

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-	MOBY BBQ and
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.

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

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

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

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

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



FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES Annual Bike Ride

Saturday 14th September 2013

A cycle-ride or walk around Kent Churches—a chance to see inside them all, 'fight the flab' and help raise money for your local Church by getting some sponsorship.

A Win! Win! Win!

Every little helps—your sponsorship money will be split equally between a Church or Chapel of your choice and the charity itself, Friends of Kent Churches, helping to save Churches in Kent.

Family, Friends, Neighbours

As walkers, cyclists or sponsors, help to make this a successful community event. Interested? Contact your Parish organiser.

Visit our website- www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk

Local contacts

Bekesbourne Jill Gillanders
01227 830894

Bridge Ann & David Edmonds 01227
830795

Lower Hardres Ann Nichols/Margaret Clarke 01227 765598
Nackington Cilla Wright
01227 463265

Patixbourne Pauline Pritchard
01227 830685 or

pvpritchard@tiscali.co.uk

Bridge with Patixbourne Women's Institute

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

Barbara Beinder

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

Saturday September 21st



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

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

For further details contact Len Budd
on 01227 731224 or lenbudd1@aol.com.

Unfair Bus Prices!

Parents of students at school aged 16-18 living in Bridge are being asked to pay an £120 more for bus tickets than those living in Sturry and Chartham who can buy a Megarider ticket for £400 per academic year compared with the £520 we are being asked to pay.

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

Anyone interested in changing this inequality should contact the stagecoach bus company.
Helen Sole

Phoenix Trading Charity Christmas Cards

Our Christmas cards don't just look good, they do good! Each year, Phoenix Trading raises money for its nominated charities through the sale of its exclusive charity Christmas cards.

In 2011, Phoenix Trading raised over £62,231 through the sale of its Christmas cards. 30% of this was split equally between Cancer Research UK, Together for Short Lives (formerly known as Children's Hospices UK) and Macmillan Cancer Support, with the remaining 70% (a total of £43,562) was used to support 241 charities as nominated by our customers.

Funds raised from the sale of our 2012 range of Christmas cards will be distributed by The Phoenix International Charity in the following way: 10% to Cancer Research, 10% to Together for Short Lives, 10% to Macmillan Cancer Support and the remaining 70% to charities recommended by our Independent Phoenix Traders. Details will have been announced by the time this goes to print.

To date, Phoenix Trading has raised £1,322,785.65 for charity. Each year approximately 20% Net profit goes to charity.

If you would like to nominate a charity to benefit from Christmas 2013 cards sales please contact me.

Get involved: Contact Emma Haynes 830558 or visit www.cardorder.co.uk

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne
in aid of church funds

Boot Fair

School Lane, Bekesbourne, CT4 5ER

Saturday

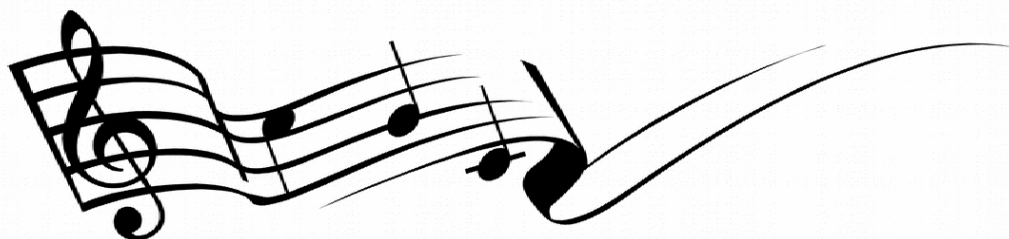
7th September, 2013

8.00am 'til 12 noon

Pre-booked pitches: £8.00

Phone: 01227 830271 or 0771 0170197

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CALLING ALL YOUNG SINGERS - Aged 13-21

Be a founder member of a new youth choir

ELHAM VALLEY VOICES

starting September 2013

Perform in Concerts!

Enter Competitions!

Have fun with like-minded young people!

Rehearsals on Mondays 5.45-6.45pm in Kingston Barn

For further details please contact:

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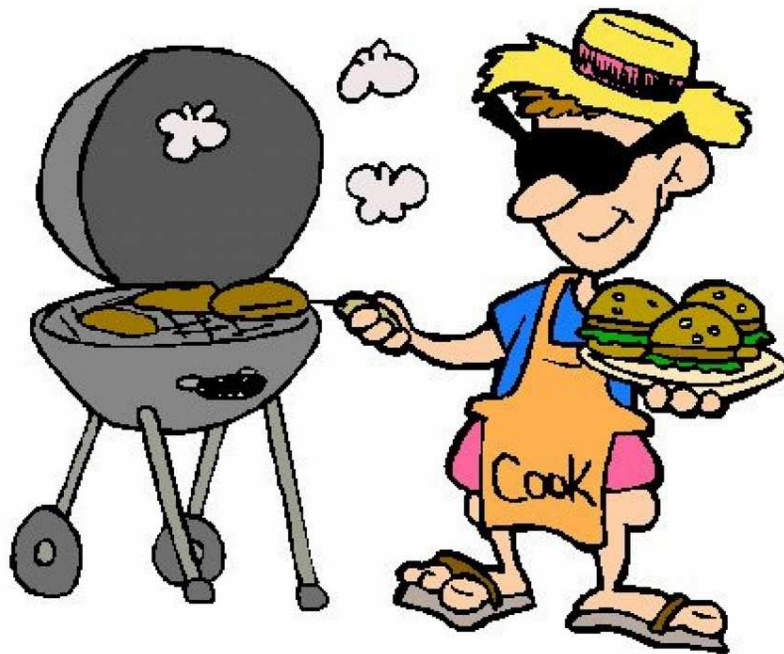
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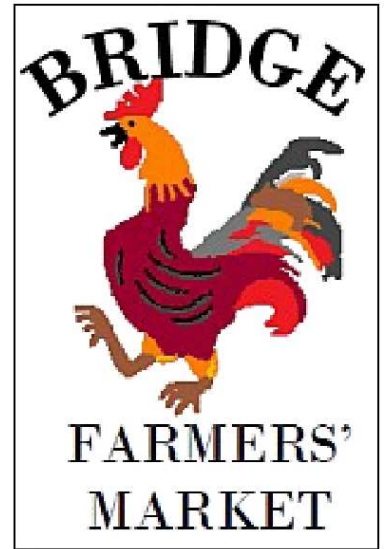
MOBY Youth Group
Start the year BBQ and games



