis Atherton Prior (1927-2013)

Derek Prior, who died after a short illness and whose funeral was held in March in St. Peter's, was a well loved member of our community who will be very much missed.

Born in Essex on the 23rd February, Derek's career in the Royal Navy was followed by work for the Royal National Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen, and then many years of work as a Sales Manager for Remploy, a company providing work and opportunities for disabled people. Derek also took on additional jobs alongside his main work, first as a barman in the evenings and later as a factory supervisor to provide additional support for his much loved family. It was typical of him that his working life was full of purpose, and that he was very committed to the jobs he did and brought integrity and kindness to his carrying out of them.

A devoted husband to Rita, whom he married in 1949, father to Lesley and Andrew and father in law to Brian and Teresa, family was very important to Derek. He loved being a grandfather to Nicky, Neil, Jim, Kelly and Carl, and great grandfather to Charley and Liam.

At home in Hemel Hempstead Derek and Rita were committed members of their church, helping others of all ages - from mother and toddler groups to taking elderly and unwell local residents to hospital appointments and helping clean the church and tend the church grounds.

After 54 very happy years of marriage, Derek suffered the devastating loss of Rita in 2003. His Christian faith, his church community in Hemel Hempstead and the support of his family sustained him at this terrible time, and in 2005 he moved to Bridge to be closer to Lesley and Brian.

From his flat in Mansfield Court, Derek was an inspiringly energetic figure in Bridge, continuing with many of the events he had been involved in in Hemel Hempstead. He could frequently be seen on his bicycle, and each year helped raise funds for St Peter's through participating (and encouraging others to participate) in the annual cycle ride here, just as he had done in Hemel Hempstead. He was a keen supporter and fundraiser for Christian Aid and other community projects like the Fish scheme. He joined the cleaning rota for the church, read the lessons, and did duty as a sidesman and other tasks in the parish. He cleared out the vicarage garden, and again became involved in volunteer driving. Derek delivered books to local housebound residents and made lots of friends in Mansfield Court. He took great pleasure in re-kindling his love of music, and made firm friendships singing in the church choirs at both Bridge and Patricxbourne. He was always busy but somehow always had the time for a smile and a friendly word. A truly good and loving man, the community in Bridge will miss him very much and extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family. We were lucky to know him.

“It’s very rewarding to know that Christians of different traditions are working together for one common aim during Christian Aid Week” – a Christian Aid Week volunteer.

Thousands of churches will stand together this Christian Aid Week to speak out for change. Some 100,000 committed volunteers will go out and put their faith into action, raising funds to help some of the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people.

This includes Britain’s largest house-to-house collection, an extraordinary act of witness – demonstrating to our communities that we care about ending poverty and injustice.

There is enough food for everyone in the world, but one in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight.

This year’s Christian Aid Week tells the story of how Christian Aid is helping communities to bite back at hunger through innovative agriculture in Zimbabwe.

The south of Zimbabwe is arid and prone to droughts, leading to failed harvests and acute hunger for many people. But now, thanks to the sustainable farming techniques being taught by Christian Aid’s partner Dabane Trust, families are able to grow a range of crops to meet their own needs and even have a surplus to sell.

The many families that have benefited from this initiative are already looking healthier and have the energy to work harder growing crops and learning at school.

Please give generously during this year’s Christian Aid Week.

There will be special services at St Peter’s, Bridge on May 12th at 9.30am (Family Communion) and at St Peter’s Methodist Church, Canterbury at 3.30pm (the annual Canterbury area Christian Aid Week service). At these services we shall hear more about this work in Zimbabwe. All are welcome.

April at Bridge Farmers' Market

As we celebrate Easter at the beginning of this month, cooks are still waiting for the growing season to kick off. Signs of new life are just beginning to emerge after a hard winter for farmers and producers, who now need our support more than ever. When we do buy local it is with the knowledge that we are supporting our local farmers and the wonderful countryside that they take care of. So this April with rather a limited palette of seasonal produce why not make the most of the wonderful array of prepared and preserved goods at the market, from delicious home made curries at 'Exotic foods' to fantastic jams and pickles at 'Alkham Valley Preserves', not forgetting Penny's scrumptious cakes and cookies - all stalls are at every market.

Cauliflowers, cabbages and kale are the vegetables of choice in April but lettuce, spinach and cucumbers should be coming along very soon. Rhubarb should also be available and makes delicious cakes, crumbles, and compotes and a really good rhubarb fool is a seasonal pleasure too. Apples are still good as the storing varieties should keep well in to this month. If you need extra vegetables between markets 'Nethergong Nurseries', who are at every market, run a vegetable box scheme and can deliver vegetables to your door. Ask Dan or Lewis at the market or go to www.nethergongnurseries.co.uk.

Did you know that Kent has it's own food awards - the Taste of Kent awards? These awards recognise and reward the committed and hard working producers that do so much to promote the county and the quality of its ingredients. The 2013 awards were judged a little while ago and awards were given out at a special dinner in March. Many of the award winning products are at our market, and if you want to check them out visit <http://www.tasteofkentaward.co.uk> for more details. For extra information on the move 'Why Farming Matters in Kent' have devised a new App , the KENT FOOD APP, to satisfy the needs of people who are interested in local food. The App features 4 main headings - Find Food, Buy Food, Eat Food and Cook Food and is available to download free for iPhones and iPads.

We hope to have a new plant stall this month - 'Invicta Herbs' - selling culinary and ornamental herbs, so if you have been planning a new herb garden for 2013 come along and stock up or just add a few herbs in amongst your borders or on the kitchen windowsill - a treat for the senses. Watch out for the date of their first visit on the posters.

Hilde continues to wow us with her cooking at the market and don't forget we can send you the recipes if you would like them.

Hope to see you at one of the April markets - our dates are the 13th and the 27th April.

Pam Dobson

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Tuesday 23rd April 2013 in the school hall

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Wickhambreaux school welcome you to their Fair 18th of May 12-3pm
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Tel 830057

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

There is a separate article elsewhere in this magazine about the Open Class in our Annual Spring Show which is being held this year on the morning of Saturday 13 April in Bridge Village Hall. This article invites everyone in the village and surrounding area to enter the competition to bake Mrs Post's Lemon Drizzle Cake.

On the morning of the Show, the hall will be open from 8.00 am for exhibitors to stage their entries. This should be completed by 10.00 am when everyone will be asked to leave the hall so that judging can take place. It would be nice if all members of the Society entered at least one class. Please contact Kathy on 830057 if you require a schedule. And please remember to bring along your Chairman's Challenge pot of bulbs. There is a handsome cup to be won!

The show will open to the public at 11.00 am with the presentation of prizes at 12 noon. We will be serving refreshments during that hour and there will also be a bring and buy stall and raffle. So please, even if you have not entered, do pop in, join us for a coffee and enjoy this flavour of a much awaited springtime on your doorstep.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

By way of a change, our April meeting will be held in the afternoon of Thursday 18th, starting at 2.30 pm, in Bridge Village Hall. This month, Bridge with Patricxbourne is hosting the Group Meeting to which representatives are invited from other WIs in our designated area. Decorations for the tables, the bring and buy stall, competition, and entertainment will all be based around the chosen theme of "Travel". We shall also be serving a cream tea to our members and guests and, of course, shall be delighted to welcome interested non-members to this event.

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

To its meeting on Wednesday 10 April in Bridge Village Hall, the Society will be delighted to welcome the General Secretary of the National Vegetable Society, Mr David Thornton, to share his expertise on "Shallots". What he cannot tell us is probably not worth knowing. The evening starts at 7.30 with refreshments and time for a chat with fellow members prior to the talk at 8.00 pm. Non-members, as always, are most welcome to come along.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Spring Show



Saturday 13 April

Bridge Village Hall

Open to public from 11.00 am

Presentation of Prizes 12 noon

Refreshments

Raffle

Plant/Bring and Buy Stall

For Show Schedule telephone Kathy on 830057

**NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
SPRING SHOW – SATURDAY 13th APRIL 2013
BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL
OPEN COMPETITION – ALL AGES**

**First Prize: signed copy of HOW TO BAKE
By Paul Hollywood (contains this recipe)
To be judged by Mrs Post**

MRS POST'S LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE

Preparation 30 minutes Bake 40-45 minutes -1 kg/2lb loaf tin

75g/2¾oz	unsalted butter, softened, plus extra for greasing
125g/4½oz	caster sugar
150g/5½oz	self-raising flour
1 tsp	baking powder
2	medium eggs
1 tbsp	lemon curd
2½ tbsp	full fat milk

For the drizzle:

ENTRY FEE: 10p

Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
2 tbsp granulated sugar

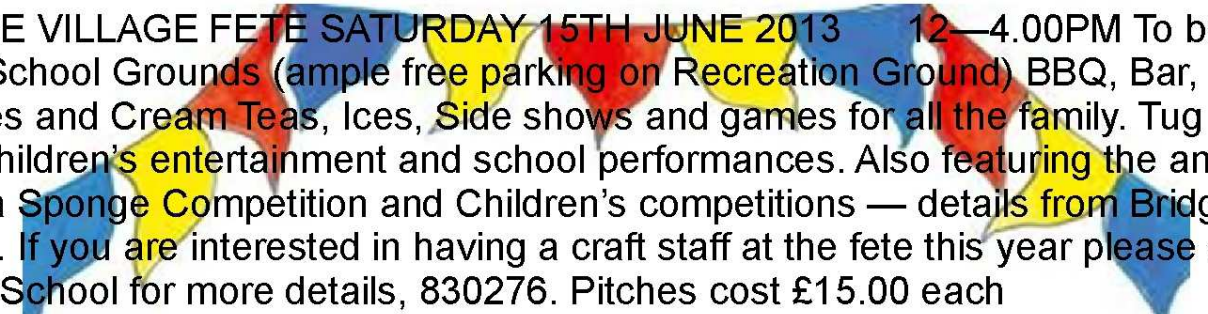
1. Heat your oven to 180°C/gas mark 4. Butter a 1 kg/2lb loaf tin and line it with baking parchment.
2. Beat the butter and caster sugar together in a large bowl, using an electric hand-held whisk or wooden spoon, until the mixture is very light and fluffy – this can take up to 10 minutes. Add the flour, baking powder, eggs, lemon curd and milk, mixing all the time, until the ingredients are thoroughly combined.
3. Pour the mixture into the prepared loaf tin and bake for 40-45 minutes, or until a skewer inserted in the middle of the cake comes out clean.
4. Meanwhile, for the drizzle, mix the lemon zest and juice with the granulated sugar. Pour the lemon drizzle over the hot cake in the tin. Leave to cool completely.

To display: remove all baking parchment – place on white plate – covers will be provided at the Hall – bring to the hall after 8.00am but before 10.00 am when the hall will be closed for judging! Come back at 12.00 to see who has won.

Children: please ask an adult to help you with putting the cake in and out of the oven, and testing it with a skewer. Use a wooden spoon instead of the electric whisk, or again ask an adult to help you with this.

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BRIDGE VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2013 12—4.00PM To be held in the School Grounds (ample free parking on Recreation Ground) BBQ, Bar, Lunches and Cream Teas, Ices, Side shows and games for all the family. Tug of War. Children's entertainment and school performances. Also featuring the annual Victoria Sponge Competition and Children's competitions — details from Bridge School. If you are interested in having a craft stall at the fete this year please contact Bridge School for more details, 830276. Pitches cost £15.00 each

BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB CHARITY OPEN DAY

You Are Invited to Bridge Tennis Club Charity Open Day
On Saturday 27th April *In aid of Cancer Research UK*
Charity Tennis Marathon-Match – 8am-8pm!

Club Coach Stewart Bristow will be attempting a 12-hour Tennis Marathon in aid of Cancer Research. He will take on players in half-hour slots continuously throughout the day. Slots can be booked at £10.00 per half-hour – individuals, pairs or families welcome to play against him in his marathon attempt. (You can book between 8-12midday, midday-4pm and 4pm-8pm). This challenge is aimed for and all ages and abilities to participate, from mini red juniors (5yrs) to adult players (beginners upwards). Please contact: info@sj-tennis.com Mobile: 07530269737 to book your time

Try-Tennis/BBQ/Raffle/ /Stalls/ Free Draw 11-4pm

If you can't take part in the Marathon-Match we'd love to see you anyway! So: Come and Try Tennis! Children and adults welcome. Rackets supplied and club members on hand. There will also be a BBQ, raffle, a cake stall, tennis bric-a-brac & children's games stalls *Free draw for non-members: Prize – 3-Month Family Membership!*

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Hope to see you there!

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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 14th March 2013 _

Nailbourne Pollution – Cllr Alan Atkinson briefed the parish council on the current situation regarding the pollution of the Nailbourne. Screen diluted sewage was being pumped into the river from Bishopsbourne and flowing downstream through the village. The 24 hour use of tankers to over-pump sewage was causing its own serious problems in the village. The Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group (LNRMG) were working hard to put pressure on Southern Water to resolve the problem, which was caused by the seepage of ground water into an incompetent sewer system. The cost of replacing the sewer had been estimated at £10 million and was not a priority for Southern Water. A multi-agency meeting was being called involving the local authority, our MP, the Health Authority and Environment Agency in the hope of pressuring Southern Water to invest in the renewal of the sewers.

Mill Centre- A report from Mr Colin Beesty, Chairman of the Mill Centre Management Committee (MCMC), had been circulated to Councillors. Negotiations with Canterbury City for the mixed use of the Mill Centre site had reached an impasse. The building was deteriorating and some of the youth groups currently using the Centre had indicated that they would be moving to alternative venues because of the continued uncertainty over the future of the Centre. The MCMC had been unable to obtain a long lease from the city council, whose primary objective remained to use the majority of the site for housing. After extensive discussion it was agreed to write to Cllr Simon Cook, City Councillor for Bridge, to ask him to open negotiations with the city council on behalf of the village to get agreement to make provision for continued youth activity on the site. It was pointed out that the Mill Centre is on the Parish Council's List of Community Assets.

Recreation Ground – Cllr Brigitte Ward reported that the new safety surface in the children's play area was a great improvement and looked very attractive. Canterbury City Council had agreed to meet 49% of the cost. The balance would be met by the parish council and potentially by a grant from Viridor. Work on a concrete floor for the youth shelter had been delayed by bad weather. Cllr Sue Hodges was investigating a cheaper and more environmentally appropriate form of planting for the new fence by the pavilion. Cllr Atkinson reported that the PCSO and rural Police team would monitor activities in the youth shelter periodically.

Cllr Hodges reminded councillors that there would be a working party on the recreation ground on Saturday 6th April. Volunteers should meet at the pavilion at 9.30am and bring

Bridge Village Sports Trust Restructuring & Pavilion alterations– Councillors discussed the proposals for restructuring the BVST and renovating the pavilion. The short length of lease remaining on the recreation ground could present a problem when applying for grant funding. It was agreed that Mr Mervyn Gulvin, Chairman of BVST would put forward costed proposals for work on the pavilion at the next parish council meeting gardening tools.

Joint Transportation Board decisions- Cllr Bill Oakey reported that the Joint Transportation Board had agreed to put double yellow lines at the top of the High Street from the entrance to the allotments, between the chicanes and as far as Station Road, as the parish council had requested. A request for double yellow lines round Bridgeford Way, which had not been supported by the parish council, had been rejected by the Board.

New Waste Collections Arrangements - Councillors were briefed by Helen Bennington of Canterbury City Council on the new arrangements for the collection of waste, which would be introduced in the District starting from June 2013.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 11th April 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.


