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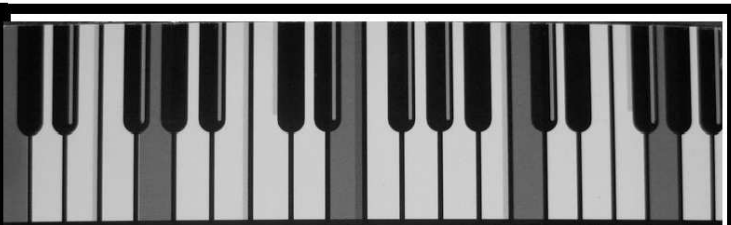


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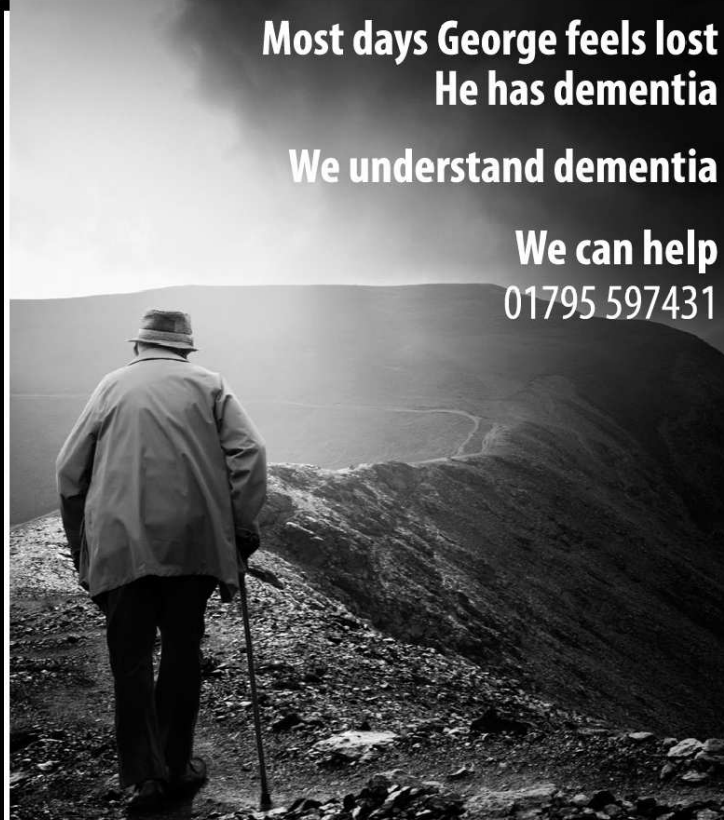
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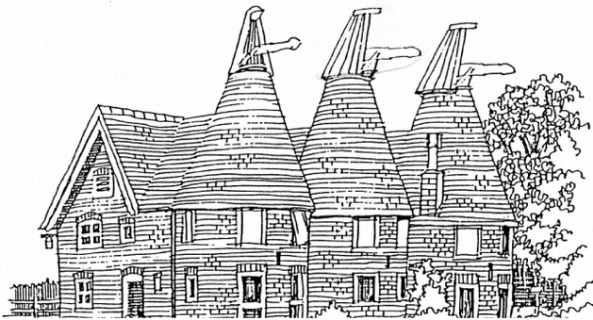
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Services for the month of May 2014 - all welcome!

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 4 th May Third Sunday of Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 G : Luke 24: 13- 35
Sunday 11 th May Fourth Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion		8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	NT : Acts 2: 42- end G : John 10: 1-10
Sunday 18 th May Fifth 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 7: 55- end G : John 14: 1-14
Sunday 25 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT : Acts 17: 22- 31 G : John 14: 15-21
Thursday 29 th May Ascension Day						NT : Acts 1: 1-11 G : Luke 24: 44- end
Sunday 1 st June Seventh Sunday of Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)	11.00 am	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : Acts 1: 6-14 G : John 17: 1-11



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DEAR FRIENDS,

Having lived in large cities for several decades, coming to live in Bridge could have been a major adjustment. But the kindness and friendliness of so many people has made it very easy. Thank you to the people of these villages, and the congregations, who have given Sue and I such a warm welcome. The service of welcome led by Bishop Trevor was such an uplifting moment for us, and the choir directed superbly by Martin Miles sang with perfection. Thank you to the churchwardens and all who helped on the night in so many ways and to those of you who brought food to the party afterwards.

The recent floods have been a huge challenge for the whole community, and I am impressed with the resilience and hard work of all the local volunteers and staff of the different agencies. It is moments like this when community spirit trumps everything, as well as a stark reminder of the power of nature and the reality of climate change. St Peter's Church was pleased to become the operations centre, and serve many warm cups of tea and coffee!

This season of Easter is all about new life coming from disaster. The resurrection of Jesus on that first Easter Day, after everything looked lost, gives us all new hope and life. The Easter message is that God breaks through even death, and that we are transformed people with the task of transforming the world. The lambs in the fields and the beautiful daffodils everywhere remind us of the power of Easter and the beauty of God's creation.

May this joy and peace of Easter that comes from the risen Christ, be yours this Easter.
Grace and peace,
Jonathan

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

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, **1.45pm-2.45pm**, for pre-school children (0-5) and their parents and carers. Play, songs, bible story, craft, tea and coffee.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 6th May 2014**.

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

Church Weddings.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to explore the possibility of getting married in church in Bridge, Bekesboure, Patricbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please email Canon Jonathan LLoyd at vicar@bridgechurch.co.uk or phone 01227 830250.

Further information is also available at www.yourchurchwedding.org

Baptisms and Confirmations.

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Dates For Your Diary

May		
01/05 Close	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill
06/05 Haven Close	13.45-14.45 15.00 20.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church Holy Communion at Bridge After 8's at 7 Windmill
12/05	19.30	Caring & Sharing
13/05 Court	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield
14/05 Bridge Village Hall Baker White Lower Hardres	10.00 14.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Social Afternoon at John Memorial Hall,
20/05	15.00 19.30-20.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
21/05	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
26/05	19.30	Caring & Sharing
27/05	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

Forthcoming Events

14th June	Bridge Village Fete
12-14th Sept	Flower Festival at Bekesbourne Church
11-12th Oct	Art in Bridge

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH WORKING PARTIES

There will be churchyard working parties at Bekesbourne on the following dates in 2014:-

17th. May
14th. June
19th. July
6th. September
15th. November

Please come along for a couple of hours from 9.30a.m., bringing tools if possible, to help tidy and enjoy community spirit (and a mid morning drink and snack).

Make a note in your diary and on your calendar now.

Thanks

Joyce Hopkins and family thank everyone for their cards and kind messages following the death of dear Bob. They were a great comfort at this sad time.

Fish Scheme News Tel no: 07935 966 080

The Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday 14th May from 10 to 11.15 am. You are most welcome.

On the previous Saturday, May 10th, we have our all-important fund-raising Bring and Buy, also from 10 am in the village hall. Do come if you can and we welcome plants and cakes as well as books. It is always interesting and very enjoyable.

Memorial Flowers St Peter's Bridge

A lot of people like to remember loved ones special days with flowers. Rather than put bouquets or wreaths on a gravestone, would you like flowers to be arranged in church on a special day?

The flower arrangers would be very happy to accept a small amount of money, with instructions on colour, or even which blooms you would like. If you wish, a notice could be pinned on the board to explain who the flowers are in memory of. Please contact a churchwarden, or Viv Brasier if this is of interest to you.

Historical Implements

All are invited to an unusual event at the Village Hall in Bridge at 7.15am on Wednesday 7th May, when there is to be a presentation of historical implements, the likes of which will probably never be seen again. It will consist of a guessing quiz compiled by the collector, Mr Jim Dickson. It should be fun.

All proceeds to go to the Lullaby Trust. Entry at the door at £3.00 per head. Refreshments will be available. Please come and support us.

Barry Whiting

Littlebourne and District Royal British Legion

We had an interesting meeting this month when our new Poppy Organisor, Wendy Giles and her Deputy, Nancy White were with us along with the County Poppy Co-ordinator, Ann Hill. We have several members unwell at present and we wish them a speedy recovery.

Our Steak Pudding Night in March was enjoyed by 27 members and guests. The evening raised £130 for the Poppy Appeal.

A few people have been considering joining the branch recently. Please do come along and join us - you will be made very welcome.

Our next 2 monthly meetings will be on 13th May and 10th June both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT
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“CREAM TEA AFTERNOON”
(In aid of the Poppy appeal)
Saturday, 7th June 2014 at 2.30pm
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Raffle
Stalls (cakes, cards, jewellery etc)
(Contributions welcomed)
Entrance £2 (includes refreshments)



Week 11 – 17 MAY 2014

In 2013 Christian Aid Week raised £12 million through the efforts of ordinary people in Britain and Ireland delivering and collecting the familiar red envelope door-to-door. This enabled Christian Aid to improve the lives of those living in poverty in Bolivia, Kenya and Zimbabwe, through its work with partner organisations in those countries. Christian Aid works only through such partner organisations. It does not give money to governments.

It is estimated that by 2015, 32% of the world's poor will be living in places afflicted by war and conflict, so this year Christian Aid Week focuses on three of these countries – South Sudan, Colombia and Iraq. Besides providing immediate medical care, water, food and blankets for those caught up in conflict, Christian Aid's local partners work long-term to heal emotional scars, help people to start earning a living again, and bring the perpetrators of violence to justice.

We shall be finding out more about these projects during the Family Communion service at Bridge on Sunday 11 May at 9.30am. The annual Canterbury Christian Aid service is also on Sunday 11th May at 6.30pm in the Cathedral, when young people will help bring to life the stories of child soldiers in Uganda. Everyone is warmly invited to attend these services.

For the last 2 years we have raised well over £2000 in the Bridge Benefice. We have a very loyal band of collectors, but due to removal and other reasons we really need a few more to cover all the roads in our villages. Offers of help would be very gratefully received. Please contact Jean Barber on 01227 831956.

Please give generously in Christian Aid Week.

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CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHESES

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Lent soup lunches this year. Your donations raised £347.85 for Christian Aid (nearly all Gift Aid-ed). This will help pay for emergency survival kits for some of the 900,000 people who have fled the conflict in South Sudan.

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A demonstration of flower
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By" Pamela Hamilton"

Tuesday 13 May

Bridge Village hall

7.30pm

New members are welcome

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for details call Mona Butrous at

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Saturday 14th June 2014

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Craft stalls are a popular feature of the Bridge
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Bridge History Society

The Kent History Federation annual conference will take place at Tenterden this year on Saturday May 10th. There will be various topics of discussion in the morning, followed by visits to nearby places of interest in the afternoon.

The next evening talk will be on Thursday 29th May (not 22nd as originally published) at 7.30 pm. The speaker is Andrew Wood who will talk on Windmills of Kent. Whilst many still exist or have been restored others, including Bridge, have disappeared. Andrew has many illustrations of those that have vanished.

On the evening of Thursday June 19 th there will be an evening walk around Bridge, meeting at Bridgeway Stores at 6.30pm.

Any enquiries should be addressed to David Gilmour (Tel.832450).

Bridge Farmer's Market

In May 2014 there will be markets on 10 and 24 May. We are planning for a Summer themed market on 28 June 2014. Usual venue Red Lion Inn car park from 9-12.00 noon.



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Our meeting on **Tuesday 20 May** is our **Birthday and Resolutions Meeting** which will begin as usual at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. After discussion of the resolution on increasing organ donation which is to be put to the 2014 Annual Meeting in Leeds, members are to be given the opportunity to take part in the evening and share any tips, grouses and gadgets they have with other members. To round off the evening and to celebrate our birthday the committee will be serving a light buffet supper.

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

David Thornton, General Secretary of the National Vegetable Society and a most excellent and informative speaker, is returning to **Bridge Village Hall** on **Wednesday 14 May**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start, this time to share his expertise on "**The Long and the Short of Growing Carrots**". Those interested are most welcome to come along.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Nailbourne Horticultural Society would like to invite you to attend a demonstration for flower Arranging by our talented" Pam Hamilton" on Tuesday 13 May at 7.30 in Bridge village hall, this event is expected to be the most informative and entertaining, £4 fees will be charged to the new members and this includes refreshments.

