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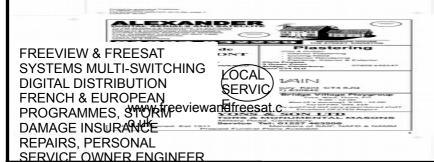
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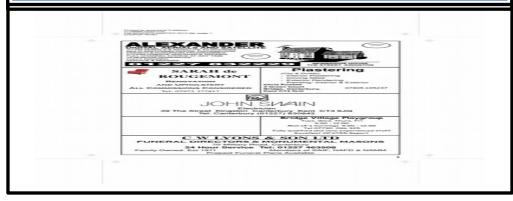
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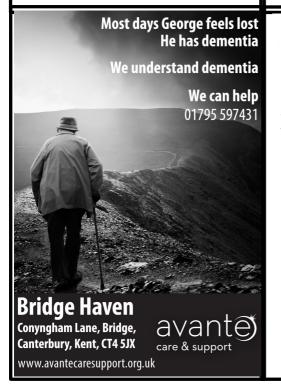
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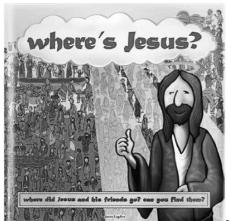
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The Bridge Group Services for the month of April 2013

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 7 th April 2 nd Sunday of Easter				9.30 am Benefice Holy Communion		NT : Acts 5: 27- 32 G : John 20: 19- end
Sunday 14 th April 3 rd Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8,00 am BCP Communion	NT : Acts 9: 1-6 G : John 21: 1-19
Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Acts 9: 36- end G : John 10: 22- 30
Sunday 28 th April 5 th Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am BCP Communion 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins	3.30 pm Thanksgiving Service for the Re-ordering of the Church	NT : Acts 11: 1-18 G : John 13: 31- 35
Sunday 5 th May 6 th Sunday after Easter	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : Acts 16: 9- 15 G : John 14: 23- 29
Thursday 9 th May Ascension Day		M	7.30pm Ascension Day Holy Communion			NT :Acts 1: 1-11 G : Luke 24: 44- end

Ministers may be subject to change



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

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

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

Prayers and best wishes, Julia

Your Parish Matters

Funerals	
26.02.13	Rosalie Stacey
02.03.13	Reginald (Reg) Roberts
07.03.13	Derek Prior

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

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

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

Church Mice. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge from 2pm-3pm for preschool children (0-5) and their parents and carers - play, songs, bible story, craft and tea and coffee. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 9th April**.

All welcome. Contact Rev. Julia on 830265.

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

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.

