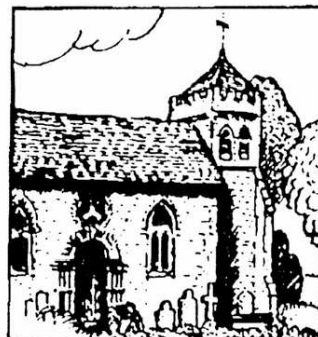


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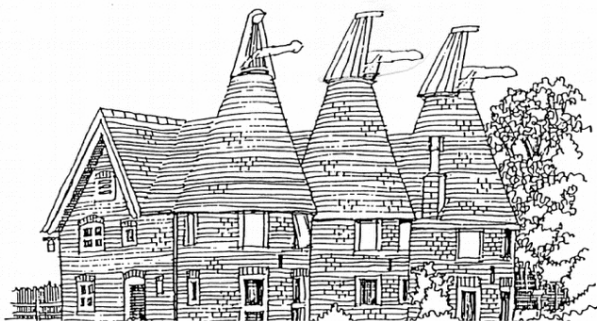
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Sunday 3 rd February Presentation of Christ	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Candlemas Family Service	NT: Heb 2.14-end G: Luke 2.22-40
Sunday 10 th February Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Sung 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

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. 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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05/02	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	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
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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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Alan & Jean Barber.