Thanks

My grateful thanks to all the volunteers who came on several sessions to clear up the recreation ground after the winter storms and flooding. The trees, shrubs and flowers have all survived and look better than ever.

Sue Hodges

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Choral Concert in Womenswold Church

The Shepway Singers will be making a welcome return to Womenswold church on Sat. May 31st at 7.30p.m. to give a concert on behalf of the Friends of the church. The programme will feature mainly works by Elgar and Gershwin and should appeal to a wide range of tastes.

Tickets cost £7, (£6 for Friends) to include a glass of wine and nibbles at the interval, and may be ordered in advance from Marilyn Lewis, (01227 831208), or Jeanie Wright (01304 830894) or on the door.

Annual village litter pick

A big thank you to all the volunteers including our new Vicar who took part in the Bridge village litter pick on Saturday 29th March. It really makes a difference to the appearance of our village. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Brigitte Ward



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Old Palace (flooding permitting). Please come along, if you
think you’d like to be part of this village event. Please contact
Nicky Fry on 01227 830319 or 07720895593

Bourne Vets News

Seeing a dog scooting or dragging its rear end along the ground is quite a strange sight, and often makes people laugh. However, for your dog it is not at all funny as there is often a very irritating reason behind it.

All dogs and cats have anal glands or scent glands situated either side of their bottom that produce a yellow fluid that is used to mark territory and identify other animals. This fluid is normally released when the animal passes faeces or they can spontaneously empty when the animal is stressed and produce a strong unpleasant fishy odour.

Sometimes these anal glands do not empty as they naturally should and so become full. This can cause your pet a lot of pain and discomfort. Dogs will often attempt to ease this irritation by scooting their bottoms along the floor. Other signs of discomfort include licking or biting at their bottom, sitting uncomfortably, chasing their tail or a strong fishy smell!

The glands can also become impacted if the duct leading from the gland becomes blocked which results in very swollen glands and if left untreated they can become infected resulting in abscessation of the area and fever.

If you notice any signs of irritation in your pet we would advise a trip to the vets to get them checked out and have the glands emptied if necessary. This is a straightforward procedure that vets can do in the consulting room with you present. If there is any sign of infection in the glands your pet may need to be prescribed a course of antibiotics. Occasionally it may be necessary to perform surgery to remove the glands if they keep getting infections or if your pet has anal gland tumours, but this is rare.

If you have any further questions or want to book a check up for your pet please call **Bourne Veterinary Practice** on **01227 832322**.

We are holding our annual **Open Day** on **Bank Holiday Monday 26th May** and would love to see lots of you there. This is a great chance to meet all our staff and have a look behind the scenes. We can provide you with lots of helpful advice if you are thinking about getting a pet and we'll have lots of animals that you can meet on the day. It's all completely **FREE** so please pop down between 12-4pm and see what we do.

Revised Canterbury Local District Plan- Having seen the Schedule of New Site Submission for the Canterbury Local Plan, the parish council agreed to withdraw its support for housing development in the area of Patricbourne Road, next to the Health Centre. The recent floods had made it obvious that any development on green field sites along the Nailbourne was undesirable because of the high risk of flooding and the need for the fields to act as water meadows to absorb floodwater. It was agreed to write to the City Council before the Plan went to the full Council on 24th April supporting the decision that the site was unsuitable for housing development. It was also agreed that Cllrs Sue Hodges and John Corfield would report on the other proposals in the Local Plan at the next meeting.

Local Government Boundary Commission response- After some discussion it was agreed to write to the Boundary Commission commenting that the proposed new two member ward, which included Bridge, was inequitable and thus did not meet the aims of the Review. The ratio of electors was one of the worst in the District. It was geographically very large and internal links within the ward would be difficult. There could be problems if two members supporting different political parties were elected.

Mill Centre- Mervyn Gulvin reported on the latest developments regarding the future of the Mill Centre. He asked the Parish Council to submit a request the City Council to take over the running of the Mill Centre on a long lease at a peppercorn rent. The Centre would be run on the same lines as the Village Hall. The Mill Centre Management Committee would be the partner of the Parish Council and be responsible for the day-to-day organisation of the Centre. Councillors unanimously agreed to submit the request to the City Council. Cllr Hodges thanked Mr Gulvin for his work on the Mill Centre's future.

Neighbourhood Plan – Prof Joe Connor reported difficulties in getting replies from local businesses and landowners who had been invited to engage with the Neighbourhood Plan process. There would be a further consultation event in the village hall on the morning of Saturday 17th. May.

Nailbourne Pollution – Cllr Alan Atkinson reported that river levels were falling but the level of groundwater was preventing Southern Water from working on the sewers. Upgrading of the pumping station was being undertaken. There would be a meeting with the Environment Agency to urge them to make Southern Water more pro-active. The river water was still polluted. The Council was pleased that Cllrs Atkinson and Moon had been recognised for their voluntary work during the floods by the Canterbury Times and Whitefriars. Both Councillors thanked those people from the District who had nominated them

Annual Parish Meeting- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in Thursday 1st May at 7.30 pm in the village hall. All Bridge residents are welcome. Guy Gardener and Ted Edwards of Canterbury City Council, both of whom were central to the planning and coordination during the flood emergency, will speak at the meeting, listen to the views of residents and answer questions

Flood Volunteers – Cllr Robert Moon thanked all the helpers who had worked to remove the sand bags and to fill the skips at the end of the previous week. He also thanked Thanet Waste for very generously providing the skips free of charge.

Litter Pickers- There had been a good turn out of volunteer litter pickers on 29th March. Cllr Brigitte Ward thanked them for helping to improve the appearance of the village. The City Council had been reminded about the request for replacement bins at the recycling lay by and Bifrons Path.

Chess – Cllr Atkinson reported that Bridge Chess Team had recently won the Miller Cup, the premier chess trophy for East Kent, having come top of the local chess league. The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 8th. May at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings._

Special thanks to Christine Barnett

The PCC is sorry to announce that Christine Barnett has decided not to be re-elected. We should like to thank her publicly, in the warmest possible terms, for all she has contributed in so many ways during her years in the village.

The Smallest Garden Party in the World, Christian Aid, Village Fete, flower arranging, tireless work on numerous committees ... Her contributions will be much missed though she would be extremely embarrassed to have a fuss made.

We thank her most sincerely and wish her all the best for her 'retirement'.

Remembering a dear Friend

Our dear Muriel Packer died on Easter morning 2014 peacefully in her sleep at her home in Blackheath, aged 95. As one who absolutely never wore her Christianity on her sleeve, she devoted her life to living out her deep principles amongst the people, especially in the communities, including Bridge, where she lived. We will never forget her almost constant presence at the New Close (Bridge Haven) for many, many years, bringing love and comfort to the residents.

She never stopped loving Bridge and had the parish magazine delivered every month after she moved to Blackheath to be near her daughter, Susan. I

s there a more fitting day than Easter Sunday for such a wonderful lady to join God's Kingdom?

Brenda

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Canterbury Choral Society

Saturday 21st June 2014 at 7.30pm in Canterbury Cathedral.

Beethoven Missa Solemnis.

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Aylesham Charity Shop & Tea Room

Our Charity shop opened in March 2013 and Roses Tea Room opened in November 2013 were situated just off the Market Square at 11-12 Market Place. Our Tea Room is run by volunteers from local villages and all home baked cakes and savouries provided also by our volunteers. Our profits go towards the running of The Centre in Sandwich which provides daycare for the elderly of Sandwich and surrounding areas.

We have had a few customers from Bridge who have just found us who have suggested I contact you so we can spread the word that were here. We open Tues-Friday 10-4 and Saturdays 9-12 we welcome donations and have just started taking in small electricals.

I look forward to your thoughts and any suggestions on how we can spread the word.

THE QUIET VIEW

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PEACE AND POETRY IN THE GARDEN Facilitated by Judith Dimond and Lyn White. **Saturday 7th June 10.00 am to 4.00** A day workshop to explore the ways in which poetry and gardens enrich the search for peace through reading the works of published poets and also offering you the chance to engage in writing exercises to produce your own poems, or just to enjoy the tranquility of the setting. More details next month.

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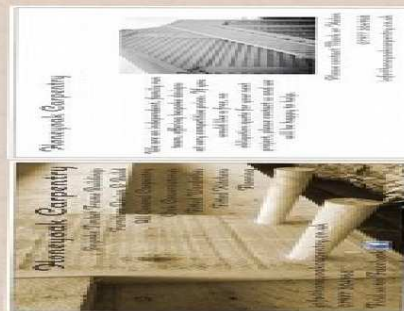
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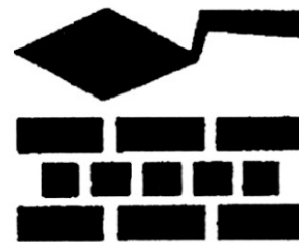
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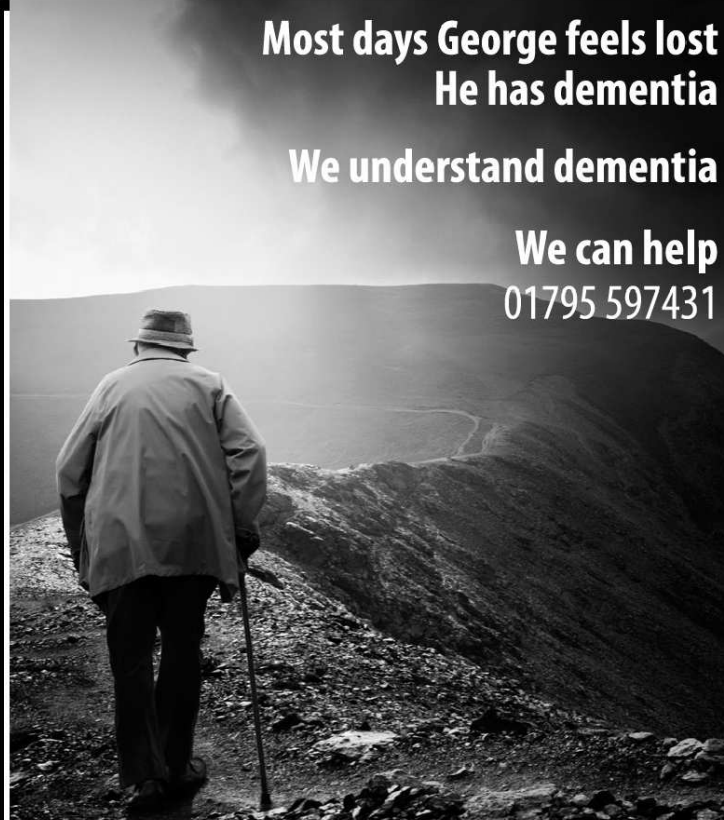
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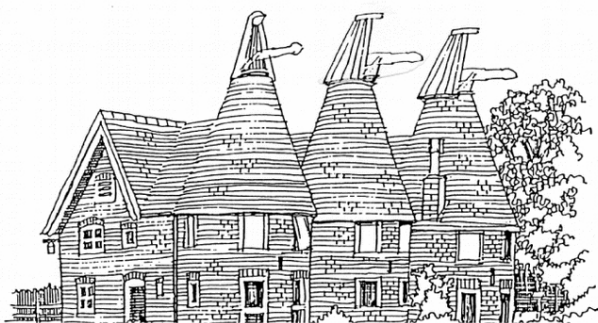
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The Bridge Group

Worship in the month of June 2014 - all welcome!

