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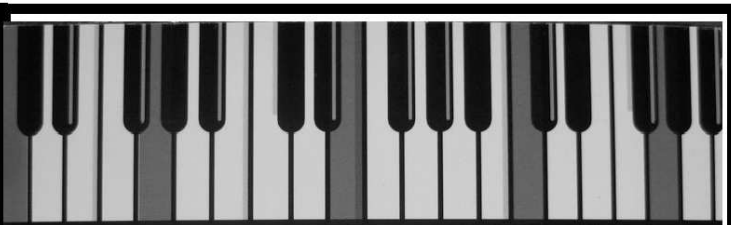


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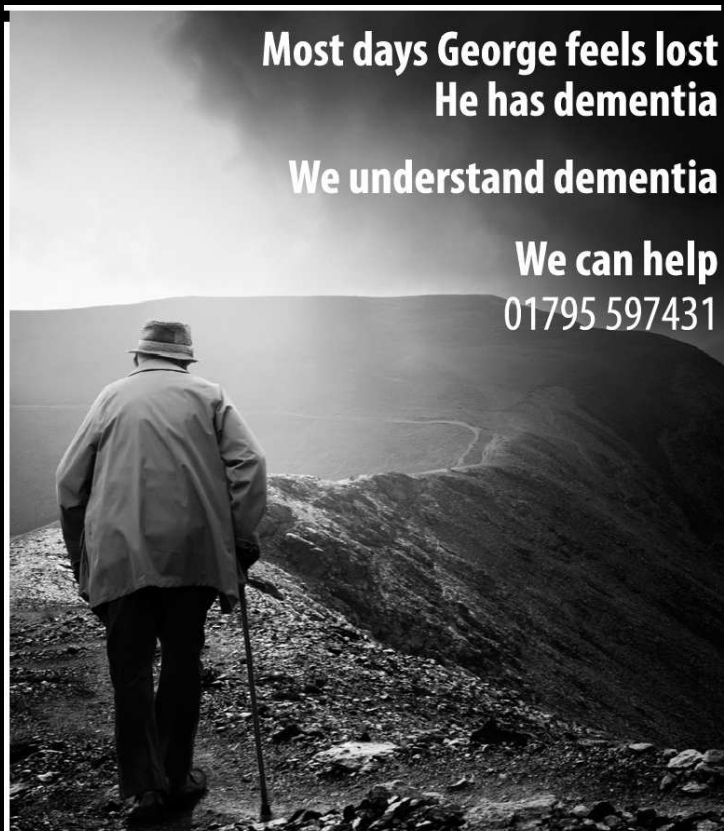
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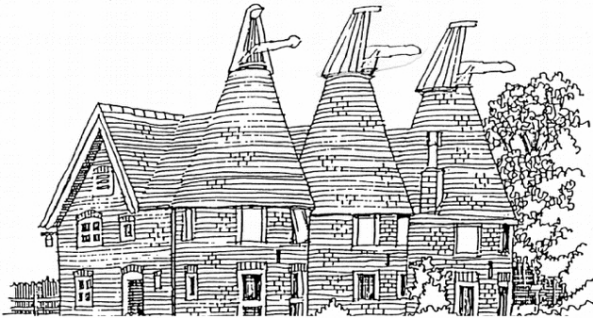
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Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Presentation of Christ in the Temple	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Candlemas Family Service	NT : Hebrews 2: 14-18  G : Luke 2: 22-40
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	3.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion			OT : Psalm 112: 1- 9  G : Matthew 5: 13-20
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	OT : Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20  G : Matthew 5: 21-37
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		NT : Romans 8: 18-25  G : Matthew 6: 25-end
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Sunday next before Lent	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : 2 Peter 1: 16- 21  G : Matthew 17: 1-9

## Appointment of new Priest-in Charge in the Bridge and Littlebourne Benefices Our new Priest-in-Charge is The Reverend Canon Jonathan LLOYD.

Dear friends

My wife, Sue, and I are very much looking forward to moving to Bridge when The Bishop will license me as your Priest-in-Charge on 27 March. We are excited about moving to your wonderful community, and look forward to meeting and getting to know you - both people of the local churches and the wider village and school communities.

I am a 'local lad', as I grew up in Chartham. My first job was at St Augustine's Hospital, and I also spent summers picking hops and cherries in local farms. I know well the smell of hops, and have Kent in my blood. My late father grew up in Wye, and my mother lives in Canterbury. So I am delighted to be returning to my 'roots'.

For the last five years, I have served as a priest and archdeacon in Continental Europe, based in Copenhagen, Denmark. Looking after parishes and clergy across eight countries has been a different and unusual ministry, working alongside a great variety of cultures and traditions. I am now familiar with unusual weather, having had to avoid an Icelandic volcano, or a Nordic snow storm! Before Copenhagen, Sue and I lived and worked for 12 years in Bath in Somerset.

I am looking forward to working with such a dedicated ministry team, and with the retired priests who serve our communities so faithfully. Also the great team of churchwardens.

My wife Sue is a Children's Occupational Therapist working with Kent County Council, and we have two daughters Emma (25) who is a Primary School teacher, and Sarah (22) a designer.

My first Sunday with you will be Mothering Sunday, 30 March, and I warmly invite you along at 9.30am to the joint Family Communion Service at St Mary's Church Patrixbourne. Mothering Sunday is a special day for families, so do bring them along too. I have already persuaded my mother to come! I look forward to meeting you soon.

Grace and peace

Jonathan

Canon Jonathan LLOYD



## Your Parish Matters

### Christenings

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

### **8 O'CLOCK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES IN BRIDGE AND BEKESBOURNE.**

8 o'clock Holy Communion services in Bridge and Bekesbourne will not take place during December, January, February and March. This is temporary and due to a lack of service cover in these months

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

**Church Mice.** The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month in St Peter's, Bridge at the new time of 1.45pm-2.45pm for preschool children (0-5) and their parents and carers - play, songs, bible story, craft and tea and coffee. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 4th February 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, Bekesbourne, Patixbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please phone the Vicarage to make an enquiry: 01227 830250. Further information is also available at [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)*

### **Baptisms and Confirmations**

As we are currently without a Vicar please get in touch with the Vicarage office on 830250 to register your details. There will currently be a few months wait, unless there is an emergency, for Baptisms and Confirmations until the new Vicar is in place.

## **LOWER HARDRES CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Our Bazaar took place on November 23rd. It was a happy occasion and we made £350.

Thank you to all who helped and contributed cakes, goodies and bric-a-brac.

## **LOWER HARDRES CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP**

This was held on December 7th and between 30 to 40 children came. We really had a great and happy time. They were busy all the time. I would like to thank all the children and helpers for such a lovely time.

Margaret Clarke

*For Baptism and Funeral enquiries please feel able to contact the Vicarage. The Church of England seeks to serve the community not just those who go to church.*

**In case of an emergency please contact the  
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## Dates For Your Diary

### February

04/02	13.45- 14.45 15.00 20.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church Holy Communion at Bridge Haven After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
06/02	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
10/02	19.30	Caring & Sharing
11/02	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
12/02	10.00 14.00 Memorial Hall, Lower	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall Social Afternoon at John Baker White Hardres
18/02	15.00 20.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
19/02	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
24/02	19.30	Caring & Sharing
25/02	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

### Forthcoming Events

14th March	-	Bekesbourne Wine & Wisdom.
15th March	-	Bridge Coffee Morning.
27th March	-	Licensing of Revd. Canon Johnathan LLoyd.
14th June	-	Bridge Village Fete.

### Ruth Washington

As many of you may know, Ruth Washington has retired from membership of the Parochial Church Council after a long period of service and the PCC would like to take this opportunity of thanking her publicly for all the hard work she has done. She has given so much of her valuable time to helping to run the churches in this parish and to running the church youth groups, along with her husband Tony. We really are very grateful for all she has done and know that a lot of young people in our villages will be equally grateful. Don't worry, though! She will still be there running Family Services.



# Women's World Day of Prayer

## St. Peter's Bridge

Friday 7th March at 11.00am

Guest Speaker:- Canon Rosemary Walters

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Thank you from Mrs Dorothy King

I would like to thank all kind friends who sent me birthday and get well cards during my three-month stay in hospital, which resulted from a fall at home on 3 September in which I fractured my femur and my wrist in several places.

I returned home at the beginning of December and am slowly making progress, but may not be out and about again for a while.

**Fish (Neighbourly Help) News Tel no: 07935 966 080**

The monthly Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday February 12th from 10 to 11.15. Do come. You are most welcome.

**Bridge with Patixbourne Women's Institute**

On **Tuesday 18th February**, popular speaker **Sarah Grazebrook** will be making a return visit to to give a talk entitled "**The Shadow of the Lamp**" in Bridge Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. As always, we are very pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings. So, if you are interested, do please come along. You will be most welcome.

## Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We had an enjoyable Christmas meeting on 10th December with mince pies etc and a quiz. The Chairman, Ray Tupper, thanked everyone for their support this year especially Bob and Jan Catt and Chris Beer.

Our Poppy Appeal total has realised £3,911.83 - an excellent result. Many thanks to our new Poppy Appeal Officer, Wendy Giles and Nancy White and Brenda Longley. Also a big thank you to our collectors who work so tirelessly each year. We hope all our members had a good Christmas and wish them a Happy New Year. It is a quiet time of year for the Branch but we have a few things in the pipeline to announce next time.

Can we just take this opportunity to invite new members to join the Branch. Everyone is welcome whether they are ex-service persons or not. As long as they are interested in the aims of the Legion.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne (back of the village hall). We are a friendly, informal group, so please consider joining as one of your "New Year's Resolutions"! For more information contact the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th February at the above venue.

### **Ruth Washington**

If you saw our thanks to Ruth Washington elsewhere in the magazine, you may have realised that we are in urgent need of volunteers, both to be members of the PCC and to help with our youth group Moby. If you think you could help with either of those things, why not have a word with one of the Churchwardens (contact details on the back of the magazine) and find out a bit more?

Moby is very urgent as we currently have a group of teens wanting to meet but without enough leaders for meetings to take place at all. Could you spare some time once a month to make that happen? Or if that is not quite your thing, could you offer a couple of hours every three months to help with the nuts and bolts of running the churches on the PCC? Please think about it!

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**Parish Councillor vacancy;** The City Council had advised that there would not be an election to fill the vacant post on the Parish Council. It was therefore agreed to advertise for interested candidates. Applicants should send their c.v's to the Parish Clerk. The closing date for expressions of interest is 7th. January 2014. (See village notice board and website)

**Nailbourne Pollution** –. Cllr Atkinson reported that water levels were rising but were within anticipated seasonal limits. The work currently being undertaken by Southern Water should help alleviate future flooding. There would be serious disruption to the residents of Patricxbourne Rd & Riverside Close, potentially from 6th – 17th January. The road would have to be closed to traffic completely between Bridge High Street and Riverside Close at various times.

**Snow Clearance Preparations;** Cllr Moon reported that he had held a meeting of volunteer snow clearers the previous week. He had ordered bags of salt, which would be stored in Bridge Down and at Brickfields Close. Later it was intended to move some of the salt to the pavilion garage. High visibility vests would be distributed to volunteers. At present the priority areas for snow clearance would be the High Street, followed by the route to the Health Centre. More volunteers were needed and depending on the response, side roads could also be treated. Any volunteers were asked to contact Cllr Moon.

**Neighbourhood Plan** –.Draft objectives had been reviewed by a volunteer planning adviser from Planning Aid. The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee would revise the draft in line with her comments. It was planned to put the revised draft to Bridge residents for their views in the New Year.

**Recreation ground** - Cllr Hodges thanked Cllrs Wilmshurst and Moon for moving the picnic benches into the pavilion for the winter. She reported that Tony Hart (Tree surgeon) would carry out a safety inspection of the trees on the recreation ground. Mrs Pam Dobson had kindly agreed to identify the species in the hedge near the school.

**Recreation Ground Maintenance Contract;** Having considered three quotations it was agreed to award the recreation ground maintenance contract for 2014/15 to AJ Longley, the present contractor. This was not the cheapest option but the firm had proved reliable. The cheaper quote was from a company considered less satisfactory when used in the past.

**Withdrawal of Green sacks;** Several residents had complained about the City Council's decision to withdraw green sacks from the refuse collection schedule. There was also strong objection to having to buy new green bins in their place. Cllr Cook said that the City Council had offered to assist anyone who found it hard to move green bins to the kerb. It was agreed to write to Cllr Cook to ask him to take up this matter with the City Council.

**Response to Boundary Commission;** It was noted that the Parish Council had submitted its views on new electoral wards to the Boundary Commission. Cllr Hodges thanked Cllr Corfield for his work on this

**Laurie Wakeham** It was agreed to write to congratulate Laurie Wakeham on completing 25 years as the owner of the butcher's shop in Bridge.

**Thanks;** Cllr Hodges said that recently many people had contributed their time to working for the good of the village and asked for the following thanks to be noted. She thanked Mark Esdale, and his large band of volunteers for putting up the Christmas trees and those providing refreshments. She also thanked Vicky White, Mr & Mrs Oakey and Mr & Mrs Fawke for tending the village planters and the flowerbeds at the chicanes. Valerie Wicker and Selwyn Lewis were thanked for their tireless work in trying to keep the village free of litter throughout the year. It was agreed to write a letter of thanks to Janet Horsley, who was leaving the village after serving on the Village Hall Committee for more than 20 years.

**Bridge Parish Council [www.bridgevillage.org.uk](http://www.bridgevillage.org.uk)  
Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 9th January 2014**

**Councillor Bill Oakey** - Cllr Hill paid tribute to Bill Oakey who had died of cancer on 6th. January after a brave fight. He described him as an effective Parish Councillor until ill health forced his resignation. Bill Oakey had helped to organise the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and led a band of snow clearance volunteers in the village. The Parish Council offered its sympathy to his wife and his family and held a minute's silence in tribute to Cllr Oakey.

**Draft Canterbury District Parish Charter** –Parish Councillors had considered the draft of the Parish Charter, which had been put forward by the City Council. Councillors were critical of the lack of any hard commitments in the document. They also commented on the lack of consultation that there had been over new planning procedures. Several specific amendments to the Charter were proposed, which would be submitted to the City Council for consideration

**Withdrawal of green sack collection service;** Canterbury City Council officials had offered to visit a house in Bridge High Street to see first hand the problems caused by the withdrawal of the green sack service. The Clerk had arranged for a resident to meet them and was now waiting for the Council to confirm a date for the meeting

**Neighbourhood Plan** –Mr Gulvin reported that Stella Scrivener of Planning Aid would attend the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee on the following day. A car parking survey and meetings with local landowners were planned for January

**Nailbourne Pollution** – Cllr Atkinson reported that the sealing of the sewer, which was currently being undertaken in Patricbourne Road, was likely to be completed at the weekend or possibly on 13<sup>th</sup>. January. There were no problems with the Nailbourne so far but the borehole water depths were at the same level as 2001. The Environment Agency report was due at the weekend and would show levels of water in bore holes was rising rapidly.

**Emergency preparations in severe weather;** Cllr Moon proposed that the contact telephone numbers of those with keys to the sandbag store should be made available on the village notice boards. Details were already on the village website. It was agreed to buy a barrow to transport sand bags in an emergency, as they were extremely heavy. Cllr Moon would take over the production of the Bridge Emergency Plan and would attend a Resilience Course run by the Emergency Services on 8th February.

Cllr Moon thanked Colin North for his help with removing a fallen tree from Bridge Hill on 23rd December and Mark Esdale for his help with the sandbags

**Recreation Ground –** Cllr Ward reported that there had been no significant storm damage on the recreation ground. There had been a lot of litter, following the holiday period, which Cllr Ward had cleared up



**Christmas trees-** Parish Councillors thanked the many villagers who turned out in record numbers to put up and take down the Christmas trees this year. Mark Esdale was thanked for his superb organisation of the event again.

**Start of World War I commemoration;** Councillors considered Cllr Hill's proposal that the parish council should commemorate the start of WWI in some way. It was agreed that Cllr Hill should liaise with the parish church and that the Parish Council would offer support to any plans they had.

**Village Clock-** Gillett and Johnston had been told that their contract to maintain the village clock would be terminated at the end of 2014. The cost was increasing and it was debatable whether the contract was value for money. The money saved could be put towards the purchase of a new clock when needed.