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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 ideas 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 or rather 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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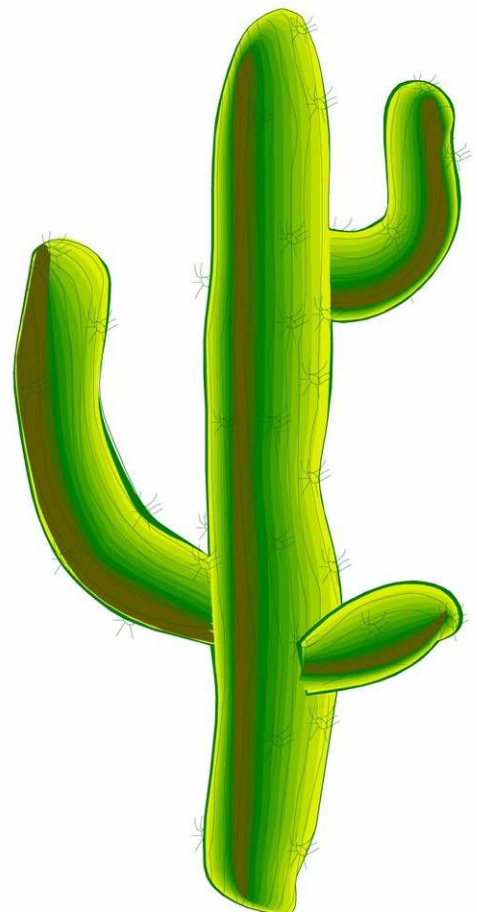
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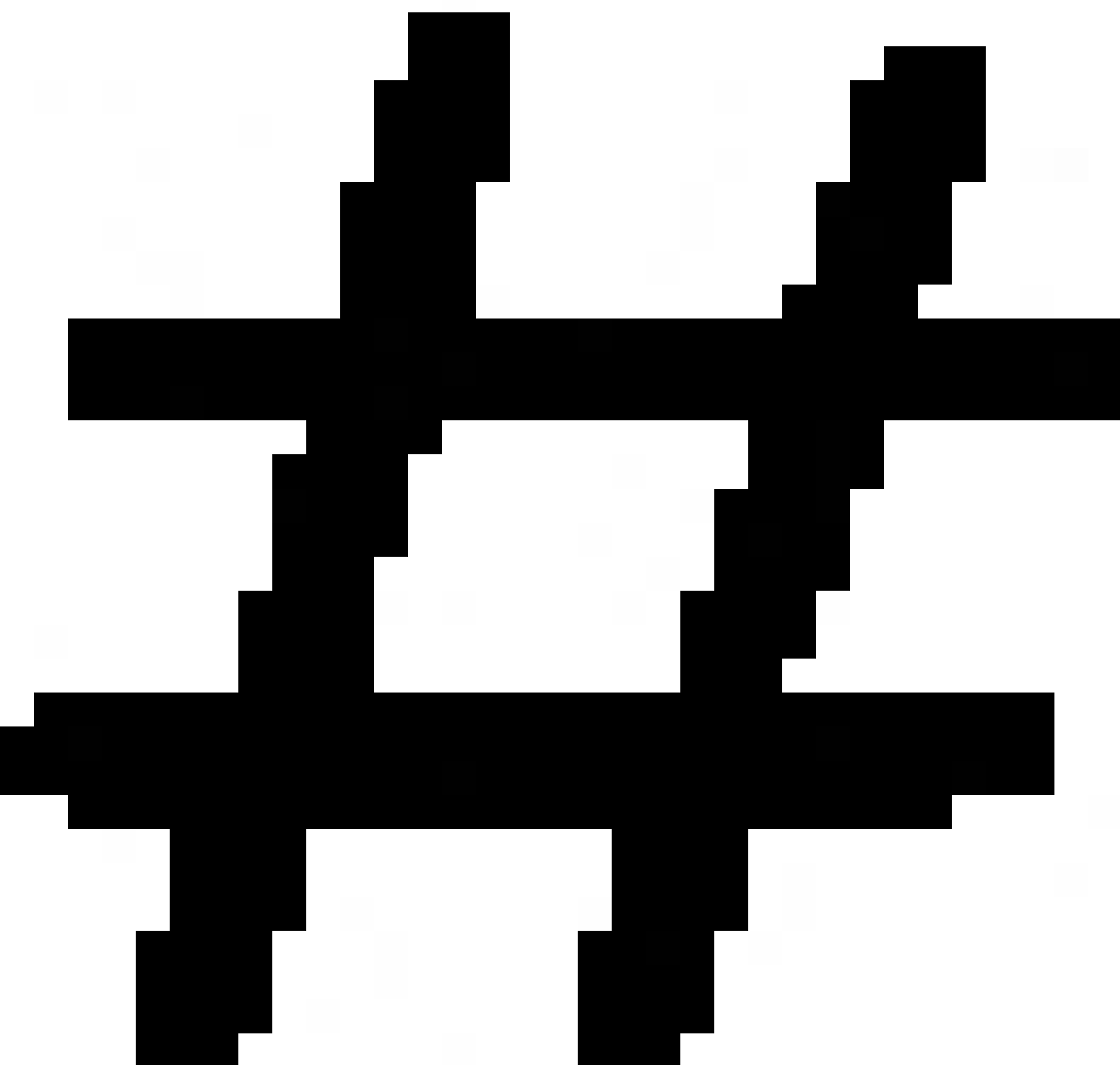
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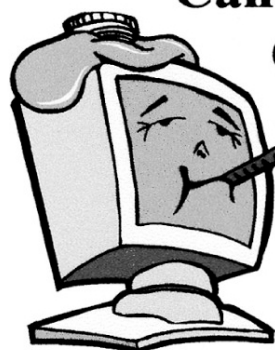
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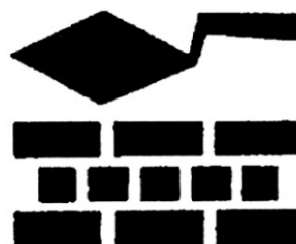
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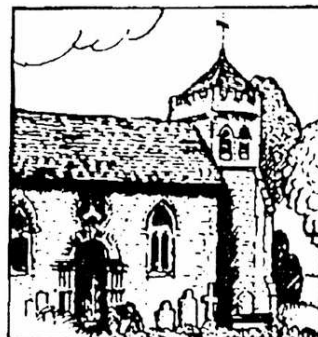
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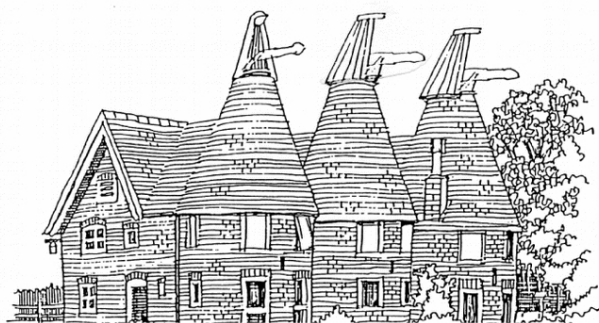
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Sunday 3rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent	8.00 am BCP Communion TBC	11.00 am Family Communion Canon A. Duke	6.00 pm Evensong Rev J. Pickles	9.30 am Sung Eucharist Rev J. Pickles		NT : 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 G : Luke 13: 1-9
Sunday 10th March 4th Sunday of 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 17th March 5th 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 24th 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 31st 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 7th April 2nd Sunday of Easter				9.30 am Benefice Service		

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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	Patricxbourne
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	Patricxbourne



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Have you ever been plagued by phone calls or letters from companies trying to get you to come back to them for a new tariff or deal once you have signed off? Energy and phone companies are pretty notorious at this aren't they? Well, Chris and I bought a case of wine online last year as a one-off for his ordination party and ever since we have been bombarded by letters, magazines and phone calls asking us to subscribe to a monthly case of wine. It's so bad that it has become a family joke when we hear post hit the doormat.