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
1 June The Seventh Sunday of Easter (white)	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP),	11.00 am Family Communion,	6.00 pm Choral Evensong,	9.30 am Sung Eucharist,	9.30 am Family Service,	NT : Acts 1:6-14 G : John 17:1-11
8 June The Feast of Pentecost (red)	9.30 am Sung Eucharist,	<i>Please come to</i> <i>Bridge or</i> <i>Nackington at</i> <i>9.30am</i> 6.00 pm Evensong,	9.30 am Family Communion,	<i>Please come to</i> <i>9.30am</i> <i>Communion at</i> <i>Bridge or 8.00am</i> <i>Communion at</i> <i>Bekesbourne</i>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP),	NT : Acts 2:1-21 G : John 20:19-23
15 June Trinity Sunday (white)	<i>Please come to</i> <i>9.30am Eucharist</i> <i>at Bridge</i>	9.30 am Family Service,	9.30 am Sung Eucharist,	8.00 am BCP Communion,	9.30 am Sung Eucharist,	OT : Isaiah 40:12-17 & 27-31 G : Matthew 28:16-20
22 June 1st Sunday after Trinity (green)	9.30 am Sung Eucharist,	<i>Please come to</i> <i>Family Service at</i> <i>Bridge at 11.00am,</i> <i>or Sung Eucharist</i> <i>at Nackington at</i> <i>9.30am</i>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP), 11.00 am Family Service,	11.00 am Mattins,	<i>Please come to</i> <i>Patrixbourne or</i> <i>Bridge</i>	NT : Romans 6:1b-11 G : Matthew 10:24-39
29 June The Feast of St Peter & St Paul (red)	11.00am Benefice Pet Service at Chalkpit Farm,	11.00am Benefice Pet Service at Chalkpit Farm,	8.00am Patronal Eucharist, 11.00am Benefice Pet Service at Chalkpit Farm,	11.00am Benefice Pet Service at Chalkpit Farm,	11.00am Benefice Pet Service at Chalkpit Farm,	NT : Acts 12:1-11 G : Matthew 16:13-19



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DEAR FRIENDS

First of all, thank you for your warm welcome to Sue and I. Our first months here have been full of warm welcomes and smiles, plus quite a lot of coffee and cake!

Being your new vicar is a great honour for me, and I am delighted to be here. Having lived in large cities for the last 40 odd years, it is really good to have returned to my roots.

One of the most important aspects of being a vicar is to be available to people. Perhaps you have a special prayer request, or just need a quiet word. Or would just like a cup of tea with your vicar!? There are four ways to link up with me for a chat.

- 1) Come to the Shepherd's Hut at Chalkpit Farm, Bekesbourne, between 2pm and 4pm on Wednesdays.
- 2) Catch me after a church service. I always have my diary with me, and can arrange to visit you at home.
- 3) Meet me in the Plough and Harrow, Bridge, on Mondays between 8pm and 9pm.
- 4) email me at vicar@bridgechurch.co.uk

Our bishop, Bishop Trevor, is visiting our deanery on Wednesday 4 June. You are warmly invited to come to Chalkpit Farm between 4pm and 5pm on that day, and have a cup of tea with the bishop and myself at Mama Feelgood's Cafe. And at 7.30pm I invite you to Cartwright and Kelsey Primary School at 7.30pm for worship, refreshments, and conversation to share visions for what the role of the Church should be in the coming years. I am keen to hear your views!

I hope you will join Bishop Trevor and I on 4 June. And don't forget the Annual Benefice Pet Service on Sunday 29 June at 11am at Chalkpit Farm.

Bring along your pets, family, friends, neighbours and children, as we thank God for the wonders of Creation. That day is also our Patronal Festival at Bridge when we remember St Peter at our 8am service.

Grace and Peace,
Jonathan

SaintsDays@Vicarage
8.30am on
Wed 11 June (St Barnabas)
Thursday 19 June (Corpus Christi)
followed by coffee and croissants

Benefice Holy Communion (Rite A) on Tuesdays at 9.30am at Bridge
3 June (The Martyrs of Uganda 1185-7 & 1977)
10 June (St Columba of Iona, 597),
17 June (St Alban, Martyr)
24 June (The Birth of John the Baptist)

Come and meet Bishop Trevor...

Our Bishop is spending the day in our Deanery on Wednesday 4 June. You are warmly invited to come to Chalkpit Farm, Bekesbourne, at 4.00pm on 4 June for an informal time together at the Mama Feelgood Cafe. This will also be an opportunity to see the new Shepherd's Hut that is Canon Jonathan's pop-in centre each week. (2-4pm every Wednesday). Jonathan will be at the Shepherd's Hut each week for conversations, coffee, prayer requests, private conversations, and advice about weddings, baptisms and funerals. Then at 7.30pm you are invited to Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School at Ash for an evening with Bishop Trevor, with Eucharist, refreshments, talk, questions and discussions about the future of our Church in this deanery. All welcome. Further info from Jonathan 830250.

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, **1.45pm-2.45pm**, for pre-school children (0-5) and their parents and carers. Play, songs, bible story, craft, tea and coffee.

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 3rd June 2014**.

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

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

Church Weddings, Baptisms and Confirmations

If you, or anyone you know, would like to explore the possibility of getting married, baptised or confirmed in church in Bridge, Bekesbourne, Patricbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please speak with Jonathan after a Sunday service to arrange a meeting.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

03/06	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
05/06	19.30		Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
09/06	19.30		Caring & Sharing
10/06	14.30		Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
11/06	10.00		Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
	14.00		Social Afternoon at John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres
17/06	15.00		Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30-20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
18/06	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
23/06	19.30		Caring & Sharing
24/06	14.30		Holy Communion at Highfield

Forthcoming Events

12-14 September.

11-12 October

Flower Festival at Bekesbourne Church

Art in Bridge

The Vicar will be having his day off every Friday.

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH WORKING PARTIES

There will be churchyard working parties at Bekesbourne on the following dates in 2014:-

14th. June, 19th. July, 6th. September, 15th. November

Please come along for a couple of hours from 9.30a.m., bringing tools if possible, to help tidy and enjoy community spirit (and a mid morning drink and snack). #

Make a note in your diary and on your calendar now.

Annual Benefice Pet Service Sunday June 29th at 11.00am Chalkpit Farm in Bekesbourne. As this service takes place in the farmyard, with some cover provided by the open barn most pets can be catered for from horses right down to gerbils and hamsters. Please ensure the small pets are 'housed' for their own safety. Anyone is welcome to bring their pets, large or small, to be blessed.

Pop Up Shop



Brand new shepherd's hut
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MURIEL PACKER

May 17th 2014. St. George, Westcombe Park

Luke 24 v.29 Stay with us, for evening draws on and the day is almost over.

Words of the disciples at Emmaus to Jesus as they ask for his presence that first Easter day: words which we can imagine in Muriel's heart as she died this Easter day: words from her favourite Easter story: words read at John's thanksgiving service in Bridge in 2006, and which she also recalled from their wedding in 1942. We took her back to Queensbury in West Yorkshire last August on an appallingly wet day such as only the Yorkshire Pennines can produce, and she stood in church at the step where they had made their marriage vows, and remembered. The two disciples in the story were Cleopas and another-maybe his wife- and they stood in Muriel's imagination for her long and devoted marriage to John, lived in the assurance of Jesus' presence and love.

When Muriel received the Maundy money from the Queen in 2002 in Canterbury Cathedral the citation spoke of her visits to The Close psychiatric home, which those of you from Bridge know well, and described her as a 'faithful, charitable and selfless servant of others'. It is an apt description, and a challenge to us as we give thanks for her today. She was faithful: utterly reliable: someone you could always trust. It is appropriate that this service takes place in Christian Aid week, for she was faithful throughout her life in her commitment to this week's collections, whether in Bolton, in Bridge or here from St. George's-and we as a family remember the kitchen table piled high with coppers as we added up the money from the envelopes.

Faithful, and charitable. In giving, yes, but still more in generous judgement. My sister was telling me of a young neighbour in Bolton, divorced in the 1960s, who spoke of Muriel's support of her when others were determined to criticise. Muriel was a life-long pacifist, with a love of France, and especially Germany, where she was due to spend a year as part of her degree course in 1939-40. She did actually go to Germany in September 1939, was quickly forced to return, but retained her links with her exchange partner during and after the war: a mark of reconciliation, of charity: a charity she sought to convey to her pupils, particularly at Bury Grammar School for Girls, in her teaching of French, and particularly her favourite language of German.

Faithful, charitable and selfless. Muriel was someone who delighted in the qualities and skills of others-whether in her family of grandchildren and great grandchildren, amongst colleagues, at church or in neighbours. We have heard many memories in the last month of moments of pastoral care for others which have encouraged and inspired.

All of this hid a lack of self-confidence: even at times a failure to value herself: which could express itself in personal struggle. We have just heard Charles Wesley's 'Come, O Thou Traveller Unknown', a reflection on Jacob wrestling with God, demanding to know whether God really is love, and receiving the assurance 'Tis Love! Tis Love! Thou diedst for me! I hear thy whisper in my heart. - Thy nature and thy name is Love'.

When Muriel and John were apart in the last few weeks of his life she wrote out and shared with him the Celtic poem, 'May the road rise to meet you', with its conclusion, 'Until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand'. We pray that now, for one another and for Muriel.

John Packer.

The Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday 14th May from 10 to 11. Many thanks to the supporters who turned out on a wet and windy morning to attend the Fish Scheme 'Bring & Buy', it raised over £400.

The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 11th June.

We need one or two new committee members. Do please consider joining us. The scheme has been going for thirty years and makes a big difference to village life. There are three or four meetings a year. It is not onerous and we are a cheerful bunch. Telephone Jean Johnson, the co-ordinator, on 766182 to learn more. Thank you. 'RNLI Collection

The recent house-to-house collection in Bridge raised the sum of £670-65. Thanks go to the faithful band of collectors and to all those who contributed.

Joan Hill, Village Co-ordinator' Bridge History Society

The next meeting of the society will be an evening walk around Bridge on Thursday June 12th. The group will meet at 6pm at the car park by the tennis courts in Patixbourne Road.

Please note the change in arrangements from those advertised in the last magazine. Any enquiries should be addressed to David Gilmour (Tel.832450).



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
CANTERBURY GROUP

GRAND QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12th July at 7.0pm
Blean Village Hall

Tickets £6.00 including wine and nibbles
From Jean Barber 01227 831956

All welcome

Proceeds to Amnesty International

Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting

At the annual meeting of St Peter's Church on 30 April, the PCC reported another successful year in terms of church attendance and special services. Canon Jonathan Lloyd introduced himself and thanked everyone for his warm welcome. He congratulated us all for coping so well during the long and uncertain vacancy time.

The accounts for 2013 showed a small surplus. We had a very successful year of events. Thanks were given to everyone for their generosity. Thanks to the Friends of Bekesbourne Church for agreeing to continue to pay our church insurance and raise funds to keep the church building and churchyard in good repair.

Jill Gillanders and Jane Millyard were re-elected as churchwardens for the coming year.

Pat Kusel and Amanda Barker were re-elected as our Deanery Synod representatives. Pat Kusel continues as vice chairman, Nicky Fry as PCC secretary and Zan Clifford as treasurer. Graham Duplock represents The Friends of Bekesbourne Church. The remaining members of the PCC are Amanda Barker, Jonathan Cowans, Lindsay Sharp- Kinsey and Maggie Field.

Nicky Fry

Announcing the forthcoming Village Flower Festival Bekesbourne Church 12th, 13th and 14th September, 2014 The History of Bekesbourne in 20 Objects Calling all budding flower arrangers to come and get involved!!!! There will be a meeting to plan the festival on 11th March at 2.30pm at The Old Palace (flooding permitting). Please come along, if you think you'd like to be part of this village event. Please contact Nicky Fry on 01227 830319 or 07720895593

MIDSUMMER GARDEN PARTY. Hooray! The work on the wheel window is nearly finished! We are already looking forward to a service of thanksgiving in late summer. Meanwhile, we are planning our first event of this year in the hope of raising money to replace our defunct heating but also just because it will be nice to get together and celebrate. So join us at Patrixbourne Lodge (Mary's house) between 6pm and 8pm on Saturday 21st June for a MIDSUMMER GARDEN PARTY. Tickets are £5 for one or £8 for two. There will be music by Royal Destiny, drinks and nibbles. If you are able to provide cake, please let us know. Looking forward to seeing you there!
Pauline.