**Date of Annual Parish Meeting-** It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 1st May in the village hall.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.\_

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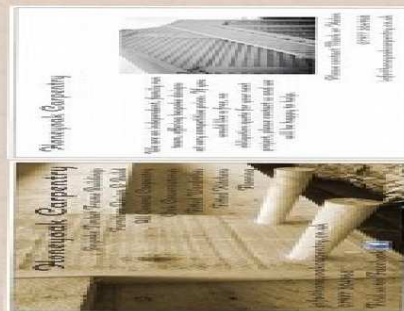
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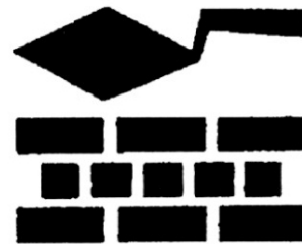
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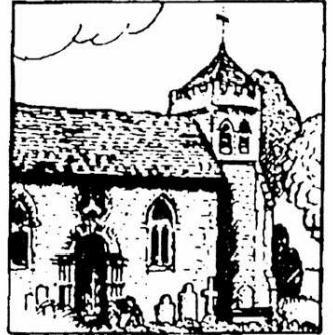
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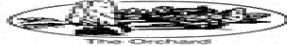
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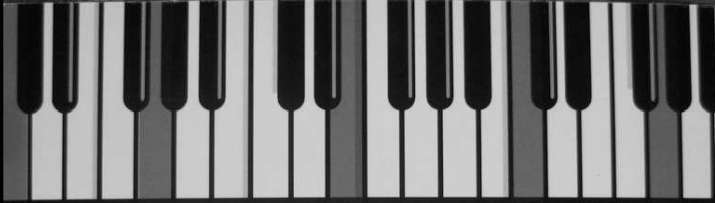
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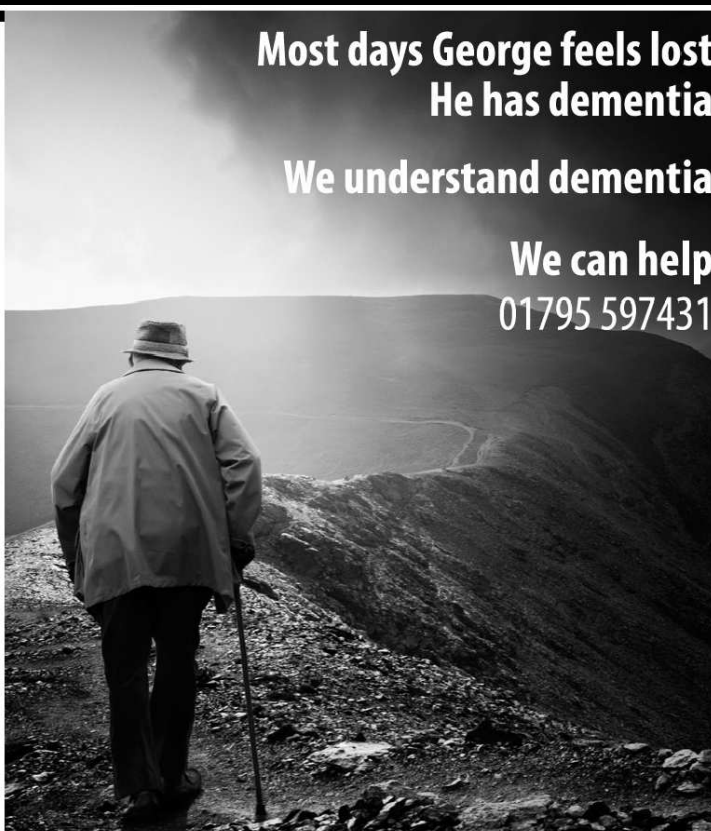
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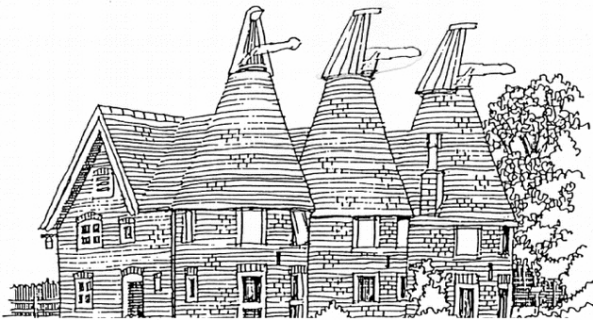
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Sunday 2nd March. Sunday next before Lent	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	NT : 2 Peter 1: 16-21 G : Matthew 17: 1-9
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March. Ash Wednesday			Service to be confirmed.			NT : Psalm 51: 1-18 G : Matthew 6 : 16-21
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March. Lent 1.	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	3.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Family Communion			OT : Genesis 2 : 15-17, 3: 1-7 G : Matthew 4: 1-11
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March. Lent 2.		9.30 am Family Service	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	8.00 am BCP Communion	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	NT : Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 G : John 3: 1-17
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March. Lent 3.	9.30 am Sung Eucharist		11.00 am Family Service	11.00 am Mattins		OT : Exodus 17: 1-7 G : John 4: 5-42
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March. Mothering Sunday				9.30 am Mothering Sunday Benefice Sunday		NT : Colossians 3: 12-17 G : Luke 2: 33-35
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> April. Lent 5.	8.00 am BCP Communion	11.00 am Family Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Sung Eucharist	9.30 am Family Service	OT : Psalm 130 G : John 11: 1-45



The Rev'd Canon Jonathan Lloyd and his wife Sue will probably be in the middle of moving house as you read this. We welcome them as they settle into Bridge and look forward to Jonathan's ministry among us. As I write Jonathan has been in touch to assure us of his prayers for all affected by the flooding.

The flooding we've seen in Bridge, and which threatens many surrounding villages, has posed significant challenges for all of us. Other areas of the country, Somerset in particular, are experiencing flooding on an extensive scale - nevertheless the local situation is one of great concern and heartache – for householders, farmers, businesses and support services alike.

No doubt there will be plenty of analysis, discussion and recommendations over future months - including the impact of global warming on our climate, policies for land and river management, and priorities for expenditure at local and national level.

For now we simply offer support for all those affected, give thanks for the community spirit which has been in evidence throughout this time and recognise the work of the various support services which have responded to local need.

I offer the following prayer and ask you to keep those affected in your prayers:

Gracious God,

We commit to you all who are affected by flooding and the severe weather.

We pray for those who are suffering through loss of their homes and everyday lives and remember those whose livelihoods have been damaged.

We give thanks for the many people who have worked together to help one another.

We remember the physical hardships, stress and distress of all those working in difficult conditions and ask your blessing on all support and emergency services.

Bless the work of all those who are caught up in this severe weather and its aftermath.

All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(from ARC - adapted)*

with my prayers

Rev'd Chris Wilkinson

Parish Priest to the Littlebourne Benefice

## Your Parish Matters

**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.

### **8 O'Clock Holy Communion Services in Bridge and Bekesbourne.**

8 o'clock Holy Communion services in Bridge and Bekesbourne will not take place during December, January, February and March. This is temporary and due to a lack of service cover in these months.

### **Prayers.**

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

### **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.

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### **Lent Course.**

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Tuesday 18th March.

Tuesday 25th March.

Tuesday 1st April.

Tuesday 8th April.

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# Women's World Day of Prayer

## St. Peter's Bridge

Friday 7th March at 11.00am

Guest Speaker:- Canon Rosemary Walters

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### Dates For Your Diary

#### March

04/03	13.45-14.45	Church Mice at Bridge Church
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill
06/03	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill
Close		
10/03	19.30	Caring & Sharing
11/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield
Court		
	19.30	Lent Course, Bridge
School		
12/03	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at
Bridge Village Hall		
	14.00	Social Afternoon at John
Baker White	Memorial Hall,	Lower Hardres
18/03	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	19.30	Lent Course, Bridge
School		
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill
Close		
19/03	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
24/03	19.30	Caring & Sharing
25/03	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield
	19.30	Lent Course, Bridge
School		



## **News from Bridge & Patrixbourne CE Primary School**

As usual we have had a very busy time in school. We have raised a considerable amount in donations for various organisations including the Salvation Army, the Pilgrims Hospice and we raised over £300.00 for the British Legion Poppy Appeal last term. One of our teachers, Lisa Wright, is currently on a year's secondment working in a children's centre in Uganda, we continue to support her by sending out supplies for the children in the orphanage where she works.

Nearer to home we organised a parade for Chinese New Year around Bridge for all our 4-7 year olds, and the PTA organised a successful Burns Night for parents and raised much needed funds for the school. Our Reception classes have been 'On a Journey', they caught the local bus to Canterbury (great excitement) and went to Build a Bear and returned in time for lunch.

We continue to warn our children on the dangers of the flooding and contaminated water in the villages. Limited parking in the village and the closure of the recreation ground has caused even greater parking problems in Conyngham Lane and we continue to liaise with the authorities and residents to work through this difficult time.

## **Fish (Neighbourly Help) News Tel number: 07935 966 080**

The Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday 12th March from 10 to 11.15 and a representative from Hi Kent will be there for help and advice about hearing aids.

## **Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion**

Having had a quiet January, we are starting to plan ahead now in the branch.

On Tues 18th March we have a Steak and Kidney Pudding Supper at the Hay Wain Bramling. Tickets £10 each either from the Hay Wain or ring the secretary on 01227 472023. There will be a raffle that night in aid of the Poppy Appeal. On Sat 7th June we have an Afternoon Tea in the Memorial Hall Lounge, Littlebourne. More details on that event later.

Anyone interested in joining the branch or just wishing to come along to a meeting and see what we do, please ring the secretary on the above number. You will be made very welcome.

Our next 2 monthly meetings will be on Tues, 11 March and 8 April both at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne



Fairtrade Fair  
Saturday 1st March 2014  
10am -3pm

t. Peter's Methodist Church Hall, Canterbury

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Fair Trade stalls & refreshments

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10am: Visit by the Lord Mayor and  
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and St. Stephen's Infants' School

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2 noon – 2pm: Homemade soup lunches



## Nailbourne Group

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AND

### COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 29 March 2014

10 a.m.

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Raffle

For further information 'phone

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## CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHES

Our annual soup lunches will take place in Bridge again during Lent. This year we've changed the day from Wednesday to Thursday for people who haven't been free to come before.

They will be on the 6 Thursdays of Lent – March 6, 13th, 20th and 27th and April 3rd and 10th - between 12.0 and 1.30pm. at 1 Riverside Mews.

It's all very informal and everyone is welcome, especially if you haven't been before. A chance to meet old and new friends and support Christian Aid too.

Please ring 831956 the day before to book.

Alan & Jean Barber.



## FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 24 February – 9 March

### What is a fair banana?

Most of us love bananas. In the UK alone we eat over 5 billion a year. In the last 10 years, a bitter price war has seen the UK supermarket sector almost halving the price of loose bananas, while the cost of producing them has doubled. This is trapping many of the farmers who grow them in a cycle of poverty. Does this seem fair to you?

**Foncho is a banana farmer from Colombia.** Before Foncho's co-operative Coobafrio was certified as Fairtrade, he often struggled to make ends meet. But now he receives a fair price for his bananas, which means he can support his family and send his daughter to college.

### What can we do?

Supermarkets need to stay competitive and competition law forbids them to co-ordinate price rises amongst themselves. The government must step in to investigate the grave impact of unsustainable supermarket pricing and act to protect the many poor farmers who grow the UK's favourite fruit. Please help by signing the petition to Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business. We will have a petition sheet and post cards to send in Bridge Church during March.

### Find out more.

There's a lot of information on the Fairtrade Foundation website – [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

## **Announcing the forthcoming Village Flower Festival Bokesbourne Church 12th, 13th and 14th September, 2014. The History of Bokesbourne 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





# Charity Quiz

# Night

**Bridge Village Hall**

**Saturday 22nd**

**March 7:00pm**

Mike Sole is running the 2014 London Marathon to raise funds for The Limbless Association and all proceeds on the night will go to the charity

Mike can also be sponsored at [www.justgiving.com/mikesole](http://www.justgiving.com/mikesole)

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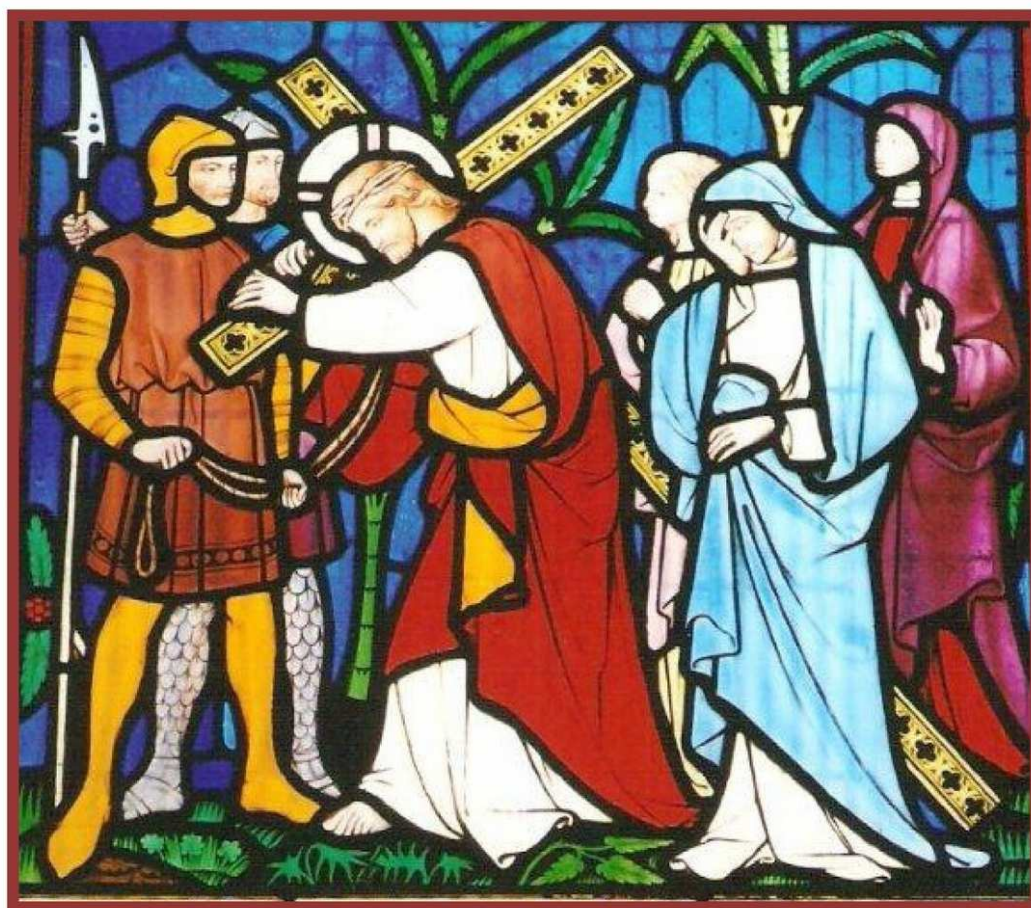


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Donations for the stalls to Sue (C832084)  
or Andrea (830947)

## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society' Spring Show - Advance Notice of the Open Class.**

Our **Spring Show** will be held in Bridge Village Hall on **Saturday 12 April** (hall open to exhibitors from 8.00 am onwards, doors close at 10.00 am for judging and open again for visitors and exhibitors from 11.00, extended until 3.00 pm, with prize giving at 12.30 pm).

This year, the **OPEN COMPETITION** for everyone of all ages will be:

5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)

There is still time to start paying attention to those crowns of rhubarb skulking somewhere in a very soggy garden and to think perhaps of bringing them on by forcing them with a bucket, straw or similar to get them ready for the show.

Please do have a go! It is easy to enter. Just bring them along before 10 am to the hall on the morning of the show.

If any member still requires a show schedule, please contact Kathy Walder on 830057.

### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

We are delighted to welcome Canterbury City Council Officer **Tracy Flower** to give us an illustrated talk on Canterbury District's **Seasonal Bedding Displays** on **Tuesday 4 March** starting at 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**. As always we are delighted to welcome non-members at our evening meetings. There will be a small charge to include refreshments.

### **National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association**

The Society starts off its 2014 programme with its **AGM** on **Wednesday 12 March**, 7.30 pm for an 8.00 pm start, in **Bridge Village Hall**. The Society has an interesting programme of monthly talks arranged for the year, as well as an annual show in September, all held in Bridge Village Hall. If you enjoy gardening, do consider coming along to find out more.

### **Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute**

**Dave Haines** will be giving what should prove to be an interesting and useful talk, along with a practical demonstration, on "**First Aid: Defibrillators**" on **Tuesday 18 March**, starting at 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**.

If this is of interest to you or you would like to find out more about your local WI, please do come along. You will be made most welcome.

## SPRING EVENTS AT THE QUIET VIEW

On **Sunday 16th March** from **2.30 – 6pm** we'll be showing again **ST JOHN'S GOSPEL**. This is a deeply moving feature film, not on general release, that follows John's gospel word for word. Directed by Philip Saville, starring Henry Ian Cusick as Jesus and narrated by Christopher Plummer. Donations invited and tea will be provided. Please book.

**Jenny Sandler** leads **GATEWAYS INTO PRAYER** on **Saturday 29th March** from **10.30 – 4pm**. **A Quiet Day** discovering creative and gentle approaches to our life in God, using guided imagery, music, poetry, gentle movement and silent meditation. Jenny will explore the healing potential of different 'Ways In' to prayer and how it may enrich our faith. Jenny trained and performed with the Royal Ballet and is founder, choreographer and former director of The Epiphany Dancers (Liturgical Dance Group) and St James's Piccadilly Liturgical Dance Group. Suggested donation £20 Refreshments provided through the day. Please book and bring your own lunch.

**Saturday 12th April 10.30 – 4pm Spring Awakening** the third workshop in the popular Rhythm of Life Series with **Madi Stong**. Madi uses all kinds of creative media in a comfortable and inspiring way to enrich our spiritual journeys. Suggested donation £15 Please bring your own lunch. Refreshments provided Please book.

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## PERFUME IN THE BIBLE

Following a successful talk at the cathedral last autumn, Dr. Charles Sell will be giving a talk in Kingston Barn on perfumery through the ages, from 3000 years ago to the present day, with glimpses into the lives of the people who used them through the ages, with particular reference to Biblical occurrences. There should also be opportunities to experience some of the perfumes being discussed.

You are invited to assemble at 7.00pm for the talk to start at 7.30pm on Fri. 14th March.

This is bound to be a popular event, so advanced booking is advisable. Tickets, in aid of the Friends of Womenswold Church, cost £6.00 or £5.00 for Friends, to include light refreshments, and can be obtained from Marilyn Lewis, 01227 831208, Jeanie Wright, 01304 830894 or Maggie McKenzie 01227 831404.



# NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

An illustrated Talk by Tracy Flower  
"Seasonal Bedding Display of C.C.C."  
On the 4th March  
Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm  
New members are welcome  
Refreshments available



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7.30pm

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## Children's Flower Arranging Saturday 29th March 4-5pm Bekesbourne Village Hall

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Annual village litter pick in Bridge  
This will take place on Saturday 29th March (weather permitting). Meeting at  
9.30 a.m. outside the Post Office. Bring your own gloves, bags will be  
provided.

All are welcome to give our village a good spring cleaning.

Brigitte Ward (01227 830330)

**Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 13th February 2014\_**

**Flood Situation Update-** Cllr Moon updated the Council on the flood situation in Bridge. Pipes had been installed that day to avoid the 'pinch point at the bus shelter and water was now flowing over the road via two 8' pipes and one 6' pipe. No action would be taken that would increase flood risk further down stream. Cllr Moon paid tribute to the many Bridge volunteers who had helped with filling and deploying sandbags, making tea for the emergency services and helping vulnerable residents. All the professional emergency services had been working tirelessly. It was agreed that there should be a first aid course organised for councillors and volunteers after the current emergency had ended. It was also suggested that the sand bag store be moved to a location that would be easier to access than the recreation ground. Cllr Hodges thanked Cllr Moon for his continued outstanding work in helping those affected by the flooding and assisting with co-ordinating the emergency services.\_

**Nailbourne Pollution** – Cllr Atkinson reported that Cllr Cook and Julian Brazier MP had visited the area. Cllr Gilbey had also been invited to come and see the situation. Ground water had already reached the highest measurement on the scale and was unlikely to reduce until the summer. This would continue to affect the levels in Church Meadow and the Nailbourne. Southern Water had tried to line the sewer but the present inundation could cause further problems. Cllr Hodges thanked Cllr Atkinson for his continued work on the problems of the flooding.

