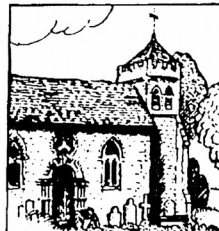


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Services for the month of March 2013

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

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HOLY WEEK IN THE BENEFICE

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



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Making a comeback ...

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

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

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

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

*God bless you and your families, **Julia***

Your Parish Matters

Christenings

02.02.13 Bridge Ffion Mari Edwards

Funerals

31.01.13 Rosina May Webb

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

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

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

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

All welcome. Contact Rev. Julia on 830265.

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

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

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

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

March

05/03	14.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
06/03	19.30	Lent Group, Bridge School
07/03	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
11/03	19.30	Caring & Sharing
12/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
13/03	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge
Village Hall		
13/03	14.00	Social Afternoon at John Baker White
	Memorial	
		Hall, Lower Hardres
	19.30	Lent Group, Bridge School
19/03	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
19/03	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
20/03	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
	19.30	Lent Group, Bridge School
25/03	19.30	Caring & Sharing
26/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

5th/6th October Art in Bridge

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

"At peace" by Joyce Huggett

You are my peace, O Lord.

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

The clamour dies.

I spring to life in the sunshine of your presence.

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

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

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

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

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

BENEFICE WORKSHOP GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH AT JOHN BAKER WHITE HALL . This event will take place at 9-30 am .It will end with a a very short service and home at 12 noon . There will be a charge . Names please to Julie Cox 788316 or Margaret Clarke 765598 .If your child is pre school please stay with him/her. It will be lovely to see you . Margaret Clarke . Fish (Neighbourly Help) News. Tel no: 07935 966 080 Everyone is most welcome at the Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall between 10 and 11.15 am on Wednesday April 10th. As well as knitting wool for garments for needy children there is also a paperback exchange. *****
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When Bekesbourne also came to need an organist, she combined this with her duties at Patricbourne. This continued until she began to find it difficult to get up the steep path at Bekesbourne. She then successfully persuaded John Harris to replace her as organist at both churches.

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

Thea Florence Carr (nee Smith) 1922 - 2012

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

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

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

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

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Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

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

Muriel Connor Wild Flower Project Working Party Recreation Ground Spring is round the corner! There will be a Working Party on Saturday 6th April from 9.30 am on the Recreation Ground. If you can spare part of the morning to come and help your time would be appreciated. Jobs include weeding, pruning and tidying the areas round the pavilion and further work on establishing the wild flower area by the tennis courts. Please bring warm clothing and your own gardening tools. If you cannot help, come and have a look at the work that has been done in the past. Your ideas and suggestions would be welcomed. Sue Hodges 01227 830311



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Bridge Farmers' Market



Food provenance - where our food comes from, where it is grown, raised or reared - has been in the news of late. We saw in the press last month that the food we are eating can come from many sources and could well be labelled incorrectly. At the Farmers' Market we have one enormous advantage. You can actually buy from the producer or grower or maker of your chosen product. You can ask about the food that you are buying - what was that animal fed on? What went into that cake? Where do those potatoes grow? What type of flour is in the bread? You truly can buy with provenance at a Farmers' Market - we have food that you can trust - which is increasingly important to many of us.

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

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

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

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

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

Happy Easter to all our customers.

Pam Dobson

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BRIDGE FARMERS' MARKET REQUIRES A MARKET MANAGER FROM JUNE 2013



Payment made for each market (every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month)
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A willingness to source new stallholders as well as retain the regulars.
An ability to encourage a greater footfall to the market.

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The KFMA (Kent Farmers Market Association).

The Market Manager will be self employed.

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

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

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

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

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

DETAILS OF THE OPEN COMPETITIONS AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

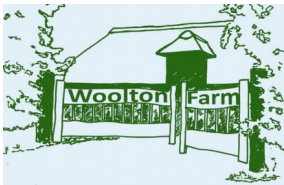
A copy of the recipe will also be printed in the April copy of 'On the Nail'. Alternatively contact Lesley Forwood (as above) for a copy.

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

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

A framed photo not to exceed A4 size entitled '**AN ASPECT OF BRIDGE**' – frameless frames accepted.

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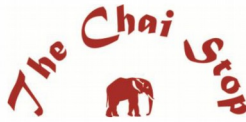
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Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 14th February 2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 14th.March at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

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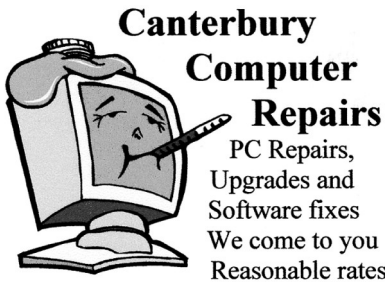
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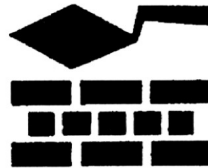
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