Friends of St Mary's Patrixbourne



Midsummer Garden Party

at Patrixbourne Lodge
on Saturday 21st June
from 6pm to 8pm



with music from

Royal Destiny

ahead of their appearance at the Gulbenkian on 23rd August

Tickets £5 each or £8 for two

From Pauline Pritchard (830685)

Bridge Village Fete

Saturday 14th June 2014

In the school grounds

12 noon—4pm

Many exciting attractions including
BBQ, Cream Teas, craft stalls, bouncy castle and
assault courses, fair ground stalls,
Toys, books, bric a brac, cakes,
Children's entertainment,
Usual Victoria Sponge Competition, entries to the
fete by 12.45pm

Calling all Crafters

Craft stalls are a popular feature of the Bridge
Village Fete and bookings are now being
taken from people wishing to sell their goods.
Stalls cost £15.00 each and can be reserved
by contacting Bridge School office on
01227 830276 or
office@bridge.kent.sch.uk

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The society is arranging an evening visit to Marshborough Farmhouse in Sandwich on Tuesday 24th June, and would like to invite the members to join in to see this fascinating garden.

Transport will be shared and we will all meet at 6pm at the Green Court in Bridge. Admission £5 including cup of tea.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society - Summer Show - Open Classes

This is advance notice of our Annual Summer Show to be held on Saturday 26 July in Bridge Village Hall. We have three **Open Classes** in our Show this year and are hoping to encourage some non-members to "have a go".

Details of the Open Classes are as follows:

1. Any Other Vegetable - not included in any other class, ie ANYTHING OTHER THAN spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, broad beans, peas, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes or cucumber. I assure you that it does leave a few!
2. Mixed Flowers - container (anything in flower). We supply the container for you.
3. "Wildlife in the Garden" - a photo, framed or unframed, not to exceed A4 size overall.

Do consider entering. If you require any further details please contact Kathy Walder, Show Secretary, on 830057 or email kath@askwalder.com

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

Peter Morris, a Fellow of the National Vegetable Society and Chairman of the Essex District Association, is the guest speaker at the meeting of the Society in **Bridge Village Hall** on **Wednesday 11 June**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start. His topic is "**Traditional Gardening**" and as always, non-members will be most welcome.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

June is a busy month on the WI calendar. Firstly on 11 June, a number of us are travelling to meet up with Otford, our West Kent sister WI, at Chartwell. Details will have been given at the May meeting but anyone still interested should contact our secretary, Carina Whiting, on 830737.

Then at our monthly meeting on **Tuesday 17 June** starting at 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**, we have invited Stefano from **Macknades** in Faversham to come along to talk to us about this successful business and to let us sample and discuss some of their meats and cheeses.

Finally, on **Thursday 26 June** we are holding our Annual **Afternoon Tea** and fund raiser at 17 Union Road, Bridge from 2.30 until 4.00 pm. Entry will be £2.50 to include tea and cakes and there will be a bring and buy, produce, plants and craft stalls as well as a raffle. Please come and support your local WI and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat with friends in this peaceful garden.



Afternoon Tea



Thursday 26th June

2.30 until 4 pm

17 Union Road, Bridge



Entry £2.50 (to include tea and cake)

Plants, Craft, Bring & Buy, Raffle

All Welcome

Bourne vets news

We are often asked by people how to help them deal with their dogs' itchy skin, especially at this time of year.

There are a number of reasons why dogs scratch but the fleas, mites and other ectoparasites.

Flea bites cause irritation and some dogs have allergic reactions. Infestation can become a real nightmare if not properly treated. Fleas will hop onto your pet outside and 'hitch a ride' into your home and multiply, quickly becoming hundreds of eggs in just a few days. After they have fed, the female flea lays up to 50 eggs a day and in a few days these eggs can hatch into fleas reinfesting your pet and you, even biting you.



When it comes to protecting against flea infestation, prevention is fortunately, flea prevention is now easier than ever. There are products that can be applied to the back of the neck every month to protect your pet from fleas and ticks and there is also now a new generation of flea collar which provides continuous protection against fleas and ticks for up to 8 months, so you don't have to worry about missing a monthly application. Ask your vet for more information about the Seresto Collars.

If your pet already has fleas (you may notice the small black dots of flea dirt in their coats), then it is important to treat all the bedding, carpets and soft furnishings in the areas your pet goes using an environmental spray, this is expensive and time consuming so it's better to protect your pet against a flea infestation before it happens.

There are other rarer causes of itching in dogs but this is by far the most common cause and will need to be ruled out before further investigation is undertaken. If you are worried about how much your dog is itching, please talk to your vet or call us at Bourne Veterinary Practice on 01227 832322 to discuss flea treatment and other possible causes.

We are holding our **Annual Charity Dog Show** on Saturday 14th June at Bourne Park Pastures, Bishopsbourne starting from 11am. There will be lots of fun classes including Musical Sit and The Sausage Race so please come down and join us. Programmes will be available from the practice.

Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 8th May 2014_

Election of Chairman; Cllr Sue Hodges was re-elected as Chairman of Bridge Parish Council for a further year. Cllr John Hill was re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Funding for Local Projects –City Councillor Simon Cook said that the Rural Area Members' Panel for South Canterbury had funding available up to a total of £7,500 for local schemes and it would be distributed on a 'first come, first served' basis. Any local organisation seeking funding should contact the City Council as soon as possible to obtain an application form.

Neighbourhood Plan –. Adrian Verrall of Canterbury City Council was scheduled to meet with the Neighbourhood Plan Committee the following day. The Parking Survey was being undertaken and forms should be returned as soon as possible. Responses could also be made on line. Speedwatch volunteers would help with a traffic count. A consultation event planned for May 17th in the village hall had been postponed.

Mill Centre- Cllr Cook reported that a decision on the future of the Mill Centre would be made by CCC's Executive in July. Some questions had been raised about the Business Plan and application to take over the lease. They would be answered by members of the Mill Centre Committee. A potential funding source had been found but any application would need to be lodged before 26th. June. It was hoped to get an informal response from CCC before that date.

Nailbourne Pollution – Cllr Atkinson reported that sewage was no longer being pumped into the Nailbourne upstream of Bridge but pumping continued on the other side of Patricxbourne. Money for flood alleviation would be a problem. Currently CCC was using money from contingencies for small alleviation schemes. Southern Water would be urged to recommence their operations on the local sewers.

Audited Accounts for 2013-14 The internal auditor's report was noted and the Parish Accounts for 2013-14 were signed by the Chairman of the Parish Council and the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer

Canterbury Local Plan – Cllr Hodges had drafted and circulated a response to the Canterbury Local Plan. As the official consultation period had not yet commenced, councillors were asked to send any further comments to Cllr Hodges for inclusion in the final, revised submission.

Higham Lane Bus Shelter – Cllr Hodges said that a KCC engineer had reported that moving the bus shelter would not make it any safer. Cllr Hodges had observed the bus stop on three early mornings and had not seen any problems with its use at that time. However, she did express concerns at the speed at which traffic travelled along the whole road. It was agreed that Cllr Cook would liaise with Cllr Northey about the possibility of making the whole of the stretch of the road from Bridge Hill to the Valley Road safer by introducing a 40 mph speed limit. In addition the parish council would write to Stagecoach asking them to ensure that drivers did not ignore the request bus stop at Higham Lane.

Membership of the South Canterbury Alliance- After some debate it was agreed to subscribe to membership of the SCA. At the end of the year the position would be reviewed and a decision made as to whether it was useful to belong to both SCA and the Alliance of Canterbury Residents' Associations (ACRA).

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th.June at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

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11th & 12th October 2014



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details

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The Bourne Gallery, Chalkpit Farm, Bekesbourne

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Further information on the web site and from John Corfield, tel: 01227 830976

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THE QUIET VIEW

PEACE AND POETRY IN THE GARDEN - Facilitated by well known local poets, Judith Dimond and Lyn White. **Saturday 7th June 10.00 am to 4.00** A day workshop to explore the ways in which poetry and gardens enrich the search for peace through reading the works of published poets and also offering you the chance to engage in writing exercises to produce your own poems, or just to enjoy the tranquility of the setting. Suggested donation £20 – please bring your own lunch – refreshments provided through the day. Please book.

Saturday 5th July 10.30 – 4pm SUMMER REVELRY- the final workshop in the popular **Rhythm of Life, The Seasons Series** with **Madi Stong**. Madi uses all kinds of creative media in a comfortable and inspiring way to enrich our spiritual journeys. The workshop offers activities and resources for an exploration of the traditions and themes associated with the specific season as well as space for expressing and deepening our own personal response. There will be time for quiet reflection, which can be used just as you wish, some may chose to trace an inner pathway through the experiences and memories we bring, others perhaps may wish to reflect on a spiritual tradition that informs them. Madi is an Anglican priest, psychotherapist and artist and works in London, Kent and Lebanon. Suggested donation £20 Please bring your own lunch. Refreshments provided through the day. Please book. Please wear sensible shoes as the ground to the yurt is uneven!

Lizzie Hopthrow 146 The Street Kingston

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www.quietview.co.uk

Allotments

The waiting list for allotments is now reopened and anyone interested please contact me on 830057 Or tony@askwalder.com

Workaid

Also I have recently become a collector for Workaid a voluntary group who collect old tools refurbish them and then send them to Africa to be distributed to people to use to make a living. Tools of all description from garden to workshop to sewing machines they take them all and also give training as to how to use them. A very worthy cause. So if u could put I piece in for me that would be much appreciated.

Lullaby Trust

A big thank you to all who came to support the "Can you guess what?" evening in support of the Lullaby Trust.

Lots of fun was had by all and we raised a fantastic &160.

A huge thank you also to the Red Lion & Woodlands for donating raffle prizes & to Barry Whiting for organizing the event.

Emma Hayes

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“CREAM TEA AFTERNOON”

(In aid of the Poppy appeal)

Saturday, 7th June 2014 at 2.30pm

War Memorial Hall Lounge,

Littlebourne

***Come and have a chat over tea and
scones!***

**Raffle and Stalls (cakes, cards,
jewellery etc)**

(Contributions welcomed)

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BRIDGE v. CHILHAM INAUGURAL ASHES MATCH

“Following on from a friendly match between men’s teams from the respective clubs earlier in the year, the inaugural match of what is hoped will be an annual competition between Bridge Tennis Club and Chilham Tennis Club took place on Sunday 27th April 2014.

The event was splendidly hosted by Chilham Tennis Club at a split venue, with half the matches being played at Chilham’s courts in Branch Lane, Chilham and the other half on the astro-turf courts in the beautiful setting of the grounds of the nearby Chilham Castle.

The Castle was also hosting an equestrian event at the time and thus the tennis was played against a backdrop of galloping horses and immaculately attired riders, complementing the atmosphere and adding to the sense of occasion.

Both sides fielded Ladies’, Mixed and Men’s teams and the title was keenly contested, with Bridge eventually winning the title 79 games to 69 and thereby becoming the first winners of the Trophy, which had been kindly donated by Chilham Tennis Club.

The teams then repaired to the nearby Woolpack Inn where our Chilham hosts had kindly provided refreshments, in the form of a sumptuous buffet and drinks.

Two wooden tennis racquets were ceremonially burned in the fire and the ashes collected and preserved in a purpose-made casket, designed and fashioned by none other than our own (and Chilham’s) Tony Blackall.

Individual trophies were presented to the winners, speeches made, photographs taken and an excellent time was had by all.

The “Ashes” will be presented to the Winners, who will retain it for one month before returning it to its home at The Woolpack Inn, Chilham, whilst the Ashes Trophy, (once suitably engraved), will be retained by the Winners for display in their Clubhouse for the rest of the year, until the next competition.

Both Chilham and Bridge Tennis Clubs are extremely grateful to Tessa and Stuart Wheeler for making their tennis courts and facilities available for the competition, and it is hoped that the competition will be granted use of the Castle’s beautiful setting in the future.

The Bridge team would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Tony Blackall and Geoff Dear of Chilham Tennis Club, who have worked tirelessly and against a number of organisational difficulties to make the event happen, and to all of the Chilham Team for their hospitality and for making the occasion a day to remember.