**Recreation Ground** – Cllr Ward re-iterated that the recreation ground had been temporarily closed on the advice of the Environment Agency and would remain closed until the Parish Council was advised that it was safe to re-open it. The EA had rejected a suggestion that a fence should be erected along the path from Riverside Close to the school gate.

**Annual Parish Meeting** It was agreed to ask Guy Gardener, the Emergency Flood Co-ordinator from Canterbury City Council, to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Mill Centre-** There had been no response from Mr Bursnell of CCC to the application for the Mill Centre to be added to the Parish Council's list of assets of community value. The Centre was suggested as a possible location for the sand bag store.

**Response from Canterbury Police to Dog Attack Complaint** The disappointing response from Inspector Mark Arnold was discussed. It was agreed to pursue the idea of re-instating the Police Forum, which would include a representative of each parish council and representatives of Kent Highway Services at regular liaison meetings. A reply would be sent to the Police requesting this and Action with Rural Communities in Kent would also be asked to support the proposal.

**Withdrawal of green sack collection service;** The Clerk reported that she had been unsuccessful in getting the City Council to re-consider its decision on green sack withdrawal or to visit those affected. Cllr Cook had been asked to continue to pursue this with the City Council.

**Village Litter pick** Cllr Ward announced that there would be a Spring village litter pick on Saturday 29th March at 9.30. Volunteers should meet at the Post Office. If the weather was bad the event would be postponed until 5th April. All volunteers would be very welcome.

**Recreation Ground Working Party** Cllr Hodges announced that there would not be a working party this Spring because of the current flood situation. Work with the Kent Stour Countryside Partnership Volunteers would be postponed until September as would work with the primary school children, who would do their planting in September.\_

**Bridge Down Steps** – Cllr Hodges reported that surveyors from Kent Highway Services had been seen taking measurements at the steps. No indication had been received as to when replacement work might begin.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 13th.March at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.\_

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## *A Country View*

### **Shrinking Violets**

As the evenings grow a little lighter and longer and we look forward eagerly through this stormy spell to the coming of spring, some of our wild flowers offer the hope of brighter times. Snowdrops have been out in the churchyards for a while and crocuses are making an appearance across the area.

Mild temperatures have also encouraged violets to make an early appearance in verges in some parts of Bridge. However, few of us will have seen them because someone has been spotted picking them all. This is of course very disappointing, but we have been asked: “Is it allowed legally?”

For clarification, digging up wild plants is illegal anywhere; picking wild flowers is not technically illegal, unless the plants are a protected species, or they are in private

grounds, or land maintained by the council. However, it seems most of the land in this area fits into one of those categories so we suggest it would be sensible to avoid picking wild flowers from a legal point of view.

From a moral perspective, how much more generous it would be to leave the flowers where they grow so that all those who wander past on their country rambles can enjoy them too.

For true nature lovers, those who really appreciate our countryside heritage, it is much nicer to see wild flowers in their proper place, out in the countryside, than it is to see them picked and sitting isolated in a vase on someone’s coffee table.



BridgeNature.org



## **Bourne Vets News**

Vomiting and Diarrhoea is a common problem for dogs and cats at any time of year but we have seen a recent increase in cases and are worried it may be related to the flooded waterways and sewage issues that are causing such problems in our area. If you notice that your pet is vomiting or has diarrhoea or both then initially it is important to withhold food for 24 hours but make sure that fluid is offered in small amounts regularly so that they don't get dehydrated. You can purchase ready-made dehydration support salts or make a homemade version by adding a pinch of salt and a teaspoon of sugar to 500mls of fresh water. Make sure you monitor them closely and keep them warm and after 24 hours of starvation if there is no more symptoms introduce a very bland white meat based diet ( Chicken, white fish, rice or pasta).

If the symptoms carry on for more than 24 hours then we would recommend seeking veterinary advice. Also if your pet is showing any signs of dehydration such as dullness, sleepiness and dry gums or there is blood in the diarrhoea or vomit then we would recommend they are checked by a vet sooner and at Bourne Veterinary Practice we are open 7 days a week if you have any concerns. In the vast majority of cases some straight forward symptomatic treatment is very effective and fast acting.

We have also seen some dogs that have been dragged underwater in the fast currents recently and if they are pulled under bridges there is no airspace for them to take a breath and can aspirate water. Please avoid letting your dog swim in the waterways until these extreme conditions have settled down.

## **The Rainbow Ride & Stride for Pilgrims Hospices**

Join us on Sunday 23rd March for a springtime cycle ride, dog walk or ramble along the scenic Great Stour Way from the Pilgrims Hospice in Canterbury to Chartham village hall and back. The route 8 miles in total but you can just do half! Decorate yourself, your dog, your bike, scooter or pushchair in your brightest rainbow colours. Prizes will be given for the best fancy dress.

Refreshments and cake will be served at Chartham ready for the return journey back to base. Put your hand or paw print on the wall to show you've finished.

This is an event for everyone; families, friends, children, dogs. We want to see you all there in every colour of the rainbow; red and yellow and pink and green, purple and orange and blue!

Cost: **£5 entry**, under 5's and dogs go free with a £2 supplement if you register on the day.

Time: **10:30am**

Place: Pilgrims Hospices, 56 London Road, Canterbury, CT2 8JA

To Register: [www.pilgrimshospices.org](http://www.pilgrimshospices.org) or

Contact: Rosie Bell – 01227 812621, email: [rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org](mailto:rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org)



# CHARITY OPEN HOUSE

Coffee, Cakes and Cards, supporting the Lullaby Trust (formally FSID)

Wednesday 12th March 9.15am – 3pm

Last year with your help, I raised over £1000 for charity.

It's always lovely to see new faces, everybody welcome!

Emma Haynes

16 Riverside Close, Bridge

07554 829736

830558

(Ask me how I can help you  
with your fundraising)



**The Friends of Bokesbourne Church Invite You To**

## **A Wine & Wisdom Evening**

**Bokesbourne Village Hall**

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2014**

**Start promptly at 7.30pm**

**Don't miss this opportunity to test your  
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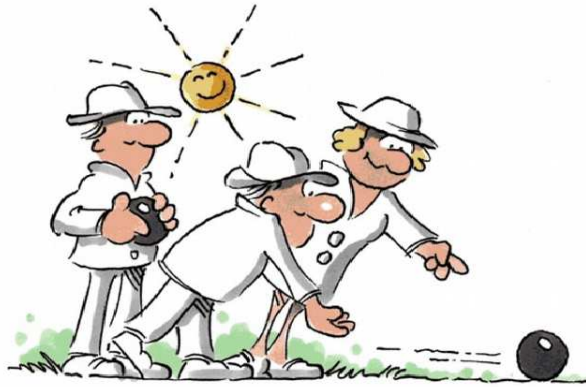
# JUMBLE SALE

*On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2014*

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## LAWN BOWLS AT BARHAM "TASTER DAY"

Tuesday 22nd April from 10.30 - 12.30

Have you ever tried the game of Lawn Bowls? You might be quite surprised at how easy it is to play and enjoy. There is a small but excellent, friendly Bowling Club at Barham next to the Village Hall and the members invite you to come and 'give the game a try in a special 'bowls taster' session on Tuesday 22nd April. You will be given some basic tuition, then experience playing the game and finally have some fun with 'target' bowls. Anyone is welcome to come along - all you will need is a pair of 'flat-soled' shoes or trainers - there is no charge to come and try; bowls/woods will be provided and refreshments too. It really is a wonderful way of meeting people and making new friends in a relaxed atmosphere. If you would like further information [without obligation] before the day, please contact the Club Captain, Neil Sladden on 01227 761243] or Mrs Rita Cleaver, the Ladies Captain on ??????????????????????

Barham Bowls Club, Valley Road, Barham CT4 6NX  
[next to the Village Hall.]

## T.O.P.S.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us last season. We enjoyed ourselves, we hope you did too!

This year has been mapped out, with another Murder Mystery being performed on May 3rd, at Bekesbourne Village Hall. These have proved very popular – it is certainly quite a challenge spotting the villain!

On July 26th in the beautiful Barn at Woolton Farm we are holding a Grand Barn Dance. We hope you will come and join the well-known “Lone Gin Band” in this lovely setting. A barbecue will be available – just three and a half hours of glorious fun. More details later.

Then in September, Phil, our Artistic Director, is preparing a dramatic tribute to the local boys who died in WW1, incorporating the story of Charles Newport, who was born in Bekesbourne and volunteered for the Buffs in 1914. We hope to perform this in St. Peters Church with the blessing of our new Priest, Canon LLoyd.

At Christmas, another get together on Saturday, 20th December at Bekesbourne Village Hall. This was a lovely evening last year and we, together with FOBC, have been asked to arrange something similar this year.

One other event we would like to put on is a Curry Night with entertainment. Again, details later. Watch this space! Quite a busy year and one we hope you will approve of.

In communities, you get out what you put in, so if you would like to join us, you will be made very welcome.

Pam Ginman, Chairman

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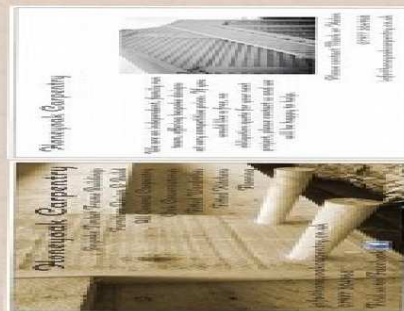
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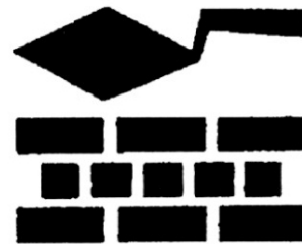
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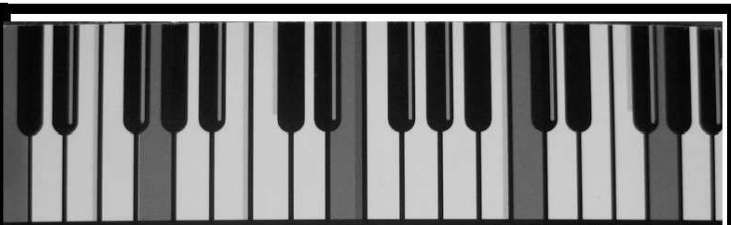


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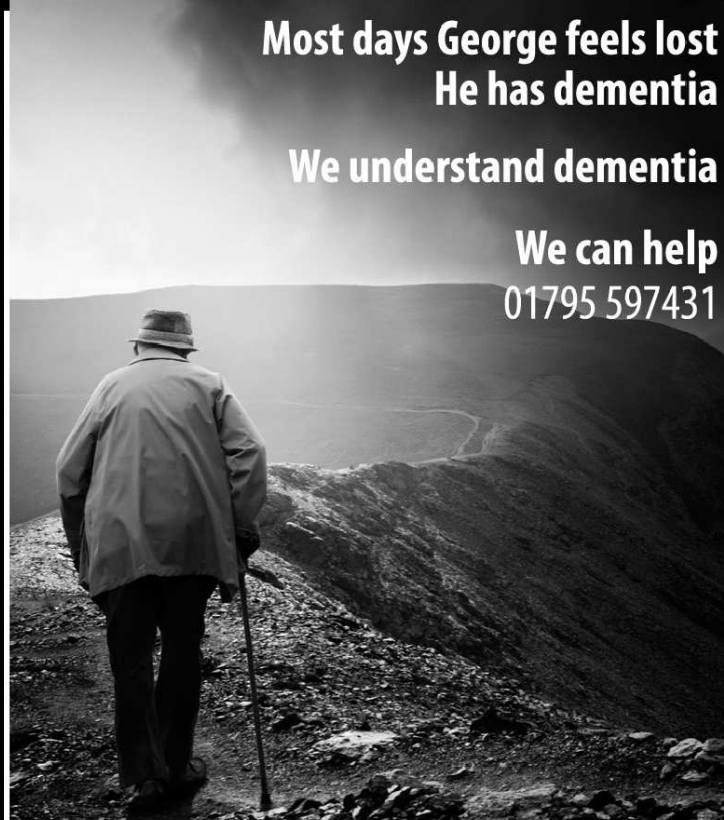
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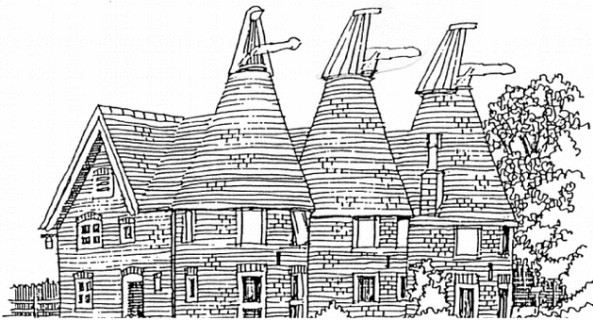
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## Your Parish Matters

**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.

### **8 O'Clock Holy Communion Services in Bridge and Bekesbourne.**

8 o'clock Holy Communion services in Bridge and Bekesbourne will start again in April.

### **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 1st April 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, Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please email [vicarage@bridgechurch.co.uk](mailto:vicarage@bridgechurch.co.uk)  
Further information is also available at [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://www.yourchurchwedding.org)

### **Baptisms and Confirmations.**

Please get in touch with the Vicarage office on [vicarage@bridgechurch.co.uk](mailto:vicarage@bridgechurch.co.uk) to register your details.

### **Lent Course.**

The Lent Course continues on the following dates, starting at 7.30pm and finishing promptly at 9pm, at Bridge School.

Please bring your bible.

Tuesday 1st April.

Tuesday 8th April.

All welcome. For further information please contact Mrs Margaret Clarke on 01227 765598.

### **Lower Hardres Easter Workshop**

The traditional Lower Hardres Easter Workshop will take place on Good Friday, Friday 18th April, 9.30am-12.30pm, at the John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres.



To book a place at this popular event please contact Julie Cox on 788316 or Margaret Clarke on 765598.

The cost is £1 per person and we would ask that parents of pre-school children stay with their children.

We do have a lot of fun, please come along.

Margaret Clarke

**In case of an emergency please contact Canon Jonathan LLOYD on 01227 830250.**

### Dates For Your Diary

<b>April</b>		
01/04	13.45-14.45 15.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church Holy Communion at Bridge
Haven	19.30 20.00	Lent Course, Bridge School After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
03/04	19.30	Health & Healing at 7 Windmill Close
08/04	14.30 19.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court Lent Course, Bridge School
09/04	10.00 Village Hall 14.00 Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres.	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Social Afternoon at John
14/04	19.30	Caring & Sharing
15/04	15.00 19.30-21.00 20.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge Lent Course, Bridge School After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
16/04	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
18/04	09.30-12.30 White Memorial Hall,	Children's Easter Workshop, John Baker Lower Hardres
22/04	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield
28/04	19.30	Caring & Sharing

### Forthcoming Events

14th June	Bridge Village Fete.
12-14th Sept church	Flower arranging at Bekesbourne
11th & 12 Oct	Art in Bridge

### **St. Peter's Bridge Easter Lilies**

Easter lilies this year will be purchased from a new supplier, as sadly our old one has closed, therefore the price may vary, but I am hoping £3 will be the approximate cost. If you wish to make a donation, in memory of a loved one, please contact Viv Brasier (830981) or a Churchwarden.

Decorating the church will take place from 9.30am on Saturday 19th April, all help greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **Book Shelves**

Book shelves have been installed at the back of St.Peter's Church in the hope that folk might find something of interest to read. Of course, there are only very few examples there at the moment but we hope that friends could add to them in the course of time.

So that we can monitor the usage it would be helpful if borrowers would complete the record-book hanging alongside.

It is assumed that donated books will be largely related to the Christian religion, at the moment at least. Thank you. Barry Whiting.

### **Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News Tel no: 07935 966 080**

The April Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday April 9th in Bridge Village Hall. Please return the forms for the outing to Quex Park on Thursday May 22nd. Should you miss the Pop-In, the forms can be returned to Frank Whiffen's office, 29 High Street, by Friday May 9th.

The annual Bring and Buy will be on Saturday May 10th. Thank you for giving that your generous support.

We are pleased to say that we can put you in touch with a generous volunteer who can give basic computer support and assistance. This does not cover repairs but does cover help with using your computer, including protection and security, fault finding and advice and help with using programs and printers etc. The volunteer will give this help without charge but a donation to the Fish Scheme of £5 an hour would be appreciated. Please telephone the number above if this would help or encourage you

### **Bridge History Society**

Our next two events are both visits. The first is a private visit to Bourne House. This is now fully booked. The second visit is to Dode Church, and takes place on Thursday 24 April, meeting at the church at 2.30 pm. This visit is a follow-up to the interesting talk we had at our last meeting, given by Douglas Chapman. Doug has lovingly restored this medieval church to something resembling its original appearance and condition. The cost of the visit is £5 for members and £7 for non-members. Any enquiries should be addressed to David Gilmour (Tel. 832450).

## THE QUIET VIEW

**Saturday 12th April 10.30 – 4pm SPRING AWAKENING** - the third 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 £15 Please bring your own lunch. Refreshments provided Please book

**Saturday 3rd May is WORLD LABYRINTH DAY** - we 'Walk as One at One' Meet in the Yurt at 12pm for a brief introduction to the labyrinth and prepare to walk on behalf of the worldwide human family. Walk the Labyrinth at 1pm. Bring and Share Lunch - If very wet we'll walk the fabric rainbow labyrinth in the yurt. Donations invited – Please book

We are pleased to host another of **Jackee Holder's WRITING WITH THE SENSES RETREAT** on **Saturday 17th May 10am - 4pm** *"Writing is one of the most powerful forms of communication open to us. Writing belongs to everybody and everyone has the potential to be a writer."* Fee of £75 includes Ebook and light lunch. *"Jackee's first retreat at The Quiet View was amazing"*. For more information and to book email [info@jackeeholder.com](mailto:info@jackeeholder.com)

**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.

Please wear sensible shoes as the ground to the yurt is uneven!

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### **Election of Churchwardens and Annual Church Meeting at Bekesbourne**

A meeting to elect two Churchwardens of St Peter's Church Bekesbourne for 2014/15 will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th April in Bekesbourne Village Hall. All residents of the civil parish of Bekesbourne and all people listed on the Bekesbourne Church electoral roll are very welcome to attend and may vote at the meeting.