For Year 7s upwards
All welcome
On Sunday 8th September 2013
5pm-7pm
at Riverside Cottage, Old Palace Rd,
Patixbourne. CT4 5BU
(next to Bekesbourne Recreation Ground)

Phone Revd Julia for more details: 830265
If you remember....please email: curate@bridgechurch.co.uk to let us know
you are coming so we can buy enough food ☺
**MOBY is the Bridge Benefice Youth Group for Y7s + aiming to support young
people in their Christian faith...and have fun!**

August and September at Bridge Farmers' Market





**The Canterbury Christian Aid
Committee is pleased to present
another concert by the popular
and talented ensemble**

The Galliard Trio

Andrew Morris
Flute and piccolo

Martin White
Oboe and cor anglais

Alec Forshaw
Piano and bassoon



**St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury
Saturday 5th October 2013 at 7:30 pm**

**The concert will feature chamber music by
Mozart and Rachmaninov
and woodwind trios by J.S.Bach
Members of the group will talk about the pieces**

**Programmes £10 (Students £5) from J. Barber 01227 831956 or by post to
1 Riverside Mews, Bridge, Canterbury, CT4 5TW or email jbarber@uk2.net**

Please make cheques payable to Christian Aid

There will be an interval with refreshments

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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

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

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

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

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

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

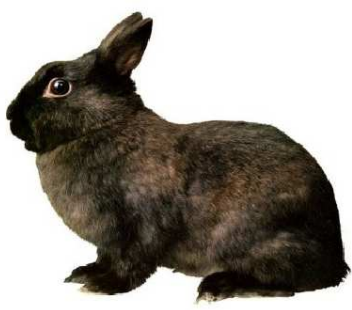
National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

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

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

Both evenings start at 7.30 with refreshments followed by the talk itself at 8.00 pm. The Association are delighted to welcome non-members to their meetings.

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



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

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

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

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

Kingsbourne Players

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

T.O.P.S

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

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

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

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

An Introduction to Basketry



& Demonstration

by

Katharine Woodward

Tuesday 10 September

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

All welcome

Basketry Items for Sale

Small admission charge to include refreshments

Art in Bridge Exhibition

Bridge Village Hall, High Street, Bridge

Saturday 5th October

11am – 7pm Music from 5pm

Sunday 6th October

11am – 5pm

Entrance FREE Refreshments available

Visitors will be invited to vote for their favourite exhibit
The exhibits receiving the most votes will be
announced after the close of the exhibition

Exhibitor Entry Form

From www.artinbridge.org.uk
The Bourne Gallery, Bekesbourne
and in September from
Colebrook Sturrock & Co,
Estate Agents, High Street, Bridge

For further information
please go to the web site or
telephone John Corfield on
01227 830976

Exhibits to the Hall 4.30 – 6.30 pm
Friday 4th October

www.artinbridge.org.uk

SEPTEMBER CHARITY OPEN HOUSE

Featuring Phoenix Trading Christmas Cards.

Wednesday 18th September 9.30 – 3pm
16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Cards.

All Welcome, including children! If you haven't popped by before please do!

If you would like a brochure featuring the Charity Christmas Cards, phone 830558
or email: cardorder@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.cardorder.co.uk

Looking forward to seeing you, Emma Haynes

Creative Places

AUTUMN PROGRAMME

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

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

Sewing for Beginners: Ten Week Course

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

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

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

How to Hand Knit:

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

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

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

Pottery:

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

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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Soap Making

Thursday: 14th November 7pm-9pm

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

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Thursday: 21st November 7pm-9pm

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

Cost: £16

Further Information:

To book, or for more information, please contact: **Email:** Tamasin@creativeplaces.org.uk

Mobile: 07990 543397 **Facebook:** Search for Creative Places

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

(www.kent.police.uk) and follow the links from the home page. You can also follow us on Twitter: @kent-police

T.O.P.S. PRESENTS "TAKE FIVE" Sat 14th September 13 Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.30pm Tickets £5.00 An evening of short plays & sketches performed by T.O.P.S (The Occasional Performance Society) Raffle & Refreshments for Sale Raffle will be support of Bridge Village Playgroup To Book Call: Tara: 01227 832414 tara896@sky.com

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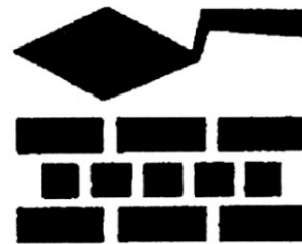
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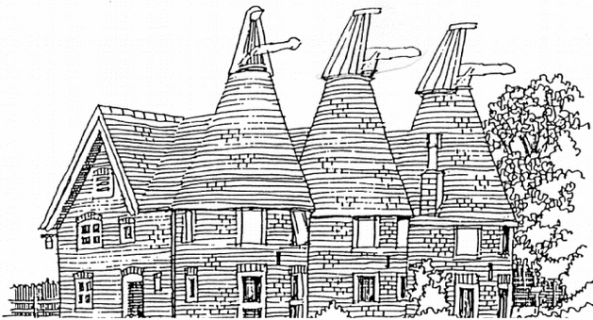
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Sunday 13 th October 20 th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am BCP Communion	OT : 2 Kings 5: 1- 3,7-15c G : Luke 17: 11-19
Sunday 20 th October 21 st Sunday after Trinity		9.30 am Family Service	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.