Bridge Team. Rhona Jardella (capt), Yvonne Liebenschutz-Jones, Teresa Rowe, Katrina Bromfield, Nigel Morley (capt), Kit Renwick, Gordon Liebenschutz-Jones, Kim Standen, Miles Standen.

Chilham Team. Gill Broughton (capt), Joy Gould, Liz Dear, Maggie Mansfield. Geoff Dear (capt), Pete Swan, Rich Baker, Darryl Ling, John Mansfield."

For more information about Bridge Tennis Club please contact club Secretary judithjefferson09@googlemail.com

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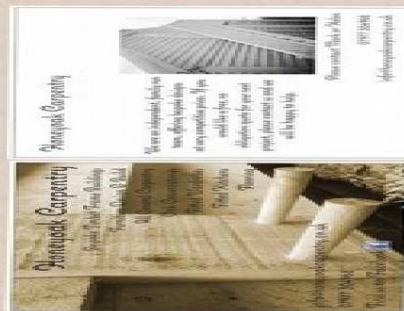
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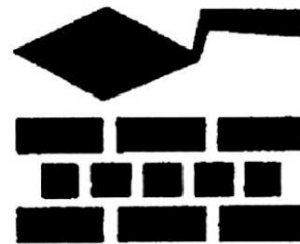


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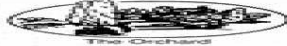
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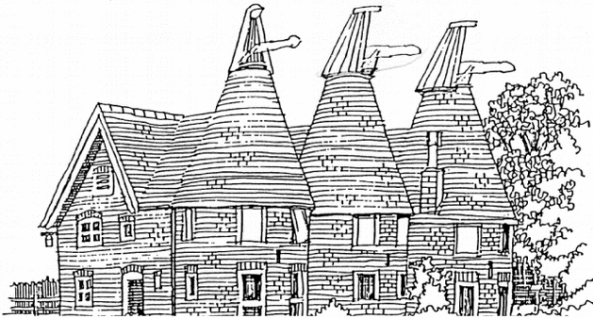
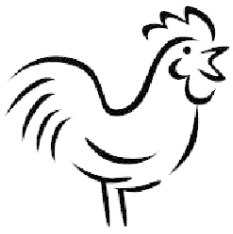


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TRINITY 5 Sunday 20 July	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Parish Eucharist with Choir V&ADI	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V	9.30am Sung Eucharist V&ADI
ST JAMES Sunday 27 July	9.30am Sung Eucharist V	<i>Please come to Nackington or Bridge</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V 11.00am Parish Eucharist V	9.30am Mattins with hymns MC	<i>Please come to Patrixbourne or Bridge</i>
TRINITY 7 Sunday 3 August	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V	11.00am Family Communion V&MC	<i>No Evensong today, restarts on 7 September</i>	9.30am Sung Eucharist V	9.30am Family Service PK

Every Tuesday at 9.30am-10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bridge

Coffee is served at St Peter's Bridge at 10.30am, before the 11.00am service.

V= The Vicar. Canon Jonathan Lloyd
RH=Canon Reg Humphriss, PTO Priest
PK=Mrs Pat Kusel, ALM

MC= Mrs Margaret Clarke, PTO Reader
RO=Fr Richard Owen, PTO Priest
ADI= Archdeacon of Italy & Malta, The Ven Jonathan Boardman

From September, a new Children's Group (age 6 to 13) starts once a month on the fourth Saturday at 5pm at St Peter's Bridge. Details to follow soon.

**We are one family of churches serving three parishes.
All are warmly welcome to all services!**

Dear friends

August will be a special time as the world starts to remember the hundred year anniversary of the First World War. There will be many special events and activities, starting next month, and lasting over the next four years.

Sue and I recently visited the Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge, and walked silently through the tunnels and trenches. It was a deeply moving experience. It is so important to honour the dead, and at the same time redouble our efforts to make peace. With so much violence and killing in Iraq and Syria, and elsewhere in the world today, working for peace is more important than ever. I am reminded of the words of George Santayana *'Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it.'* In the last hundred years there have been more war dead in the world than in any previous century. There is indeed much to reflect on over these next four years.

There are many ways we can be part of the centenary. In August, these are some special events:

On **Monday 4 August**, we are invited to light a candle and blow it out at 11pm. This is the exact moment a hundred years ago when war was declared, and reminds us of the words of Sir Edward Grey, our Foreign Secretary in 1914, *'The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime.'*

The single candle at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey will be extinguished at that moment. The special Vigil from the Abbey will be televised on BBC 2 from 10.00pm. The Vigil will include music, readings, poetry and contemporary reflection from 1914 (such as diaries and letters).

On **Tuesday 5 August** from 8.00am at St Peter's Bridge there will be a quiet Vigil of Reflection and Prayer (before the 9.30am Holy Communion service) and all are welcome to call in for a short or longer time.

Plant poppy seeds. We are invited to plant poppy seeds all over the country, in our gardens, school, workplace, grass verges etc so that the whole country is covered with the flowers of remembrance. Let's cover our village with poppies!

You will notice from the schedule of church services that there are some changes in timing at St Peter's Church Bridge. The regular Sunday Service will now start at **11.00am** (2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday) with Evensong remaining at 6.00pm on the first Sunday. The new start time of 11.00am will enable some of our more senior members to join us who currently find 9.30am too early for them, and also means that I can be at Bridge each Sunday as your vicar. I am most grateful to Canon Gordon Manley who has so faithfully served us on the third Sunday at Bridge for the last 12 years, and will now be part of my wider team of retired clergy who kindly cover at different times across our five churches. At St Peter's Bridge, coffee and tea will be served from 10.30am before the 11.00am service, and all are welcome. We are also planning a new Children's Group on Saturday evenings at 5pm, and further details will be in the next magazine.

Thank you to all who made the Bridge Village Fete such a wonderful day, and for all your hard work. It was a real celebration of the whole community. I warmly invite you to the Flower Festival at St Peter's Church Bekesbourne 12-14 September.

Grace and peace, Jonathan

Ps I am available for the whole community (not just the church), and am at The Plough and Harrow, Bridge, on Mondays between 8pm and 9pm, and at The Shepherd's Hut, Chalkpit Farm, Bekesbourne on Wednesdays between 2pm and 4pm. I look forward to meeting you.

Your Church Matters

WEDDINGS

11.04.14	Lower Hardres	Peter Jennings and Louisa Melia
19.04.14	Bridge	Christopher Lockley and Renee Porter
14.06.14	Lower Hardres	John Bumstead and Ellie Illott

FUNERALS

15.04.14	Robert (Bob) Hopkins
16.04.14	Janet Vaughan Horsley
28.04.14	Betty Hunt
30.04.14	Raymond Ian Johnston
30.05.14	William Reed Young
12.06.14	Doris (Doss) Fairbrass
16.06.14	Valerie Dawn Hey

Prayers.

There is a book for prayer requests on the altar of the Lady Chapel in Bridge Church. Please feel free to write in the book.

Church Weddings, Baptisms and Confirmations

If you, or anyone you know, would like to explore the possibility of getting married, baptised or confirmed in church in Bridge, Bekesboure, Patricxbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please speak with Jonathan after a Sunday service to arrange a meeting.

Do you have a loved one buried at Lower Hardres Church?

Many of the headstones are dangerously unstable, and need anchoring to avoid injuries.

Please will you contact the church wardens to arrange repairs.

Brenda Reynolds on 765948 and Catherine Ashdown on In the meantime, dangerous headstones will need to be laid flat, and will be done so with care and sensitivity.

This is an important matter, as children have been killed by falling headstones in other graveyards in England in recent years.

Thank you for your understanding.

Church Mice.

The group usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge, **1.45pm-2.45pm**, for pre-school children (0-5) and their parents and carers. Play, songs, bible story, craft, tea and coffee.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 1st July 2014. Please meet near the Pavilion at Bridge Recreation Ground for games, songs and fun.

If wet we shall meet in the church as usual.

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

Dates For Your Diary

July

01/07	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		13.45-14.45	Church Mice at Bridge Recreation
Ground			
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge
Haven			
		20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill
Close			
02/07		14.00-16.00	Canon Jonathan at Shepherd's Hut,
Chalkpit Farm			
		19.30	Patixbourne with Bridge
Parochial Church Council meets			
03/07	08.30		Holy Communion at Vicarage (St
Thomas' Day) followed			
by coffee and croissants.			
		19.30	Health & Healing at 7
Windmill Close			
08/07	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's,
Bridge			
		14.30	Holy Communion at
Mansfield Court			
09/07	10.00		Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at
Bridge Village Hall			
		14.00	Social Afternoon at John
Baker White	Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres		
14/07	19.30		Caring & Sharing
15/07	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's,
Bridge			
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon
Lodge			
		19.30-20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
16/07	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
19/07	14.00		Wedding of Alastair Fell and Emily
Wicks at St Peter's, Bridge			
22/07	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's,
Bridge (Mary Magdalene)			
Holy Communion at Highfield		14.30	
26/07	14.00		Wedding of Christopher Hey and
Eleanor Page at St Pe			#



Celebration of 20 years of the ordination of women to the
priesthood in the Church of England

On Saturday, May 3rd 2014, the Anglican Church celebrated 20 years of women's ministry. I was staying with my daughter, Mary, who is a priest in London and we woke to glorious sunshine and surely this epitomised the day.

Mary and her Husband Andrew, also a priest and Samuel and Jacob, their sons prepared to go to Westminster Abbey for 12 noon. We packed a picnic ready to eat with hundreds of others in Dean's yard, at the Abbey. This was chosen because it was in Paternoster Square in 1992 that the yes vote was relayed concerning women priests, and Mary & Andrew were there. Everyone there burst into singing Jubilate Deo.

On arrival at the Abbey, everyone was laughing, chatting and reminiscing. I remembered so vividly Mary's ordination to the priesthood in Coventry Cathedral in 1994, after five years of being a Deacon. Sheer joy!

From Westminster abbey, we set off marching to St Paul's Cathedral. I think there were a thousand or more there, and the atmosphere was electric. As we marched, cars hooted us, and people waved. We smiled and waved back, but were they supporting us or mocking us – who knows? But nothing daunted us.

On arrival at the Cathedral, there were hundreds more on the steps. Excitement grew, and eventually we entered St.Pauls. We found our seats and waited. I knew that somewhere in that vast building, our vicar was there celebrating with his mother the Reverend Pamela LLoyd, who was ordained in 1994, after waiting so long as a Deacon. The Cathedral was absolutely full, and at 4.40, 700 women priests, simply dressed in an albe and stole began their long walk up the aisle. On our service sheet it said 'please remain seated when the women priests' process' – but no way did this happen! We scrambled to our feet and applauded. The volume increased despite the length of the procession. It was very moving, and when I saw Mary, near the end, I cried with joy and pride. I'm sure I wasn't the only one.

The organ resounded, and we sang The Church's One Foundation at the top of our voices. It was a wonderful service, with Archbishop Justin preaching. He said 'much has been done, but there is much more to do.' The Sermon was inspiring. We celebrated the Eucharist, and people on the steps outside also received communion. Everything was perfect. We laughed, we prayed, we sang. We ended with I, The Lord of Sea and Sky, and a blessing.

As I journeyed home, I felt peaceful, joyful, prayerful and inspired. Whatever people say, the Church is alive with the joy, the vitality and the glory of the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Amen.

Margaret Clarke.

The logo for Christian Aid, featuring the word "christian" in a smaller font above the word "aid" in a larger, bold font. The text is white and set against a black arrow-shaped background pointing to the right.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2014

The total raised in the house-to-house collection throughout the Benefice this year was £2021.31. Many thanks to all those who contributed to achieve this excellent result, both by collecting and by giving.

You have helped people rebuild their lives after suffering in times of

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THE PARISH OF PATRIBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

Our Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meetings, chaired by Canon Jonathan Lloyd, were held at Bridge School on 23rd April and attended by 19 parishioners.