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

If you would like to be included on the church electoral roll (which entitles you to vote at the Annual Meeting), please ensure that you complete a form and return it to Mrs Maggie Field.

Nicky Fry Secretary

### **BEKESBOURNE CHURCH WORKING PARTIES**

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

12th. April

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.

### **Note for your Diary**

By popular demand, The Friends of Bekesbourne Church will be holding a Concert in St. Peter's Church Music by the Galliard Trio

Saturday evening, 7th June, 2014

Details of tickets, etc will be published in the future magazine

### **Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion**

We hope that all our members are feeling better now that the spring weather appears to have arrived!

We have several things in the pipeline, one of which is our Cream Tea Afternoon to be held in the Lounge on Saturday, 7th June 2.30pm. This is in aid of the Poppy Appeal – more details on this event later.

We would like to see more people joining the Branch, but you don't have to be ex-service – just interested. Contact the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 8th April and 13th May both at 8pm.



We are again inviting all senior citizens to our  
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on Wednesday 23rd April 2014 in Bridge School hall  
performances by each year group and the school choir  
1.30pm – 3.00pm

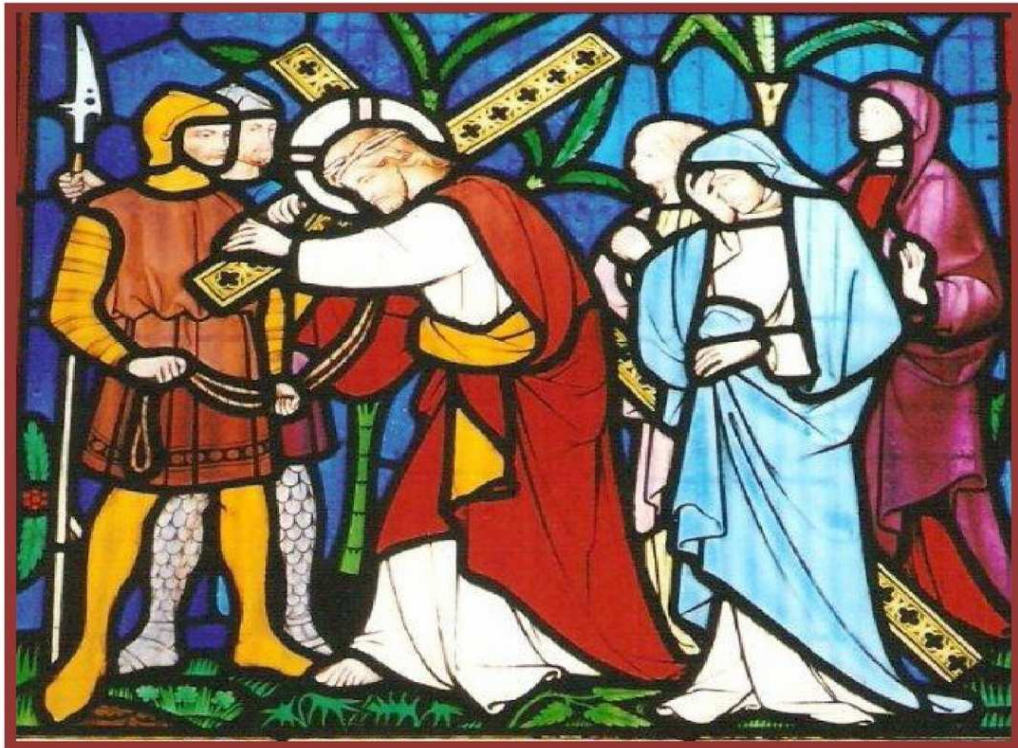
Refreshments will be served during the afternoon

(Please leave a message at the school office on 830276 to reserve a place)

Bridge Benefice Caring & Sharing Group At the January meeting Terry Gore, Manager of 'Catching Lives,' gave a very interesting talk on the charity and its work with the homeless in Canterbury. Terry told members that there is a continuing need for towels and toiletries as showers are available for use by the clients of the centre. Following his visit, members of the Caring & Sharing Group have donated towels along with the large amount of food items given to Terry on the evening of his talk. If anyone else wishes to donate food or towels and toiletries for 'Catching Lives', collection can be arranged by phoning the number below. Since Terry's visit to us, he has heard that funding for the work of 'Catching Lives' will continue for the next financial year. This means that the employment of the two qualified mental health nurses at the centre will continue. For those unfamiliar with the Caring & Sharing Group and its activities, the interdenominational group was started for ladies in the Benefice by Judy Filmer when her husband Paul was vicar here. We meet fortnightly on the second and fourth Mondays in the month. On the second Monday we have 'Coffee and Chat' and on the fourth Monday we have a speaker. The venue for the meetings when speakers are arranged is the recreation room at Mansfield Court by kind invitation of the Manager and Residents, several of whom we are very pleased to see join us at the talks. At the same time as the Caring and Sharing Group was set up Paul organised 'Ears and Beers' evenings at the Plough and Harrow for the men in the Benefice. Unfortunately, the men's group ceased to exist on Paul's departure. The ladies are very conscious of the lack of a similar group for men so whenever there is an event of interest to men, such as the annual summer BBQ, they are invited along! Several men came along to hear Terry Gore speak and in February to hear a talk on the 'Battlefields' given by the Rev Canon Bruce Hawkins. Peggy Pryer Coordinator Bridge Benefice Caring & Sharing Group 01227 832058

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Refreshments

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For Show Schedule telephone Kathy on 830057

Jubilee WI is a very friendly new WI Group for women of all ages. We meet every third Wednesday of the month in the John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres.

On Wednesday April 16th we are holding this year's lovely craft fayre / shopping evening. Everyone will be given a very warm welcome, WI member or not, bring your friends, your Mum, daughter, Nana! There will be lots of lovely and inexpensive items available to purchase, including natural beauty products, bespoke cushions, preserves and chutneys, cakes, handmade jewellery, pressed Brogdale fruit juices, cards, candles and lots more. There will be displays of members' beautiful crafting work, including prize winning quilts and ofcourse plenty of time to enjoy refreshments and socialise! So put a note in your diary, we are planning a lovely evening for you to relax and enjoy

For more information email [jubileewi@live.co.uk](mailto:jubileewi@live.co.uk)



### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

A reminder that our **Annual Spring Show** is on **Saturday 12 April** in Bridge Village Hall. Exhibitors will have access to the hall from 8.00 am on the morning of the show but must vacate the hall by 10.00 am when judging will take place. The show will open to the general public from **11.00 am until 3.00 pm**, with prize giving at 12.30 pm. As well as a fine display of spring flowers, cookery and flower arrangements to admire, there will be a plant/bring and buy stall, a raffle and refreshments available throughout the day. Do, please, include a visit to the Show on Saturday 12th.

Details of the **OPEN COMPETITION** for everyone of all ages to enter, not just members, were given in last month's magazine. This year we have chosen something which I am sure many of you have growing in your gardens. We are looking for **5 sticks of rhubarb** (pulled and leaves trimmed). All you have to do is bring them along before 10 am to the hall on the morning of the show.

And finally, if any member still requires a show schedule, please contact Kathy Walder on 830057.

### **National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association**

The Society has a talk on **Wednesday 9 April**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start in **Bridge Village Hall**. Unfortunately the scheduled speaker is unable to come due to illness and arrangements are underway to find a replacement. Watch out for further details nearer the time on posters and in the Kentish Gazette Village News.

### **Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute**

**On Tuesday 15 April**, starting at 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**, Ian Hulf will be giving a talk and demonstration on **displays with plant supports** which should provide us with lots of ideas and inspiration for planning and adding a new dimension to our summer planting.

We are always delighted to welcome non-members to our meetings.

## Bourne Vets News

Good luck to Millie Knight from Canterbury who is competing in the Winter Paralympic Games in Sochi this week.

Millie is partially sighted and this was tragically caused by her being infected by Toxocara (roundworm) eggs from a dog or cat when she was younger.

The Health Protection Agency (HPA) only recorded 30 cases of Toxocariasis in England and Wales between 2000 and 2010 so it is a very rare occurrence but is devastating when it happens and really brings home how important it is to regularly worm your pets.

The disease usually affects children between 1-4 years old because children are more likely to come into contact with contaminated soil when they play and put their hands in their mouths. However, cases have been reported in people of all ages. For most people, an infection with these roundworm larvae causes no symptoms and the parasites die within a few months. Some people will experience some mild symptoms and in rare cases the roundworm larvae infect organs such as the liver, lungs, eyes or brain and can cause severe symptoms such as blurred vision and breathing problems. To reduce the risks it is important to worm your pets at least every 3 months and practice good hygiene with your children and ensure they always wash their hands after playing outside.

**WARNING** - Please note that there have been some sightings of Palm Oil washed up on Kent beaches in the last few days. Palm Oil is used in many foods but it can be fatal to dogs if they eat it and is also found on beaches in different sized lumps and is a common sight. This can be fatal to dogs if they eat it and can also be found in cleaning fluid or diesel oil. It is very toxic and can make your dog violently sick and can damage their liver and kidneys. If your dog eats any of this on the beach or in your garden, please seek treatment immediately. Please call us at Bourne Vets on **01843 832322** if you have any concerns.



**Mill Centre-** It was confirmed that the Mill Centre had been added to Bridge's list of Assets of Community Value. Staff from the City Council's Estates Department had visited the Centre during the week with a view to re valuing the site. The outcome was awaited. Parish Council and Mill Centre representatives would meet Suzy Wakeham at the City Council on 17<sup>th</sup>. March for further discussions on the future of the Centre.

**Flood update-** Cllr Moon reported that the pump had been moved from 100 High Street to the gate at Church Meadow and was now pumping from 'the lake' out via the fields and into the Nailbourne. This seemed to be working well without any significant rise in river level. Cllr Moon said that householders should retain their sandbags for the present.

**Nailbourne Pollution** – Cllr Atkinson reported that the Nailbourne continued to run high, fed by exceptionally high ground water levels and there was still significant contamination in the water. The sewage system remained fragile in the village. A new group had been formed to look at the 'pinch points' of the river and there had potentially been some funding for this identified. More information about potential Government funding could be found on the village website. Cllr Atkinson and other representatives from Littlebourne & Wickhambreaux attended Kent County Council's Flood Management Committee on 11<sup>th</sup>. March. A meeting of the LSNRM was scheduled for later in the month.

**Brewery Lane drains-** Cllr Atkinson reported that in August 2013 Kent Highway Services had investigated the drains in Brewery Lane and found a blockage. No further action had been taken to remedy the problem and this had contributed significantly to the flooding experienced by residents at the High Street end of the Lane. There was need for a survey of the drain to be undertaken and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact KHS, requesting this and also reporting the difficulty there was in discovering what action was being taken on problems reported via the KHS website.

**Annual Parish Meeting-** Guy Gardener and Ted Edwards of Canterbury City Council, both of whom had been central to the planning during the flood emergency, had agreed to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Prof Connor reported that the parking survey had been delayed because of the traffic disruption during the flooding .He said that the Neighbourhood Plan needed to consider the future environmental consequences of the flooding and the Parish Council agreed that the Committee should talk to the Environment Agency and the City Council on this subject.

**Bus shelters.**- Kent County Council would make good the damage to the bus shelter in the High Street. Cllr Hodges thanked Cllr Moon for arranging for this to be agreed. An estimate for work to renovate the Higham Lane bus shelter had been requested.

**Higham Lane Bus shelter-** It was decided to defer any decision as to whether the Parish Council supported the proposal to re-site the shelter until after an engineer had considered the site and reported back. Cllr Hodges asked to be present at any site visit. KCC Cllr Northey would arrange the visit.



**Relocation of sand bag store-** It was planned to move the sand bag store to the Mill Centre, where it would be more accessible. Five large grey boxes, donated by the Environment Agency, would be used to store sandbags and one box would be used for rock salt storage. The old sand bag store on the recreation ground would be used for wild flower project tools.

**Village Litter pick** Cllr Ward reminded the meeting that there would be a Spring village litter pick on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am to clean up the village. Volunteers should meet at the Post Office. If the weather was bad the event would be postponed until 5<sup>th</sup> April. All volunteers would be very welcome.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 10th April at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.

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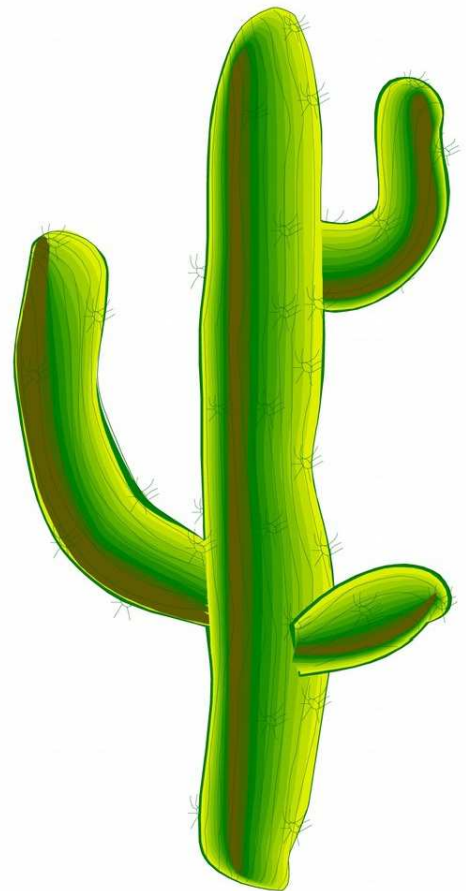
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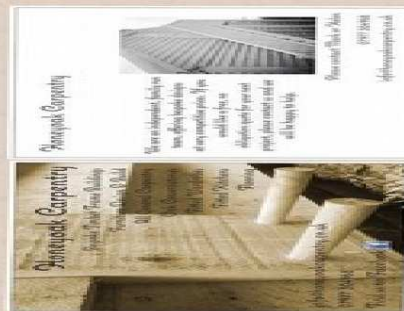
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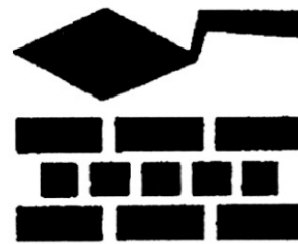
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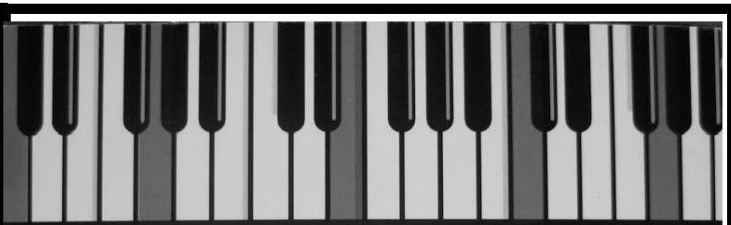


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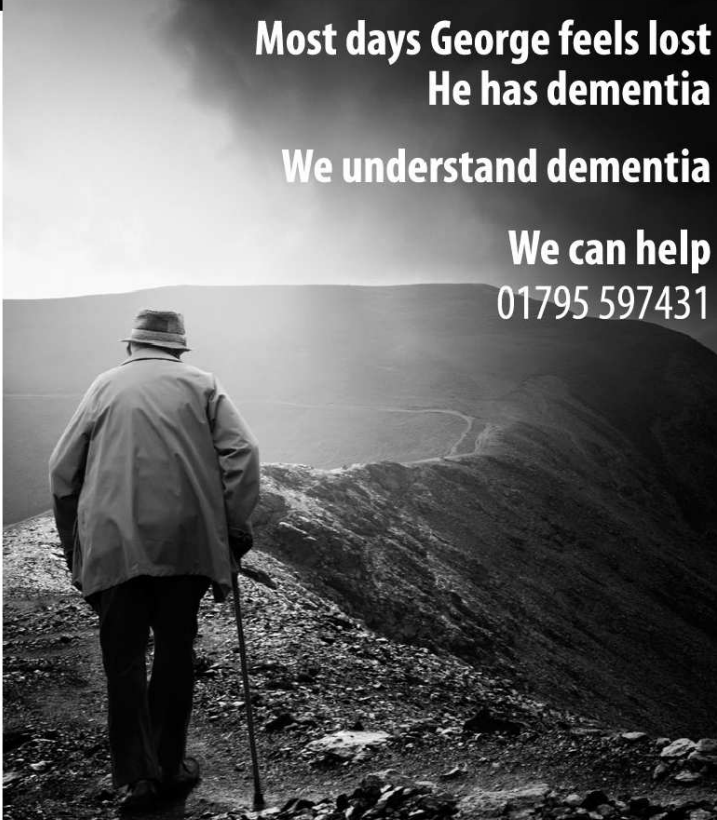
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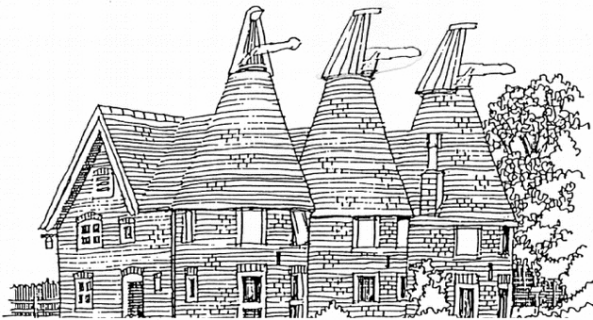
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**Services for the month of May 2014 - all welcome!**

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day						NT : Acts 1: 1-11  G : Luke 24: 44- end
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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, Patricxbourne, Nackington or Lower Hardres please email Canon Jonathan LLoyd at [vicar@bridgechurch.co.uk](mailto:vicar@bridgechurch.co.uk) or phone 01227 830250.

Further information is also available at [www.yourchurchwedding.org](http://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.

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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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Tuesday 13 May

Bridge Village hall

7.30pm

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# Bridge Village Fete

## Saturday 14th June 2014

In the school grounds  
12 noon—4pm

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assault courses, fair ground stalls,  
Toys, books, bric a brac, cakes,  
Children's entertainment,  
Competitions plus much, much more ....