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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 Arajngo	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

PANASONIC PHONE/FAX/COPYING MACHINE Bridge Parish Council has a working Panasonic KX-FP215E phone /fax/ answering system/copying machine plus full instructions and 4 rolls of ink film for which it has no further use. If you could make use of this free equipment, please contact Christobel Seath, the Parish Clerk, on 01227 831085 (weekday mornings) or via email at clerk@bridgevillage.org.uk

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.

The number to ring for help with transport is 07935 966 080.

Christmas Puddings

L`Arche Christmas Puddings have arrived a little late this year as the makers in Kendal have been producing 65,000 of them for Fortnum & Mason.

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Telephone Anne Rooke on 830298 and order for yourself or as presents for friends and family.

Many thanks, Anne

Forth coming Bekesbourne Family Services

At Bekesbourne we provide a warm welcome in a relaxed and informal setting. We use a sound system, have a small music group and now have a toilet! So don't be put off, come and join us. We look forward to welcoming you into our church and chatting with you afterwards over a cup of tea and biscuits.

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.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Isle of Arran in Autumn

An illustrated talk by
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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
glass of wine and savoury snacks**

This is a limited ticket event, so please call to book your tickets:

Val Hey 01227 830678 or Christine Dutfield 0771 0170197

An Itinerary of the evening will be delivered with your tickets

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*Items are brought at the Owner's risk***



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If there is bad weather please ring one of us to check whether the session will take place.

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

See www.therovingyarn.co.uk for shawl images



FREE INFORMATION SERVICE AVAILABLE FOR ALL

A FREE service is now available for all Kent residents to help them find which health and social care services are available for them. The service is part of Healthwatch Kent, a new independent consumer champion for people who use Kent's many health and social care services.

Healthwatch's Information and Signposting dedicated service is available to everyone and will help people to find the services that they require within the complex NHS system in Kent.

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

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.

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)

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

Cost: £16

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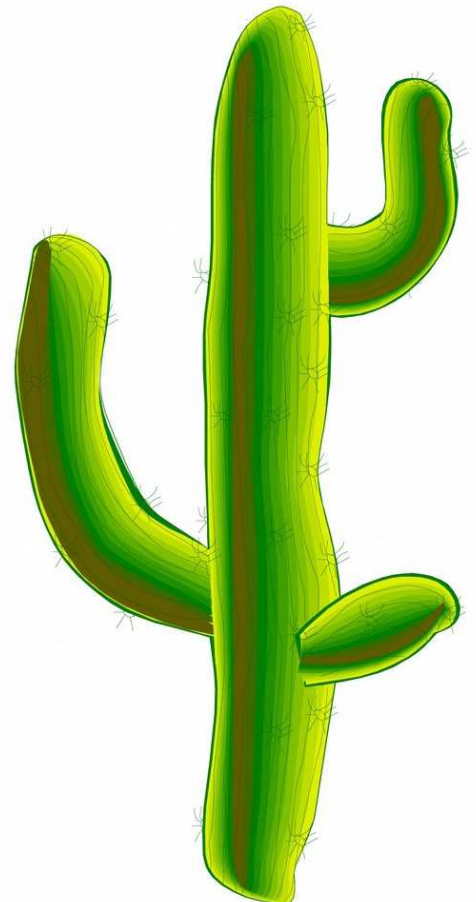
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If you would like to know more talk with Pam Dobson (832369) or Mark Esdale (832740) who jointly share the responsibility at present

Complete an Application form by 31 October 2013

Forms available from www.bridgefarmersmarket.co.uk or at the market

Send to the Chairman of the Farmers' Market Committee at 47 High Street, Bridge, CT4 5JZ or by email to philip.wicker1@gmail.com

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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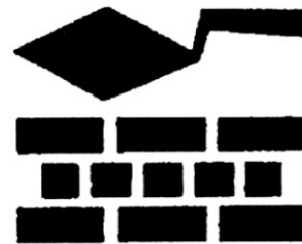
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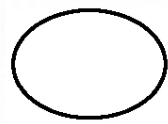
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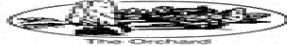
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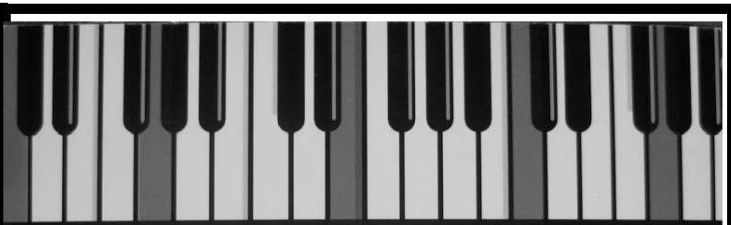
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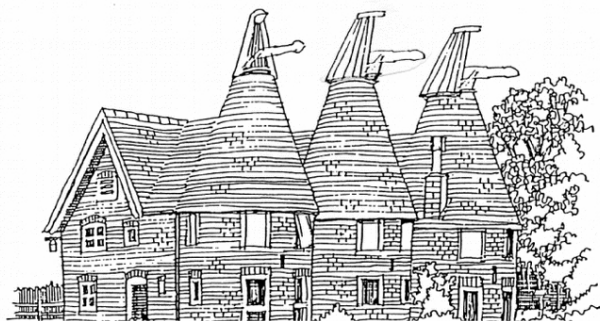
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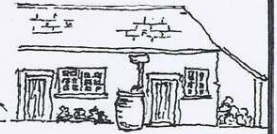
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Sunday 10 th November Remembrance Sunday	9.30 am Sung Eucharist 10.50 am Act of Remembrance	3.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion 10.50 am Act of Remembrance	10.50 am Remembrance Day Service	8.00 am BCP Communion	NT : 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end G : Luke 20: 27- 38
Monday 11 th November					10.45 am Act of Remembrance	
Sunday 17 th November 2 nd 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 24 th 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 1 st 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.