Bourne Vets News

We are concerned that there may be a significant increase in **Lungworm** seen in dogs this spring as the recent soggy weather provided an ideal environment for a huge increase in the number of slugs and snails. The lungworm parasite spends part of its lifecycle in slugs and snails. This poses a serious risk to dogs that accidentally or habitually ingest these pests. Small snails and slugs can easily be ingested whilst sniffing through undergrowth, eating grass, or taken up when drinking. The symptoms of the condition are wide ranging. You might see a dog's reluctance to exercise, depression, weight loss, fits, vomiting and paralysis or persistent bleeding from minor cuts. If untreated, the disease can be fatal. However, a small proportion of dogs are hidden carriers, which means they don't show any symptoms.



Treatment and prevention are relatively simple using a prescription-only spot-on product or tablet. This also controls other worms, fleas and mites; this means you can deal with lungworm and a number of other common parasites in one monthly application. Fortunately, we have not seen many cases at **Bourne Veterinary Practice** but the disease is on the increase and we wanted you to be aware of the risks. If you have any concerns or further questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call on **01227 832322**.

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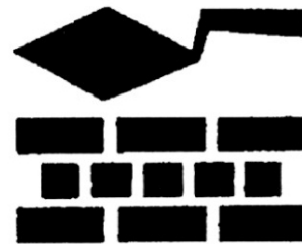
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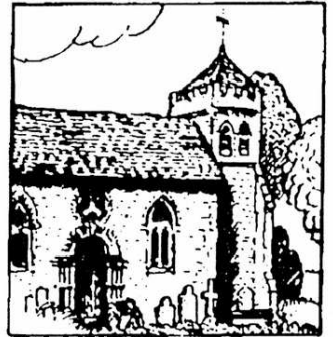
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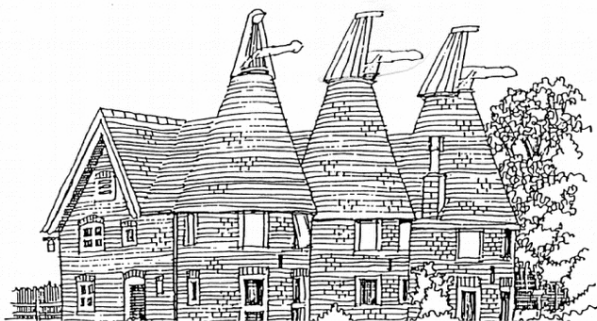
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Thursday 9th May Ascension Day			7.30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion			NT : Acts 1: 1-11 G : Luke 24: 44-end
Sunday 12th May Sunday after Ascension Christian Aid Week	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion (Christian Aid)		8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : Acts 16: 16-34 G : John 17: 20-end
Sunday 19th 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 26th May Trinity Sunday	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		OT : Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 G : John 16: 12-15
Sunday 2nd June 1st Sunday after Trinity	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 G : Luke 7: 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 busyness 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, overlooking 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 www.quietview.co.uk. 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
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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.

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 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.

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May		
02/05	19.30	<i>Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close</i>
07/05	14.00	<i>Church Mice at Bridge Church</i>
	15.00	<i>Holy Communion at Bridge Haven</i>
	20.00	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
08/05	10.00	<i>Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall</i>
	14.00 Lower	<i>Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall, Hardres</i>
13/05	19.30	<i>Caring & Sharing</i>
14/05	14.30	<i>Holy Communion at Mansfield Court</i>
15/05	15.00	<i>Hymns at Bridge Haven</i>
21/05	15.00	<i>Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge</i>
	20.00	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
27/05	19.30	<i>Caring & Sharing</i>
28/05	14.30	<i>Holy Communion at Highfield</i>

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.

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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 Patricbourne 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 - <http://www.jackeeholder.com/>

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 andrew@labyrinthbuilders.com.

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.

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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: www.eastbridgechorale.com or phone Geraldine Wyant on 01227721319

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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

May is an exciting month at the Farmers' Market as we are getting longer days and will soon be seeing the bounty from those first promising shoots. It should be the month, if the rains cooperate, for that not to be missed seasonal treat - asparagus. Asparagus is at its prime best when cooked within hours of being picked, something that is most achievable when buying at a farmers' market. Make the most of its delicious flavour by steaming and serving simply with butter, or crumbly cheese over and adding a simple vinaigrette.

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

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 Patricxbourne 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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Preacher: The Ven. Sheila Watson, Archdeacon of Canterbury RSVP by 22 April by email to janemillyard1@btinternet.com



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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

Ikebana



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by

Tsuyoko Page

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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: 07909840231 Email: philiprclark@hotmail.com**

Rehearsal start in July for our Christmas Panto!

Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 11th April 2013 _

Resignation of Cllr 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.

Mill Centre- 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.

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

Pavilion refurbishment – 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.

Car Parking in the High Street – 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.

Dog waste bin for Bifrons Path – Following complaints from residents, it was agreed to request a dog waste bin to be installed on Bifrons Path.

Wild Flower Project - 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.



You are invited!

Find out more about Timebanks and how to join
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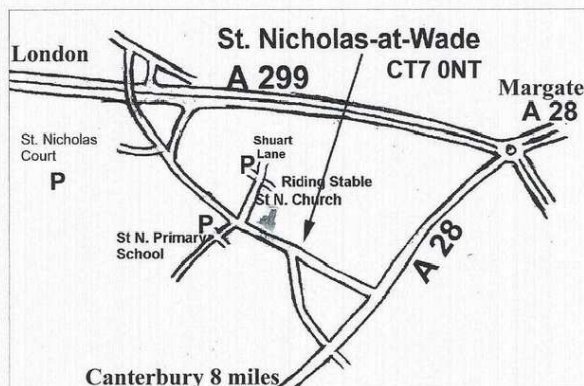
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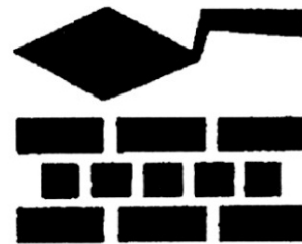
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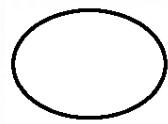
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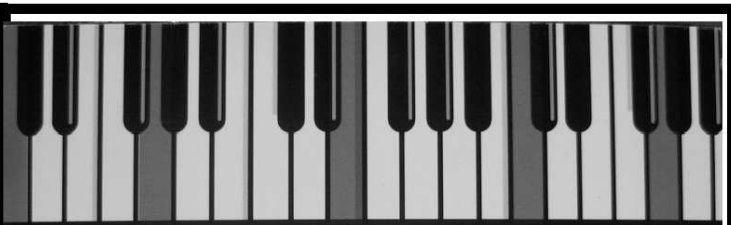
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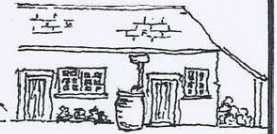
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Sunday 2 nd June 1 st Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	OT : 1 Kings 18: 20-21,30-39 G : Luke 7: 1-10
Sunday 9 th June 2 nd Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	OT : 1 Kings 17: 17-end G : Luke 7: 11-17
Sunday 16 th June 3 rd Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Galatians 2: 15-end G : Luke 7: 36 -8: 3
Sunday 23 rd June 4 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		OT : Isaiah 65: 1- 9 G : Luke 8: 26-39
Sunday 30 th June 5 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am Benefice BCP Communion				11.00 am Pet Service at Chalk Pit Farm	NT : Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 G : Luke 9: 51-end
Sunday 7 th July 6 th Sunday after Trinity	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 : Isaich 66: 10-14 G : Luke 10: 1-11,16-20



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God is ready to welcome!

Waiting! It's one thing that at some time or another we've all done. Our Benefice at the moment is waiting for a new priest and in the news often, we hear about the time people spend waiting at airports or in hospitals. We've all done it and do it. Have you ever sat, for example, in a waiting room wondering when you will be seen to? Or in casualty in the wee small hours as the dawn begins to break on the horizon or in a queue at the bank or post office or waiting for exam results? It's all sounding rather familiar isn't it? When we're waiting we may get frustrated and those all too common thoughts start rushing through our minds: How much longer? Will we be seen at all? Is there some kind of problem? When will the wait be over?

Imagine too, the child waiting outside the headteacher's office, having committed a misdemeanour (not that any of us would know, eh)! What sort of reception will we get? What kind of punishment will there be in store for us this time? Well, some people approach God like that, like sitting outside an angry headmaster's office with a sense of foreboding and dread...wondering whether God will receive them and worse still, being afraid of the consequences if he does. How can God possibly forgive my mistakes? Surely God can't have time for someone like me?

If you've felt like that, then take heart. Time and time again in the New Testament, we are shown a picture of God that isn't like that headmaster. God waits to greet us with his arms wide open on the cross, or like the father who runs to meet the prodigal son and we're shown that God is ready too to forgive us and restore us like he did with Peter on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. With God there is no question of being kept outside and being made to sweat and suffer. On the contrary, we need only to make the first tentative step of approach and God is there waiting to receive us, longing to welcome us home. So why not give it a go?

With prayers as ever, Revd Julia.



Your Parish Matters

Weddings

19.04.13	Nackington	Christopher Barleycorn and Natasha Hayes
27.04.13	Lower Hardres	Ben Buet and Louise Weatherstone

Christenings

05.05.13	Bridge	Poppy Marie Moon
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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 4th June.**

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 June meetings are on Tuesday 4th June and Tuesday 18th June, 7pm-8.30/9pm. 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

June

04/06	14.00	<i>Church Mice at Bridge Church</i>
	15.00	<i>Holy Communion at Bridge Haven</i>
	19.00	<i>MOBY. Meet at Pavilion for Games on the Field</i>
	20.00	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
06/06	19.30	<i>Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close</i>
10/06	19.30	<i>Caring & Sharing</i>
11/06	14.30	<i>Holy Communion at Mansfield Court</i>
12/06	10.00	<i>Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall</i>
	14.00	<i>Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall,</i>
	Lower	<i>Hardres</i>
18/06	15.00	<i>Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge</i>
	19.00	<i>MOBY. Trip to Deal Beach</i>
	20.00	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
19/06	15.00	<i>Hymns at Bridge Haven</i>
24/06	19.30	<i>Caring & Sharing</i>
25/06	14.30	<i>Holy Communion at Highfield</i>

Forthcoming Events

7th September	Bekesbourne Boot Fair
5th/6th October	Art in Bridge

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 churchyards or vicarage and beautifying them, cleaning, flower arranging, keeping the website 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 **dis**appointing that **o**nly 12 **pe**ople **atte**nded.

the meeting received **re**ports on the **servi**ces and **acti**vities of both churches in the parish **over** the **last** year. It was **not**ed that whilst **some**

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

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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 Patribourne 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.

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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.

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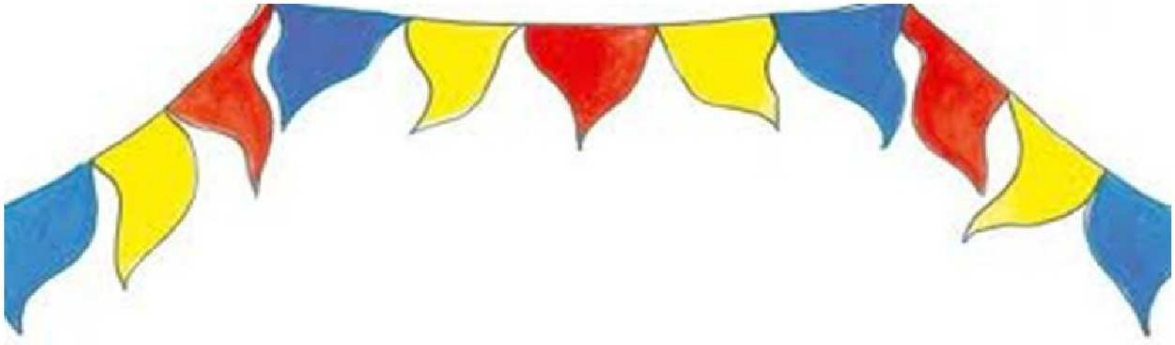
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June at Bridge Farmers' Market



Summertime at the market at last!

With the sun up at 4am and setting at 10pm growers and producers are full stride now and the fruits of their labours should be in evidence at the market. So make the most of all this wonderful bounty and fill your basket (or better still your Bridge Farmers' Market jute bag) with the very best that the Kentish countryside has to offer. For growers one of the biggest indicators of the late spring was the delay to the asparagus season. Asparagus is now here and the season will be shorter than normal so don't miss out on one of the joys of our climate - sweet tender spears of asparagus picked and cooked on the same day. Other vegetables to look forward to are the crisp radishes, spring onions, spinach and of course new potatoes. If the weather is right there may be early cucumbers, runner beans and courgettes, alongside all kinds of salad leaves now in season. It's also the ideal time to plant out herb or prize winning 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 al 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 Patricbourne 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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You have a legal duty of care for your animal and if you neglect it you could face prosecution. You would also have to live with the fact that your actions resulted in terrible suffering for your pet.

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Signs that your dog may be suffering from heatstroke include heavy panting, salivation, very red gums and tongue, lethargy, collapse, lack of coordination, vomiting, diarrhoea and eventually loss of consciousness. If you suspect that your dog may be suffering from heatstroke it is important to move them to a shaded area, douse them with cool (not freezing cold) water and offer them small amounts of water, then ring and seek veterinary advice as soon as possible. To avoid the risk of heatstroke never leave your dog in a car, caravan or conservatory. Always make sure they have access to shade and lots of water and walk them in the early morning or evening, not in the heat of the day.

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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 9th May 2013 _

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman – 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.

Parish Council vacancy – 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.

Mill Centre- 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.

Nailbourne Pollution – 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.

Audited Accounts for 2012-13 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.

Skateboard Ramp- 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.