### 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.  
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01227 830276 or  
[office@bridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@bridge.kent.sch.uk)

### **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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### **Bridge with Patixbourne Women's Institute**

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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**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



## **‘A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM’ OPEN-AIR SHAKESPEARE**

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> & Sat 28<sup>th</sup> June 7.15pm**

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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

## **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**

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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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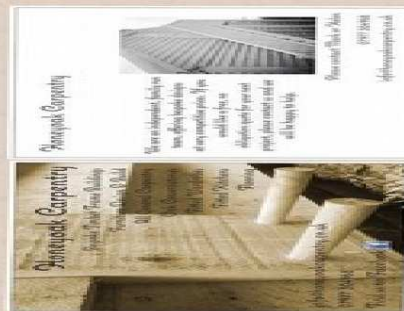
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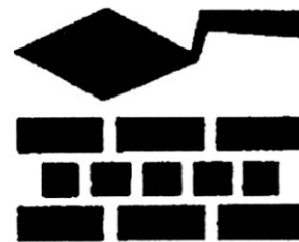
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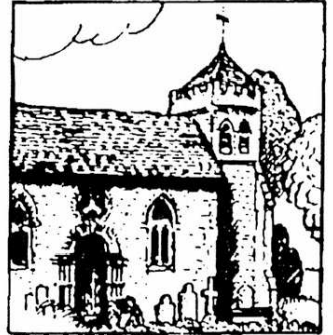
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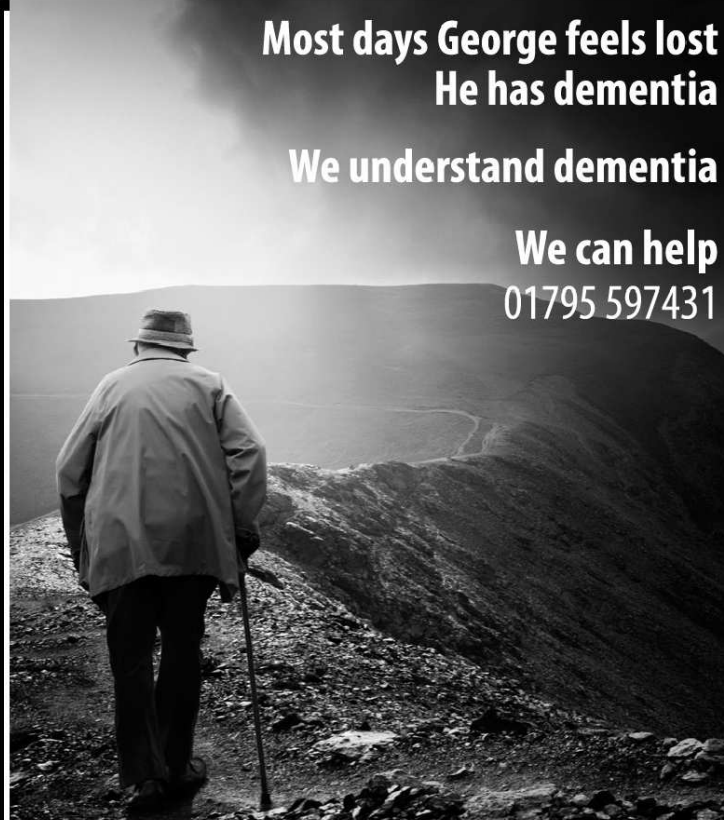
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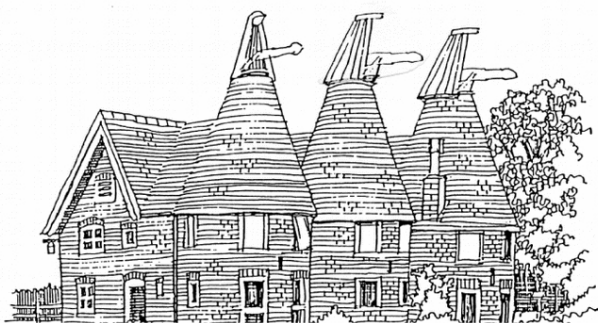
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# The Bridge Group

## Worship in the month of June 2014 - all welcome!

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
<b>1 June</b> <b>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> (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
<b>8 June</b> <b>The Feast of Pentecost</b> (red)	9.30 am Sung Eucharist,	<i>Please come to Bridge or Nackington at 9.30am 6.00 pm Evensong,</i>	9.30 am Family Communion,	<i>Please come to 9.30am Communion at Bridge or 8.00am Communion at Bekesbourne</i>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP),	NT : Acts 2:1-21 G : John 20:19-23
<b>15 June</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> (white)	<i>Please come to 9.30am Eucharist 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
<b>22 June</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> (green)	9.30 am Sung Eucharist,	<i>Please come to Family Service at Bridge at 11.00am, or Sung Eucharist at Nackington at 9.30am</i>	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP),  11.00 am Family Service,	11.00 am Mattins,	<i>Please come to Patricbourne or Bridge</i>	NT : Romans 6:1b-11 G : Matthew 10:24-39
<b>29 June</b> <b>The Feast of St Peter &amp; St Paul</b> (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](mailto: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.

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## MURIEL PACKER

May 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Patricbourne Road.

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



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## **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.



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Saturday 14th June 2014

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### **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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> 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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### 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> October 2014



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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!

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### **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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## **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.

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For more information about Bridge Tennis Club please contact club Secretary [judithjefferson09@googlemail.com](mailto:judithjefferson09@googlemail.com)

## BRIDGE HAVEN ANNUAL BAKE-OFF

Bridge Haven Care Home Annual Bake-off will be on Sunday 29th June, the cake is chocolate marble (with a twist if you like), cakes need to be at Bridge Haven on the day by 10.30 latest, judging is at 12.00, presentation 13.00 , then free tea and coffee to wash all the cakes down with.

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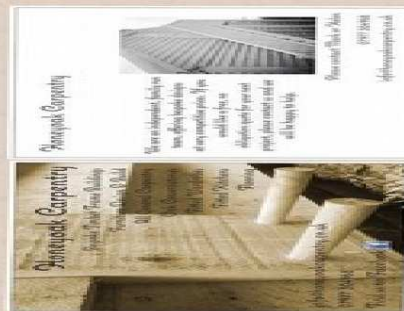
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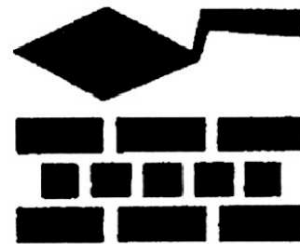


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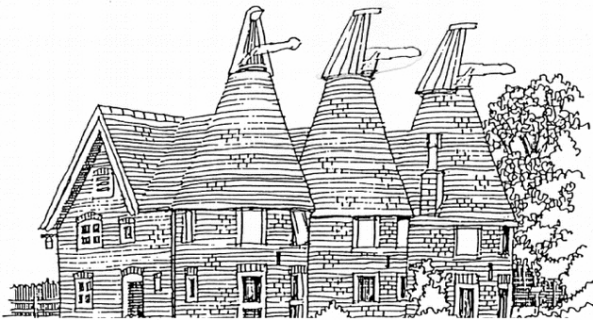
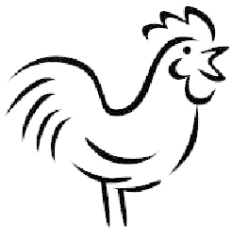


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<b>TRINITY 3 Sunday 6 July</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion RH	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion with Holy Baptism V&MC	<b>6.00pm</b> Choral Evensong V&MC	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist RO	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service PK
<b>TRINITY 4 Sunday 13 July</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist RH	<i>Please come to Nackington or Bridge</i>	<b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist with Children's Talk V	<i>Please come to Bekesbourne or Bridge</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V
<b>TRINITY 5 Sunday 20 July</b>	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong MC	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service MC	<b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist with Choir V&ADI	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist V&ADI
<b>ST JAMES Sunday 27 July</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist V	<i>Please come to Nackington or Bridge</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V  <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist V	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins with hymns MC	<i>Please come to Patricbourne or Bridge</i>
<b>TRINITY 7 Sunday 3 August</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion V&MC	<i>No Evensong today, restarts on 7 September</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist V	<b>9.30am</b> 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!

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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, Patricbourne, 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.**

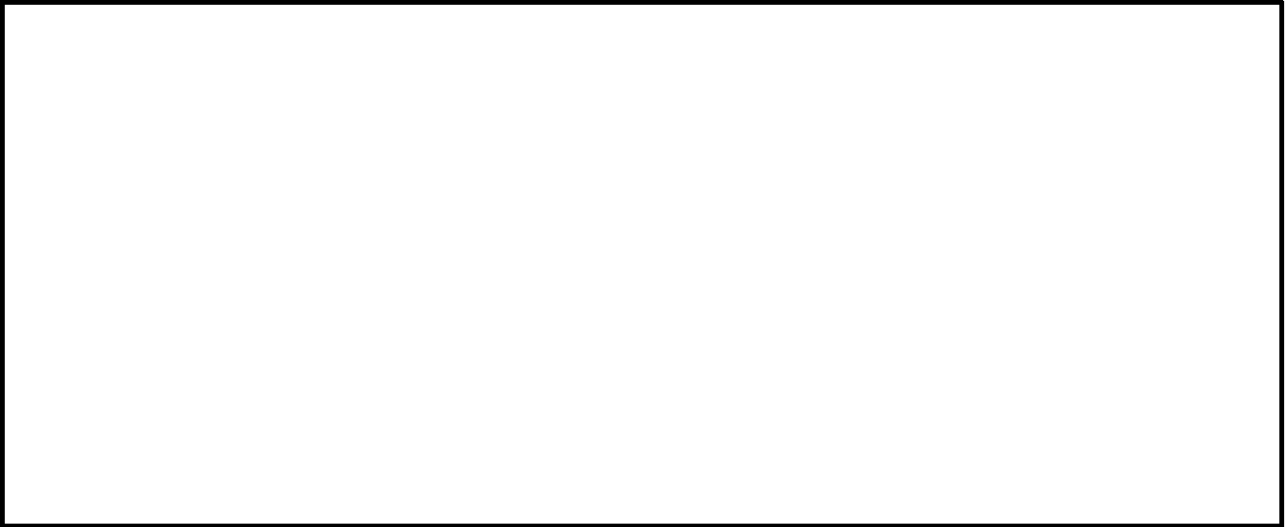
All welcome. Please contact Andrea Nicholson on 830947 for further information.



## 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

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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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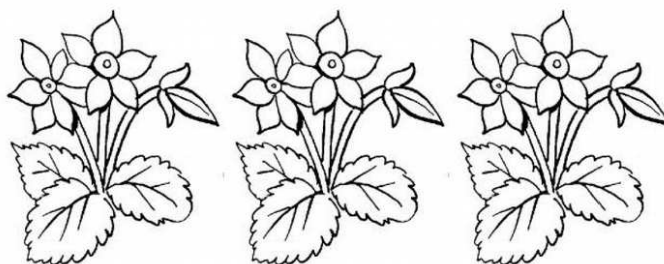
Nailbourne Horticultural Society

# Summer Show



Saturday 26 July  
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Presentation of Prizes 12.30 pm



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### 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.

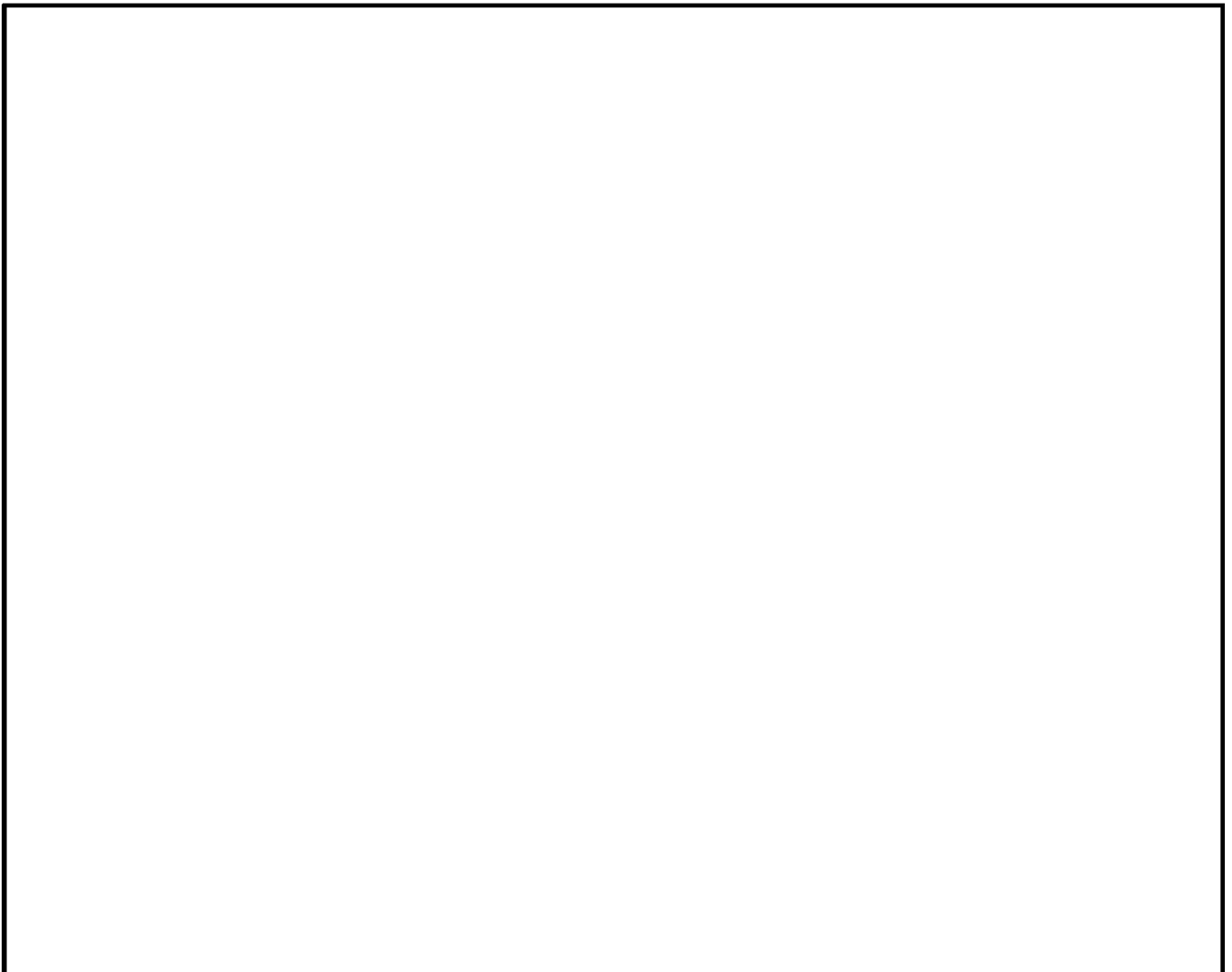
Our team of local flower arrangers are using all their creative powers to interpret these objects in flowers. Come along and see their displays!

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](mailto: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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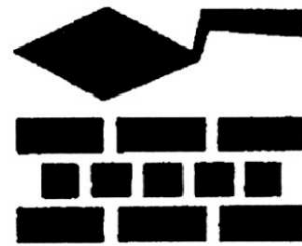


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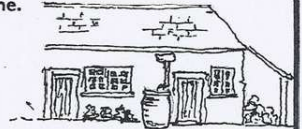
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<b>TRINITY 7 Sunday 3 August</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion V&MC	<i>No Evensong today. Restarts on 7 September</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist V	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service PK
<b>TRINITY 8 Sunday 10 August</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist CB	<i>Please come to Nackington or Bridge</i>	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion with Children's Talk V	<i>Please come to Bekesbourne or Bridge</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V
<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday 17 August</b>	<i>Please come to Bridge or Lower Hardres</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service MC	<b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist TR	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion RO	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist RO
<b>St Bartholomew Sunday 24 August</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist RH	<i>Please come to Nackington or Bridge</i>	<b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist JB	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins with hymns MC	<i>Please come to Patribourne or Bridge</i>
<b>TRINITY 11 Sunday 31 August</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Benefice Service at Bridge	<b>11.00am</b> Benefice Service at Bridge	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V <b>11.00am</b> <b>'We Will Remember'</b> A time of reflection for our villages to mark the Centenary of the start of WW1	<b>11.00am</b> Benefice Service at Bridge	<b>11.00am</b> 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

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

I am delighted that OfSTED has formally declared our Church School to be a 'Good School' after its recent inspection. I thank the headteacher, staff, pupils and parents for all they contribute to the life of the school.

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August is a special month. Locally, nationally and internationally we turn to remember the start of The First World War. At 10pm on Monday 4 August, we are invited to turn all our lights out and to light a single candle in our homes, which we blow out at 11pm. This will happen all across the country, as we stop to pause to remember the start of this terrible war, and the many millions of people who died.

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 Bokesbourne Church, and I warmly invite you to join us - and to Evensong at 5pm on the Sunday at St Peter's Bokesbourne.

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.

Grace and peace,  
Jonathan  
Canon Jonathan LLOYD



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Lower Hardres War Memorial (opposite Farm Shop).

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.**

BRIDGE AND CHURCH OUR MAIN VE, 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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## **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, Bekesbourne, Patricbourne, 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.

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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.

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays. He has two pop-on sessions. Wednesdays, 2-4pm, at the Shepherd's Hut, Chalkpit Farm, Bekesbourne and Mondays, 8-9pm, at the Plough and Harrow Pub, Bridge.