Dates for your Diary

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

Forthcoming Events Coffee Morning/Nearly New Clothes Sale,

11th May Bridge Village Hall 15th June 23rd June

Bridge Village Fete Old Palace Open Garden, Bekesbourne

7th September Bekesbourne Boot Fair

5th/6th October Art in Bridge

"In search of a new vicar" latest update! Where are we up to? Well, on Saturday 9th March an open meeting was held for all members of the nine churches to meet together for a "vision day" facilitated by Peter Ingrams from Diocesan House. This was a very helpful and useful exercise, which generated positive reflection and it was a great opportunity for us to update ourselves on what God is up to in each church. In small groups we took stock of the ministry and mission that is happening already in each of our parishes (flavour of services, involvement with schools, pastoral ministry undertaken in care homes and links with community groups as well as outreach to young people to name but a few), then we started to discern where God might be leading us in our future mission and ministry. Lastly, in the light of this, we began to reflect realistically on the specific skills and qualities God might be looking for in the new priest who will minister here. All of the discussion from this day is being fed into the profile writing (job brochure given to all applicants for the post). a large glossy document which is currently being drafted by a stalwart team of three church members across the Benefices; we hope this will be ready, approved by parochial church councils and by the Archdeacon by the end of April so that the post can be advertised at the beginning of May. All prayers gratefully received for those involved in the profile writing and process of selection as well as for potential applicants! Best wishes and prayers, Curate Julia. Bringing the Bible to Life Our Area Dean, Rev'd Stephen Hardy is leading a study tour to Israel and the West Bank covering the half term holiday this coming Autumn, and there are still a few places left. He writes: "I have been involved with CMJ, Shoresh Tours and Alexander College in Jerusalem for some years now, and am convinced that one of the most powerful ways of bringing the Bible to life, is to actually walk in Jesus' footsteps and experience life in the lands where it all took place". Stephen has been a regular visitor for over 30 years, and has built up experience and contacts that make for a unique experience. This coming tour entitled "God's Faithfulness" takes us from Dan (a source of the Jordan) to Beersheba (on the edge of the desert) as we explore God's dealings through Old and New Testaments. We include some days staying right inside the old walled city of Jerusalem. Further information is available from www.barhamdownschurches.org.uk or 01227 831340. Rev'd Stephen Hardy Area Dean of East & West Bridge The Rectory, The Street, Barham, Canterbury CT4 6PA 01227 831340 stephenhardy1@mac.com

Election of Churchwardens and Annual Church Meeting at Bekesbourne

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

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

Nicky Fry Secretary to Bekesbourne PCC

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

Alan Barber PCC Secretary.

Book case request

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

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

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

B V Whiting, 830506

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

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

A message from FOSM

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

Bekesbourne Celebration

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

There will be tea and cake after the service! Jane Millyard

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

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

Young Trees Available To Plant Now

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

Coffee Morning and Nearly Clothes Sale

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

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

Derek Francis Atherton Prior (1927-2013)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bite Back at Hunger! ISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18 MAY 2013

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

April at Bridge Farmers' Market

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pam Dobson

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

ST GEORGE'S DAY Celebration

Tuesday 23rd April 2013 in the school hall

performances by each year group and the school choir $1.30 \, \text{pm} - 3.00 \, \text{pm}$

Refreshments will be served during the afternoon (Please contact the school office on 830276 to reserve a place)

Wickhambreaux school welcome you to their Fair 18th of May 12-3pm Situated on Seaton playing field Fun for all the family with refreshments, arts and crafts, inflatable assault course, BBQ, Ice cream/candy floss and if you are

feeling very adventurous come and take your chances on the bucking bronco!!

Small Allotment Available in Bridge! for immediate use Also we have now reopened the waiting list. Please contact Tony Walder 17 Union Road, Bridge. Tel 830057

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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

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

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

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

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

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

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

Nailbourne Horticultural Society Spring Show



Saturday 13 April
Bridge Village Hall
Open to public from 11.00 am
Presentation of Prizes 12 noon

Refreshments

Raffle

Plant/Bring and Buy Stall
For Show Schedule telephone Kathy on 830057

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

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

MRS POST'S LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE

Preparatio	n 30 mi	nutes	Bake 40-45 minutes -1 k	g/2lb loaf tin		
75g/2¾oz 125g/4½o 150g/5½o 1 tsp 2 1 tbsp 2½ tbsp	Z	unsalted but caster sugar self-raising f baking powd medium egg lemon curd full fat milk	er	r greasing		
For the dri	izzle:			ENTRY FEE:	10p	
	Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lemon 2 tbsp granulated sugar					
1. 2. 3. 4.	 baking parchment. Beat the butter and caster sugar together in a large bowl, using an electric handheld whisk or wooden spoon, until the mixture is very light and fluffy – this can take up to 10 minutes. Add the flour, baking powder, eggs, lemon curd and milk, mixing all the time, until the ingredients are thoroughly combined. Pour the mixture into the prepared loaf tin and bake for 40-45 minutes, or until a skewer inserted in the middle of the cake comes out clean. 					
To display: remove all baking parchment – place on white plate – covers will be provided at the Hall – bring to the hall after 8.00am but before 10.00 am when the hall will be closed for judging! Come back at 12.00 to see who has won.						
Children: please ask an adult to help you with putting the cake in and out of the oven, and testing it with a skewer. Use a wooden spoon instead of the electric whisk, or again ask an adult to help you with this.						
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BRIDGE VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2013 12—4.00PM To be held in the School Grounds (ample free parking on Recreation Ground) BBQ, Bar, Lunches and Cream Teas, Ices, Side shows and games for all the family. Tug of War. Children's entertainment and school performances. Also featuring the annual Victoria Sponge Competition and Children's competitions — details from Bridge School. If you are interested in having a craft staff at the fete this year please contact Bridge School for more details, 830276. Pitches cost £15.00 each

BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB CHARITY OPEN DAY

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

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

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

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

Come and join in the fun, play tennis and support a worthy cause!

Hope to see you there! Bridge Tennis Club, Patrixbourne Road, – next to the playing field

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Bridge Parish Council www.bridgevillage.org.uk Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 14th March 2013

Nailbourne Pollution - Cllr Alan Atkinson briefed the parish council on the current situation regarding the pollution of the Nailbourne. Screen diluted sewage was being pumped into the river from Bishopsbourne and flowing downstream through the village. The 24 hour use of tankers to over-pump sewage was causing its own serious problems in the village. The Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group (LNRMG) were working hard to put pressure on Southern Water to resolve the problem, which was caused by the seepage of ground water into an incompetent sewer system. The cost of replacing the sewer had been estimated at £10 million and was not a priority for Southern Water. A multi-agency meeting was being called involving the local authority, our MP, the Health Authority and Environment Agency in the hope of pressuring Southern Water to invest in the renewal of the sewers. Mill Centre- A report from Mr Colin Beesty, Chairman of the Mill Centre Management Committee (MCMC), had been circulated to Councillors. Negotiations with Canterbury City for the mixed use of the Mill Centre site had reached an impasse. The building was deteriorating and some of the youth groups currently using the Centre had indicated that they would be moving to alternative venues because of the continued uncertainty over the future of the Centre. The MCMC had been unable to obtain a long lease from the city council, whose primary objective remained to use the majority of the site for housing. After extensive discussion it was agreed to write to Cllr Simon Cook, City Councillor for Bridge, to ask him to open negotiations with the city council on behalf of the village to get agreement to make provision for continued youth activity on the site. It was pointed out that the Mill Centre is on the Parish Council's List of Community Assets.

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

Cllr Hodges reminded councillors that there would be a working party on the recreation ground on Saturday 6th April. Volunteers should meet at the pavilion at 9.30am and bring **Bridge Village Sports Trust Restructuring & Pavilion alterations**— Councillors discussed the proposals for restructuring the BVST and renovating the pavilion. The short length of lease remaining on the recreation ground could present a problem when applying for grant funding. It was agreed that Mr Mervyn Gulvin, Chairman of BVST would put forward costed proposals for work on the pavilion at the next parish council meeting gardening tools.

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

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

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 11th.April at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

Bourne Vets News

We are concerned that there may be a significant increase **Lungworm** seen in dogs this spring as the recent soggy v provided an ideal environment for a huge increase in the L and snails. The lungworm parasite spends part of its lifecy this poses a serious risk to dogs that accidentally or habitupests. Small snails and slugs can easily be ingested whilst through undergrowth, eating grass, or taken up when drink The symptoms of the condition are wide ranging. You might reluctance to exercise, depression, weight loss, fits, vomition and paralysis or persistent bleeding from minor cuts. If untreat

and paralysis or persistent bleeding from minor cuts. If untreated, the disease can be fatal. However, a small proportion of dogs are hidden carriers, which means they don't show any symptoms.

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

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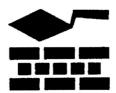


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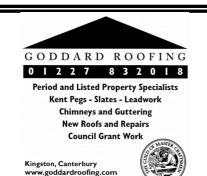
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