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22.09.13	Bekesbourne	Soul Harrison Hubbard
29.09.13	Bridge	Nicholas Stewart Frederick Sands
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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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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.**

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

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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.

On Saturday 7th December 10:00 to 12:00.

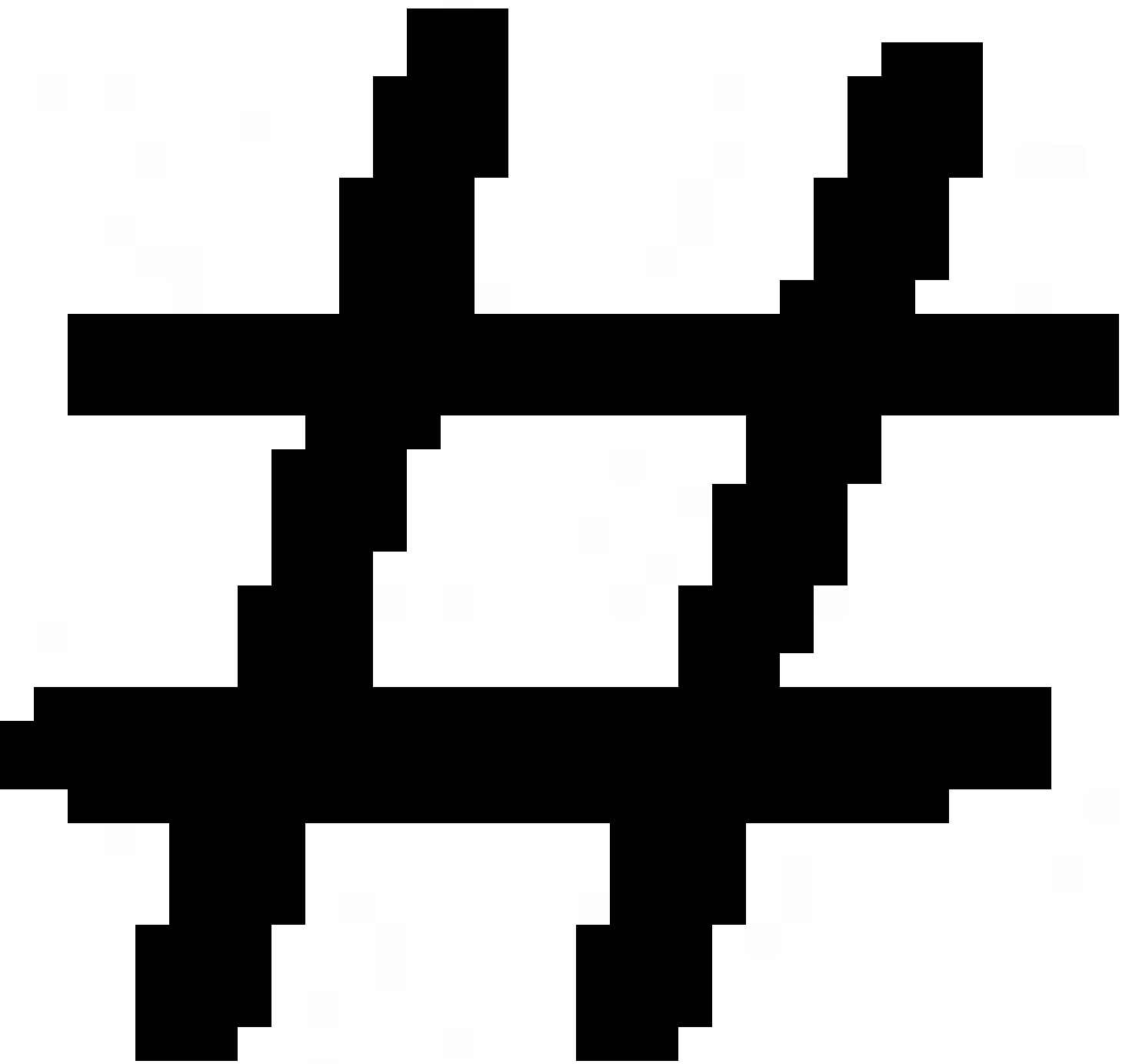
If you can spare some time to help clean church ready for Christmas you will be welcome.