As we are a parish with 2 parish churches we elect 4 churchwardens to the whole parish and arrange for them to perform separate duties at each church,. Accordingly Andrea Nicholson & Pauline Pritchard (Patribourne) with Laurence Dunderdale & Evelyn Andrews (Bridge) were re-elected. A diocesan results notice for all elections is displayed at both churches. Other appointments were Andrea Nicholson & Bev Latham - Deanery Synod representatives, Pauline Prichard – PCC vice-chair, Clive Medhurst - PCC treasurer, Alan Barber - PCC secretary with Sue Briant, John Hill, Sarah Wetherell and Katy Fuller – PCC members.

In reviewing the past year our various topics included (a) the interregnum with the vicar moving at the end of 2012 followed by the curate in July (b) the valiant support during the interregnum by visiting or retired clergy, our lay reader and family service team (c) the routine running of both churches (d) the preparation of our 'Parish Profile', informed by a 'Vision Day', and advertising the vacancy (e) the St Mary's Norman Wheel Window, for which funding has been achieved and work has started (f) Bridge Church being used as a Flood Control & Information Centre during the floods which disrupted village life last winter and (g) the good news that Canon Jonathan is our new priest and was duly licensed on 27 March 2014.

There are 81 names on the electoral roll and good attendances were recorded at our Christmas Carols and Christingle services. Sadly numbers attending other services and volunteering for church duties have declined, and whilst our costs are going up, our income is going down. We are told that falls in income and attendance are not uncommon during a period of interregnum but they present serious challenges for us all to address now that we have our new parish priest.

The first meeting of our new PCC is on 2nd July and any questions and/or comments will be welcome.

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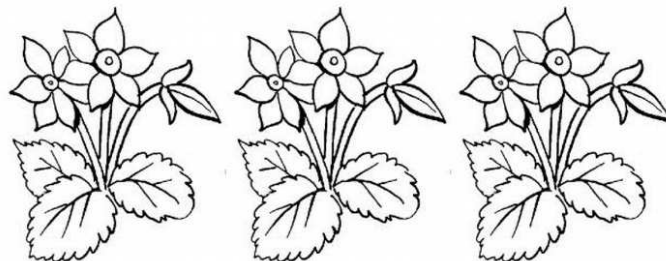
Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Summer Show



Saturday 26 July
Bridge Village Hall

11.00 am until 3.00 pm
Presentation of Prizes 12.30 pm



Refreshments with home-made cakes
Raffle and Plant/Bring and Buy Stall

For Show Schedule telephone Kathy on 830057

St Mary's Patríxbourne

The Borough Chamber Choir

(Director: Robert Hanson)

Informal Concert

2pm

Saturday 26th July

St Mary's Patríxbourne

Come and hear the choir sing at St Mary's,
as part of their choral tour of local churches

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Light refreshments available afterwards.

Parking: Recreation Ground, Old Palace Road.

(Further information: 01227 830947)

Patricxbourne's Georgian windows return...

Leonie Seliger, Head of Stained Glass Conservation at Canterbury Cathedral, reinstalls the glass of the wheel window at St Mary's Church, on 18 June.

'This is very special glass, made in 1837. Wheel Windows are very rare, and are the precursor of the Rose Window. This is a lovely window, with sharp colours, and is now safely restored.'

The stonework, dated 1170, has also been fully restored by specialist stonemasons. The PCC thanks Andrea Nicholson and Pauleen Pritchard for coordinating the project, and securing the fundraising and sponsorship for it to be successfully completed.



News from Bekesbourne

Planning is well underway for our forthcoming Flower Festival in Bekesbourne church in September.

The theme is The History of Bekesbourne in x Objects. Some of them are very quirky and reveal some amazing facts about people and events in Bekesbourne's past. It also gives us an opportunity, in the centenary year, to remember the part Bekesbourne aerodrome played in WW1.

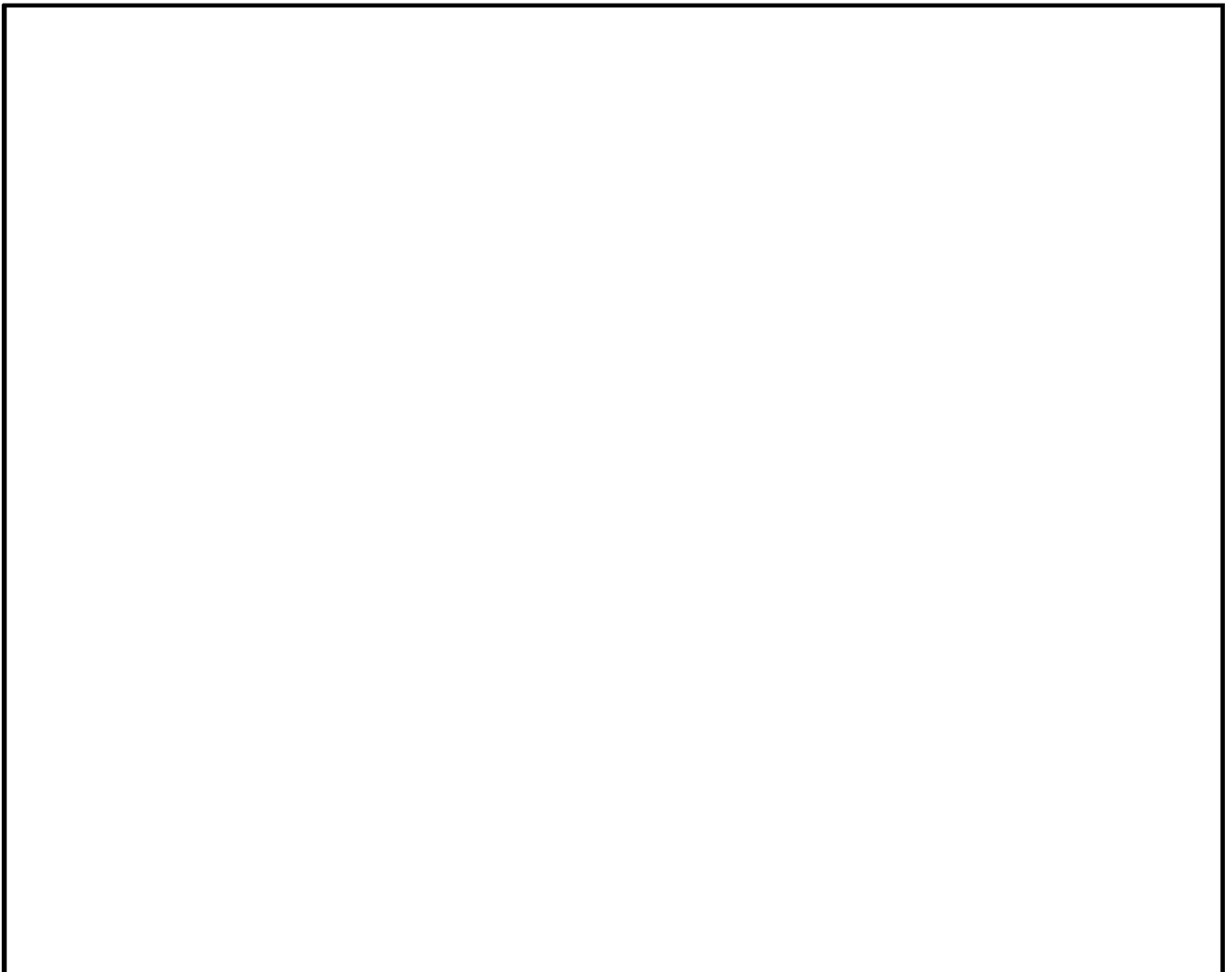
Our team of local flower arrangers are using all their creative powers to interpret these objects in flowers. Come along and see their displays!

There will be lots of activities for children of all ages.- from bug hunts and churchyard trails to craft activities and quizzes. You can build you own railway bridge or make your own display featuring an object from the history of Bekesbourne.

We guarantee that there will be something of interest for everyone over the three days. So put the dates in your diary now. It's 12 September 2.00pm -5.00pm and 13,14 September 11.0am - 5.00pm.

The festival will end with the bells ringing for Evensong in the church with Canon Jonathan.

Nicky



May 21. 2014

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Sally Daigneault (Vicki McPherson's sister) and I live in Washington State in the Pacific Northwest corner of America.

By the time you read this letter it will be more than a year that you have been praying for my recovery.

During the year 2013 I spent a total of 8 weeks in the hospital and underwent six surgeries (four in two weeks). After almost four weeks in a medically induced coma I spent almost five months in rehab. I finally came home on December the 17th. I still have no tendon behind the left knee so have to wear a brace all the time and use a Zimmer frame. I could undergo another surgery to reconstruct the knee but right now I cannot even conceive of going through surgery number 42!

I have come a long way from being clinically dead to where I am today. The doctors told my family that I would most likely not survive yet here I am living a somewhat normal life. It is truly a miracle and that miracle was bought about in part by your prayers – faithfully offered for my recovery.

I have been driving since the end of December (I am the only driver in my family at the moment so I thank God that my driving leg is still good). Meanwhile, I can never thank you enough for all of your prayers on my behalf.

Please know that you are in my prayers also.

Your sister in Christ

Sally J

SUMMER OF MUSIC

Two concerts will be taking place in Holy Innocents, Adisham this summer, one by a local choir and the other by a London-based choir.

Saturday 12th July, 7.30pm **Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir** offer an evening of stirring music ranging from some of the great Welsh hymns to songs from West End musicals. This year, the choir's programme includes a medley of songs from the First World War – and you're invited to join in! Tickets cost £8 including a glass of wine.

Saturday 26th July, 12 noon **Borough Chamber Choir** will bring their Summer School tour to East Kent. This is a London choir of experienced amateurs who have a repertoire from Medieval to Contemporary. Free admission with a retiring collection.

Tickets and information : 01304 840569

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

At our meeting on **Tuesday 15 July** at 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**, Joe Mendell is our speaker who will entertain us with a talk entitled "Bob Newhart Rides Again". Bob Newhart, the American stand-up comedian and actor, is noted for his deadpan and slightly stammering delivery and this promises to be a most amusing evening. As always, we are delighted to welcome non-members.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

A reminder that our **Annual Summer Show** is on **Saturday 26 July** in **Bridge Village Hall**.

Exhibitors should note that the hall will be open from 8.00 am on the morning of the show but that they must vacate the hall by 10.00 am ready for judging. The show will open to the general public from **11.00 am until 3.00 pm**, with **prize giving** at 12.30 pm. There is something for everyone to enjoy at the show - displays of vegetables, flowers, cookery, handicraft and flower arranging - and there will also be a plant/bring and buy stall, raffle and refreshments with home-made cakes available throughout the day.

To exhibit in the Show you must be a member of the Society but we have also included three **OPEN CLASSES** this year for everyone of all ages to enter, not just members. Details were given in last month's magazine to give everyone time to think about it, but here they are again. They are:

1. **Any Other Vegetable** - not included in any other class, ie ANYTHING OTHER THAN spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, broad beans, peas, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes or cucumber. Just use common sense as to the number you display. I assure you that the list does leave a few! Have you for example a fine aubergine, cabbage or some radishes lurking in your garden?
2. **Mixed Flowers** - container (anything in flower). We supply the container for you.
3. **"Wildlife in the Garden"** - a **photo**, framed or unframed, not to exceed A4 size overall.

Do consider entering, members and non-members alike. Without your entries there is no show! And don't forget to bring along your Chairman's Challenge pot of Crocosmia. There is a fine cup to be won.

If you require a show schedule or any further details please contact Kathy Walder, Show Secretary, on 830057 or email kath@askwalder.com

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

There is no meeting in Bridge Village Hall this month but look out for the Society's display stand at the Kent Show at Detling from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th July.

Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 12th June 2014_

Mill Centre- Mark Esdale reported that the City Council's Steering Group had rejected the Parish Council's bid to take over the lease of the Centre on the grounds that the plans did not provide enough value. As a result, the executive would probably reject the application and the Centre site would be sold for housing development. The Mill Centre Management Committee would be meeting later in the month to see if there was any way the Centre might be saved. It was reported that some of the money from the sale of the site might be given to the parish towards another youth centre, however it had already been demonstrated that there was no land available in the parish for such an alternative Centre and there was no indication from the City Council as to when and how much funding might be available.