Illegal Parking on Conyngham Lane - 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 www.bridgetennisclub.org



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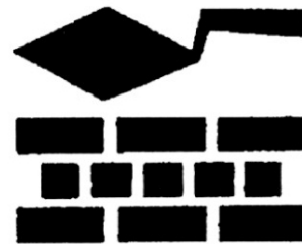
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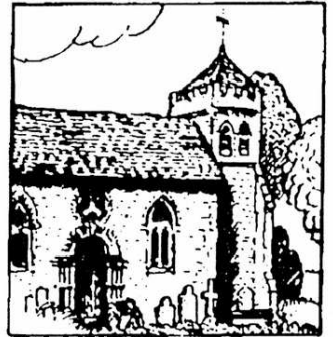
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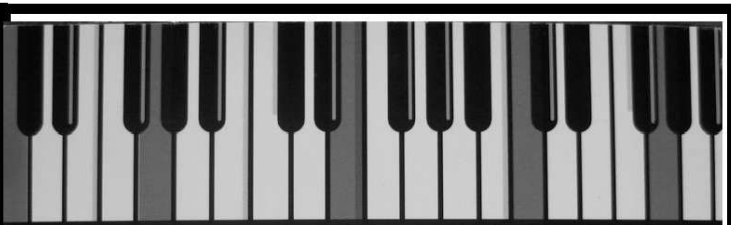


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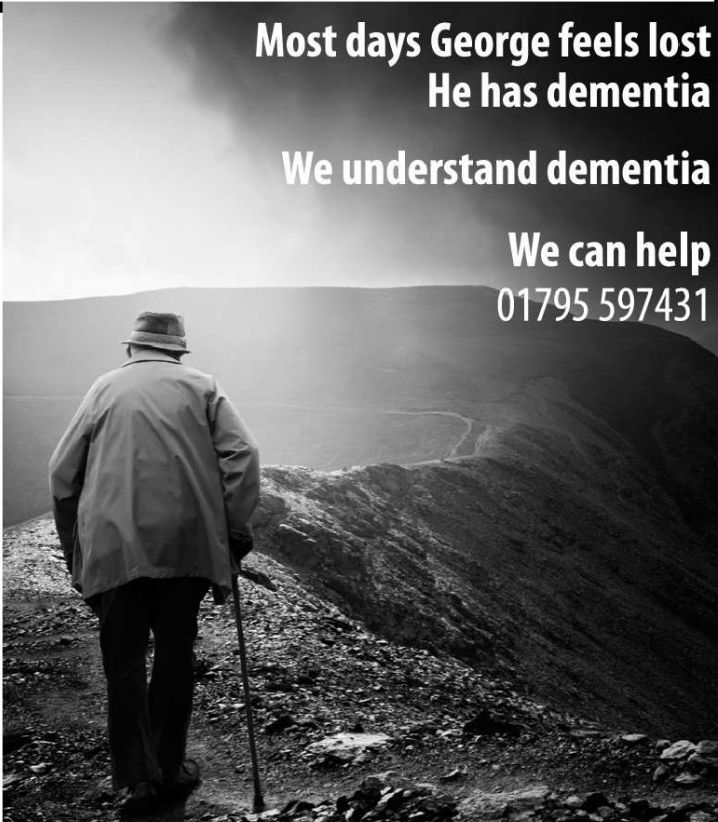
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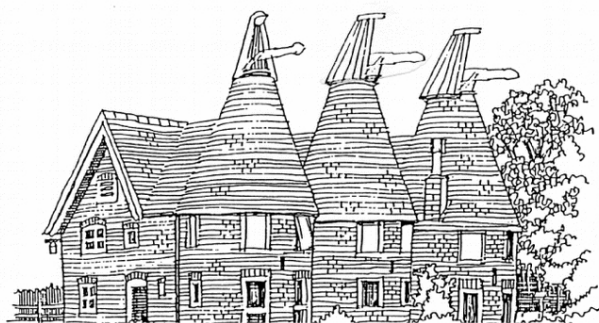
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Sunday 7 th July 6 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	OT : Isaiah 66: 10-14 G : Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
Sunday 14 th July 7 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	OT : Deuteronomy 30: 9-14 G : Luke 10: 25- 37
Sunday 21 st July 8 th Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	OT : Genesis 18: 1-10a G : Luke 10: 38- end
Sunday 28 th July 9 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service					NT : Colossians 2: 6-15 G : Luke 11: 1-13
Sunday 4 th August 10 th 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

Your Parish Matters

Weddings

20.05.13	Bekesbourne	Nicholas Fulljames and Alex McCabe
25.05.13	Bridge	Scott Shirley an
25.05.13	Patricxbourne	Megan Sanford Martin Page and Claire Francis

Funerals

30.04.13	Joyce May Grigg
16.05.13	Anthony Charles Nesfield Purchase

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, Patricxbourne, 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

July

02/07	14.00	<i>Church Mice at Bridge Church</i>
	15.00	<i>Holy Communion at Bridge Haven</i>
	19.00	<i>MOBY. Meet at Pavilion for Games on the Field</i>
	20.00	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
04/07	19.30	<i>Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close</i>
06/07-07/07	Quiet View,	<i>MOBY Camp. The final event of the year at the Kingston.</i>
08/07	19.30	<i>Caring & Sharing</i>
09/07	14.30	<i>Holy Communion at Mansfield Court</i>
10/07	10.00	<i>Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall</i>
	14.00	<i>Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres</i>
16/07	15.00	<i>Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge</i>
	20.00	<i>After 8's at 7 Windmill Close</i>
17/07	15.00	<i>Hymns at Bridge Haven</i>
22/07	19.30	<i>Caring & Sharing</i>
23/07	14.30	<i>Holy Communion at Highfield</i>

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.

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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

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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 that 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

Christian Aid Week 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

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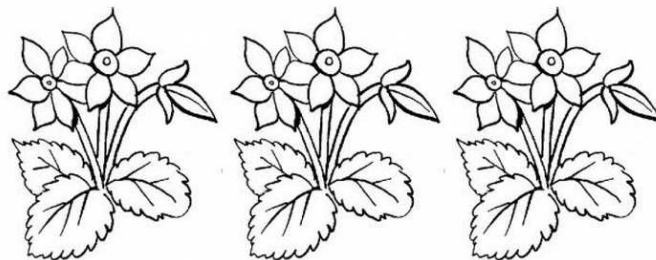
Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Summer Show



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Presentation of Prizes 12 noon



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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 philip.wicker1@gmail.com 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

www.bridgefarmersmarket.co.uk

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 Patricbourne 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.

Camilla has recently heard from the Royal Academy of Music that she is to receive an honorary award as an Associate of the R.A.M. for her "significant contribution to the music profession".

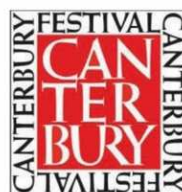


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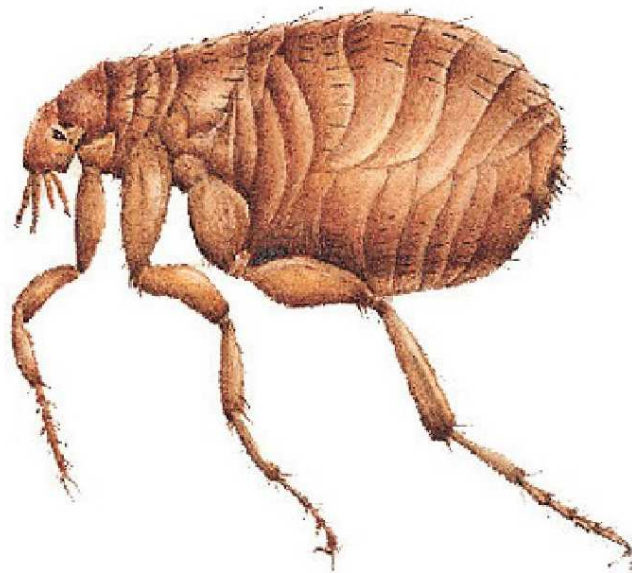
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We are seeing lots of itchy cats and dogs at the of year when there are lots of irritating parasites fleas. These days due to central heating we ten year around but they tend to be worse in the su On some pets, flea bites will be completely unn cause extensive itching, red lesions, hair loss a animals have an extreme sensitivity to flea saliv an extremely itchy flea allergy dermatitis.

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If you need further information on fleas or are worried that your pet may be suffering from a flea infestation then please call us at Bourne Veterinary Practice on 01227 832322 for further information.



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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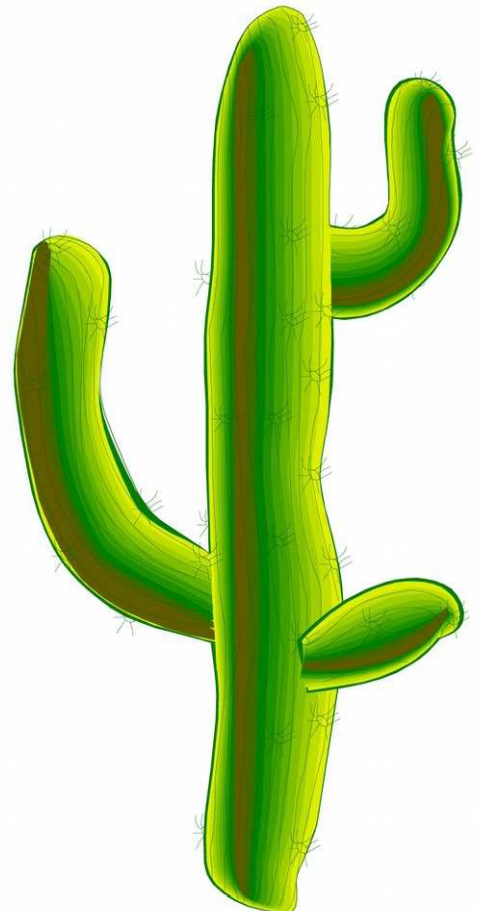
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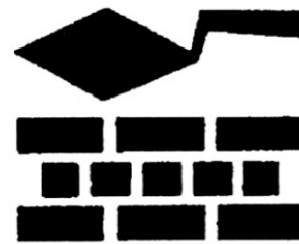
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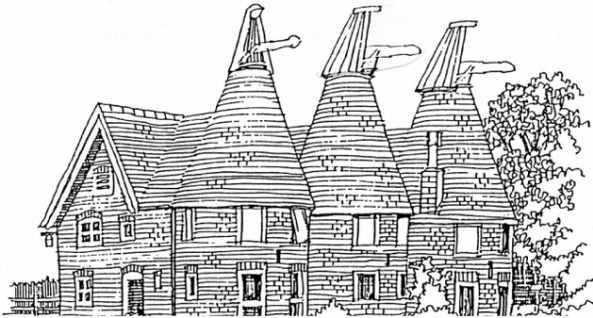
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Services for the month of August 2013

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 4 th August 10 th Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service				NT : Colossians 3: 1-11 G : Luke 12: 13-21
Sunday 11 th August 11 th 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 th August 12 th Sunday after Trinity					9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service	NT : Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2 G : Luke 12: 49- 56
Sunday 25 th August 13 th Sunday after Trinity				9.30 am Holy Communion Benefice Service		OT : Isaiah 58: 9b-end G : Luke 13: 10-17
Sunday 1 st September 14 th 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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Sunday 8th September 15th 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: 15-end G : Luke 14: 25- 33
Sunday 15th September 16th Sunday after Trinity		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
Sunday 22nd September 17th Sunday after Trinity	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
Sunday 29th September Michael and All Angels			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
Sunday 6th October 19th Sunday after Trinity	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 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 September	
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-
		GAMES	19.00
			Riverside Cottage, Old Palace
Road, Patrixbourne 09/09	19.30	Caring & Sharing 10/09	
14.30		Holy Communion at Mansfield Court 11/09	
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
Lodge	20.00	After 8’s at 7 Windmill Close 18/09	
15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven 23/09	19.30
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.

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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

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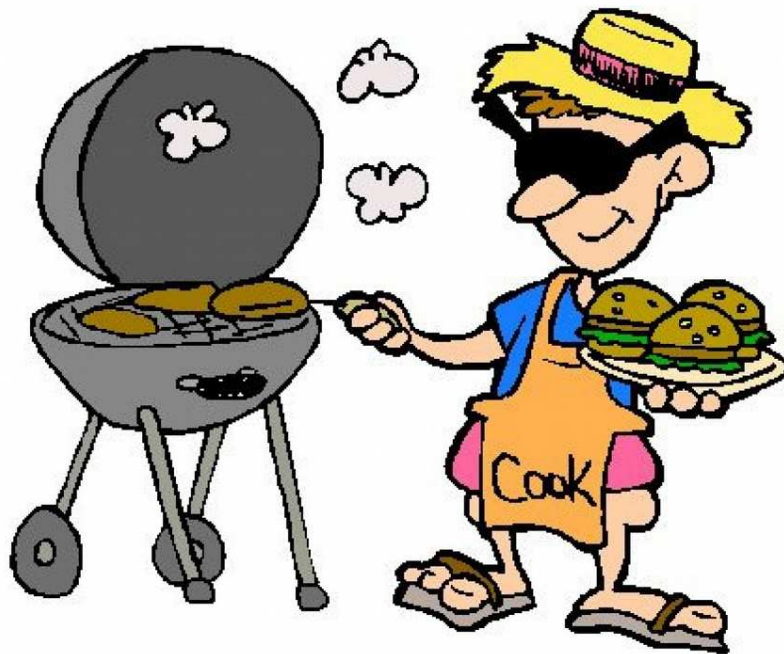
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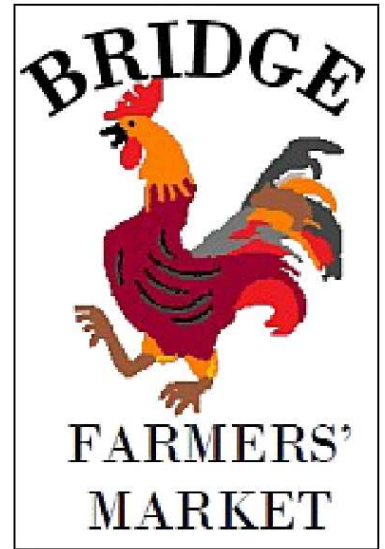
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The Society held a successful **Summer Show** in Bridge Village Hall on the morning of Saturday 13 July. Both the number of exhibitors and the number of exhibits showed an increase on last year despite some difficult growing conditions.

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.

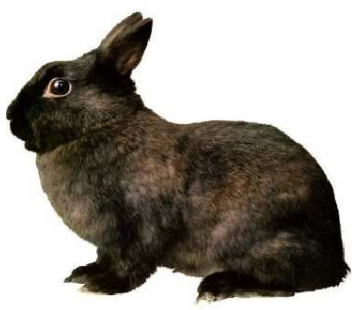
National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

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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Tuesday 10 September

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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:

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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

Fascinated by clay? Learn hand building techniques with our experienced tutor who will help you design and make your own clay objects. The price includes firing in the kiln.

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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!

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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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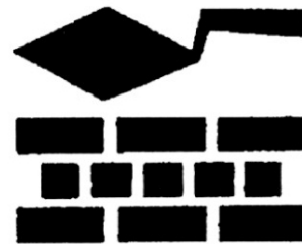
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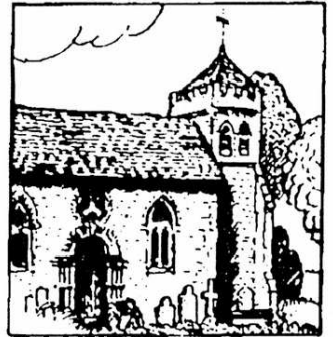
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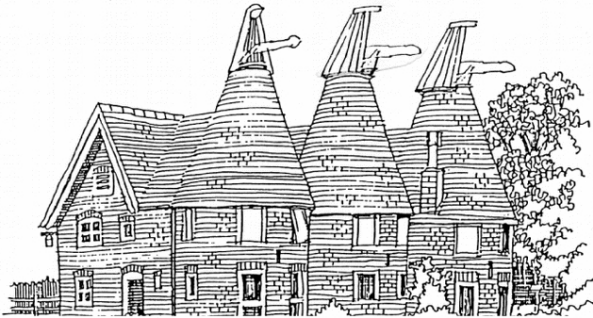


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Services for the month of October 2013

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 6 th October 19 th Sunday after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Harvest Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Harvest Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Harvest Festival Family Service	NT : 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 G : Luke 17: 5-10
Sunday 13 th October 20 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	OT : 2 Kings 5: 1- 3,7-15c G : Luke 17: 11-19
Sunday 20 th October 21 st Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 G : Luke 18: 1-8
Sunday 27 th nd October Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		OT: Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17 G : Luke 18: 9-14
Sunday 3 rd November All Saints	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm All Souls Evensong, Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am All Saints Family Service	All Souls Readings OT : Psalm 94: 14-19 G : Luke 14: 1,7-11 All Saints Readings: OT: Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18 G : Luke 6: 20-31



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As summer has faded and autumn marched on apace, it's true isn't it that the smells around us change? The air is often crisper on the nostrils and our noses detect the damp and mist as the leaves on the trees turn hue. Meanwhile in the kitchen we abandon our sweet smelling salads and sizzling BBQs in favour of steaming bowls of soup or roasts that fill our noses with the comforting aromas of root vegetables or gravy!

It reminds me that smells are very evocative of people, place and time. We so easily remember people by their perfumes or aftershave and smile to ourselves in recollection if we pass someone in the street who whiffs the same as our loved ones. In a similar way, the smell of incense always takes me back to being 18 as a student at St Chad's College, Durham and the teenage religious thrill of worshipping in our college chapel, which was a very happy and holy community to be part of. Perhaps there is a smell for you, which reminds you of a certain time in your life? The odour of carbolic soap as a childhood memory perhaps or even the smell of seaside air!