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

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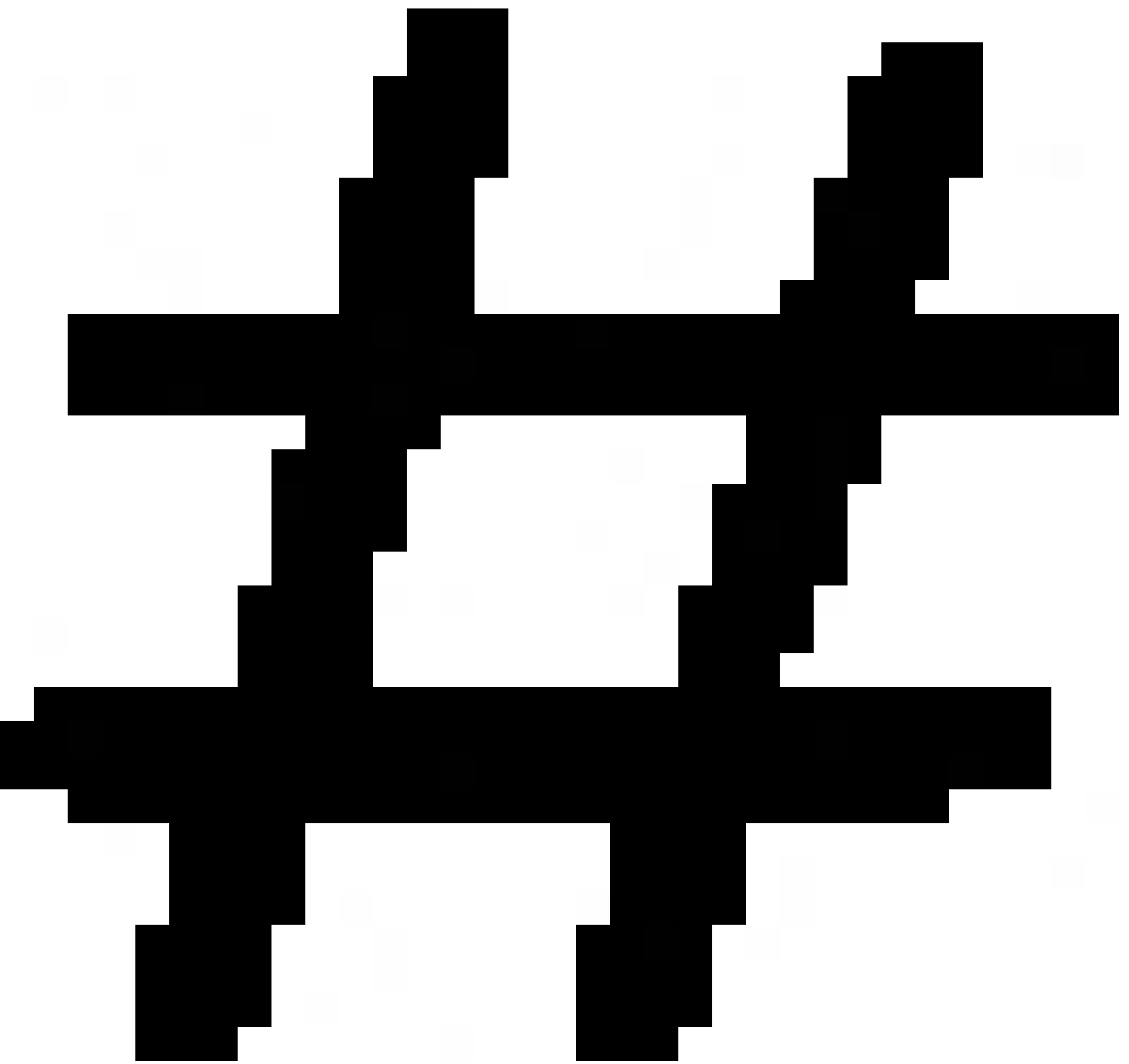
Sunday, December 22nd	3.45–5.30 p.m.
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Music will be available in advance and for private study!

If you are able to join us, please let me know as soon as possible on Canterbury 787994 or mjm@kings-school.co.uk. I can then assess balance and the viability of the programme!

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.

PANASONIC PHONE/FAX/COPYING MACHINE

Bridge Parish Council has a working Panasonic KX-FP215E phone /fax/ answering system/copying machine plus full instructions and 4 rolls of ink film for which it has no further use.

If you could make use of this free equipment, please contact Christobel Seath, the Parish Clerk, on 01227 831085 (weekday mornings) or via email at clerk@bridgevillage.org.uk



St Peter's Church Bekesbourne



Invite you to a



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Bekesbourne Village Hall

Saturday

7th December, 2013

10.00 am



Stalls  Raffle  Tea/Coffee

Refreshments provided by the Brownies



Proceeds for Bekesbourne Church and The Brownies

Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC



Autumn Coffee Morning

*Bridge Village Hall
Saturday 2nd November
10 am–12 noon*

**Cake stall, books, puzzles,
Christmas gifts, cards and
Decorations.**

Christmas Hamper raffle

Refreshments served.

*Come and do some early Christmas
Shopping!*

**Any donations for the stalls that can't be brought to the
Hall on the day, can be collected, in advance, by calling
01227 830947 or 01227 830960**



Bridge Village Fireworks

Saturday 9th November
Gates open at 5.30pm
Church Meadow
Brewery Lane
Bridge

Tickets available from Bridge School or on the gate

Adults £6.00

Children £3.00

Family £15.00

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 year's 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?

If so, come and join a support group at Divine Days, Gregory's Tea Room at Bridge Haven, Conyngham Lane, Bridge where you will receive incentives with motivation to do so together with a healthy lunch, all for the inclusive cost of £5.

For further details contact 01227 832058/ 07860591887

Limited places, booking essential.

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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At 10.30am

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Jacqui Arnold (Saturday 30th November)

is an experienced NAFAS demonstrator, RHS Chelsea Gold medallist, floral designer & business owner.

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Canterbury Food Bank

Canterbury Food Bank has been set up in Canterbury with support from local churches across the district. This Christian initiative brings volunteers together to provide emergency food parcels and support for families and individuals across the Canterbury area, who find themselves, for whatever reason, without the finances to feed themselves at this time.

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.



Nailbourne Group

have pleasure in inviting you to a

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"HENRY'S WAR"

Talk by Henry Shackleton,
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Thursday 7 November 2013

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

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Raffle

For information and tickets phone
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**Bridge & Patrixbourne Church of England
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**SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE SCHOOL CHOIR
CAROL CONCERT**

This has now become an annual event, this year it is to be held on
Thursday 5th December 2013 at 7.30pm
In Bridge School Hall



Entrance £3.00 – pay on the door (school children free)
Refreshments will be served after the concert

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

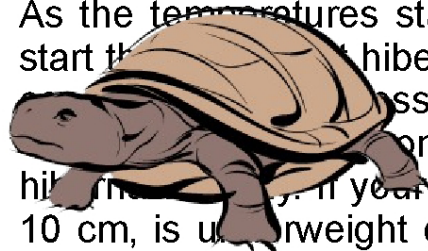
We also invite all Senior Citizens to an Afternoon of Entertainment
On Wednesday 18th December 2013 at 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the
School Hall

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 not always easy to successfully hibernate tortoises.