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

## Dates For Your Diary

### August

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



### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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-

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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](mailto:830057/kath@askwalder.com)

## **Bridge with Patricbourne 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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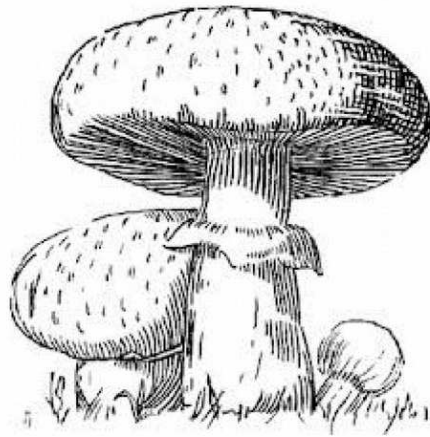
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**Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 10th July 2014\_**

**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.



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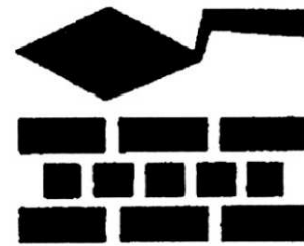
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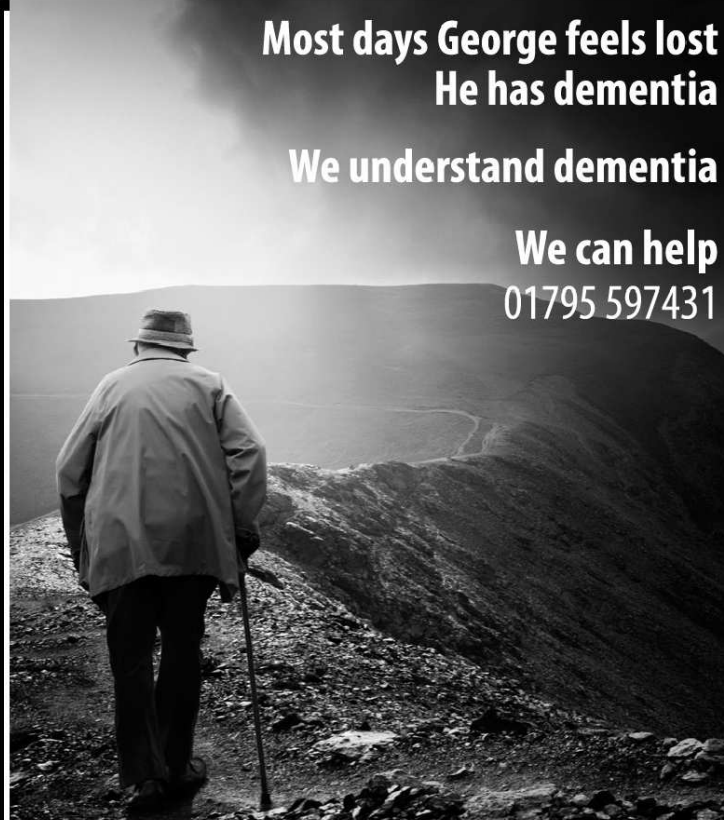
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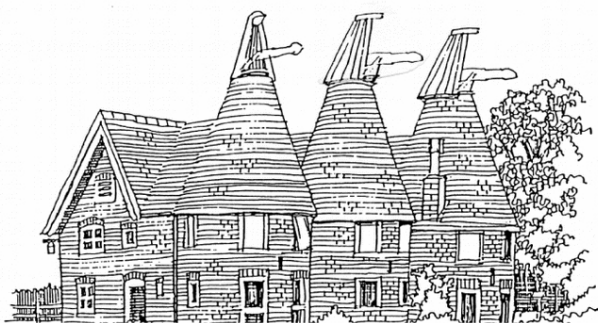
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**12 October**

**19 October**

Deut 8:7-18

Isaiah 25: 1-9

Acts 16:6-12a

Luke 17:11-19

Matthew 22: 1-4

Luke 10:1-9

**26 October Bible Sunday**

**2nd November All Saints Day**

Colossians 3.12-17

Revelation 7:9-17

Matthew 24:30-35

Matthew 5: 1-12



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Dear friends

September has been a very full month, as children return to school and a new term starts. It's been a full month for our churches too. Weddings and baptisms, and at Bekesbourne we had the wonderful Flower Festival which welcomed over 300 visitors and told the story of this remarkable village through the beauty of flowers. At Patrixbourne we welcomed the Dean of Canterbury and the choristers of Canterbury Cathedral to an uplifting Festal Evensong. This was to give thanks to God for the restoration of the historic Norman wheel window. It was good to do so with such musical excellence, and to celebrate our pilgrimage link between Patrixbourne, Rome and Canterbury along the way of the Via Francigena. On Friday 3 October there will be the next walking pilgrimage from Patrixbourne to Canterbury and all are invited to join us (gathering at 10am).

I am most grateful to all those who have worked so hard to organise the Flower Festival at Bekesbourne, and the Window Restoration Project at Patrixbourne, and all the generous donors.

I have a small group of adults who have expressed an interest in exploring their Christian faith and possibly being confirmed. To join this group, please get in touch with me.

We will have our first meeting one evening at the end of October. It will be informal and relaxed, and a good way to ask important questions of faith and life.

Harvest is a special time of year, and we are surrounded in our villages by the beauty of God's creation. Please join me at the Benefice Harvest Lunch which will be after the 11.00am Harvest Service on Sunday 5 October at Lower Hardres Church, in John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres. Tickets are available from Margaret Clarke 01227 765598. All the family are warmly invited.

Please let me know if you know of any housebound members of the community who would like a visit from their Vicar.

I am pleased to report that all the dangerous headstones at Lower Hardres churchyard have now been professionally repaired and are safe, and that Canterbury City Council is soon to repair the 17th century headstone their mower damaged at Bridge churchyard.

Grace and peace,

Jonathan

Canon Jonathan LLOYD.

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# **Your Church Matters**

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

George Oliver White (at Bridge on 14 September)

Ellie Elizabeth Sayle (at Bekesbourne on 7 September)

## **HOLY MATRIMONY**

Peter Durrell and Charlotte Slade (at Bridge on 13 September)

Wayne Lawson-Innes and Sarah Hills (at Lower Hardres on 30 August)

Demis Farley and Leanne Lewis (at Lower Hardres on 2 August)

Eleanor Page and Christopher Hey (at Bekesbourne on 26 July)

Alastair Fell and Emily Wicks (at Bridge on 19 July)

## **FUNERALS**

Joyce Garlinge (3 Sept)

## **GOLDEN WEDDING BLESSING**

Phyllis and Rod Denne (at Bekesbourne on 6 September)

## **Prayers**

There is a book for prayer requests in the Lady Chapel at St Peter's Church Bridge.

## **Marriage, Baptism, Confirmation, Funeral**

Please speak to Jonathan after a Sunday service.

Jonathan, your Vicar, is available at The Shepherd's Hut Chalk Pit Farm on Wednesday 1 Oct and Wed 29 October (not the other Wednesdays of this month)



## Dates for your diary-October 2014

**Wednesday 1 October 2-4pm** Jonathan your Vicar at Shepherd's Hut Chalk Pit Farm. Please pop in.

**Wednesday 1 October at 7.30pm** Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC meets

**Thursday 2 October at 7.30pm** Health and Healing at 7 Windmill Close

**Friday 3 October at 10am**, Pilgrimage Walk from Patrixbourne Church to Canterbury

**Friday 3 Oct** Friends of Nackington Church. Illustrated talk by Dr Leonie Seliger, head of Stained Glass Studio of Canterbury Cathedral, at Nackington Church.

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**Sunday 5 October** Harvest Festival Service at 1100 at Lower Hardres followed by Benefice Harvest Lunch at John Baker White Hall at 1215. Tickets from Margaret Clarke 01227 765598

**Tuesday 7 October at 9.30am** Holy Communion at St Peter's Bridge

**Tuesday 7 October at 3.00pm** Holy Communion Bridge Haven

**Tuesday 7 October** After 8s at 7 Windmill Close

**Wednesday 8 October at 10am** FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall

**Wednesday 8 October** Social Afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres

**Monday 13 October at 7.30pm** Caring and Sharing

**Tuesday 14 October at 9.30am** Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bridge

**Tuesday 14 October at 2.30pm** Holy Communion at Mansfield Court

**Wednesday 15 October at 3pm** Hymns at Bridge Haven

**Tuesday 21 October at 9.30am** Holy Communion at Bridge

**Tuesday 21 October at 3pm** Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge

**Tuesday 21 October at 8pm** After 8s at 7 Windmill Close

**Monday 27 October at 7.30pm** Caring and Sharing

**Sunday 26 October at 1200noon** Bridge Parish Lunch at *Plough and Harrow*, tickets £10 from Margaret (01227 765598)

**Tuesday 28 October at 9.30am** Holy Communion at St Peter's Bridge

**Wednesday 29 October 2-4pm** Jonathan your Vicar at Shepherd's Hut Chalk Pit Farm. Please call in.

**Wednesday 29 October at 7.30pm** Bekesbourne PCC meets

## Fish News

The October Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday October 8th in Bridge Village Hall from 10 to 11.15. Everybody is most welcome.

The Annual General Meeting of the scheme will take place at the November Pop-In on Wednesday 12th. To find out more please ring 07935 966 080 History Society

The next meeting of the History Society will be on Thursday 16 October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. David Lewis will give an audio-visual presentation entitled Canterbury Curiosities A-Z. Members £4.00 non members £5.00. Littlebourne and District Royal British Legion Some members are busy this month with the World War I commemoration exhibitions mounted in the local churches etc. The branch has some unwell members who we wish a speedy recovery - Heather Leaves who has had a bad fall. Also Betty Welch who has recently been in hospital. We are (as always) looking for help with the Poppy Appeal - anyone interested please ring 01227 472023. Our next 2 meetings will be on Tuesdays 14th October and 11th November (Branch AGM) both at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. Bridge Recreation Ground Working Party There will be a working party on the recreation ground starting at 9.30am on Saturday 18th October. Everyone is welcome. We will be tidying up the flower beds ready for the winter. Please wear warm clothes and bring your own gardening tools. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you. Sue Hodges. S.S.A.F.A (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen Families Association) Canterbury S.S.A.F.A is pleased to announce that the band of the Coldstream Guards will be playing for a fund raising event on the 15th November at 7.30pm. The performance will take place in the glorious Colyer-Ferguson Concert Hall at the University of Kent. Tickets are £19 and can be obtained at the Gulbenkian box office. Come along and support our charity and also enjoy an evening of wonderful music. Hope to see you there. Barbara Beinder. Ascent of Everest the Hard Way On Friday Oct. 24th. Ian Hobson will be giving a video presentation in Kingston Barn on his attempt to climb Everest from the Chinese side, which is considered to be the most difficult route. Apart from the mountaineering, there is a chance to see the countryside life en-route, and should appeal to non-mountaineers. Doors open at 7.30 for 8.00p.m. Tickets at the door cost £5.00, in aid of the Friends of Womenswold church, to include tea or coffee.

## **Completion of Wheel Window Project at St Mary's Patrixbourne.**

On Sunday 21st September a Festal Evensong service was held at St Mary's Patrixbourne to give thanksgiving for the completion of the project to restore the Norman Wheel window, in the East wall of the Chancel. The Festal Evensong was led by Canon Jonathan LLOYD, the Preacher was the Dean of Canterbury, the Right Rev Robert Willis DL, and the congregation was joined by a choir of choristers from Canterbury Cathedral, directed by Dr David Flood.

The project to repair the Wheel window also included repairs to the North Valley gutter and much needed redecoration of the chancel. Repairs were necessary on the Wheel window as the beautiful Norman stonework was showing signs of cracking and movement; holes had appeared in the window between the stonework and the glass inserts and the central 'axle' of the wheel was flattened downwards with the glass bowing outwards. The damage had been discovered when scaffolding in place during the restoration of the Swiss glass windows, below the wheel window, in 2010, allowed a close up inspection of this important Norman feature of the church.

The work, which was completed this summer, was funded by generous grants from organisations such as Viridor Environmental Credits, the Friends of Kent Churches and the Matthiesen Trust. The Friends of St Mary's Patrixbourne held concerts and talks to raise funds and generous donations were received from many individual Parishioners. Without such generosity the project would not have been possible.

The work was carried out by skilled craftsmen, and during work on the stained glass, by the Cathedral Stained Glass Studio, a maker's mark and the date 1837 were discovered etched into the glass. This dates the window glass with the same date as the donation of the Swiss glass by the Marchioness of Conyngham, in 1837. It is likely that the brightly coloured glass of the Wheel window was made by the same craftsman, as the one who made the coloured surrounds around the 10 panels of Swiss glass, in the three lancets below.

If you are passing the church, please drop in and view the restored window. The stonework is now clean and structurally sound, with details of the carved head and cat masks clearly revealed. From the inside the glass looks bright and clean, especially so in early morning sunshine which streams directly through the window. A wonderful sight!

Thank you to all who helped this project reach completion.

The Churchwardens, St Mary's Church Patrixbourne

## **Bekesbourne Flower Festival**

The PCC was very grateful for a grant from the Big Lottery Fund Awards for All programme, (towards the cost of the Flower Festival), given to encourage a sense of community in the village. The weekend of 12-14 September more than justified the award! Over 35 volunteers helped in some way towards making The History of Bekesbourne in 20 Objects a most resounding success!

More than 450 visitors marvelled at the imaginative interpretation of the 'Objects' in stunning displays of flowers, before taking the new Churchyard Trail and then enjoying delicious homemade cakes in the tea tent. The Friends of Bekesbourne Church organised activities for the children and the Bekesbourne Brownies brought their hand bells to ring to us. Produce and plants sold well and lots of books found new homes. Many of the Ride and Stride visitors on Saturday were delighted to stop a little longer than usual to enjoy the festival and several cycled on with pots of jam and flowers in their rucksacks. For those of you who missed it, photos can be found on the church website.

The weekend came to a final climax with a well-attended Evensong, with singing led by the Bridge Church choir, at which the Vicar preached below a floral aircraft, floating above his head in the pulpit.

Jill Gillanders and I would like to thank EVERYONE who helped in any way to make the festival such a success.

Jane Millyard



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As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform *A Rod Shall Come from the Stem of Jesse!* (Wagner, arr. Miles), *Verbum Caro Factum Est de Virgine Maria* (14th C. Aosta MS, arr. Miles), *The Little Road to Bethlehem* (Michael Head), *While Shepherds Watched* (Lyngham-Thomas Jarman), *Dark the Night Lay* (Owen Jones, arr. Roberts) and *King Jesus Hath a Garden* (Dutch trad., arr. Wood).

We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line.

We will again keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make *both* the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

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Sunday, December 21st	3.45-5.30

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In the more recent Bosnian war of 20 years ago my student dormitory block which used to house 1500 students in a suburb called Nedzarici, was blown to bits. In a visit after that war I found the plaque giving the street name and number in the ruins and still have it. The block has now been rebuilt and the one opposite, where there used to be a canteen, has become the Bosnian Ministry of Security!

It may also be of interest that at one time we had a very unusual book-keeper at our company: Kemal Pervanic author of "The Killing Days", about his time in a Bosnian concentration camp in 1992. He now spends his time trying to assist in conflict resolution.

These notes have been written with an eye to attracting your attention. This November we are in need of more volunteers to assist with the Poppy Appeal. It does not take up more than a couple of hours to go collecting during the fortnight preceding 11.11.14. If you feel that you help please call me on 07808 734842 or during office hours on 01304 210010.

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## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

The evening meeting of the Society on **Tuesday 28 October** in Bridge Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm will be in the form of both a talk and practical session on the "**Pruning of Fruit Trees and Bushes**" with **Malcolm Withnall**. So, if you are unsure what to do and need advice, this is the opportunity for you to find out how you should tackle this gardening task. As always non-members are most welcome at our talks. There will be a small charge to include refreshments.

## **Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute**

We have two events taking place in October.

Firstly, on the morning of **Saturday 18 October** we are holding a **coffee morning** from 10 until 11.30 am in **Bridge Village Hall**. As well as refreshments available all morning, we shall have stalls selling cards (including Christmas cards), crafts, plants and produce, cakes and books. Please make a note of the date in your diary and pop in to the hall to support your local WI.

On **Tuesday 21 October** in Bridge Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30 pm, our guest speaker is **Jacqueline Aviolet** who promises to amuse and entertain us with a talk on the "**History of the Victoria Sponge Cake**". Please note that we are always delighted to welcome visitors to our meetings.

## **National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association**

For the final evening talk of this year's programme, Darren Everest, a local Kent expert on the growing and showing of sweet peas and dahlias and who has appeared on BBC Gardeners World, is making a return to the Society. He will be talking on his special subject of **Dahlias** on **Wednesday 8 October** in Bridge Village Hall, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start. Non-members are most welcome to come along and enjoy and share in his knowledge on this subject.

## **October with Christian Aid**

Each October Canterbury Christian Aid has an event for fun! Those of you who remember our Celebrating Africa Evening two years ago in the URC Hall will vouch for that.

This year we are celebrating **Latin America**, with an event on Saturday October 10th(-see advert on page 16)

We are also holding a Concert on Friday 10th October in the Old Synagogue in King Street when local musicians will entertain us with a mixture of classical and light music. This concert is to help raise money to fund better health care for women in Kenya, particularly as they give birth. Suggested donation is £10.

On Saturday October 25th there will be a Garage Sale in the Forecourt of the Master's Lodge, St Peter's Street. Donations of good quality goods to sell welcome; please bring along from 9am. Proceeds to the Maternal Health Project.

Elizabeth Davie

## **Canterbury Food Bank – Appeal for Food Donations**

In 2013 Canterbury Food Bank gave out almost 2000 parcels. In the first six months of 2014, we have provided in excess of 1650 parcels. Whilst it is amazing that we have managed to help so many who find themselves in crisis, our food donations are not keeping up with the demand. As such, the Charity spent £1500 last month on food, in addition to the donations we received. With the colder weather coming, it is vital that we replenish our stock levels so that we can provide for those individuals and families who have to make the difficult decision between heating and eating.

Not since January 2014 has the warehouse been so empty. As such, I am appealing to you as supporters to spread the word and ask friends, family and work colleagues if they would be prepared to donate an item of food to the Food Bank.

Venues for donations can be found on the 'giving' page of our website [www.canterburyfoodbank.org](http://www.canterburyfoodbank.org). Below is a list of the food items that we are particularly short of. A full list food items can be found on the website.

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# **Saturday 8th November**

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Elham Valley Model Railway Club The club's first full model railway show is being held in the Elham Village Hall on 15th November between 10am and 4pm. The show, besides work by its members, will include visiting layouts and demonstrations. A variety of scales from the quite small to the definitely large will be in evidence as well as examples of models from the UK and abroad. Bring along your own 'oo' gauge stock to run on a club layout. Refreshments will be available.



# Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting

11th. September 2014

**Neighbourhood Plan** – Prof Joe Connor reported that the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan had been collated and was being formatted. It would be printed and distributed to every household in Bridge for comment. There would be an event in the village hall on 1st November at which residents would be invited to discuss the draft.

**Bridge Emergency Plan** – Cllr Kate Wortham said that an outline plan would be presented to the Parish Council in October. This would be an on-going document subject to amendment as situations changed. The Committee were contacting other services so that plans could be coordinated. A database of vulnerable residents would be compiled and this would be subject to Data Protection Legislation. It was agreed that the current location of the sandbag store was not appropriate. A decision on whether to purchase a new store would be taken at the October meeting. The best location for such a store was under consideration

**Community Flood Warden**– It was agreed to appoint a Community Flood Warden for Bridge. Richard McCarthy agreed to undertake the role. Others could be co-opted to assist in an emergency. Cllr Sue Hodges thanked Mr McCarthy for taking on the role.