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, Patricxbourne) 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

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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 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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05/03	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	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 Patricxbourne 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 Patrixbourne many years ago. She continued the tradition of the Patrixbourne 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 Patrixbourne. 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.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March at 7.30pm in
Bridge Village Hall

PADDLERS, WADERS AND SWIMMERS

will be the subject of an illustrated talk by the popular Don Wilks.

After the short business meeting and talk
here will be refreshments and social time.

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

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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Complete an Application Form (available at www.bridgefarmersmarket.co.uk or by post from 47 High Street Bridge) by **1st April 2013** and send to the Chairman of the Farmer Market Committee at 47 High Street Bridge, CT4 5JZ or by email to philip.wicker1@gmail.com

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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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The two Horticultural Shows this year will be held in **BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL** on:

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).

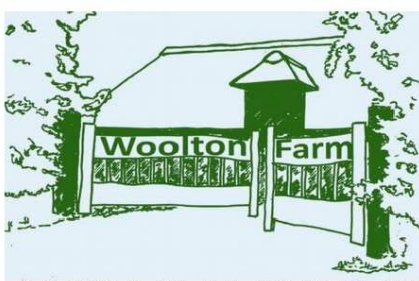
A copy of the recipe will also be printed in the April copy of 'On the Nail'. Alternatively contact Lesley Forwood (as above) for a copy.

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 Pattribourne 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.

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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._

THE HUNDRED HOST RUSSIAN MUSICIANS

On Sunday March 10 at 7.30 Sergei Vasilyev, piano, and Alina Karpenko, soprano, present a concert of Russian classical music and folk song at Petham Village Hall. Another new departure for The Hundred Shows! For tickets: £10 (£5 for students) - ring 01227 700 847 or 01227 700 327.

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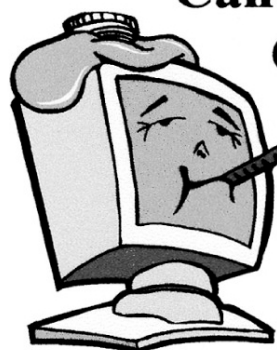
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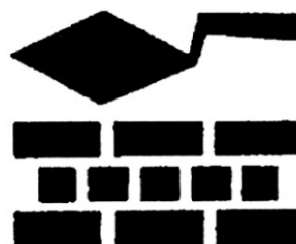
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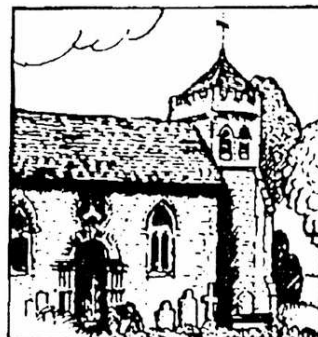
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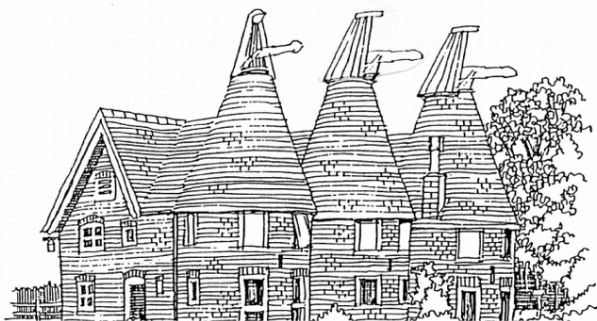
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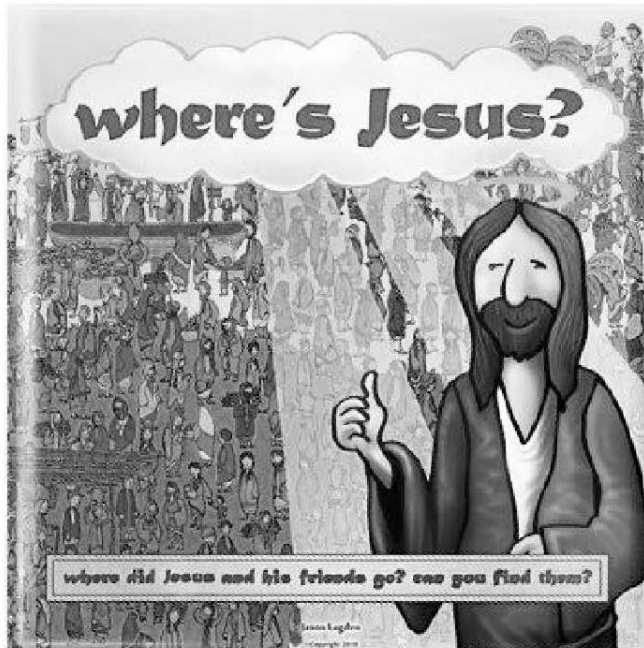
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Services for the month of April 2013