One consideration is that your tortoise is healthy and big enough to hibernate. 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.



Cat Fosterers Needed

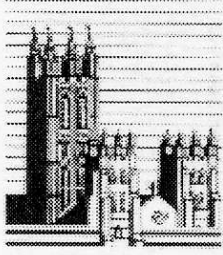
The Canterbury & District branch of Cats Protection is appealing for foster homes for abandoned cats.

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.



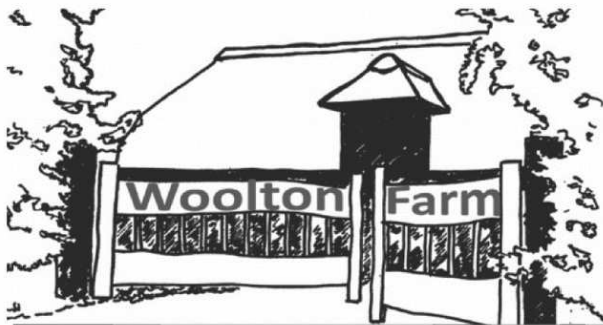
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CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL Friday 13 December 7pm FAMILY CAROLS

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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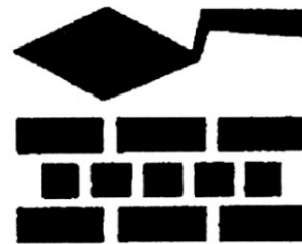
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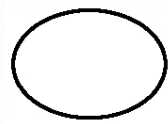
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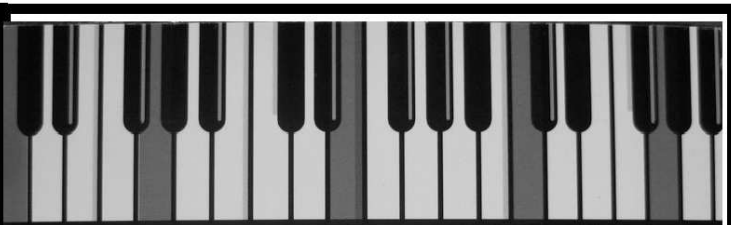
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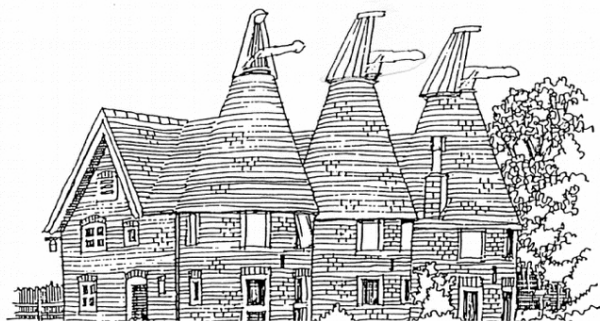
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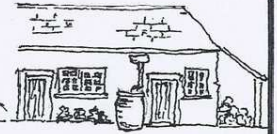
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Services for the month of December 2013

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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 5 th 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 12 th 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 19 th 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 26 th 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 2 nd 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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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.

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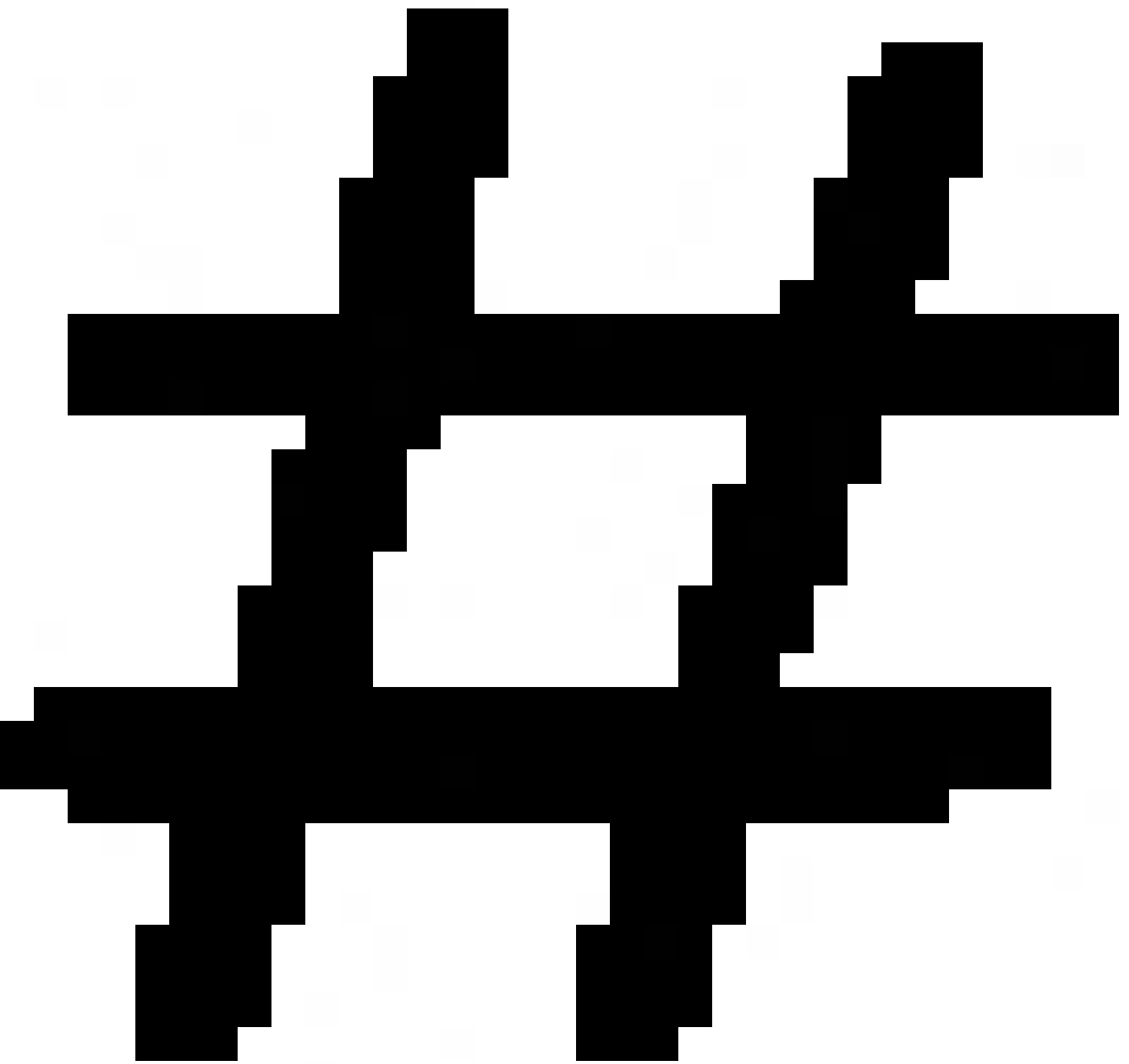
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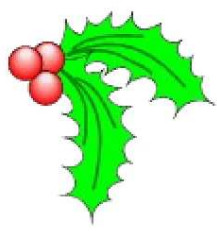
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03/12	13.45-14.45	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion
at Bridge Haven		
	20.00	After 8's at 7
Windmill Close		
05/12	19.30	Health & Healing at 7
Windmill Close		
09/12	19.30	Caring & Sharing
10/12	14.30	Holy Communion at
Mansfield Court		
	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
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17/12	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon
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	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
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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