Well, St Paul knew that smells were evocative, which is why in 2 Corinthians 2:14-16 he talks about how we Christians "are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved". We're to spread the gentle merciful scent of Christ as a sweet smell into the world by our loving actions and words that it might linger and draw others to Christ. But how can we let our lives be steeped in the aroma of Christ?

In 1996, the Church of England outlined 5 marks of mission as a kind of mission statement for our communion but I think they are very relevant to all breeds of Christian (Roman Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, the list goes on...) and they direct us in our attempts to fulfill the Great Commission and in this task of spreading the aroma of Christ. They are:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers.
3. To respond to human need by loving service.
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

So as we encourage each other in mission and in spreading Christ's aroma in the world let me end with an extract from a prayer by John Henry Newman.

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go.

Flood my soul with Your spirit and life..That my life may only be a radiance of Yours.

God bless, Julia

Your Parish Matters

		Weddings
20.07.13 Nicola Fisher	Nackington	Jordan Allen and
27.07.13 Joanne Hills	Bridge	John Cox and
24.08.13 Kelly	Bekesbourne	Matthew Moon and Nicola
31.08.13 Sabine Crestien	Lower Hardres	Jamie Hazlegrove and
06.09.13 Ffion Mari Edwards	Bridge	Mark Foster and

Wedding

Blessing 06.07.13 de Araingo	Bishopsbourne	Freya Seath and Vicente
10.08.13 Mackay	Patricxbourne	Renewal of Vows Matthew and Louise

Funerals

22.07.13	Georgina Hagger
22.07.13	Kathleen Mary Wells
06.08.13	Winifred Ellen Calkin
21.08.13	Jack Frederick Smith
30.08.13	Kathleen Margaret Eynon

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 1st October.

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 Tuesday 15th October, 7pm-8.30pm, at Bridge Pavilion on the Recreation Ground.

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

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.

Church Weddings. *If you, or anyone you know would like to explore the possibility of getting married in church in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patricbourne, 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

October

01/10	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
03/10	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
08/10	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
09/10 Village Hall	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge
	14.00	Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres
14/10	19.30	Caring & Sharing
15/10	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	19.00-20.30	MOBY. Bridge Pavilion on Recreation Ground
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
16/10	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
22/10	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield
28/10	19.30	Caring & Sharing

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.

Bekesbourne Village Forthcoming Events

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church are organising the following events:

- ~ 7th November, 2013 – Valuation Evening in the Village Hall
- ~ 7th December, 2013 – Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall
- ~ 25th January, 2014 – Jumble Sale in the Village Hall

Details of the above events will be published in future Parish Magazines for the sale of tickets and timings.

In search of a new priest...update

Sadly, we are unable to appoint a new priest after the interviews in July so we are now advertising the post again, having slightly tweaked the parish profile (job description) and interviews will be held a second time in mid-late November. Please continue to pray for all our church wardens, retired clergy and ministers and for wisdom to appoint the right candidate. Many thanks, Rev Julia.

FOSM CONCERT AT PATRIBOURNE

Our next FOSM event is at St Mary's on Sunday 17th November at 3pm. It will be a concert of sacred and secular music, conducted by Matthew Raisbeck, featuring local singers, followed of course by refreshments. Do come along and support them. Tickets are available from Pauline Pritchard.

Now that we have the funds to repair the Wheel Window, we have shifted our fund-raising efforts to new heating for the church. Those of you who know St Mary's will realise how great this need is!

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to our fund-raising efforts so far.

Poppy Appeal

“Remembrance Sunday will be the 10th of November this year with Poppy day preceding it and Armistice day following it. Despite the recession each year people in the parishes of Bridge, Bishopsbourne and Patribourne continue to be more and more generous. With this in mind we are keen to get more volunteers to act as house to house collectors during the preceding fortnight or as street collectors from the 2nd to 9th of November. Please contact John Shirley on 0708734842 or Emily Shirley on 07753779074, if you think that you could spare a couple of hours.”

Nailbourne Sewer. We have a meeting in Bridge Village Hall on October 12th regarding fat funnels which are devices to keep fat out of the sewer and reduce blockages which I would like to publicise.

Jill Thomas.

**Remembering Kathy Eynon,
friend of Bridge Church and the Children's Society**

Sadly Kathy passed away peacefully at home on 12 August 2013, to be reunited with her daughter, Jackie. Husband John and elder daughter, Lindsay, would like to thank all Kathy's friends and neighbours in Bridge for their kindness and support – in these sad times, and in the many years of Kathy's work for Bridge Church and fundraising for The Children's Society, where she instigated the Christingle services enjoyed by all generations. Particular thanks go to Margaret Clarke, who led the service at Barham Crematorium.

Bridge History Society

'A Dickens Film Evening' is our next event, to take place on Thursday 17 October at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The opening scene of Dickens' 'Great Expectations' inspired the making of this short film 'Magwitch', which was made in Kent to celebrate Dickens' bicentenary celebrations. It was critically acclaimed as 'beautifully shot, brilliant direction, great ending'. We will also be showing another short film entitled 'Timebleeds'. This is a drama/documentary created to commemorate World War 1. In sombre contrast, perhaps, this film looks briefly at the central question 'What happens if we forget?'. A bit of a preview for our Society, this film is part of a larger project, which will receive its first screening by Turner Contemporary at the Royal Engineers' Museum in Medway next year. Something to stimulate thought ... All are welcome. We feel it might be popular, so come early to secure your place!
Meriel Connor

1st Bridge Rainbow Unit

Bridge Rainbows has had two busy terms this year. They have visited Howletts, Farming World, Aire Trampolining, had a Teddy bears Picnic at Bekesbourne Rec and a Sports meeting at Bridge Rec. In June they did a sponsored walk from Bridge to Bishopsbourne and raised an amazing £210 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Meetings in the hall have covered topics ranging from 'Getting Healthy' to "Sunflowers' and 'Earth Day'. I should like to say a very big thank you to all who have helped me over the last 17 years. It has been great fun and I am most grateful to all who contributed to my wonderful array of gifts. A new volunteer leader, Sharon Pritchard, has taken over the running of the unit. I wish Willow and her team the very best of luck for the future of Rainbows in Bridge.
Sarah Wetherell/ Rowan

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Join us on **Tuesday 29 October** and be transported by our speaker Heather Willis to "**The Isle of Arran in Autumn**". The talk, which promises to be a photographic delight, will be held in Bridge Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. There will be a small charge to include refreshments and, as always, we are delighted to welcome non-members.

In preparation for our **Spring Show**, we will as usual be giving out bulbs this autumn to be grown on and brought along to the Show for entry in the Chairman's Challenge class. Please contact Kathy Walder on 830057 if you would like to be included.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 15 October** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Gehad Homsey will be giving a talk on the charity known as "**Mercy Ships**". Non-members will be made most welcome at our meetings.

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

For the final evening talk of the 2013 programme, Neil and Bob Lawrence will perhaps inspire us to have a good rummage around in all corners of our garden after their talk entitled "**Antiques in your Garden Shed**" on **Wednesday 9 October**, 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start, in Bridge Village Hall. Non-members are, of course, very welcome to come along to the meeting too.

Fish News

The October Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 9th from 10 to 11.15. Everybody is most welcome to come along.

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October 6th is our annual **Harvest Festival**. The 'gifts' from this service will be donated to the Women's Refuge in Canterbury. This provides an emergency place of safety for women and their children who have had to flee from abusive homes and relationships. The families arrive often with nothing, having fled without any possessions. So donations of non perishable goods; food, toiletries, consumables, are ideal. Also spare quality clothing, toys etc. Do come and join our joyous celebration with lots of music making and possibly food to taste!

On **November 3rd** we will celebrate **All Saints Day** and explore saintliness and learn about some of our saints; famous and less famous.

December 1st is our annual **ADVENT Gift Service** where we bring items to donate to British Humanitarian Aid, a local charity based in Canterbury which supports impoverished homes, families and many disabled children in the Chernigov region of the Ukraine. Good condition clothing for winter for adults and children, simple toiletries, toys, books (especially simple story books for the children to learn English), stationery items for learning as well as recreation. Large items-bedding, furniture, household, old computers can be taken directly to the warehouse on the Barton Road Estate. Tel No.

Finally we have our Christmas Celebration! It is a tradition at Bekesbourne to hold a **Nativity Drama**. This is now combined with the feast of Epiphany and celebrated in our January service, **The Feast of the Three Kings on January 5th**. To achieve this we hold a rehearsal the day before, Sat. 4th, in the Church at 2.30pm. If there are any children who want to be part of this (do not have to be part of the regular congregation) then ring me, **Pat Kusel, on 01227 830272**, and come to the church on Sat. 4th Jan.

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News for 2013 from Elham Valley Vineyard (The Fifth Trust)^[OBJ]

We continue to grow and develop our Work Centres at the Vineyard and Greenbanks and look forward to our Craft Fair on 9th November at the Vineyard Garden Centre (11-3). All departments are working to build up their stocks of craft items for sale and we are rapidly increasing the range of products made here.

Our Woodwork studio is now able to offer a bespoke service for clients wanting garden furniture and obelisks as well as the normal bird tables, boxes and feeders. They also are making chopping boards which are very popular.

Volunteers bring a wealth of new ideas into items made by our Pottery department and Art section so these are developing and evolving all the time, we produce and print our own Christmas cards and Calenders from drawings which students make in Design and Create.

An offshoot which has sprung from our Catering team called "Cook Club" are now making and selling in the Teashop, a range of pickles and jams which have their own distinctive labels and these have been flying off the shelves. The Student Canteen which has recently been refurbished with a Donation from our Charity "The Fifth Trust" now has dual use as a proper catering kitchen for "Cook Club" sessions which started as a small unit teaching students who found the teashop intimidating, simple cooking and this has lead to their own range of goods which will be available at the Craft Fair.

Of course we still have our Garden Centre and Teashop which are open 7 days a week to visitors from the local community looking for trees, plants, bird food and garden sundries and lovely lunches and cream teas. Our delicious roasts are available every Sunday now and from October we will have our "Winter Warmers" and Christmas lunches so book early!

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Antiques Valuation Evening

Bekesbourne Village Hall

**Thursday, 7th November, 2013
From 7pm**

**Don't miss this opportunity to bring your items along
to be valued by Mr. Tony Pratt and Mr. Michael Roberts from
The Canterbury Auction Galleries
*Limited to 1 item per person***

We will have a prominent local Guest Speaker

**Tickets are £10.00 each to include the valuation of items and a
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Val Hey 01227 830678 or Christine Dutfield 0771 0170197

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Knitted Beaded Lace shawlette £40 – learn how lace ‘works’ and how shawls/shawlettes are constructed and designed – you will work in 4ply for a faster result. Silk mix yarn & beads provided.

Learn to Crochet £25 Nov 17 1.30-5pm – for beginners and those with a little experience. Bring your own hook & yarn – ask if not sure

For more information about Thursday sessions or next year’s exciting workshops email stitchandknit@gmail.com or ring Anne on 01227 700567 / Rowan 01227 462046

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You can call them anytime on Freephone 0808 801 0102, alternatively email your enquiry to info@healthwatchkent.co.uk.

Talking about the service, Healthwatch's Charlie Fox said, "We are getting calls and providing assistance to people from all over the county. For example, one customer had been struggling to find a local dentist with a winch to lift him from his wheel chair. Our team tracked one down for him and provided all the information he needed to make an appointment. We know how complicated it can be to find your way around the health and social care system. Our team of trained staff can take the worry away and find the answers for you. I have no doubt that once people are more aware of our service then we can be of assistance to hundreds of people every week."

Healthwatch Kent also wants to hear about peoples' views and their experiences of local health and social care services. It will take your voice to the people who commission services in Kent and help to shape the future of health and social care services. [To get involved visit our website at www.healthwatchkent.co.uk.](http://www.healthwatchkent.co.uk)

The team is based from, and supported by, Kent and Medway Citizen's Advice (KAMCA).

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 will take place at **Barham Village Hall**:

Sewing for Beginners: 10 Week Course

Thursdays: 12th Sept – 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 10wk 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 2wks. **Cost: £120 for 10 weeks (not including half term)**

How to Hand Knit:

Thursdays: 12th Sept – 26th Sept 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 3 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 Oct – 24th October 7pm-9pm

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

Soap Making:

Thursday 14th November 7-9pm (FULLY BOOKED)

Friday 15th November 7-9pm (NEW SESSION ADDED)

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 7-9pm (FULLY BOOKED)

Friday 22nd November 7-9pm (NEW SESSION ADDED)

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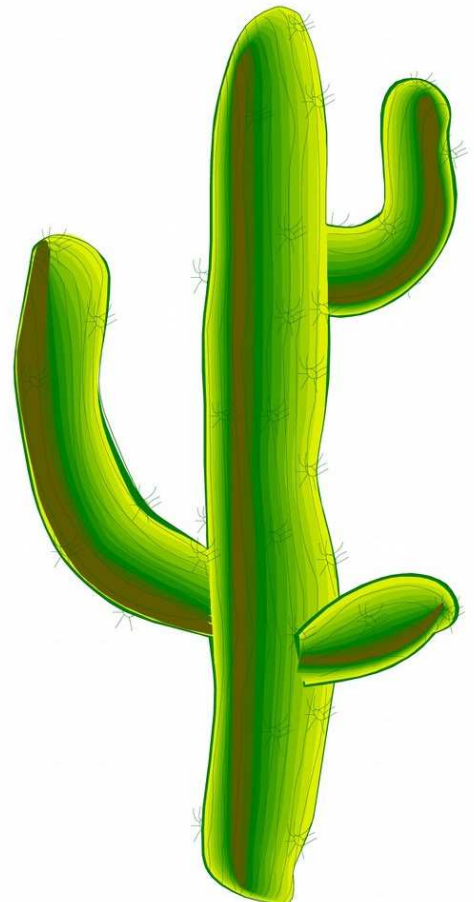
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Dog attacks on PROW CB 300 – Cllr Atkinson reminded councillors of the events which had led to a Bridge resident being injured by dogs while she was walking with her dog on PROW CB300. In view of the danger these dogs still posed to Bridge residents walking along this public footpath, it was agreed to ask the Superintendent of Canterbury Police to address the next parish council meeting to advise on what protection the law provided in these circumstances.

Neighbourhood Plan – Prof Connor reported that a timetable of activities had been drawn up to the end of 2014. Committee members had had a training session on ‘Public Engagement’ arranged by Planning Aid. Local businesses and the Primary School would be asked about their future plans. A village consultation event on policies was being organised for October.

Mill Centre- Martin Bovingdon of the City Council’s Estates Dept. had not yet provided a valuation for the site, promised last April. The plans to refurbish the Mill Centre had received planning approval from the City Council.

Nailbourne Pollution – Cllr Atkinson had circulated a report setting out the current position regarding Southern Water’s plans for the area. Southern Water would be holding a meeting on 18th September in Bridge village hall at 7.00pm to outline these. The engineering work scheduled would inevitably cause substantial disruption in Bridge and it was hoped that residents might suggest ways in which the disruption could be reduced.

The Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management group would meet again on 25th. September and would then hold a public meeting in Bridge to hear the views of residents.

Conyngham Lane -. After some discussion it was decided not to erect barriers on the corner of Conyngham Lane and the High Street. The parish council had no objection to flower planters being put on the grass on the corner if a local resident wanted to put them there and maintain them.

Parking – Councillors noted that illegal/inconsiderate parking was increasing in the village. It was agreed to discuss this at the next Parish Council meeting

Recreation Ground Working Party- There would be a working party on the recreation ground on Saturday 19th October at 9.30am. All residents would be very welcome.