Nailbourne Pollution – Cllr Alan Atkinson had circulated a detailed report. Around fifty flood alleviation projects had been identified in the area. Funding would be a problem and competition for money would be strong. It was suggested that Bridge might offer some contribution to fund flood alleviation schemes from its reserves. This might enable measures to protect the village to be implemented sooner. It was agreed to discuss some form of matched funding at the July parish council meeting. Meanwhile Cllr Atkinson had requested detailed costing of Bridge's proposed projects from the relevant engineer.

Patixbourne Church Burial Ground Extension- Mrs Pauline Pritchard explained to the Parish Council that although Cantley Estates had given a new area of woodland to Patixbourne Church to extend the burial ground, the legal costs of the land transfer would be £750 plus vat. The burial ground was currently available to residents of both Patixbourne and Bridge. It was therefore agreed to contribute £450 from Parish funds towards the legal costs.

Parking at Bridge School It was agreed that Cllr Robert Moon would be the parish council's liaison with Bridge Primary School on parking issues and would attend a meeting there on 26th. June. Councillors were asked to email Cllr Moon their thoughts about possible solutions to the problem before that meeting.

Canterbury Local District Plan - A paper copy and a disk of the Canterbury Local Plan had been received. Cllrs Sue Hodges and Ann Edmonds would attend a public meeting in early July. The parish Council's response to the Plan would be an agenda item in July.

Bridge Neighbourhood Plan – Adrian Verrall, the City Councils Planning Policy Manager had attended the May meeting of the Committee and commented fairly positively about the Neighbourhood Plan. Bridge was the only village in the District drawing up such a Plan. The traffic survey returns were being processed.

Recreation Ground – Cllr Brigitte Ward had now taken over the inspection folder again. She reported that the broken window in the pavilion had been temporarily boarded up, the picnic tables had been put out and the wooden frames had been removed from the ground. Cllr Hodges reported that Serco had said they would no longer collect orange refuse sacks from the recreation ground and that green bins should be used instead. As the various working parties had generated over 50 orange sacks of refuse this year, this did not seem a practical solution. Cllr Hodges was pursuing this matter.

Bridge Emergency Plan- Cllr Moon told the Council that Laurence Dunderdale had agreed to become a member of the Emergency Committee. Cllr Kate Wortham explained that the Committee was adapting an Emergency Plan template from KCC and simplifying it for Bridge's needs. A list of volunteers with appropriate skills was being drawn up.

First Aid Course- After some discussion it was agreed that the Emergency Plan Committee would identify possible volunteers to attend Emergency First Aid Courses. It was decided that the most cost effective way of doing this was for volunteers to join scheduled courses at either St John Ambulance or Red Cross Centres. The Clerk would investigate the possibilities and relative costs.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 1st. July 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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We are now well and truly into the busy summer months when we tend to see a huge number of problems caused by dreaded grass seeds. These tiny, innocent looking things can cause potential problems in our dogs. This is mainly down to their minute shape which means that they resemble tiny arrowheads. They easily



They tend to travel only one way in towards the ear. Dogs typically affected by grass seeds are those which tend to have hairy ears and live in fields or woodlands where there is an abundance of grass. We only see grass seeds lodged in ear canals as the nose and eyes are also at risk. The grass seeds work their way into the most sensitive skin and cause extreme pain, infection and lameness, often accompanied by sneezing depending on where they are lodged.



We treat these quickly as if left the grass seeds can track up through the ear canal causing enormous pain and damage. We use specially designed long tweezers called crocodile forceps to remove the grass seeds and this often needs to be done under sedation or general anaesthesia as it can be uncomfortable otherwise.

It is a good idea to trim the fur around your dog's ears and feet in the summer months if they tend to be very active in long grass and we would recommend routinely checking for any lodged grass seeds after walks. If your dog does suddenly develop lameness, head shaking or sneezing during the summer months it is worth getting them checked for a possible grass seed sooner rather than later.

If you have any further questions about grass seeds or any other problems please ring us at **Bourne Vet Practice** on **01227 832322**.



Buzzlines Coach Trip to Ypres – Wednesday 30th July

Buzzlines will be running an Elham Valley-exclusive day excursion to Ypres in one of our brand-new 53-seaters on Wednesday 30th July, leaving Bridge (bus stop Dover direction) at 07:00. We expect to get everyone home around 23:00.

The coach will drop families at the Bellewaerde Amusement and Animal Park, before going on with remaining passengers to the city of Ypres, the *In Flanders Fields* Museum and Tyne Cot Cemetery at Passchendaele. We will then all join in Ypres in the evening for the Last Post ceremony at Menin Gate before heading for home.

There will be no feeder services – you join the coach and we go direct, via Channel Tunnel. Friends from elsewhere are welcome but they must meet the coach at one of its calling points between Bridge and Etchinghill.

Intermediate stopping points on the main Valley road can be arranged at Bishopsbourne or Kingston if required.

Costs including entry tickets:

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Bellewaerde (adults and children over 1 metre)

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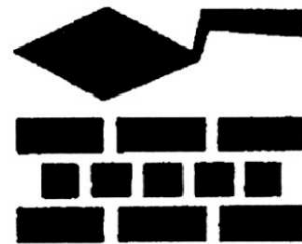


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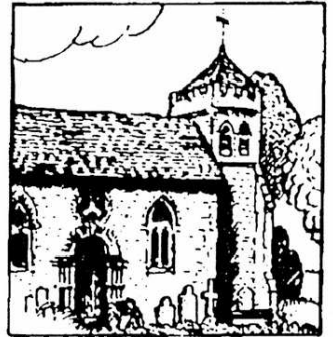
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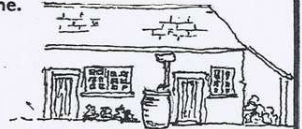
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TRINITY 8 Sunday 10 August	9.30am Sung Eucharist CB	<i>Please come to Nackington or Bridge</i>	11.00am Family Communion with Children's Talk V	<i>Please come to Bekesbourne or Bridge</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V
The Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday 17 August	<i>Please come to Bridge or Lower Hardres</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Parish Eucharist TR	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RO	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO
St Bartholomew Sunday 24 August	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	<i>Please come to Nackington or Bridge</i>	11.00am Parish Eucharist JB	9.30am Mattins with hymns MC	<i>Please come to Patribourne or Bridge</i>
TRINITY 11 Sunday 31 August	11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge	11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V 11.00am 'We Will Remember' A time of reflection for our villages to mark the Centenary of the start of WW1	11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge	11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge

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3 August, Trinity 7

Isaiah 55:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

10 August, Trinity 8

1 Kings 19:9-18

Matthew 14:22-33

17 August, Blessed Virgin Mary

Revelation 11:19-12

Luke 1:46-55

24 August, St Bartholomew

Acts 5:12-16

CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2014	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
TRINITY 12 Sunday 7 September	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V	11.00am Family Communion V&MC	6.00pm Choral Evensong V	9.30am Sung Eucharist GM	9.30am Family Service with Holy Baptism V&PK
Holy Cross Day Sunday 14 September	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	<i>Please come to Nackington or Bridge</i>	11.00am Family Communion with Children's Talk V	<i>Please come to Bekesbourne or Bridge</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V 5.00pm Evensong (Flower Festival) V
St Matthew Sunday 21 September	<i>Please come to Bridge or Lower Hardres</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Parish Eucharist, with Choir V	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V 6.00pm Festal Evensong to give thanks to God for the restoration of the wheel-window V&D	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO
Michael and All Angels Sunday 28 September	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	<i>Please come to Nackington or Bridge</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V 11.00am Parish Eucharist V	9.30am Mattins with hymns MC	<i>Please come to Patribourne or Bridge</i>
Harvest Festival Sunday 5 October	8.00am BCP Holy Communion V	11.00am Family Communion V&MC	6.00pm Choral Evensong V	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	9.30am Harvest Family Service, with Holy Baptism V

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Ezekiel 33:7-11

Matthew 18:15-20

14 Sept, Holy Cross Day

Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:13-17

21 Sept, St Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist

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On the morning of 5 August, Bridge Church will be open from 8am for a time of quiet reflection. Do call in, even for a short time.

On Sunday 31 August at 11.00am there will be a service of reflection '*We Will Remember*' to come together to start the centenary as a community. After that, at 1200 noon, all are invited to bring a picnic to the Bridge Recreation Ground, chair, rug etc for The Big Peace Picnic.

The weekend of 13/14 September will be the Flower Festival at Bekesbourne Church, and I warmly invite you to join us - and to Evensong at 5pm on the Sunday at St Peter's Bekesbourne.

It is wonderful to see the restored Wheel Window at Patrixbourne Church, with its stonework from 1170 and glass from 1837. On Sunday 21 September we will have a Festal Evensong at 6.00pm with the Dean of Canterbury joining us. Please join us at that too.

On Saturday 27 September at 5pm, our new Children's Group starts at Bridge Church, with food, fun and exploring the Christian journey, for those between 6 and 13. All young people welcome. The group will be led by trained leaders.

I wish you and your family a restful summer break.

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10.00pm on Monday 4 August, everyone is invited to turn off your lights at home. BBC 2 will televise the special service live from Westminster Abbey.

11.00pm on Monday 4 August, extinguish a candle to remember the exact moment 100 years ago that war started.

From 8.00am to 9.30am on Tuesday 5 August, quiet reflection at St Peter's Bridge, followed by Holy Communion at 9.30am.

11.00 on Sunday 31 August, 'We Will Remember' A special service for our villages

to remember WW1, followed at 12.15pm by the Big Picnic on Bridge Recreation Ground. Please bring chairs, rugs, and your picnic. All welcome!

BRIDGE AND CHURCH COURSE OF PRIMARY SCHOOL. We have had a very busy time recently, with a most successful Ofsted inspection in June. Numerous school trips have taken place including Year 6 spending 5 days in Ironbridge, other classes have been to Sussex, London, Dover Castle, Broadstairs, Quex Park, Canterbury, Wingham Wildlife Park and local walks around the village. Our sports teams have taken part in many events, some winning medals and trophies. Our Year 6 performed a play to parents and friends 'They think it's all over', the children only had a short time to learn and rehearse but it was excellent. We wish all our Year 6 pupils good luck in their new Secondary Schools. Our annual Village Fete raised £5700 for School and Church funds, a lot of hard work by many parents and friends made it a lovely event. Our next main fundraiser will be our annual fireworks display in November. More details nearer the time.

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NB. Jonathan will not be at the Shepherd's Hut on the 20th and 27th of August.

Dates For Your Diary

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02/08	12.30	Wedding of Demis Farley and Leanne Lewis at Lower Hardres
04/08	22.00	Lights Out as we remember the start of WW1. Special service from Westminster Abbey on BBC 2
05/08	08.00-09.15	Quiet Reflection to Remember the Start of the First World War, at Bridge Church
Peter's, Bridge	09.30	Holy Communion at St
Haven	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge
06/08	08.30	The Transfiguration. Holy Communion at the Vicarage
12/08	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
Mansfield Court	14.30	Holy Communion at
13/08	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
19/08	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
Lodge	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon
20/08	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
26/08	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
Highfield	14.30	Holy Communion at
30/08	12.00	Wedding of Wayne Lawson-Innes and Sarah Hills at Lower Hardres
31/08	11.00	Benefice service at Bridge. "We Remember", Centenary of First World War

Dates For Your Diary

September

02/09	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
04/09	19.30		Health and Healing at 7 Windmill Close
06/09	14.30		Golden Wedding Blessing of Phyl and Rod
Denne	at		
	Bekesbourne Church		
			Bekesbourne Boot Fayre
08/09	19.30		Caring and Sharing
09/09	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield
Court			
10/09	10.00		Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge
Village Hall			
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker
White Hall,			
	Lower Hardres		
12-14/09			Bekesbourne Flower Festival
13/09	13.00		Wedding of Peter Turrell and Charlotte
Slade at Bridge			
13/09			Friends of Kent Churches Ride and
Stride			
14/09	17.00		Evensong at Bekesbourne Church
16/09	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
17/09	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
21/09	18.00		Festal Evensong at Patrixbourne Church to
thank God for the			restored
wheel-window, with the Dean of Canterbury			
	preaching		
22/09	19.30		Caring and Sharing
23/09	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield
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Fish News

The Coffee Pop-Ins will be on Wednesday August 13th and Wednesday September 10th in Bridge Village Hall from 10 to 11.15. We hope there will be a representative from Hi Kent at the September morning to help with hearing aids.