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FUN DAY

to raise money for the
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Sunday 15th December
12 Noon – 4pm

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Raffle

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BRIDGE FARMERS' MARKET

Candlelit Christmas Market

Wednesday 18th December

Join us in Bridge for traditional Christmas carols, a seasonal market, and sparkling Christmas trees in the High Street



Red Lion Inn ~ 3:30pm – 6:30pm

Candlelit Christmas Market

3:45pm Bridge School Choir sing carols

5:30pm Community carol singing with Stuart Field

...and throughout the market

Russian and Hungarian food

Desserts and cheesecakes

Curries and samosas

Mulled wine

Mince pies

Cookery demonstrations

Chocolate fountain

Bratwurst

Olives

Treat yourself to some warm and hearty food at the Red Lion after the market.

Booking advised



2014 Markets

January 11th & 25th

February 8th & 22nd

March 8th & 22nd

April 12th & 26th

May 10th & 24th

June 14th & 28th

July 12th & 26th

August 9th & 23rd

September 13th & 27th

October 11th & 25th

November 8th & 22nd

Every 2nd and 4th

Saturday

of the month

9am-12noon

Forthcoming Bekesbourne Family Services

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.

Fish News

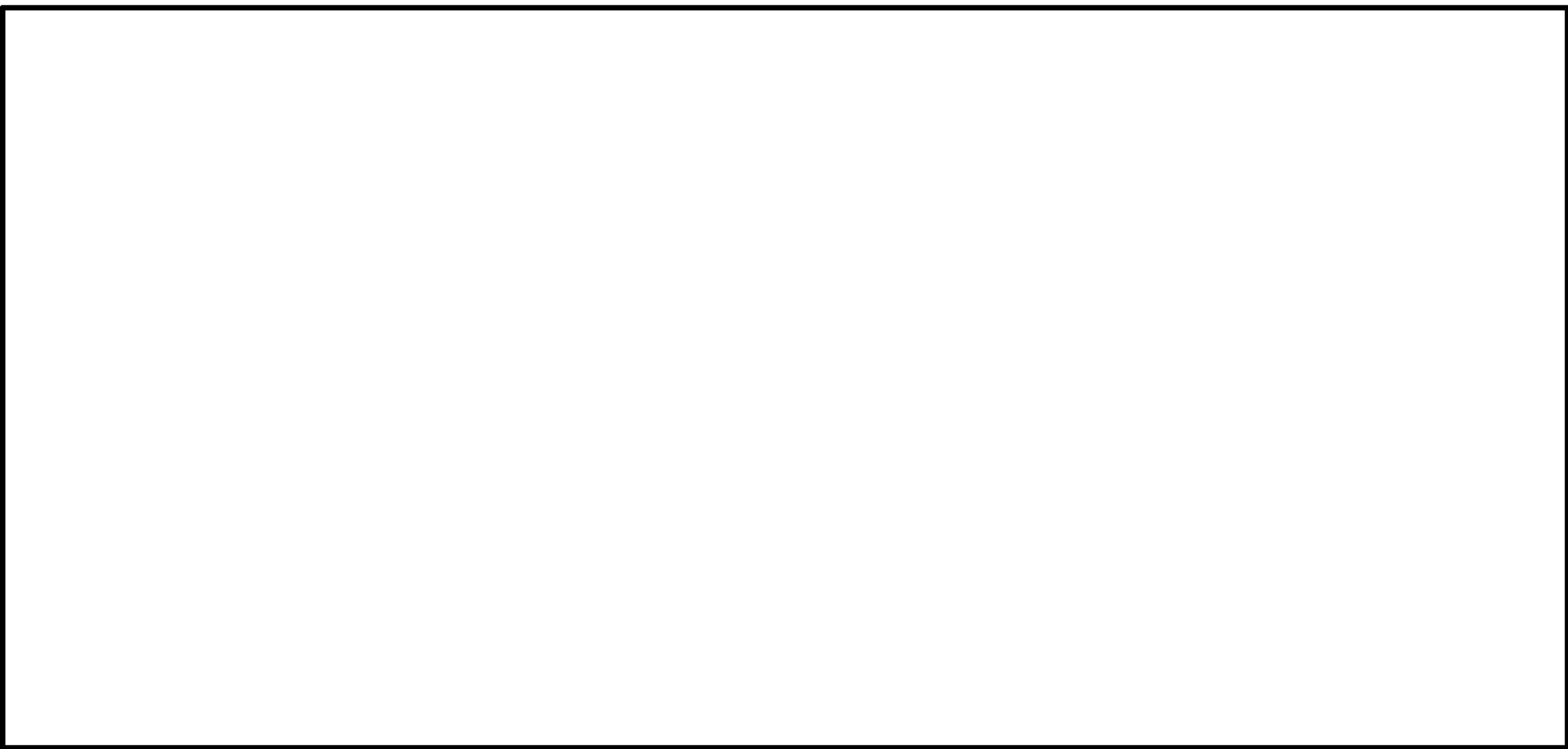
The December Coffee Pop-In in **Bridge Village Hall** will be **On Wednesday**