Bridge Emergency Plan- The members of the Emergency Plan Committee; Cllrs Atkinson, Burns-Stark and Moon would meet to review the current Emergency Plan for Bridge.

Village Sign – Cllr Hill reported via email that a new post had been ordered. Cllr Wilmshurst said that arrangements were being made to dig out the remains of the old post once the new post had been delivered. It was estimated that the new post would take six weeks to arrive. It was also reported that Kent Highways had been asked to replace the Bridge sign and gate at the chicanes.

Recreation Ground Tree Survey Cllr Hodges together with Cllr & Mrs Corfield, Cllr Ward and Cllr Burns –Stark had undertaken a tree survey of the recreation ground. Mervyn Gulvin had created a new tree map using the survey data. Cllr Hodges thanked all concerned for their help

Welcome Pack- Cllr Edmonds asked that Councillors let her know of any new arrivals in Bridge so that they could be given a Welcome Pack. It was also agreed to up–date the letter in the Pack and review its contents.

Weed clearance - The Parish Council thanked several public-spirited residents of Bridge who had cleared the weeds from the pavements following weed spraying by KCC.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 10th.October 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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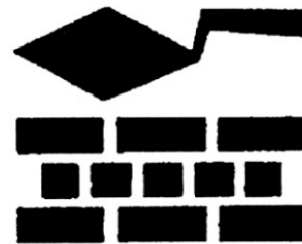
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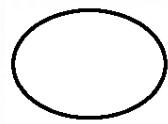
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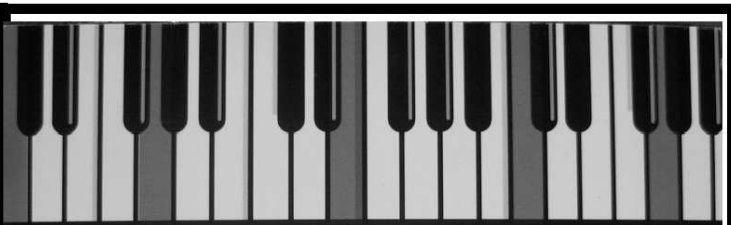
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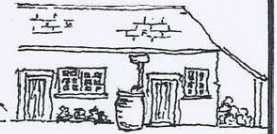
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Services for the month of November 2013

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 3rd November All Saints Day			9.30 am Benefice Family Communion and Farewell Service for Rev Julia and Rev Chris Pickles. 6.00 pm All Souls Evensong. Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.			All Souls Readings OT : Psalm 94: 14-19 G : Luke 14: 1,7-11 All Saints Readings: OT: Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18 G : Luke 6: 20-31
Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday	9.30 am Sung Eucharist 10.50 am Act of Remembrance	3.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion 10.50 am Act of Remembrance	10.50 am Remembrance Day Service	8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end G : Luke 20: 27- 38
Monday 11th November					10.45 am Act of Remembrance	
Sunday 17th November 2nd Sunday before Advent		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	OT : Malachi 4: 1-2a G : Luke 21: 5-19
Sunday 24th November Christ the King	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT: Colossians 1: 11-20 G : Luke 23: 33- 43
Sunday 1st December First Sunday of Advent	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong.	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Advent Gift Family Service	NT : Romans 13: 11-14 G : Matthew 24: 36-44



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In the last couple of weeks, a lot of people have asked me what being Chaplain to the Bishop of Dover and Local Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury will involve. I can't really answer this without looking at the origins of the term 'chaplain', which come to us from France and the legend of St Martin of Tours, who was at one time a member of the Roman army. On a very cold day, so legend goes, he was passing Amiens and saw a nearly naked beggar freezing on the road side. Martin had compassion for him and took his most prized possession, his cloak, and cut it in half; he gave one half to keep the beggar warm and kept the other half to shelter himself. Later that night, Martin had a dream and in it saw Christ wearing the half of the cloak he had given away. After this experience he became a monk and later Bishop of Tours in 372 AD.

So the word chaplain comes from the Latin 'cappellanus' – keeper of the cape – a chaplain is someone who shares God's love and care for those around them and those in need. In my new role, this will involve praying for and with the Bishop and Archbishop and exercising pastoral care in the Diocese by being a Christ-like liaison person who, with the rest of the team at the Old Palace in Canterbury and Diocesan House, helps to facilitate the Bishop's ministry and the Archbishop's ministry when he is in Canterbury. On a day to day level, this will involve accompanying the Bishop of Dover on some of his parish and county visits, being a glorified hat stand in services! (holding his mitre and crozier) and being a pastoral contact for those who are in touch with the Bishop's office with a considerable amount of diary planning added into the mix! I will also be attached to one of the churches in Canterbury, where I will help out once a month on their rota. It will be a different priestly ministry to the one here in Bridge Benefice but Chris and I are excited about the new opportunities it will offer us.

Chris and I would at this point like to say an enormous thank you for all your friendship, support, generosity and warmth over the last three and a bit years. We have both thoroughly enjoyed living in Bridge and being a part of your communities in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patricbourne, Lower Hardres and Nackington. We will miss you very much – thank you for being such a blessing to us and such a channel of God's grace. We'd like to invite you to say farewell to us on Sunday 3rd November at St Peter's Bridge at 9:30am – a family communion service followed by lots of tea and cakes, which will be our leaving service. We also pray for you as you continue to seek a new priest and we pray that it won't be too much longer for you to wait. God bless now and always,

Revds Julia and Chris Pickles

Your Parish Matters

Farewell Service for Rev Julia and Rev Chris Pickles - Sunday November 3rd 9:30am St Peter's Bridge - benefice family communion followed by tea and cakes (if you would like to bake a cake please just bring it along!). All other morning services will be cancelled in the benefice to allow people to come to Bridge and say goodbye. All welcome.

Christenings

22.09.13	Bekesbourne	Soul Harrison Hubbard
29.09.13	Bridge	Nicholas Stewart Frederick Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	Olivia Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	Chloe Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	Oscar Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	William Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	Poppy Sands
29.09.13	Bridge	Jack William Williams

Weddings

28.09.13	Nackington	James Moreno and Rosie Partington-Omar
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Funerals

08.10.13		Maureen Jones
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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 5th November.**

All welcome. Please contact Andrea Nicholson on 830947 for further information.

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 Tuesday 19th November, 7pm-8.30pm, at Bridge School Hall.**

Year 7's and up all welcome. Please contact The Vicarage on 830250 for further information.

Church Weddings. *If you, or anyone you know would like to explore the possibility of getting married in church in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patricbourne, 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. The Church of England seeks to serve the community not just those who go to church.

In case of an emergency please contact the Rev Stephen Hardy on 01227 831340.

LOWER HARDRES CHRISTMAS FAIR

We shall be holding our Christmas Fair on November 23rd from 10 -12.30 in the John Baker White hall Christmas shopping ,refreshments ,Father Christmas cakes ,jams and fun for the children .If you have any contributions for collection please contact Margaret 765598 .Please come along .

BENEFICE CHILDREN & apos;s Workshop

This will take place on Saturday December 7th 9-30 till 12 in the John Baker White Hall , Lower Hardres .Please book your place by contact Julie Cox 788316 or Margaret 765598 . Parents please stay with your preschool child .It would be appreciated if each child could bring £1 towards materials .Do come along -it will be fun & apos;

Pre-Christmas Church Cleaning at St. Peter's Bridge.

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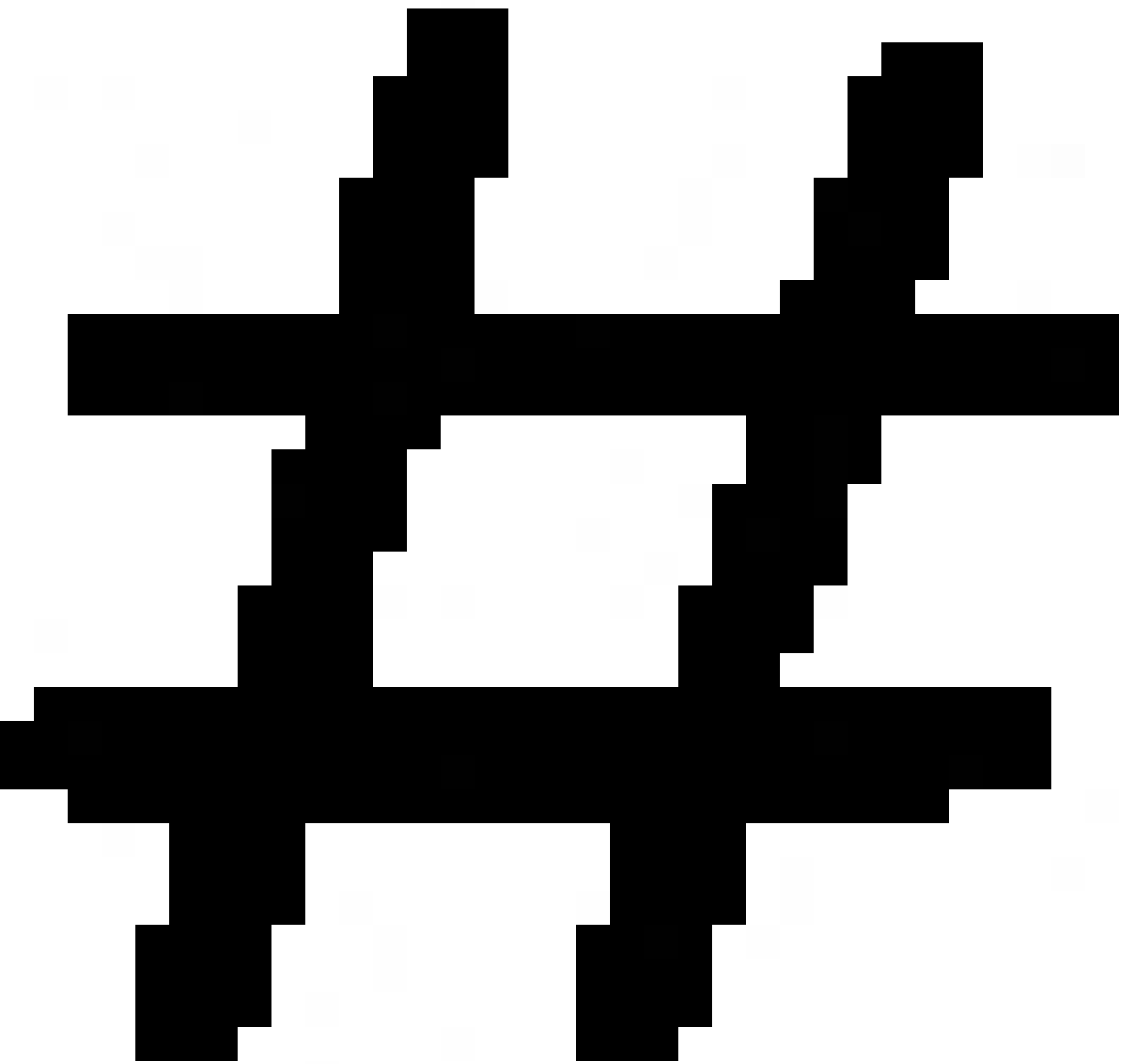
If you can spare some time to help clean church ready for Christmas you will be welcome.

Refreshments provided.

Editors Note.

The next edition of ON THE NAIL will be the combined DEC/JAN edition.

Could all contributors please let me have items for both months by TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER.



You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols

at St Peter's, Bridge on Sunday, December 22nd

and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service!

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregation-al singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform *Make Straight the Way!* (Reger), *A Hymn to the Virgin* (Britten), *When from His Throne the God-head Bowed* (Walford Davies), *I Woke, from my Couch Uprising* (Provençal Trad.), *Noël Nouvelet* (French Trad. arr. Miles) and *All my Heart this Night Rejoices* (Ebeling).

We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line.

We will again keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make *both* the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

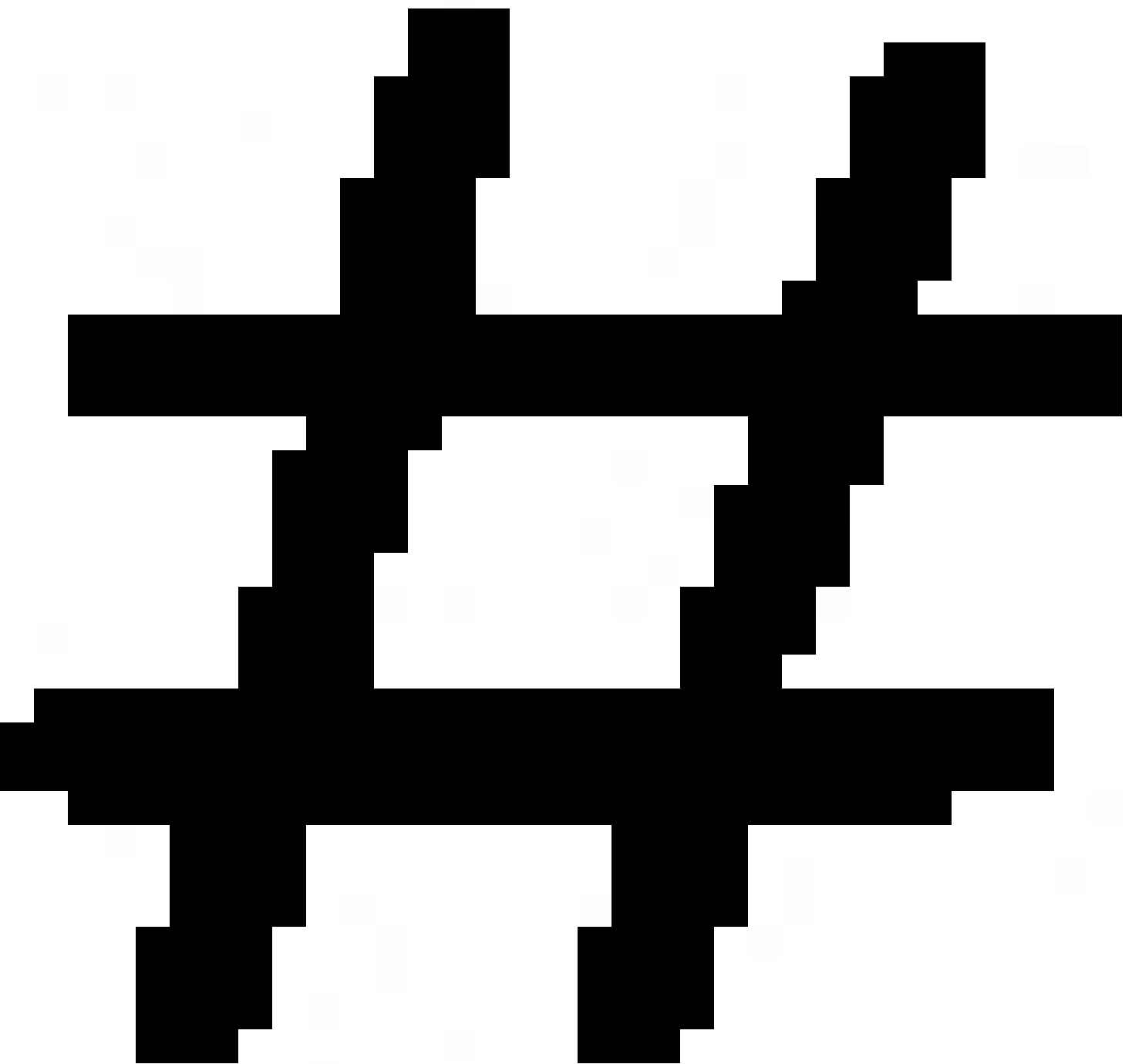
	Wednesday, December 18th	7–8.30 p.m.
	Friday, December 20th	7–8.30
p.m.	Sunday, December 22nd	3.45–5.30 p.m.