**Nailbourne Pollution** –Kent County Council were planning to resurface Brewery Lane and Bridgeford Way in the autumn. While this work was going on the City Council would install the mechanism for floodgates at the ford. Non-return valves were being installed in some properties in Patribourne and it was hoped some would be installed in Riverside Close.\_

**Amendment to Standing Orders** – It was agreed to amend Standing Orders to comply with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014.

**Review of Polling District & Polling Places**- Councillors did not wish to recommend any changes either to the polling district or location of the polling station following the electoral boundary changes.

**Recreation Ground** – Cllr Brigitte Ward reported that the annual safety inspection report had been received. There were no significant risk factors identified. The Recreation Committee would consider whether any of the minor items mentioned in the report needed immediate attention. Cllr Hodges reported that volunteers from the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership had cleared the area near the top gate. Children from the primary school would be planting 100 plug plants in the next few days.

**Recreation Ground Working Party** –Volunteers were asked to join the working party on the recreation ground on the morning of Saturday 18th October.

**Bridge in Bloom** – It was agreed to spend up to £50 on vouchers, flowers and engraving of trophies for 'Bridge in Bloom'. Cllr Hodges thanked Cllr Ann Edmonds and Mrs Vicky White for judging the competition. The presentation of awards would take place in Mansfield Court residents' lounge on 24th. September at 2.30pm.

**Planning Committee** – Cllr John Hill agreed to sit on the Planning Committee when Cllr Robert Moon stood down temporarily from November until early 2015\_\_

**Date of 2015 Annual Parish Meeting** The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 30th April 2015.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 9th. October at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The Planning Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting at 7.15pm. All Bridge residents are welcome to attend these meetings.\_

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## News from The Fifth Trust @ Elham Valley Vineyard.

This year has been quite eventful in the life of the Vineyard with much of the site flooded during February and March. We had to build a temporary bridge to connect the classrooms sited at the lower end of the site and at one point our pond became part of the river so our fish escaped and headed off in the direction of Canterbury, never to be seen again. Luckily having wet feet does not seem to have affected the vines at all. This is their third season so we look forward to a full harvest this year with wines for sale in 2015. We do have some from last year which has just matured but the crop was limited as vines take some years to get to the size needed for a proper crop.

Our Garden Centre is now fully established and very popular for logs, bird and dog food as well as plants and fruit and vegetables in season. The Woodwork sessions have proved so popular with the students that we now have 2 experienced tutors for the group. They are asking for any unwanted old wooden furniture which we can use to produce a whole variety of items which are sold in our Café and Garden Centre. They have recently acquired a van so can come and pick them up. Just telephone the office on 01227 832022. One of the most popular things they make are bespoke wood stores. Whatever size you need, just pop in to the Woodwork Shop at the Vineyard and give your order.

We had a Saturday in May as guests of the Whitefriars Shopping Centre in Canterbury where we did teas, coffees and cupcakes and sold plants, pottery and wooden craft items and also leafleted the shoppers about our organisation. Some of our students gave up their day off to join us and we had a really enjoyable day and met some lovely people.

We have also attended several local fetes and have some more booked to do before the end of the summer. Our team did well in Herne Bay at "It's a Knockout" and another team are attending one in Ashford in early September.

Because of the dreadful weather we have had for the past 2 years at our Craft Fair which is our main fund raising event, we have decided to move to October 11th for 2014. We open at 11 a.m. and will have all the usual stalls, cakes, cards, pottery, jewellery and craft items including woodwork. Please come along and support us on the day, we will be delighted to see you.

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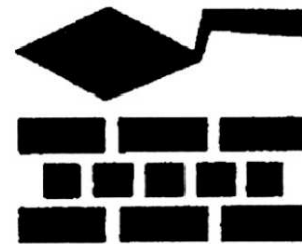


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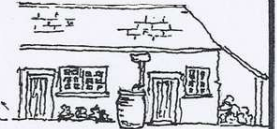
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<b>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 2 November</b>  Revelation 7:9-17 Matthew 5:1-12	<b>8.00am</b> BCP All Saints Holy Communion V	<b>11.00am</b> All Saints Family Communion RH	<b>6.00pm</b> All Souls Evensong V	<b>9.30am</b> All Saints Sung Eucharist RO	<b>9.30am</b> All Saints Day Family Service
<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9 November</b>  Wisdom 6:12-16 Matthew 25:1-13	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist RH  <b>3.30pm</b> Evensong V & MC	<b>10.50am</b> Laying of Wreath at Village War Memorial RH	<b>10.00am</b> Holy Communion ( <i>without hymns</i> ) V  <b>10.50am</b> <b>Bridge Village Service of Remembrance</b> V	<b>10.50am</b> Laying of Wreath at War Memorial MC	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion, followed by Laying of Wreath at 9.00am V
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 16 November</b>  1 Thess 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	<i>Please come to Bridge or Lower Hardres</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service MC	<b>11.00am</b> Choral Eucharist V	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist V
<b>CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 23 November</b>  Ephesians 1:15-end Matthew 25:31-end	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist GM	<i>Please come to Nackington or Bridge</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V  <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist, followed by Sunday Lunch at Plough & Harrow (ticket needed) JW & V	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins with hymns MC	<i>Please come to Patrixbourne or Bridge</i>
<b>ADVENT SUNDAY 30 November</b>	<b>3.15pm</b> Advent Carol Service at Cathedral	<b>3.15pm</b> Advent Carol Service at Cathedral	<b>11.00am</b> Benefice Eucharist RH  <b>3.15pm</b> Advent Carol Service at Cathedral	<b>3.15pm</b> Advent Carol Service at Cathedral	<b>3.15pm</b> Advent Carol Service at Cathedral

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Dear friends

As we turn into Autumn and light up our log fires, we also turn towards the season of remembrance. With the leaves falling from the trees, it is an appropriate time to remember. The leaves fall into the ground in great quantities and colours. They remind us of our loved ones perhaps, who we still love even beyond death. At 6.00pm on 2 November we will mark All Souls Day at Bridge with an Evensong of remembering. The Christian faith teaches us that love is stronger than death, and that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. The dead are a 'great cloud of witnesses', and we continue to love our loved ones. The following Sunday we remember the 20 million people who perished a hundred years ago in the First World War, and the Second World War that followed less than half a century later. On Sunday 9 November we will lay wreaths at the War Memorials of our villages, and come together at Bridge Church at 1050 in silent reflection for our Remembrance Service. Both to remember and to recommit ourselves to building peace.

Remembering matters. On the washroom walls at Dachau in Germany, a place that I have visited and prayed in, there is the stark sign on the wall 'Those who do not remember will repeat the same again'.

But remembering is not nostalgic nor passive. To actively remember means working to build a better world. Building on the example of our loved ones, actively working to reconcile conflict in the world and to bring peace and reconciliation.

At the end of November, on 30th, we start the holy season of Advent. A time of expectant waiting for both the Christ-child at Bethlehem and the end of time itself.

The real challenge is to resist the Christmas commercial rush and chaos, and enjoy the stillness and expectancy of the four weeks of Advent. To slow down rather than speed up.

As we remember, let us also recommit ourselves to making the world a better place, in which freedom, justice and hope flourish.

Grace and peace,  
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### **HARVEST LUNCH**

Sincere thanks to Vicki and her friend Doreen and all the helpers for a wonderful Harvest Lunch. Plans are afoot for next year because everyone enjoyed it so much.



## What's on in November

**Sunday 2 Nov All Saints Day** services in morning (*see service calendar*)

**Sunday 2 Nov All Souls' Evensong** at 6.00pm at St Peter Bridge

**Monday 3 November 8.00-9.00pm** Pint with the Vicar at *Plough and Harrow*

**Tuesday 4 Nov at 9.30-10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter Bridge**

**Tuesday 4 Nov at 3.00pm** Holy Communion at Bridge Haven

**Tuesday 4 Nov at 8.00pm** After 8s at 7 Windmill Close

**Wednesday 5 Nov at 12.00noon** Holy Communion at Greyfriars Canterbury, led by Jonathan

**Wednesday 5 Nov 2.00-4.00pm** Jonathan's Pop-In at Shepherd's Hut Chalkpit Farm

**Saturday 8 November** Fireworks Evening in Bridge, in aid of School PTA

**Sunday 9 November** Remembrance Sunday (*see service times on service calendar*)

**Monday 10 Nov at 7.30pm** Caring and Sharing at Peggy P's

**Tuesday 11 Nov 9.30-10.00am** Holy Communion at St Peter Bridge (Martin of Tours 397)

**Tuesday 11 Nov at 2.30pm** Holy Communion at Mansfield Court

**Wednesday 12 Nov 2.00-4.00pm** Jonathan's Pop-In at Shepherd's Hut Chalkpit Farm

**Wednesday 12 Nov** Fish Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 12 Nov 2.00pm.** Social afternoon at the John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres.

**Saturday 15 Nov 10.00am-12.00noon** Church Coffee Morning at Bridge Village Hall

**Monday 17 Nov 8.00-9.00pm** Pint with the Vicar at *Plough and Harrow*

**Tuesday 18 Nov 9.30-10.00am** Holy Communion at St Peter Bridge (Elizabeth of Hungary 1231)

**Tuesday 18 Nov at 8.00pm** After 8s at 7 Windmill Close

**Tuesday 18 Nov at 3.00pm** Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge

**Wednesday 19 Nov 2.00-4.00pm** Jonathan's Pop-In at Shepherd's Hut Chalkpit Farm

**Wednesday 19 Nov at 3.00pm** Hymns at Bridge Haven with Margaret and team

**Saturday 22 Nov at 10.00am** Lower Hardres Church Christmas Coffee Morning at LH Hall

**Monday 24 Nov at 7.30pm** Caring and Sharing at Peggy P's

**Tuesday 25 Nov 9.30-10.00am** Holy Communion at St Peter Bridge (Catherine of Alexandria, C4th)

**Tuesday 25 Nov at 3.00pm** Holy Communion with the Vicar at Highfield Nursing Home

**Wednesday 26 Nov at 9.30am** School Christmas Service at St Peter Bridge (Years 4,5,6)

**Wednesday 26 Nov 2.00-4.00pm** Jonathan's Pop-In at Shepherd's Hut Chalkpit Farm

**Thursday 27 Nov at 9.30am** School Christmas Service at St Peter's Bridge (Years 1,2,3)

**Sunday 30 Nov Advent Sunday** (*see service calendar*)

## **Fish (Neighbourly Help) News : tel no 07935 966 080**

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the November Pop-In at Bridge village hall on Wednesday 12th. Everyone is most welcome.

If you are eligible for a flu jab do telephone the Health Centre and arrange to have it done. Reminders have not been sent out this year.

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### **St. Peter's Bridge Flower Arrangers**

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Viv Brazier

## **Scout Christmas Post**

The Nailbourne Scouts will be providing a Christmas Post delivery in Bridge as they do each year.

The boxes will be placed in local shops and pubs at the end of November 2014 and deliveries will be made on 15 December and 20 December 2014. All proceeds from the post are used to support the activities of the local Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts.

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The Nailbourne Scout Executive Committee

## **Bekesbourne Churchyard**

Growing conditions have made it a difficult year to keep the grass in Bekesbourne Churchyard under control. A grant from the Parish Council and contribution from the Friends of the Church pays for the main areas of grass to be cut by a contractor. A stalwart group led by Jonathan Cowans tackle other areas during regular working parties. This year, the rapid growth has meant that at times some areas around the graves have not been kept as tidy as before.

It would be a great help to those mowing the grass if any metal markers on graves could be removed by the family before next season, once a gravestone is in place. If they are still there in the spring, they will be removed and stored in the church for a few months. It would also be helpful if any containers on a grave could be placed up against the gravestone to enable mowing across the grave (and also to comply with the official churchyard regulations).

We would welcome anyone who could give occasional help on the churchyard working parties for an hour or two on a Saturday morning from 9.30 am. The last one this year will be on 15 November to tidy up for the winter. Bring tools if possible and enjoy a mid-morning drink and a snack.

Jane Millyard

## **Bekesbourne Ride & Stride**

Andrew, Fay, Megan and Nesta Maylam wish to thank all those who sponsored them for cycling to raise money for St Peters Bekesbourne and the friends of Kent Churches. They raised a total of £160 to be shared equally between the two. A good result.

## **Friends of Bekesbourne Church Event Dates for your Diary**

**Christmas Bazaar** ~ Village Hall, Saturday, 6th December, 2014

**Jumble Sale** ~ Village Hall, Saturday, 24th January, 2015

**Wine & Wine** ~ Village Hall, Saturday, 14th March, 2015

Details of timings, etc will be announced at a later date

## **Bridge & District History Society**

The next meeting will be on Thursday November 20th in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Andrew Joynes will give an illustrated talk on Major Percy Powell-Cotton, a Victorian explorer and creator of the Powell-Cotton Museum at Quex Park.

Members £4.00, non members £5.00.

The booklet "The Village of Bridge" has been revised and reprinted. Containing some new material it is on sale at Bridge Post Office and at Mervin Gulvin, architects, 92 High Street, Bridge, price £5.00.

Further details from David Gilmour, 01227 832450.

## **Royal British Legion**

We have a very busy time approaching rapidly in the shape of the Poppy Appeal.

Anyone who feels they can help collect in the 4 villages please do contact us on 01227 472023 or 728228.

Our Branch Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 9th November at Littlebourne Church this year. We will assemble at 10.45 am by the War Memorial and observe the Silence before going into church. We hope to see as many of our supporters on the day.

Our next Branch meeting will be our AGM on Tues, 11th November and the next monthly meeting will be on Tues, 9th December both at the Recreation Club at 8pm.

### **Editor's Note.**

Will all contributors please note that the next edition will be the combined

December/January one.

Please may I have all items for this by teatime on Monday 17th November.

Thanks in anticipation,  
Laurence Dunderdale.





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## **Art in Bridge**

### **Report 14th Annual Open Exhibition October 2014**

This was another very successful exhibition with 190 exhibits. Exhibits covering paintings, photographs, sculptures and craftwork from people of all ages living or working in a rural parish within a five mile radius of Bridge were shown. Bridge School contributed two colourful banners. There was no overall exhibition favourite this year. The results can be seen on the web site.

Refreshments were available and the record number of visitors were encouraged to sit and talk. On Saturday evening piano music was played by Michael Chandler which added to the enjoyment of the event. There was a presentation by Sue Evans, Young Arts Coordinator of South Canterbury Decorative and Fine Arts Society, one of this year's sponsors. Gift tokens, generously donated by Cowling and Wilcox, Canterbury were awarded in a non-competitive draw to two artists, one junior under eleven years of age and one senior up to the age of eighteen years. The junior prize was awarded to Maddison McKey who submitted an abstract painting "The Dancer". The senior prize was awarded to Christian Leggatt who submitted his GCSE work "Order and Disorder".

Grateful thanks are also due to our other exhibition sponsors The Bourne Gallery, Picture Framing Service at Chalkpit Farm. As always the successful weekend was due to the many talented exhibitors and loyal helpers.

Sue Hodges

### **Art in Bridge 14th Exhibition October 2014**

This year's exhibition was judged as being as good as, or even better than ever. Its success is entirely due to a wonderful band of volunteers. Once the arrangement of the pictures has been decided, it is then that the hangers are needed to put the pictures up and thanks go to each and everyone of them for the splendid job they did. We would also like to thank the many other volunteers who stewarded and served in the Cafe.

Pictures of the exhibition, the Catalogue, and visitors Favourite exhibits can be found on the village web site.

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**Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 9th October 2014\_**

**Community First Responder for Bridge-** Following a talk and demonstration by Ryan Truelove, Area team leader, it was agreed to encourage residents to volunteer as Community First Responders for Bridge. There was a need for these volunteers because ambulance response times are longer in rural areas. It was hoped to recruit up to 6 volunteers who would undertake to commit to 4-6 hours per week on duty to respond to 999 calls and offer first aid until the arrival of the ambulance service. Volunteers would be selected for training by the Ambulance Service. The Parish Council would make publicity material available in Bridge and consider supporting volunteers by assisting with their equipment costs

**Bridge Emergency Plan –** Cllr Kate Wortham introduced the new Emergency Plan for Bridge, which had been based on the Kent Resilience Plan. Its aim was to provide local support until the emergency services were available. It was a 'living document' subject to continuous revision. Residents who needed support should be aware it was possible to ask for inclusion on the register. Confidential information would be password protected and securely retained by the Committee members and Parish Clerk. Cllr Sue Hodges thanked the Committee for their hard work in preparing an excellent Plan.\_

**Sand bag storage-** It was agreed to approach the Area Manager of Shepherd Neame to ask for permission to site sandbags storage boxes in the car park of the Plough and Harrow

**Sports pavilion renovations-** Cllr Terry Wilmshurst reported that some work had been started on improving the pavilion. He had replaced 90% of the guttering and had obtained quotations for new floor covering and new showers. . It was agreed that councillors would decide what work was required before the start of the recreation ground working party.\_

**Recreation Ground –** The fence between the recreation ground and the health centre needed repairing. This was the responsibility of the surgery. The Play Inspection report had been considered in detail and it had been decided that at present none of the items listed were in need of action but they would be monitored closely. Cllr Brigitte Ward was willing to continue to hold the inspection folder. Cllr Hodges reported that children from the school had planted wild flower plug plants and would plant bulbs the following week. There was the possibility of a butterfly survey next year.

The youth shelter seat had been replaced and Cllr Hodges thanked Cllrs Moon and Wilmshurst for this.

**Neighbourhood Plan –** The Neighbourhood Plan Committee had met twice in October and would meet again on 17th. October. A meeting had also taken place with representatives of Cantley Ltd, the major local landowner .A draft Plan was almost ready for distribution round the village for residents to comment on. It would be sent to Planning Aid for their assessment. There would be a consultation event in the village hall on 1st November.