11th when mince pies will be served and **Jean Barber and Stuart Field**

will accompany Carol singing. There will also be a Hi-Kent rep there to help with

hearing aid needs. DO come for a lovely morning. The

January Pop-In is on **Wednesday 8th** an



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SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT



This has now become an annual event, this year it is to be held on
Thursday 5th December 2013 at 7.30pm

In Bridge School Hall

Entrance £3.00 - pay on the door (school children free)

Refreshments will be served after the concert

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

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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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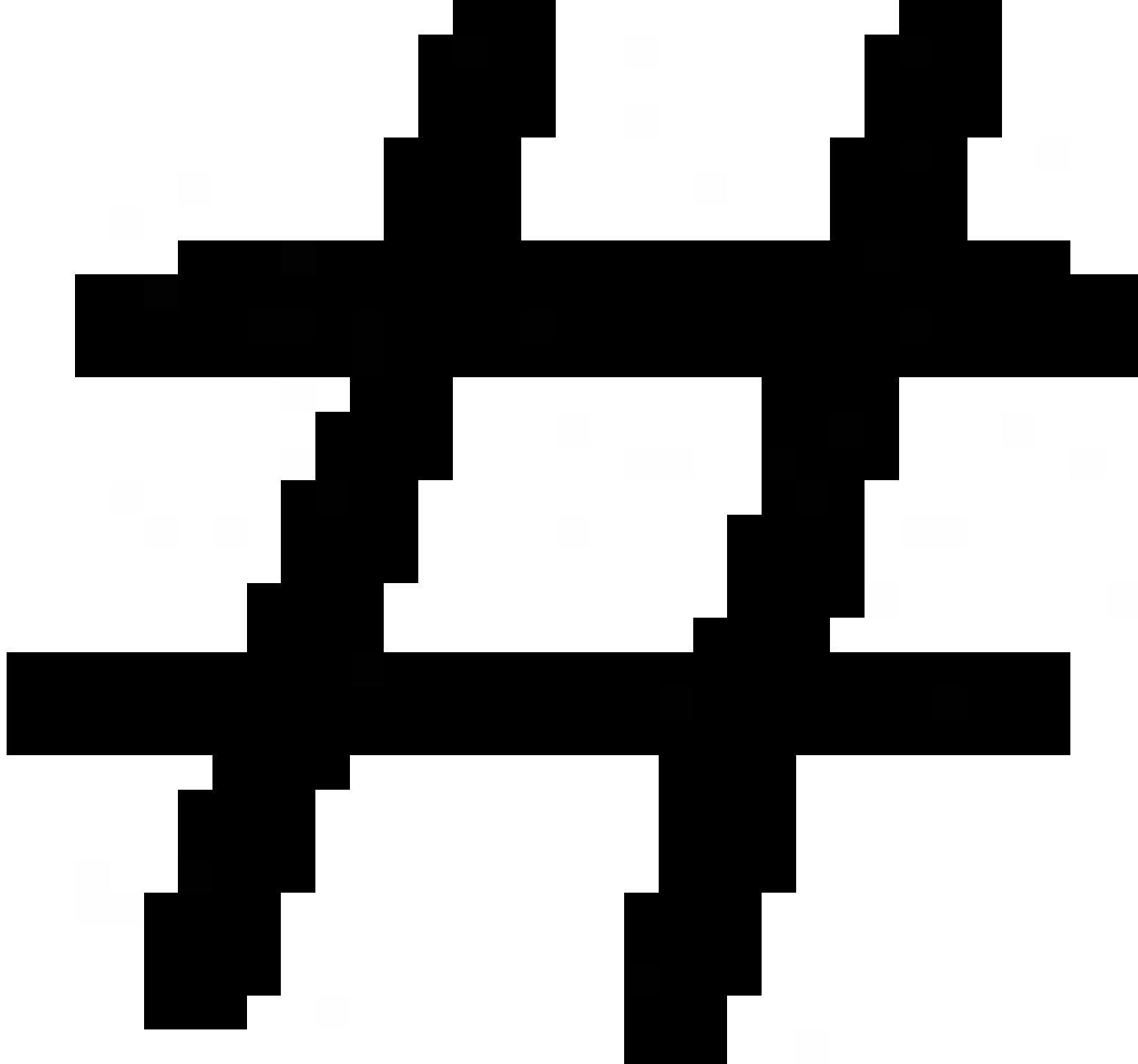
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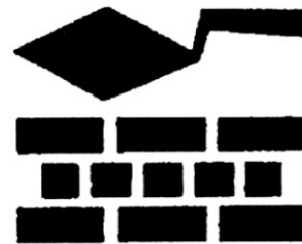
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