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With thanks & best wishes Martin Miles





Fish News (tel. no.07935 966 080)

The Annual General Meeting of the Fish Scheme will take place during the Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday November 13th. Everybody is very welcome.

L'Arche Christmas puddings are selling well. Thank you. They really are superb. Telephone 830298 and order some. The 2lb ones are £9 and the one lbs are £5. Do Google the self-same pud at Fortnum and Mason's and be astounded at what you save.

Scout Christmas Post

The Nailbourne Scouts will be providing a Christmas Post delivery in Bridge as they do each year.

The boxes will be placed in local shops and pubs on November 2013 and deliveries will be made on 14 December and 19 December 2013. All proceeds from the post are used to support the activities of the local Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts.

Thank you for your support. The Nailbourne Scout Executive Committee

BRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Our talk next month takes place on Thursday 21 November in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm. The subject of the talk is 'Bourne Park House' and will be given by Avril Leach. Avril will tell us about the history and fabric of the house, the lives of its owners and residents, and the roles they played in local and national affairs.

All are welcome.

Meriel Connor

BRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN committee would welcome a few new committee members to assist in formulating a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. The committee meets approximately once a month, usually on Fridays at 5.30pm, for a maximum of one and a half hours. Please contact Mervyn Gulvin, Vice-Chairman, in the first instance (01227=830881).

Littlebourne and District Royal British Legion

We are coming up to our busiest time of the Legion's year - the Poppy Appeal. We have some new helpers with the Branch Poppy collection and we are grateful to them for their assistance.

Our Branch Remembrance Service will be held at Ickham Church this year on Sunday 10th November, forming up outside the Lychgate, where we will be accompanied by the junior uniformed organisations. All are welcome to join us.

Our Branch AGM will be held on Tuesday 12th November when we will be electing our Branch officers for the coming year. The next meeting after that will be on Tuesday 10th December - which will have a Christmas "flavour" to it! Both these meetings will be at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm as usual.

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Thank you to everyone who supported the Society's stall at the Farmers Market on 28 September and to all those who volunteered to help. It was a most enjoyable morning and raised a total of £71 for the Society's funds.

The final event in this year's programme is our **Social Evening on Tuesday 3 December**, as always being held in Bridge Village Hall. Our Chairman has devised a quiz, not too difficult he has assured us, to be tackled in tables of 4 or 5 and this will be followed by a light festive supper prepared by the committee. Needless to say, there will also be a raffle. The cost of the evening will be £5 per person. Please make a note of the date and come along to start off your Christmas celebrations.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

The **Annual Meeting**, when officers and committee are elected for the coming year, will be held on Tuesday 19 November at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. Because it is a business meeting there will be no guest speaker but, instead, members will have the opportunity to catch up with others over refreshments.

Art in Bridge

Report 13th Annual Open Exhibition October 2013

This was another very successful exhibition with 176 exhibits covering paintings, photographs, sculptures and craftwork from people of all ages living or working in a rural parish within a five mile radius of Bridge. Bridge School contributed several exhibits illustrating camouflage. The exhibition favourite was a painting by Val Jones entitled 'Serenity'.

Refreshments were available and the record number of visitors were encouraged to sit and talk. On Saturday evening piano music was played by Michael Chandler which added to the enjoyment of the event. There was a presentation by Peter Hodges, Secretary of the South Canterbury Decorative and Fine Arts Society, one of this years' sponsors. Gift tokens, generously donated by Chromos were awarded in a non-competitive draw to two artists, one junior under ten years of age and one senior up to the age of eighteen years. The person awarded the senior gift token was Samuel Dobson who produced two lino cuts of a very high standard. Grateful thanks are also due to our other exhibition sponsors The Bourne Gallery, Picture Framing Service at Chalkpit Farm. As always the successful weekend was due to the many talented exhibitors and loyal helpers.

Sue Hodges

Countdown to Christmas

Want to lose weight before the festive season?

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November at Bridge Farmers' Market

The clocks have gone back, we are heading into short days and cold nights, and we all crave a little comfort from the kitchen. Slow-cooked casseroles, satisfyingly starchy creamy mashes, rich flavoured roasts and warming puddings all fit the bill perfectly so wrap up and head out for a trip to Bridge Farmers' Market for inspiration. It's a treat for all the senses at this time of year especially if we get some late autumn sunshine to set off the hues of the season.

Game is the meat of choice for cooks in November as the season is well under way for birds such as **pheasant, partridge and wild duck**. **Venison** is available both farmed and wild in many markets, and makes a healthy choice as most wild game has 5% to 7% fat, compared to red meat such as lamb with 25% or more, depending on the cut. The lower fat content means careful cooking to avoid the meat drying out, so the old traditional slow cooking methods in stews and casseroles should be reserved for older game birds. Most game is very carefully selected and prepared by your game dealer and no longer hung to quite the same stage of 'gameyness'. Less strong and much more tender, it calls for more modern, time-friendly techniques such as flash frying, grilling or even home smoking are better suited to lean, tender cuts. Look online for ideas as plenty of chefs are discovering the joys of cooking with game and of course ask Stour Valley Game at the market. If you want to slow cook for great comfort eating, look out for the cheaper cuts of beef, lamb and pork – **shin of beef, belly pork, or lamb neck** all cook down to meltingly wonderful mouthfuls of flavour, perfect for colder days.

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Our three local churches want to support this initiative and are asking for your help to provide food for us to take to the Food Bank. A yellow bin is being placed in each church for your donations of food, and these collections will be delivered to the Food Bank by church volunteers.

The Food Bank asks for donations of tinned and packaged non-perishable food, such as breakfast cereals, tinned vegetables, baked beans, jam, canned soup, tea bags or coffee, long life milk and other such items from your weekly shopping list. All they ask is that all donated goods have at least a three month ahead sell by date. Please help us to help those less fortunate than ourselves in our society. Hunger is no longer just a third world problem!

For further information please refer to the website: canterburyfoodbank.org. On the site you will find further details of the food required, (shortage items are highlighted in red), and other ways you can help, such as making a financial donation to enable them to buy in food when needed. Thank you.



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Join us for an evening singing carols – all money raised will go
to the Salvation Army fund

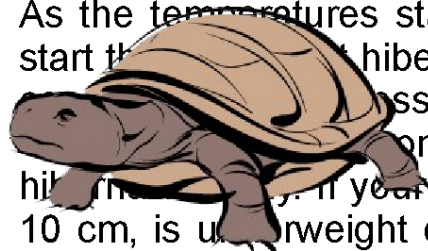
We also invite all Senior Citizens to an Afternoon of Entertainment
On Wednesday 18th December 2013 at 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the
School Hall

Come along and listen to the children sing their Christmas songs
Year 6 will serve refreshments during the afternoon

If you would like to come please ring the school office on 830276
We can arrange local transport for this event if you require it

Bourne vets news

As the temperatures start to drop and the nights draw in, it is time for tortoises to start their hibernation. This can be a traumatic time for tortoise owners as it is a stressful time for the tortoise to hibernation. Consideration is that your tortoise is healthy and big enough to hibernation. If your tortoise is less than 3 years old, has a shell length less than 10 cm, is underweight or at all unwell then we would recommend not hibernating it but keeping it awake over winter in a heated vivarium.



It is also important to ensure that your tortoise does not hibernate with undigested food in its stomach as this can make them very poorly. As the temperature drops and the tortoise cools down they will start to slow down and will stop eating. They shouldn't eat for 2-4 weeks before hibernation to ensure their stomachs are fully empty.

During hibernation the most important thing is to try and maintain the tortoise's body temperature between 3 and 7 degrees C and not allow it to fluctuate which is easier said than done!

Tortoises hibernate best in strong plastic boxes with ventilated lids about half filled with soil. The tortoise will bury himself in the soil and this will help keep his temperature constant much more than using straw or paper. They are best kept in brick outbuildings as these stay cool but protected from frost. It's a good idea to use a min-max thermometer underneath the soil in the hibernating box which you can check every couple of weeks.

Tortoises tend to start waking up again about March when the weather becomes milder and at this stage you should move the box to somewhere warmer and allow them to gradually wake up naturally. Once they are awake they should be placed in a bath of luke warm water for about 10 minutes to help them rehydrate as it is dehydration rather than starvation that most affects them as they come out of hibernation.

Our other big concern at Bourne Veterinary Practice at this time of year is that fireworks season is underway and many pets get very frightened by the unusual loud noises and bright lights. We can help with various techniques to ensure your pet is able to cope when the scary noises start. Ask us at reception or call us on 01227 266838 for more details and we can discuss the options with you as we know this is a stressful time for many pets and their owners.



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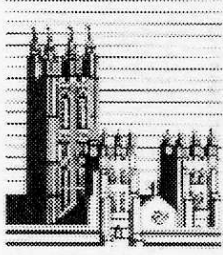
The Canterbury & District branch of Cats Protection is appealing for foster homes for abandoned cats.

The branch relies on volunteers to foster cats in their own homes as we do not have a shelter. But we can't take in more waifs and strays as we don't have enough foster homes.

Anyone with a spare room can become a fosterer. It costs you nothing apart from your time – you need to love cats and have endless patience, it is not just a case of feeding and emptying a litter tray, you must be prepared to spend time with your foster cat.

Cats Protection provides food, litter, bedding and pays for all veterinary bills. It helps if you have a car as you may need to take a cat to the vet occasionally.

If you would like more information please see our website www.canterbury.cats.org.uk or call 01227 266838.



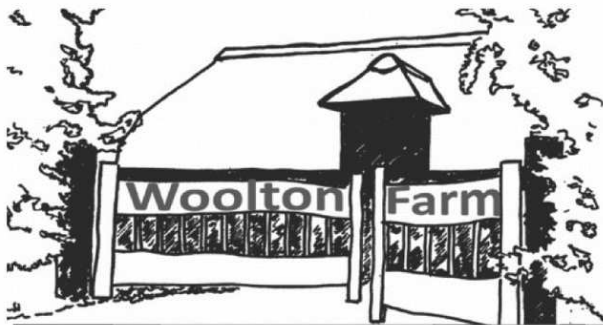
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CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL Friday 13 December 7pm FAMILY CAROLS

Choral Society's 2013/14 season starts with the Family Carols at Cathedral on Friday 13th December 7.00 pm. The choral Society are delighted that Pharon Independent Financial Advisers continue to support the event. Concerts for the 2014 season will be Handel Massiah on the 25th January, J.S Bach St John Passion on the 22nd March and Beethoven's Missa Solemnis on the 21st June.

The Choral Society Youth Choir will again join the Choral Society for the traditional Family Carols. The youth Choir are now regular performers with the choir at major concerts. The Family Carols are now a great part of the Christmas Season and Richard Cooke ensures that everybody, whether they be the young people who join him on the podium or the audience enjoying the singing many of the most popular carols. A Brass Ensemble will accompany the choir.

Tickets for Family Carols, priced at £7.00 and £4.00 for children under 16, can be purchased from the Marlow Theatre Box Office on 01227 787787 or online at www.marlowetheatre.com



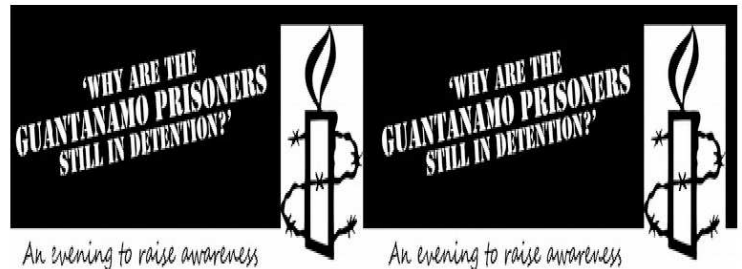
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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 10th October 2013

Nackington Solar Farm – Arthur Bell of Green Energy gave a presentation of the plans for a solar panel installation in Nackington covering 200 acres around the edges of the Kent Downs AONB. The project was being promoted by a local farmer and Carillion plc and would generate 39 megawatts of electricity. He subsequently answered questions from parish councillors. The application would be submitted to Canterbury City Council and Bridge Planning Committee would then have an opportunity to comment on it.

Parking in Bridge: There was a continuing problem with illegal and inconsiderate parking in Bridge. This was particularly evident around the school and Bridgeway Stores. Requests to our PCSO for more enforcement visits had had no effect. It was therefore agreed to ask the City Council to send out Parking Enforcement teams to Bridge, particularly at school times, to enforce the existing parking restrictions.

Mill Centre- There had been no response from Martin Bovingdon regarding the City Council's long-promised valuation of the Mill Centre site. A meeting of current Centre users had taken place to enable them to respond to the redevelopment plans. Members of the public would have an opportunity to comment on the proposals at a later date.

Nailbourne Pollution – Cllr Atkinson reported that a public meeting had taken place in the village hall the previous month. Work was about to commence to seal the sewers in several areas in the village. It was hoped to give adequate advance notice of the work, which would inevitably cause some disruption. . It was hoped that Southern Water would donate a substantial sum of money for the youth groups as a result of their involvement in distributing fat funnels. Another meeting was scheduled with Southern Water in early November.

Christmas trees: Councillors agreed that Christmas trees should again be put up in the High Street. Mr Esdale proposed that the trees should go up on Saturday 30th November and be taken down on Saturday 4th. January. It was hoped that many volunteers would be available to help on both these days

Dog mess: There had been more complaints about dog mess in Bridge and the problem seemed to be increasing. Dog owners were reminded that it was an offence to let their animals foul the pavements and again asked to behave responsibly and clear up after their dogs. There were several bins in the village that could be used for bagged dog mess._

Neighbourhood Plan – Prof Connor reported that Planning Aid would be conducting a training session on 'Objectives' for members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee the following day.

Missing bins – Cllr Edmonds reported that two litter bins had gone missing; one at the corner of Riverside Close and Bifrons Path and the other half way up the lay by at the recycling point. The Clerk would ask for replacements

Wreath for War memorial: Councillors approved a proposal from Cllr Hill that the Parish Council should lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in November.

Planter for the corner of Conyngham Lane & High Street: It was agreed to buy a planter for the corner of Conyngham Lane and the High Street.

Recreation Ground Working Party: Cllr Hodges reminded volunteers that the Autumn working party would take place on the recreation ground on Saturday 19th October at 9.30pm. All volunteers were very welcome and should bring gardening tools. Children from Bridge Primary School would be planting bulbs along the banks of the Nailbourne on Friday 18th October.