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
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’ 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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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 9th April.**

All welcome. 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, Patricbourne, 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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Dates for your Diary

April

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
Memorial	Hall,		
			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, Shores 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

Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School
Warmly welcome all Senior Citizens to our

ST GEORGE'S DAY

Celebration

Tuesday 23rd April 2013 in the school hall

performances by each year group and the school choir

1.30pm - 3.00pm

Refreshments will be served during the afternoon

(Please contact the school office on 830276 to reserve a place)

Wickhambreaux school welcome you to their Fair 18th of May 12-3pm
Situated on Seaton playing field Fun for all the family with refreshments, arts
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feeling very adventurous come and take your chances on the bucking
bronco!!

Small Allotment Available in Bridge! for immediate use Also we have now re-
opened the waiting list. Please contact Tony Walder 17 Union Road, Bridge.
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

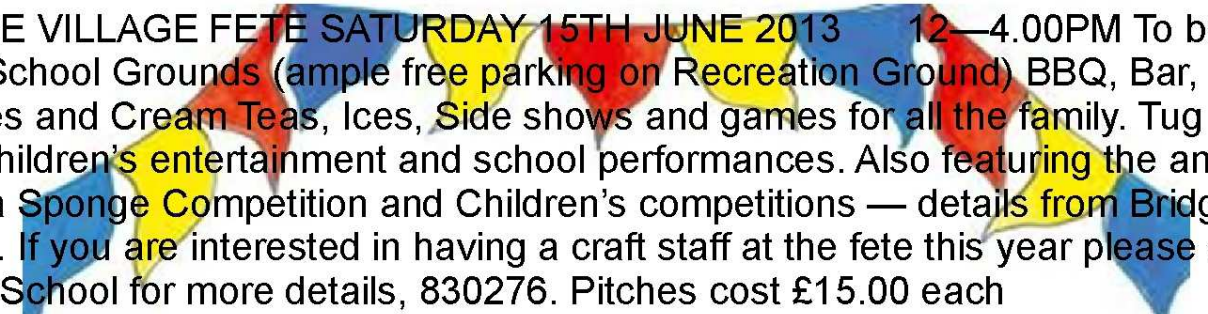
1. Heat your oven to 180°C/gas mark 4. Butter a 1 kg/2lb loaf tin and line it with baking parchment.
2. Beat the butter and caster sugar together in a large bowl, using an electric hand-held whisk or wooden spoon, until the mixture is very light and fluffy – this can take up to 10 minutes. Add the flour, 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 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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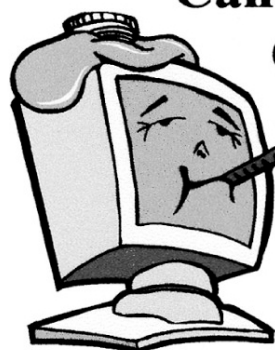
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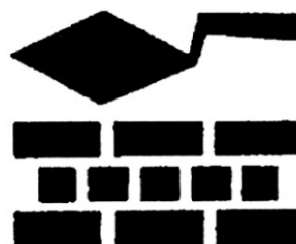
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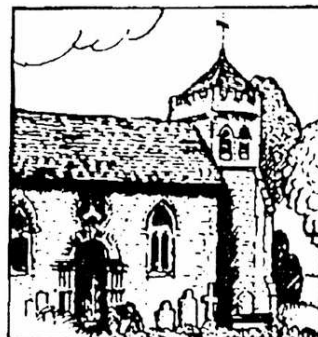
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