New volunteers to help with runs to the surgeries and hospitals are always very welcome. It is not a huge commitment but the more drivers we have to call upon the more reliable we can be. To find out more do please ring 07935 966 080.

Bekesbourne Flower Festival

Please see the poster elsewhere about our village Flower Festival in September. As there isn't a magazine that month, we hope to add more details of the different events to the Bridge benefice website nearer the time. Do check there and on the church pew sheets.

Donations of cakes and plants would be very welcome, so please start potting up any surplus seedlings or cuttings now!

Jane Millyard

History Society

The next meeting of the History Society will be on Wednesday August 27th at 7.30 in Bridge Village Hall.

Dr Lacey Wallace will speak about Archaeology in Bourne Park.

Members: £4.00, non members: £5.00.

Thursday September 18th, Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Medieval Manuscripts, speaker Dr Alixe Bovey.

Members: £4.00, non members £5.00

Royal British Legion

At our July monthly meeting we had the sad task of remembering in our silence our President, John Marsh, who passed away recently. John had been President for 2 years and was Branch Chairman before that. We also have lost another member Mrs Mavis Shaw. Our condolences go to both their families.

On a lighter note, we have several probable new members and we look forward to them joining us.

We are already beginning to think about the Poppy Appeal (time flies doesn't it!) If anyone feels that they can assist in Poppy collecting later this year please do contact us on either 01227 472023 or 728228.

We have booked a Steak and Kidney Pudding Night in aid of the Poppy Appeal for Tuesday, 21st October at the Hay Wain (more details later).

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 12th August and 9th September both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

Computer Club

Commencing in September there will be a Computer Club meeting on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am in the Plough and Harrow, Bridge. A fee of £3 includes tea, coffee and hot chocolate. First meeting Friday 5th September 2014 at 10.30 hrs.

Desk top/laptop/tablet help/instruction will be available for anyone, members and non members of the C&C Group, whatever their ability.

For further details and to book a place contact the Caring & Sharing Co-ordinator Peggy Pryer at peggypryer@yahoo.co.uk or by phone landline 01227 832058, mobile 07860591887



FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES Annual Bike Ride

Saturday 13th September 2014

BRIDGE

The next Friends of Kent Churches sponsored Bicycle Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 13th September 2014 between 10am and 6pm. 50% of sponsorship money raised will go to the local church and 50% plus any Gift Aid to the Friends. Participants plan their own routes, with the assistance of a printed list of churches and chapels. This is recorded on a special sponsor form. If you do not cycle then there are numerous Canterbury City churches participating within reasonable walking distance of each other. Further details can be obtained from either David or Ann Edmonds on 01227 830795 or david.ann.969@btinternet.com We will be placing posters around the village shortly as well as in the Church. The noticeboard will also go in the Churchyard as last year but we are still waiting for an amended date sticker for this year. We will speak to you when this arrives.

Regards David and Ann. **ST MARY'S PATRIBOURNE NEEDS YOU!**

This fun annual fund-raising event takes place on Saturday 13th September. Could you cycle, walk or go on horseback round a number of churches in Kent to raise sponsorship money for the Friends of Kent Churches and your own parish church? Half the money you raise comes straight back to us and the other half goes in grants to needy churches. (We recently had a sizeable grant from FoKC for our wheel window project.) We'd love to hear from you if you are willing to help us. Patribourne church needs some active volunteers as our stalwarts are beginning to creak a little. We also need people to sit in the church and check in riders and striders and of course we need people who will sponsor the participants. Please get in touch with Pauline Pritchard (830685) if you can help in any way. Thanks in hope! **BEKESBOURNE AND LOWER HARDRES/NACKINGTON** These Churches are also taking part and would welcome riders/striders/sponsors/church sitters. Please contact appropriate co-ordinators below if you can help. Visit our website-

www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk Local contacts

Gillanders	Ann & David Edmonds	01227 830894	Jill
	Ann Nichols	01227 830795	Bridge
			Lower Hardres
			01227 700533
		Margaret Clarke	
01227 765598	Nackington	Cilla Wright	
		01227 463265	Patribourne
		01227 830685	or
			Pauline Pritchard

pvpritchard@tiscali.co.uk

St Peter's Church Bekesbourne

The History of Bekesbourne in 20 Objects

A Flower Festival

illustrating the village past through some
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and

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Saturday and Sunday afternoons

Friday 12 September 2014 2 to 5 pm

**Saturday 13 and
Sunday 14 September 11 am to 5 pm**

Evensong 5 pm on Sunday

Refreshments

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

After our short summer recess, we start again on **Tuesday 23 September** at our usual time of 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall** when we are fortunate to have secured **Martin Newcombe** to give us a practical and informative talk on **"Mushrooms and Toadstools"** with, depending on the weather, specimens to examine. Non-members are always welcome and there will be a small charge to include refreshments.

The Society is also looking urgently for a **new secretary**. If you would like to volunteer or find out a bit more about what is involved, please contact Kathy Walder on 830057/kath@askwalder.com

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On **August 19th**, we have our annual afternoon **outing**, this year to **Whitstable Castle**. The cost of the outing, including a tour of the castle and tea, is £5 and we will meet at 1 pm at our usual place in Western Avenue. Anyone still interested in going should get in touch with our secretary, Carina Whiting on 830737.

Our September meeting on **Tuesday 16th** at 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall** will take the form of a practical evening with Rosemary Crippen showing us how to make **Felt Brooches**.

We are always delighted to welcome visitors at our meetings. So if you are interested do please come along and find out more about your local WI.

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

The Society has a busy couple of months coming up with events in **Bridge Village Hall**.

Firstly, on **Wednesday 13th of August**, **Steve Bradley** of Radio Kent gardening fame is giving a talk on **"Greenhouse and Polytunnel Growing"**.

Moving on to **September**, on **Wednesday 10th**, **Margaret Muirhead**, a local **medical herbalist**, is the guest speaker who will be explaining about the different medicinal herbs and their use in relieving non-urgent conditions and in promoting well-being generally.

All are welcome at these talks, 7.30 for 8 pm start.

Then, following closely on the last talk, the Society holds its **Annual Vegetable Show** which will be open to the public from 2 until 5 pm on **Saturday 13th** and from 10 am to 4 pm on **Sunday 14th**. There is no entry charge and it is really worthwhile popping in to marvel at the array of top class vegetables grown by members that will be on display.

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BRIDGE

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- September 27
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In aid of Church funds

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(In case of bad weather leading up to 6th September, 2014

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Graham or Christine

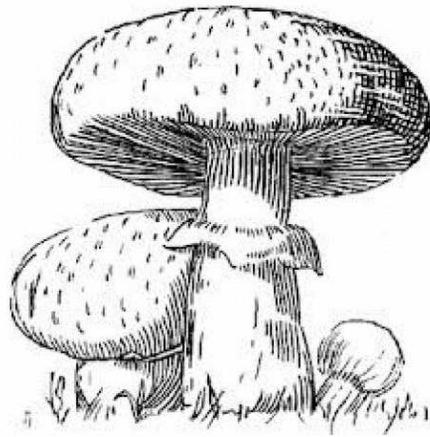
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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Mushrooms & Toadstools



Talk & Workshop
with
Martin Newcombe

Tuesday 23 September
7.30 pm
Bridge Village Hall

All welcome
Small admission charge to include refreshments

Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 10th July 2014_

Mill Centre- Mark Esdale reported that CCC's Executive had voted to close the Mill Centre and sell the site for housing development. The Centre would be given one year's extension to the lease to wind up its affairs. There would be a meeting of the Management Committee in the next few days to discuss options but buying the Centre could be a possibility. Cllr John Hill thanked Mr Esdale and his committee for working so hard to keep the youth centre open over the past 7 years.

Canterbury District Local Plan- There was wide ranging discussion regarding the draft of the Canterbury District Local Plan response and some textual amendments were agreed.

School Parking – Cllr Robert Moon had attended a meeting of the School Parents Council at which parking was discussed. The PCSO had advised that cars obstructing driveways should be reported to the police. Various options were under consideration including the reintroduction of the 'walking bus', part funding of a parking enforcement officer and making the school road 'pedestrians only'. Cllr Moon would continue to pursue this issue.

Bridge Emergency Plan = Cllr Kate Wortham reported that Laurence Dunderdale had joined the Committee. The work of contacting other village organisations and identifying skilled people was continuing and the Committee was on track to have completed an Action Plan by October. Cllrs Moon, Atkinson and Wortham would attend first aid courses._

Nailbourne Pollution –Cllr Alan Atkinson reported that ground water levels were higher than at the same time last year. Southern Water was re- starting work on the programme they began last year on pipes and the pumping stations. The Environment Agency was beginning a work programme over the summer to reduce obstructions along the Nailbourne. Engineers were currently looking at flood defence scheme options and would meet on 5th August.

Contribution to Flood Alleviation Projects in Bridge – Cllr Atkinson had circulated a paper setting out the argument for making a contribution to flood alleviation projects in Bridge. This would show commitment and could encourage necessary work to be done locally as a higher priority. After discussion it was agreed to set aside up to £10,000 from parish reserves should engineers provide an appropriate, fully costed local scheme that would benefit Bridge.

Recreation Ground Lease As the current lease for the recreation ground would expire in June 2023 and the landlord had not been willing to negotiate any extension, it was agreed to set up a working party to explore options for retaining the ground for the village.

Recreation Ground – Cllr Brigitte Ward reported that two clips had come undone on the pavilion guttering and a small piece of tile had been dislodged. The remaining picnic bench was still intact. The Clerk reported that Bounty Pest Control were increasing their visits because of the mole activity. Cllr Sue Hodges reported that in future the parish council would have to pay CCC for any orange rubbish sacks it used on the recreation ground for extra litter and weed clearance. The PCSO had visited the recreation ground and talked to parents and children to discourage climbing on the picnic table and youth shelter roof.

Use of Recreation Ground for Fun Run – Luke Bicknell outlined plans for a 5 KM Fun Run starting from the recreation ground on Sunday 14th. September. Councillors agreed to the use of the ground for this purpose. Parking would be available elsewhere.

'Lights Out' project- Canon Jonathan Lloyd had circulated an email outlining Bridge's participation in the 'Lights Out' project to commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War. Councillors agreed to the use of the recreation ground for a picnic on 31st August.

Report from KCC Cllr Michael Northey; The KCC Road Casualty Reduction Strategy had been published on the KCC website. KCC were not routinely made aware by the police of road accidents that did not involve personal injury. Therefore residents were encouraged to report such accidents to KCC so that an accurate picture could be built up of the true situation concerning dangerous locations.

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

Art in Bridge

Exhibition

Bridge Village Hall
High Street, Bridge

Saturday 11th October

11am – 7pm music from 5pm

Sunday 12th October

11am – 5pm

Entrance FREE

Refreshments available

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Wickhambreaux

Pantomime Auditions The Kingsbourne Players' annual Pantomime may be a long way off - January 2015 - but plans are already under way. Auditions for 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' are to take place in the Grabham Room at Barham Village Hall, on Friday 29th August at 8.30pm (after the AGM); and in case you can't make it then, again on Weds 3rd September, at 7.30pm. (Note the different times) With the proposed redevelopment of Barham hall, this next production is going 'on the road', with shows on consecutive weekends in January 2015 - 16th & 17th in Elham; and 23rd & 24th in Wingham. The Players very much hope that their loyal local support will pencil these dates into their diaries and follow them to these new venues.

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Course no. 3736598

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For further info: Phone Vida Conway 700327 or come along on September 3rd from 6 -8 pm



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These excursions will only call at villages of the Elham Valley between Bridge and Etchingill. Departure time will be between 07:00 and 08:00 (you will be advised on booking); we expect to have everyone home from Belgium around 22:00-23:00

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