Completion of Parish Audit for 2012-13: Councillors noted that the Parish Accounts had been approved by the external auditor

Art In Bridge – Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Corfield for organising a very successful Art in Bridge exhibition the previous weekend.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th. November 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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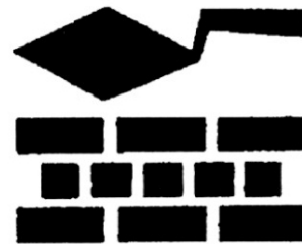
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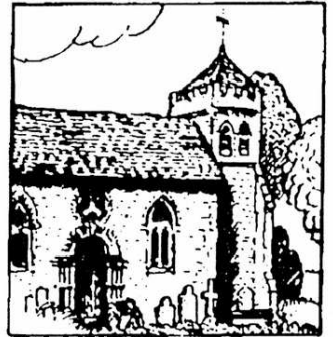
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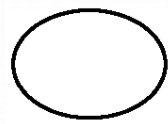
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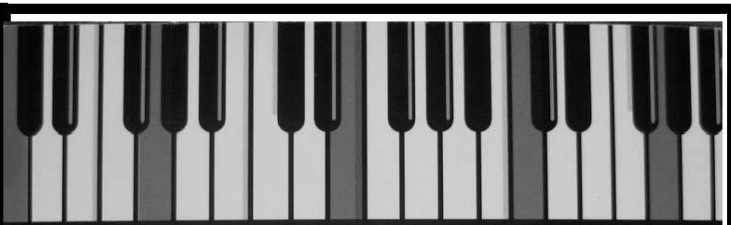
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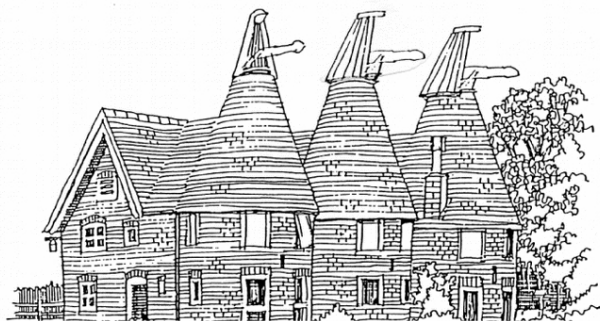
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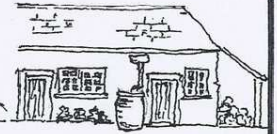
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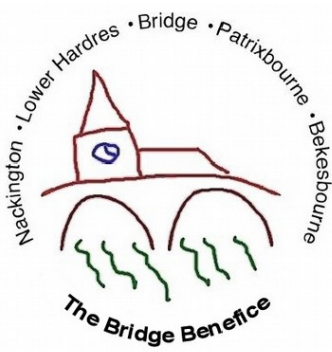
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The Bridge Group
Services for the month of December 2013

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 1 st December 1 st Sunday of Advent	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 : Romans 13: 11-14 G : Matthew 24: 36-44
Sunday 8 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	4.00 pm Carol Service	9.30 am Family Communion			OT : Isaiah 11: 1- 10 G : Matthew 3: 1- 12
Sunday 15 th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent		3.00 pm Crib Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : James 5: 7- 10 G : Matthew 11: 2-11
Sunday 22 nd December 4 th Sunday of Advent	9.30 am Carol Service		6pm Bridge Carol Service.	11.00 am Mattins		OT: Isaiah 7: 10- 16 G : Matthew 1: 18-end
Monday 23 rd December				7.00 pm Carol Service		
Tuesday 24 th December Christmas Eve	11.30pm Midnight Mass		3pm and 5pm. Christingle Services 11.30pm Midnight Mass		11.30pm Midnight Mass	
Wednesday 25 th December Christmas Day		9.30 am Family Service		9.30 am Holy Communion with Carols	11.00 am Family Carol Service	
Sunday 29 th December 1 st Sunday of Christmas			Benefice Holy Communion 9.30 am			OT : Isaiah 63: 7-9 G : Matthew 2: 13-end

The Bridge Group
Services for the month of January 2014

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 5th January Epiphany	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Feast of the Three Kings Family Service	OT : Isaiah 60: 1- 6 G : Matthew 2: 1- 12
Sunday 12th January Baptism of Christ	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	3.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion			OT : Isaiah 42: 1- 9 G : Matthew 3: 13-end
Sunday 19th January Epiphany 2 and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 G : John 1: 29-42
Sunday 26th January Epiphany 3	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT : 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 G : Matthew 4: 12-23
Sunday 2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Candlemas Family Service	NT: Hebrews 2: 14-18 G : Luke2: 22-40



e, to Bethlehem'

Bridge, I've been invited to write a piece for the magazine this Pickles has moved on to her new job as Bishop's Chaplain in re we all wish her well in her new post).

› still early in November, and I have not really got into a › even though the adverts on TV have all started promoting the

am just back from a visit to Bethlehem just a few days ago. Lesley and I regularly lead study tours in Israel and the West Bank, and we took a coach into the city to visit the Church of the Nativity - the oldest church building in the Holy Land because it survived attacks from Persians, Crusaders and Muslims down the centuries.

At the front of the church, beneath the altar, is a dark cave that is said to be the stable in which Mary gave birth to her first-born son. The actual place is marked by a silver star on the floor, and the whole place surrounded by marble and lanterns that have been placed there as acts of devotion.

The problem, however, was that we went on a particularly busy day, and we had first to negotiate the security measures that surround the city, and then queue for almost two hours before we could squeeze into the small enclosure. In fact, many of the visiting tourists were getting quite stressed with standing so long, and there was a bit of pushing and shoving in the entrance way - a far cry from the idea of 'peace on earth, good will to all men'!

But then it struck me - when Jesus was born, it was not into a peaceful setting at all! Bethlehem and all of Judea was an occupied country, with armed Roman soldiers on many street corners. Crowds had gathered for the census, and there was clearly pressure on the available accommodation. And because of the upheaval caused by the census, I bet there were a lot of stressed people around the place.

So that puts an end to a lot of our peaceful manger scenes on Christmas cards!

But that's where the good news of Christmas really comes to life. Jesus did not come into an ideal situation, he came into a world of poverty, problems and stress - the real world that we all inhabit. He came to be 'God with us', in a form that we could understand, and in the place where ordinary people were to be found.

So this year, don't worry to much about the food and the presents, and don't go getting yourself into debt as you search for the "perfect" Christmas. For a truly happy Christmas is to be found in the knowledge that in Jesus, God is with us, right in the mess of life, wherever we all are.

So have a great Christmas, and every blessing for the New Year.

Rev'd Stephen Hardy

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Your Parish Matters

Christenings

03.11.13 Lower Hardres Teresa Jennifer Vetri

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.

8 O'CLOCK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES IN BRIDGE AND BEKESBOURNE.

8 o'clock Holy Communion services in Bridge and Bekesbourne will not take place during December, January and February. This is temporary and due to a lack of service cover in these months

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

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

Church Mice. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge at the new time of **1.45pm-2.45pm** for preschool children (0-5) and their parents and carers - play, songs, bible story, craft and tea and coffee. The next meetings are on **Tuesday 3rd December and Tuesday 7th January 2014.**

All welcome. Please contact Andrea Nicholson on 830947 for further information.

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 Tuesday 10th December and Tuesday 14th January 2014, 7.30pm-9.00pm at Bridge School Hall.

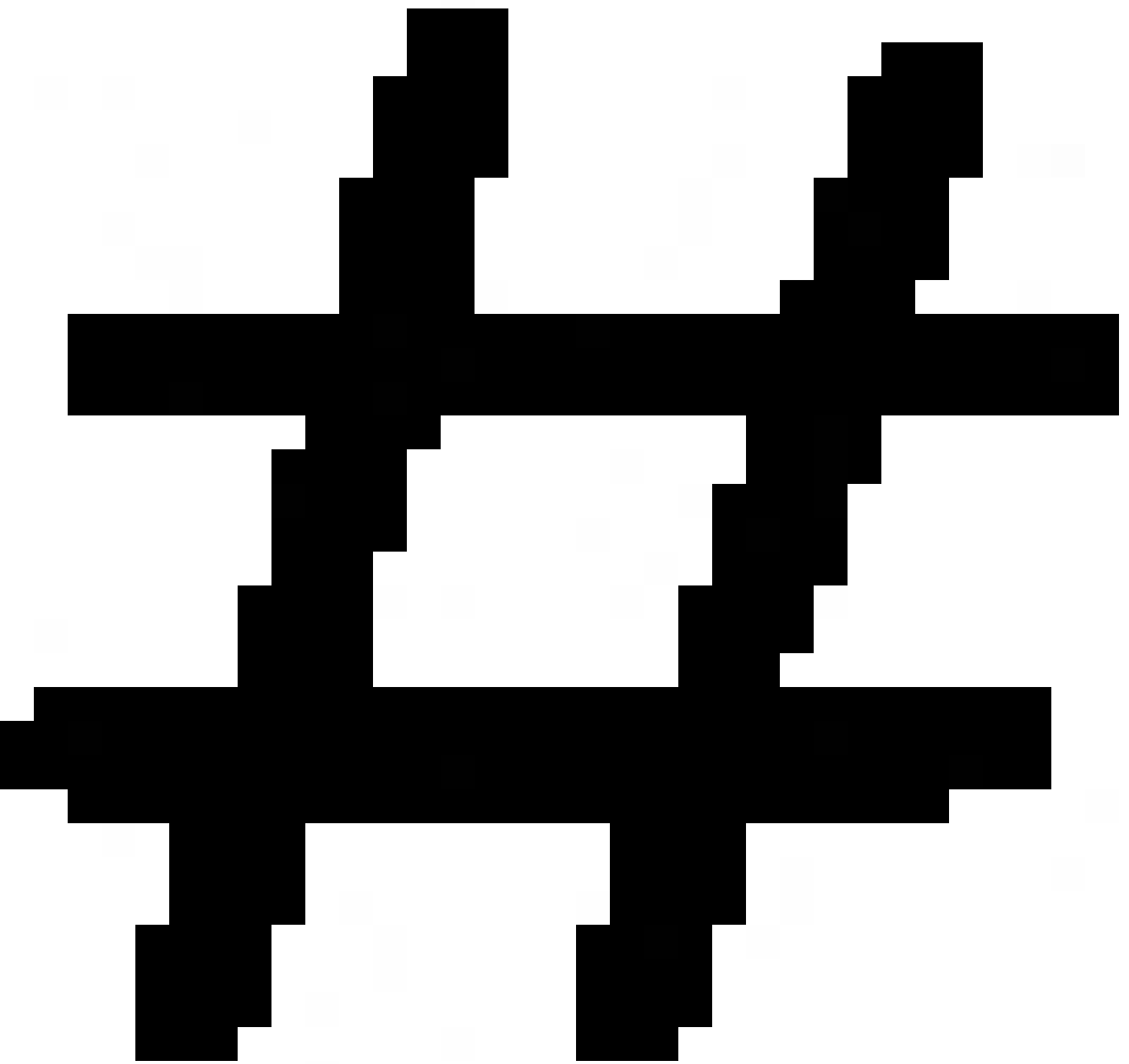
Year 7's and up all welcome. Please contact The Vicarage on 830250 for further information.

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

Baptisms and Confirmations

As we are currently without a Vicar please get in touch with the Vicarage office on 830250 to register your details. There will currently be a few months wait, unless there is an emergency, for Baptisms and Confirmations until the new Vicar is in place.

**In case of an emergency please contact the
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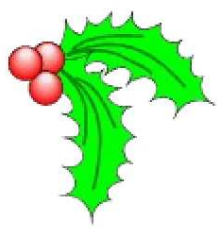
Dates for Your Diary

December

03/12	13.45-14.45	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion
at Bridge Haven		
	20.00	After 8's at 7
Windmill Close		
05/12	19.30	Health & Healing at 7
Windmill Close		
09/12	19.30	Caring & Sharing
10/12	14.30	Holy Communion at
Mansfield Court		
	19.30-21.00	MOBY. Christmas Party.
Bridge School Hall.		
11/12	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in
at Bridge Village Hall		
	14.00	Social Afternoon at
John Baker White Memorial		Hall,
Lower Hardres		
17/12	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon
Lodge		
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
19/12	15.00	Christmas Carols at Bridge
Haven		
23/12	19.30	Caring & Sharing
24/12	14.30	Holy Communion at
Highfield		

January

07/01	13.45-14.45	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion
at Bridge Haven		
	20.00	After 8's at 7
Windmill Close		
02/01	19.30	Health & Healing at 7
Windmill Close		
08/01	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in
at Bridge Village Hall		
	14.00	Social Afternoon at
John Baker White Memorial		Hall,
Lower Hardres		
13/01	19.30	Caring & Sharing
14/01	14.30	Holy Communion # at



John Shorrocks – Priest

News of the death of John Shorrocks at the age of 84 was received locally with great sadness, tinged with relief that he was at peace after debilitating illness. John's long stipendiary ministry in Lancaster, Blackpool, Canterbury Cathedral, Chorley and 5 parishes near Sittingbourne all took place before many of us knew him, but his 8 years in Bekesbourne, following his retirement, left a lasting impression.

John and Jane arrived in School Lane in 1992 and immediately became involved in village life. Very keen gardeners, they took an active part in the Bridge horticultural society and won the cup for 'Most Picturesque Garden', with delphiniums taking pride of place. They were welcoming hosts – John prided himself on his cooking and love of good food, but used this talent as a way of expressing affection and cementing relationships.

During his retirement here, John helped many parishes in the Deanery, but was particularly active in our benefice (especially in Bekesbourne) and helped us through 2 interregnums. He was always ready to support the ministry of others – Pat Kusel remembers the help she received in connection with her leadership of the Bekesbourne Family Service and Chris Maclean describes him as a 'key player' in his own ministry. John and Jane encouraged the formation of the Friends of Bekesbourne Church and worked hard to raise its profile in the village.

They moved to Emsworth in 2006 to be near their daughter and family, where John continued his ministry in Warblington church. On 31 October, a full congregation there celebrated the long life of a much-loved priest.

Jane and the family thank their many friends in Bekesbourne and the Benefice, for the many cards and messages they received. It is a great comfort at this sad time.

JM

Wendy Margaret Pilgrim

Many of us will remember the headteacher of Bridge & Patixbourne School from 1973-1982, namely Wendy Tomlin (latterly Pilgrim), who sadly passed away on 18th October 2013. She certainly made an impact during her strong leadership at the school and many of us have fond memories of her time with us.

EA

Another goodbye.....

Over the last few years, Ernie Feasey has been a very regular worshipper at all our churches, but has now decided to pursue his call to ministry at a church in Chatham, near his home.

Ernie has served as a sidesman at Bridge and lead intercessions at Bekesbourne, where he also conducted the annual Act of Remembrance in the churchyard – come rain or shine! Behind the scenes in the benefice office, Ernie will be greatly missed. He has served as treasurer of the benefice account, keeping track of all the central expenses and bringing order to the system.

We will be wishing Ernie well and thanking him for his time with us during the Bridge Carol Service at 6.00 pm on Sunday 22 December.

JM

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October 11th & 25th

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Finally we have our Christmas Celebration! It is a tradition at Bekesbourne to hold a **Nativity Drama**. This is now combined with the feast of Epiphany and celebrated in our January service, **The Feast of the Three Kings on January 5th**. To achieve this we hold a rehearsal the day before, Sat. 4th, in the Church at 2.30pm. If there are any children who want to be part of this (do not have to be part of the regular congregation) then ring me, **Pat Kusel, on 01227 830272**, and come to the church on Sat. 4th Jan.

Fish News

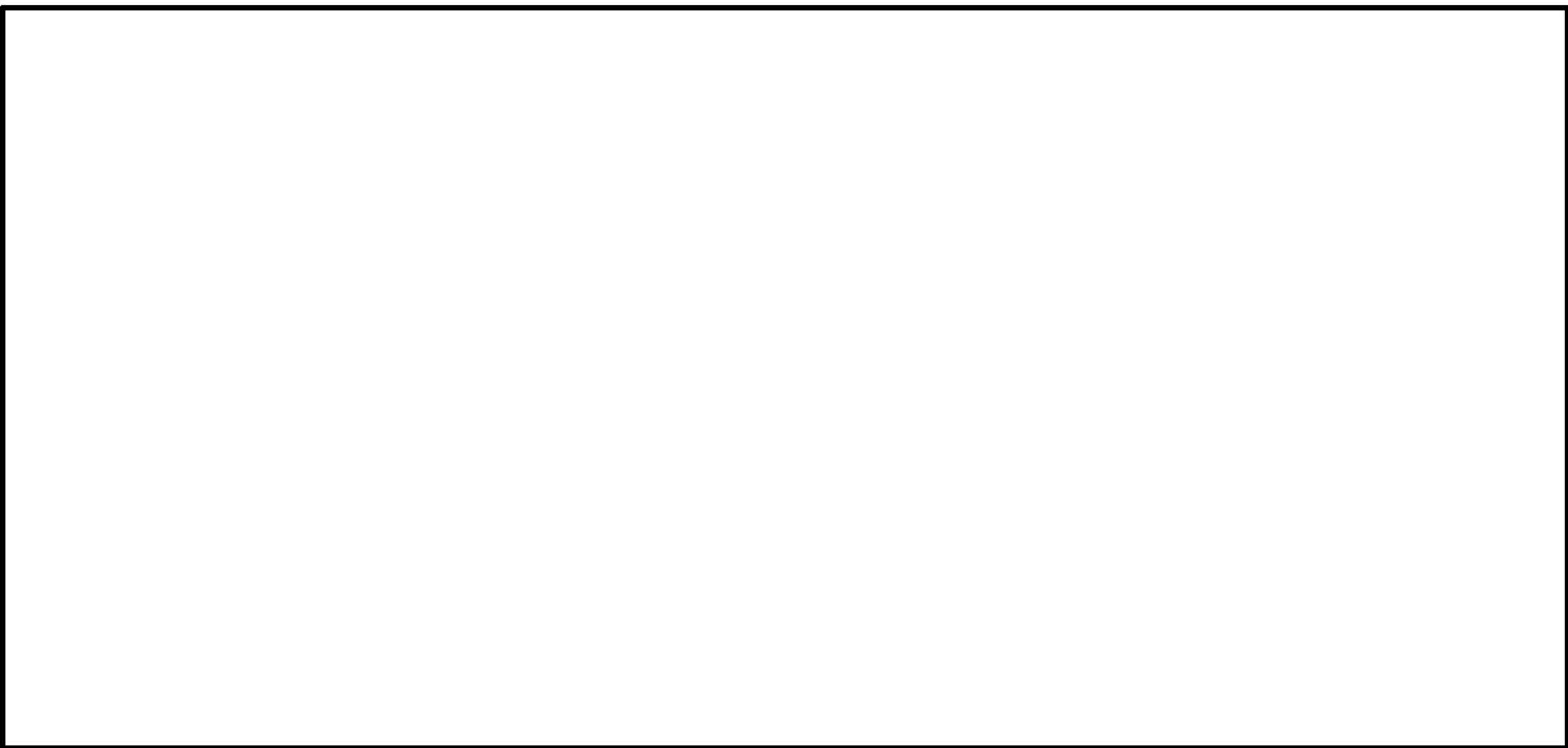
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Our annual **Social Evening** is taking place on **Tuesday 3 December** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. We will be starting our evening with a light-hearted **Chairman's Quiz** to test our horticultural knowledge, but do not be frightened, this is to be a joint effort in tables of 4 or 5. This will be followed by a **light festive supper** prepared by the committee with, of course, a Christmas **raffle**. The cost of the evening will be £5 per person. So, do come along and start off your Christmas celebrations with us. Everyone is welcome.

Our **AGM** will be held on **Tuesday 28 January** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when officers and the committee are elected for the coming year and when subscriptions are due. This year there will be a small increase to £5 for individual and £8 for joint membership. Needless to say we are always on the look-out for new committee members. It is not a demanding commitment with generally only three committee meetings a year plus help at our shows. If you are interested in standing, please contact Kathy Walder on 830057. We would love to hear from you.

After the business of the AGM, we are lucky to have local resident **Alan Barber** talk to us on the "**History of the Beaney and its Owner**". Alan has recently written a book on the subject and will be illustrating his talk with a presentation and video as well.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

For our final meeting of 2013, Jonathan Fryer will be giving a talk on "**The Humorous Side of Being an Actor**". Please note that our meeting will be one week earlier than our normal evening meeting, namely on **Tuesday 10 December** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The talk will be followed by a **Christmas Buffet** prepared by the Committee and time to chat with friends.

Moving on to January, we start off our programme of events on **Tuesday 21 January**, at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall with a talk by Colin Garner on "**Hotter Shoes**".

If you are interested in finding out more about the WI, do please come along to one of our meetings. We are always delighted to welcome visitors.

British Humanitarian Aid News - October 2013

Dear Friends, this update is to thank you all sincerely for your support so far this year. However, we have to make you aware of the critical financial situation in which we find ourselves in both in UK and Ukraine. Our running expenses, both in UK and Ukraine, are greater than our current income. If we are to survive we desperately need to expand our group of donors to maintain the income we need. The situation regarding the loads in Ukraine has improved slightly as at last the Ministries are starting to communicate better. The many new documents that are required are detailed on their websites and we spent a lot of time, during our September visit, assisting Aratta to try to cope with the new demands. The problems will, we hope, be resolved shortly. Two more lorries with 23 tonnes of aid were loaded and despatched on September 23rd. We are extremely grateful for John Bushby, who led the team, and the management of Gist who continue to support us. The aid was delivered to Aratta in Chernihiv without any problems at the border or with the authorities in Chernihiv. The four lorries that have been sent so far this year have all been from Gist, partly because of the uncertain situation but also because of our desperate funding situation. It may be that some people were unsure of what BHA were going to do after the problems earlier in the year, but rest assured that if we receive sufficient support in UK we will continue to do all we can to support people throughout Chernihiv Region.

At Bekesbourne Church we continue to support this local charity through our 'gift' service in December. This year on 1st Dec. 9.30am. Pat Kusel: 830272

December at Bridge Farmers' Market

Just like stir-up Sunday and opening the first door on the advent calendar, a visit to Bridge Farmers' market is the perfect way to get into the true spirit of Christmas this year. The sights, scents and sounds of the season are all present as you mingle with other food enthusiasts, intent on selecting the best produce to enjoy at this special time of year, or simply soak up the atmosphere - it's all a world away from pushing a frenzied trolley round the supermarket.

The colder weather following on from a warm and settled summer and autumn means there is a real bounty of local produce available in perfect condition for celebrating. So why not make a feature of foods from the area for your Christmas entertaining this year? Whether it's turkey, goose, beef, pork, lamb or game, we really are spoilt for choice here in East Kent when it comes to truly superb meat. And at the close of the year every option is eating at or near its best. Locally produced meat from a known and trusted supplier like Laurie Wakeham is likely to have a finer flavour whatever you decide on this year – and you will be able to choose exactly what and how much you want and ask for advice on the best way to prepare and cook it straight from the horse's mouth!

Celebrating the winter solstice with feasts, frolics and fun goes back beyond Christian traditions. With the harvest all in and a long dark winter to face, folk needed a lift and many of the foods we associate with the season have been featuring on menus for centuries. Cranberries, turkey and pumpkins may have come to us from the New World but we can counter with chestnuts, celeriac, parsnips, Brussels sprouts, goose, pheasant, partridge, venison and so on. Plan your menu around these and you won't go far wrong. Don't forget the extras such as sausage meat and bacon for the trimmings, maybe a chicken liver pate or local smoked salmon to serve as a starter, and to round up, traditional Christmas pudding served with thick cream or ice cream, and a platter of local cheeses.

As well as all the traditional festive produce, there are plenty of specialty foods and dishes at the market to help save time and feed crowds over the holiday. A gammon or ham, pates and terrines, soups and curries, all are worth finding a space for in the fridge or freezer to bring out for unexpected guests or when you are just too overwhelmed to prepare yet another meal. Also don't forget to stock up on chutneys, preserves and relishes from Alkham Valley to go with your cold cuts. In fact why not go the whole way and serve a special local market spread on Boxing Day or for a party – platters of local meats, cheeses, with a couple of salads and the trimmings are excellent 'grazing' food. And a few extra loaves of good bread from Lyminge bakery tucked in the freezer for turkey sandwiches or to go with a bowl of soup will always be popular.

We have two markets in December, our regular Saturday market on December 14th and our special candlelit Christmas market on December 18th between 3:30pm-6:30pm. Bridge school choir will be starting off the festivities for us with some lovely carols and later on Stuart Field will be leading some community carol singing. Rene will be serving up mulled wine throughout the market – there may be a mince pie or two to go with that - and Alkham valley will be serving up delicious Bratwurst. Some of our favourite guest stalls are returning to this market alongside our fantastic regular stalls. Cottage Kitchen are returning with their sublime cheesecakes and desserts, Romney Marsh Wools will be treating us to their local woollen products and Boughton Alpacas, our regular alpaca wool stall, will be there too with perfect luxurious gifts for all the family. Handmade by Henry is also back with his marvelous chocolates and will be bringing his chocolate fountain for this market, and our regular marzipan stall Marchpane will have those delicious sweet treats – perfect for your cake. Something for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you there.

May we wish a very happy Christmas and a peaceful 2014 to all our customers, and also take this opportunity to thank you for your support during the year.

Mark, Pam and the Bridge Farmers' Market team

Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 14th November 2013

Christmas trees; Mark Esdale reminded residents that the Christmas trees would be put up in the High Street on Saturday 30th November. All volunteers are very welcome for a variety of jobs, indoors and out, and should meet at the Village Hall at 9.30am.

Snow Clearance; Cllr Moon will hold a meeting of volunteer snow clearers on Wednesday 27th November at 6.30pm in the Hunter Room. All new and former volunteers very welcome.

Budget for 2014-15 and Precept requirement; Acceptance of the precept and budget requirements for 2014-15 was proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Wilmshurst and passed unanimously.

Kent Police; The Clerk had replied to Inspector Etheridge conveying the Parish Council's disappointment at his refusal to send a police officer to talk them about dog attacks. There had been no further response and it was decided to complain to the Kent Police & Crime Commissioner. Cllr Atkinson would attend the Police Conference at Maidstone on 6th December if possible and try to raise the matter there.

Community Assets; It had been discovered that the City Council had produced a policy on Community Assets, which required a form to be completed in respect of each proposed asset. It had been confirmed that although the parish council had submitted a list of Assets of Community Value in June 2012, none had been registered by the City Council. It was therefore agreed that Councillors would complete forms in respect of each of the listed assets.

Mill Centre- Representatives of the Mill Centre Management Committee and the Parish Council would meet Martin Bovingdon, CCC's Property Services Manager, on Wednesday 27th November at his request.

Nailbourne Pollution – Cllr Atkinson would attend the next meeting of the Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group at the end of November. Work had started on re-lining the main sewer and it should soon be possible to get an idea of how the ground aquifers were filling. Cllr Atkinson would report again in December

Use of Kentish Stour Countryside Project Volunteers; Cllr Hodges would meet a representative of KSCPV on 4th December to discuss clearing work in the area near the school gate on the recreation ground. Anyone who had suggestions for other work should let Cllr Hodges know

Safety inspection of trees on recreation ground; It was agreed to ask a tree surgeon to carry out a safety inspection of the trees on the recreation ground.

Bridge Down Steps; Cllr Hodges reported that two steps had been repaired and that Kent Highway Services had said that the steps would be replaced entirely 'in the near future'.

Higham Lane; Kent Highway Services had advised that they would not resurface Higham Lane but would fill in the potholes as they appeared

Higham Lane Bus shelter; Cllr Edmonds reported that the roof of the bus shelter at Higham Lane was leaking. The wooden back of the shelter would also need replacing in the spring.

Village Sign – Cllr Hill reported that the post was now ready but there were problems over delivery to the site because of its weight

Remembrance Day ; Cllr Hill thanked Cllr Hodges for laying a wreath at the war memorial the previous Sunday.

Resignation; Mike Burns- Stark resigned from the Parish Council.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th December 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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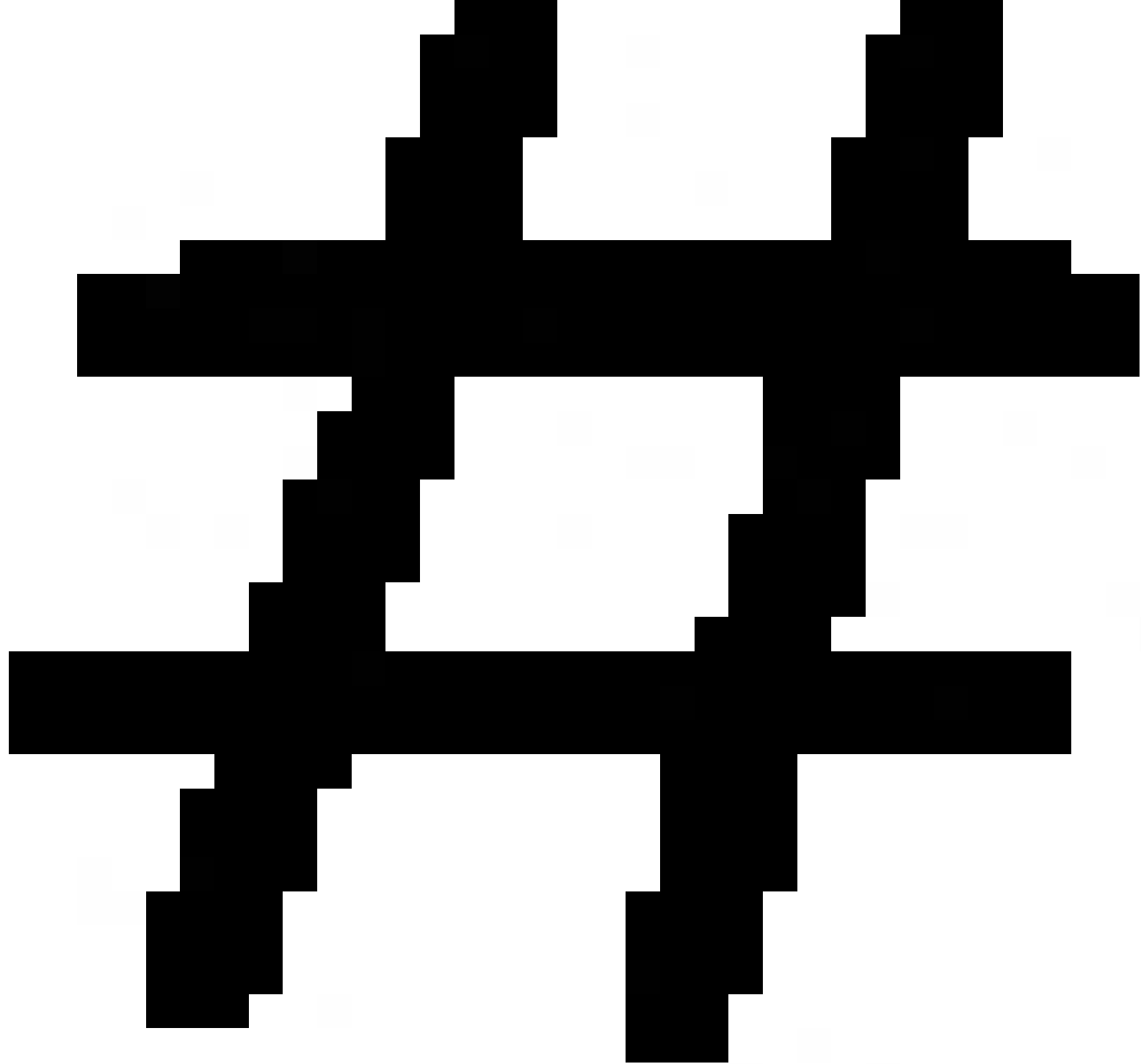
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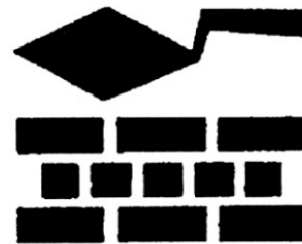
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