**Nailbourne –** Footings for the floodgates were being installed at the ford in Brewery Lane and road patching was being undertaken in Brewery Lane and Bridgeford Way. It was planned to install a bund and floodgates across the back of Bridge

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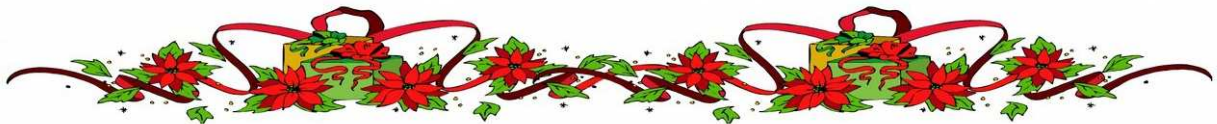
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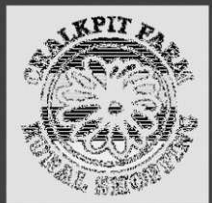
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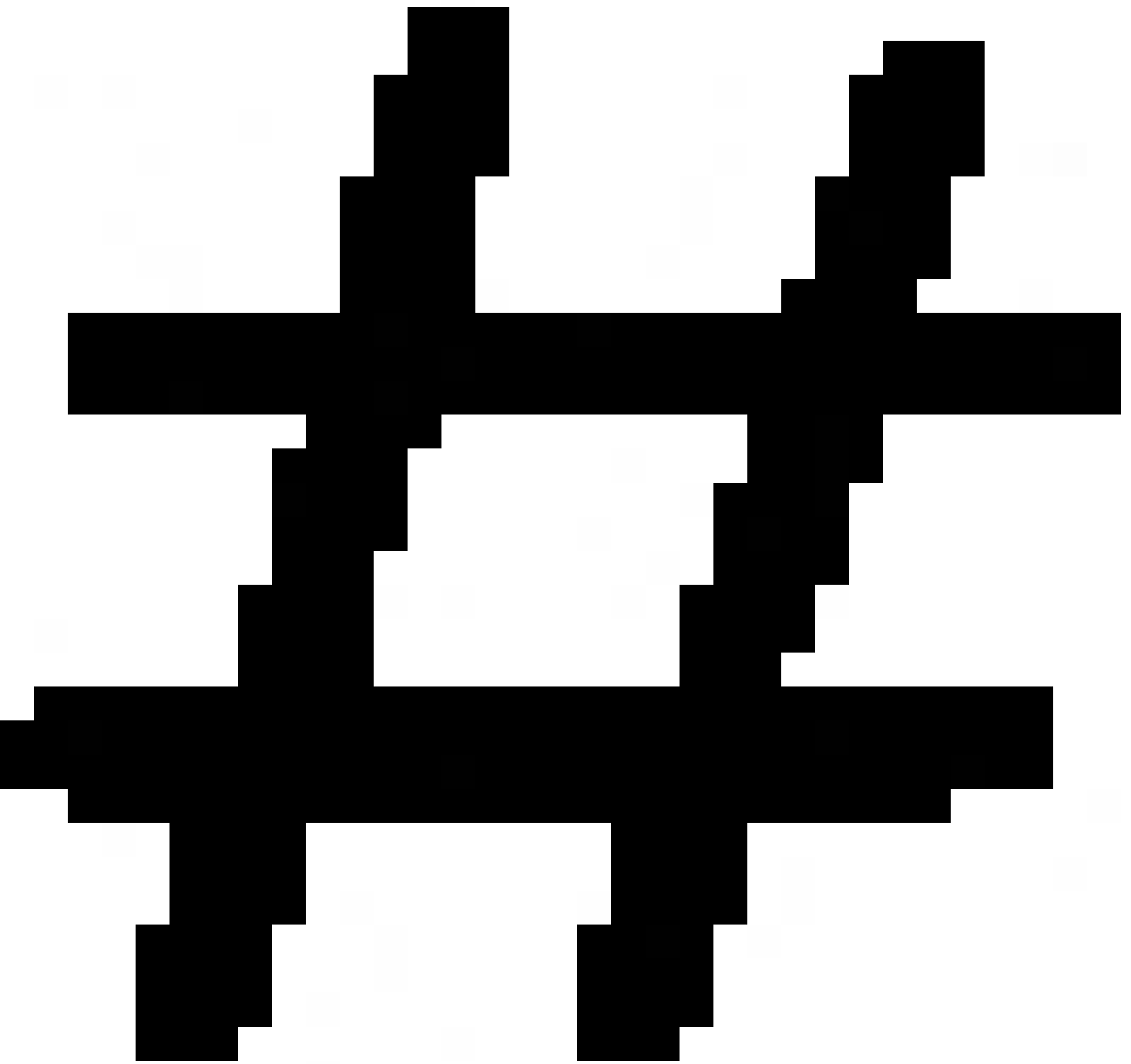
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This will then be followed by a screening of the recent documentary by Tim Jones, Senior Lecturer at School of Media, Art and Design, of "Seeking Sydney". This is a portrait of the prolific amateur filmmaker Sydney Bligh, whose films have been the highlight of many previous screenings.

Showing at The Powell Theatre, Christ Church University, North Holmes Road Campus. Saturday 1st November 2pm.

Tickets are £5 and can be purchased on line at [www.canterbury.ac.uk/shop/archive-film-screenings](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/shop/archive-film-screenings) or reserved by phoning Julia Bennett on 01227 782955 and collecting at the door.

*Joan Stingemore.*

## **Elham Valley Model Railway Club**

The club's first full model railway show is being held in the Elham Village Hall on **15th November** between 10am and 4pm. The show, besides work by its members, will include visiting layouts and demonstrations. A variety of scales from the quite small to the definitely large will be in evidence as well as examples of models from the UK and abroad. Bring along your own 'oo' gauge stock to run on a club layout. Refreshments will be available.

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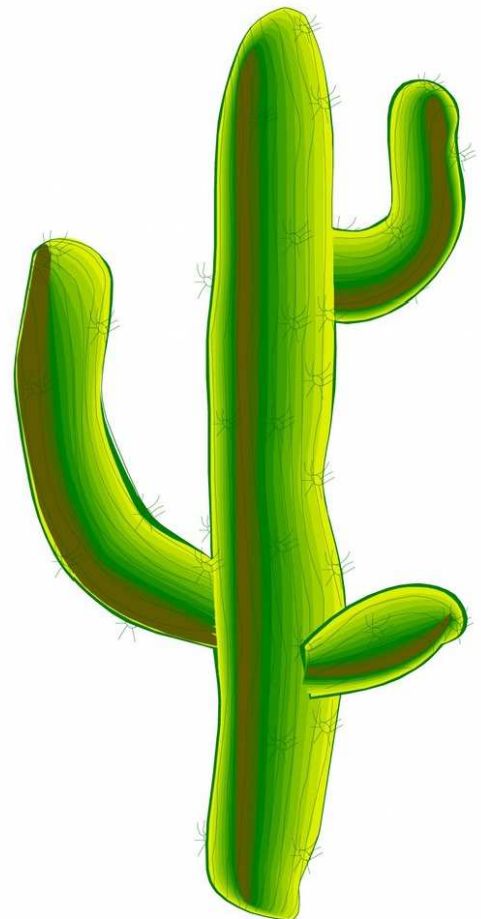
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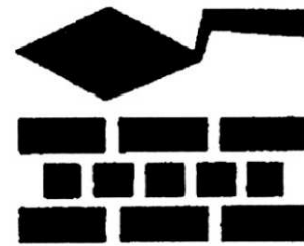
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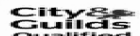


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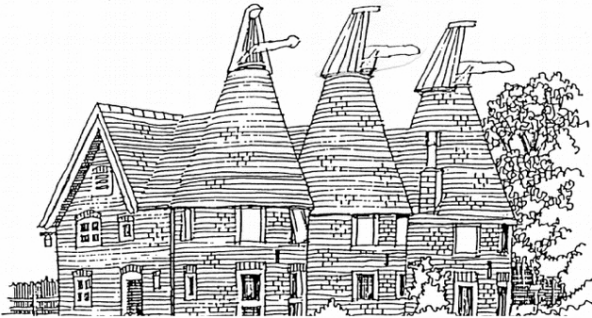
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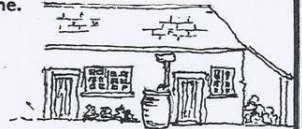
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<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 14 December	<b>9.30am</b> Carol Service V	<b>4.00pm</b> Carol Service MC	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion with Children's Talk V&MC	<i>all welcome at our other four churches</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 21 December	<i>all welcome at our other four churches</i>	<b>3.00pm</b> Family Crib Service MC	<b>11.00am</b> Choral Eucharist V  <b>6.00pm</b> Carol Service V	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V  <b>TUESDAY 23 Dec at 7.00pm</b> Carol Service V	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist RH
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> 24 December	<b>11.30pm</b> Midnight Mass RH	<i>all welcome at our other three churches</i>	<b>3.00pm</b> Christingle for younger children <b>5.00pm</b> Christingle for older children <b>11.30pm</b> Midnight Mass V	<i>all welcome at our other three churches</i>	<b>11.30pm</b> Midnight Mass JB
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 25 December	<i>all welcome at our other four churches</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Family Christmas Service MC	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Christmas Eucharist V	<b>9.30am</b> Christmas Eucharist V	<b>11.00am</b> Family Carol Service V
<b>HOLY INNOCENTS</b> 28 December	<b>3.00pm</b> Christingle at Canterbury Cathedral <i>(with Bridge School Choir)</i>	<b>3.00pm</b> Christingle at Canterbury Cathedral <i>(with Bridge School Choir)</i>	<b>3.00pm</b> Christingle at Canterbury Cathedral <i>(with Bridge School Choir)</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Benefice Service: Communion Service. V.	<b>3.00pm</b> Christingle at Canterbury Cathedral <i>(with Bridge School Choir)</i>

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<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 18 January</b>	<i>all welcome at our other four churches</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service MC	<b>11.00am</b> Choral Eucharist V	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist TBC
<b>THE CONVERSION OF PAUL 25 January</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist TBC	<i>All welcome at our other churches</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion V  <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist TBC	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins MC	<i>All welcome at our other churches</i>
<b>CANDLEMAS 1 February</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion TBC	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion V&MC	<b>6.00pm</b> Candlemas Evensong V	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist V	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service PK

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V= The Vicar, Canon Jonathan Lloyd

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RH= Canon Reg Humphriss

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## READINGS FOR DECEMBER 2014 & JANUARY 2015

### **Advent Sunday, 30 November (Purple)**

Isaiah 64:1-9

Mark 13:24-end

### **The Second Sunday of Advent, 7 December (Purple)**

Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

### **The Third Sunday of Advent, 14 December (Purple)**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-end

Mark John 1.6-8, 19-28

### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent, 21 December (Purple)**

Romans 16.25-end

Luke 1.26-38

### **Christmas Midnight Mass, 24 December (White/Gold)**

Isaiah 62:6-end

Luke 2:8-20

### **Christmas Day morning, 25 December (White/Gold)**

Isaiah 9:2-7

Luke 2:1-14

### **Holy Innocents, 28 December (Red)**

3.00pm Benefice Service: Children's Society Christingle at Cathedral

### **The Epiphany, 4 January (White/Gold)**

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

### **The Baptism of Christ, 11 January (White/Gold)**

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

### **The Second Sunday of Epiphany, 18 January (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015) (White)**

Revelation 5:1-10

John 1:43-end

### **The Conversion of Paul, 25 January (White)**

Acts 9:1-22

Matthew 19:27-end

### **Candlemas, 2 February (Gold/White)**

Hebrews 2:14-end

Luke 2:22-40





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Do come along—it will be fun!

**LOWER HARDRES CRIB SERVICE 21ST DECEMBER 2014 AT 3PM**

Christmas would not be the same in Lower Hardres without our traditional Crib Service, during which the children place the nativity figures in the stable as we begin to prepare for our Christmas celebrations. If children would like to dress up as a Nativity character we shall be delighted.

This year, along with other churches in the Benefice, we have chosen Canterbury Food Bank as our Christmas charity. Gifts of Christmas Food, including biscuits, sweets and essential foods may be brought to the Crib Service for distribution in time for Christmas. Let us try and make Christmas 2014 special for local families in need.

**CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE AT LOWER HARDRES, 9.30am.**

This is a short, friendly service, led by Margaret, and a chance to greet friends on Christmas Day.

**CARE AND SHARE GROUP**

This is a that meets twice a month -2nd and 4th Monday at 7- 30 at Peggy Pryer's house in Bridge or at Mansfield Court .Peggy leads the group and we have different speakers on various topics. On other occasions we have coffee and chat. BUT we do try and care for people who need our help and prayers. Everyone is welcome. Peggy 832058.

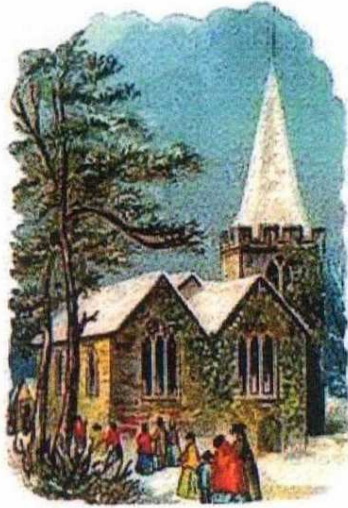
## AFTER 8s

This also is a group that meets twice a month 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8 pm at Kath pierce's home 7 Windmill Close, Bridge. We study the Bible or topical questions . We study and laugh. Led by Margaret, I think !!!!

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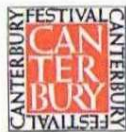
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## Dates For Your Diary

### December

02/12	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge 15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
04/12	19.30	19.30	Health and Healing at 7 Windmill Close Salvation Army Carol Concert at Bridge
School			
05/12	10.00	Computer Club at the Plough and Harrow	
06/12	10.00	Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar in Bekesbourne	
Village Hall			
		09.30- 12 noon	Lower Hardres Christmas Workshop John Baker White Memorial Hall Contact Julie (01227 788316) or
Margaret (01227 765598)			
07/12	09.30	Bekesbourne Advent (Family) Gift Service	
08/12	20.00	Caring and Sharing dinner at the White Horse,	
Bridge			
09/12	09.30	14.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Carol Service at Mansfield Court
10/12	09.30	10.00	Year 2 Nativity in Bridge Church Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge
Village Hall			
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres			
11/12	09.30	Year 2 Nativity in Bridge Church	
14/12	09.30	16.00	Nackington Advent Carol Service Lower Hardres Carol Service
16/12	09.30	13.30 15.00	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Senior Citizens Tea Party at Bridge School Carol Service at Saxon Lodge
17/12	14.00	Carol Service at Bridge Haven	
21/12	15.00	18.00	Lower Hardres Crib Service Bridge Carol Service
23/12	09.30	14.30 19.00	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Highfield Patixbourne Carol Service

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## Dates For Your Diary

### January

04/01	11.00	Epiphany Family Communion at Lower Hardres
06/01	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
12/01	19.30	Caring and Sharing
13/01	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
14/01	10.00	Fish Scheme-Coffee pop in at Bridge Village Hall
	14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres		
20/01	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
21/01	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
26/01	19.30	Caring and Sharing
27/01	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

### Friends of Bekesbourne Church

#### Event Dates for your Diary

**Jumble Sale** ~ Village Hall, Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

**Wine & Wine** ~ Village Hall, Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2015

Details of timings, etc will be announced at a later date

### **PATRIXBOURNE CAROL CHOIR**

Our Carol Service this year will be on Tuesday 23rd December at 7pm. It is a chance to get your Christmas off to a to a good rousing start and we look forward to seeing you on the night.

But how about joining our Carol Choir and enjoying a good sing for the whole of December? Rehearsals for the service will be on Monday 8th, Monday 15th, Wednesday 17th and (if necessary) Monday 22nd, all at 7pm at St Mary's, Patricbourne plus a final rehearsal at 5pm before the service itself on 23rd.

Do come along and join us!

For more details, please contact Pauline Pritchard (830685) or John Harris (Patricbourne organist)

### **Fish News Tel no: 07935 966 080**

The December Pop-In at Bridge village hall will be on Wednesday 10th from 10 to 11.15. Stuart Field will be there with his violin for carol singing. Do come. A representative from Hi Kent will be there as well to help with hearing aids. The January Pop-In is on Wednesday 14th and the Winter Warmer Lunch will be on Wednesday 28th January. The reservation forms will be at the December Pop-In.

### **The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital**

Nailbourne Group held a very successful Charity Lunch at the John Baker White Memorial Hall Lower Hardres on 16th October 2014, raising £931.30 for the benefit of the hospital. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

### **Ride and Stride 2014**

We would like to thank all those who took part in the above Event on the 13th September. The Riders, Striders and Recorders raised the magnificent sum of £527-50. Half of the monies raised is returned to St. Peter's and the remaining 50% is used by the Friends of Kent Churches for the upkeep of churches in our County.

Ann and David Edmonds.

### **Autumn on the Recreation Ground**

Volunteers have worked hard tidying the flower beds and finding places for donated plants. The children of Bridge and Patricxbourne Primary School have been busy planting wild flower plug plants in the wild flower area and Narcissi bulbs along the banks of the Nailbourne. Thank you to everyone concerned.

Sue Hodges

### **New Year's Day Tea Party**

The Bridge Benefice Caring and Sharing Group is holding a New Year's Day Tea Party at 4 pm for those who would otherwise spend the day alone without friends and family around them.

Places are limited so if you live in the Benefice area and fit the criteria, or know anyone who does, please contact the group's co-ordinator as soon as possible on 01227 832058. Transport can be arranged.

### **Bridge & District History Society**

The Society's three course Christmas Dinner will be held at the Red Lion, Bridge on Wednesday 17th December at 7.00 for 7.30pm. There will be a raffle and also a photo quiz with a prize for the winner. Please bring a pen or pencil.

Members £16.00, non-members £20.00, to include one glass of wine.

Booking in advance is essential so please contact John Cardy on 01227 721360.

The first meeting of 2015 will be on Thursday January 15th at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

Jackie Eales will give a talk on Richard Culmer, awarded the title of the "Most Hated Man in Britain" for smashing stained glass in Canterbury Cathedral in the 17th century.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

For further details please contact David Gilmour 01227 832450

# Bridge & Patixbourne C.E. Primary School

Invite all Senior Citizens to an Afternoon of Entertainment on

Tuesday 16th December 2014

1.30pm – 3.00pm in the School Hall

Come along and listen to the children sing Christmas songs - Year 6 will serve refreshments during the afternoon

If you would like to come please ring the school office on 830276

We can also arrange local transport if required

## SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT

This has now become an annual event, this year it is to be held on

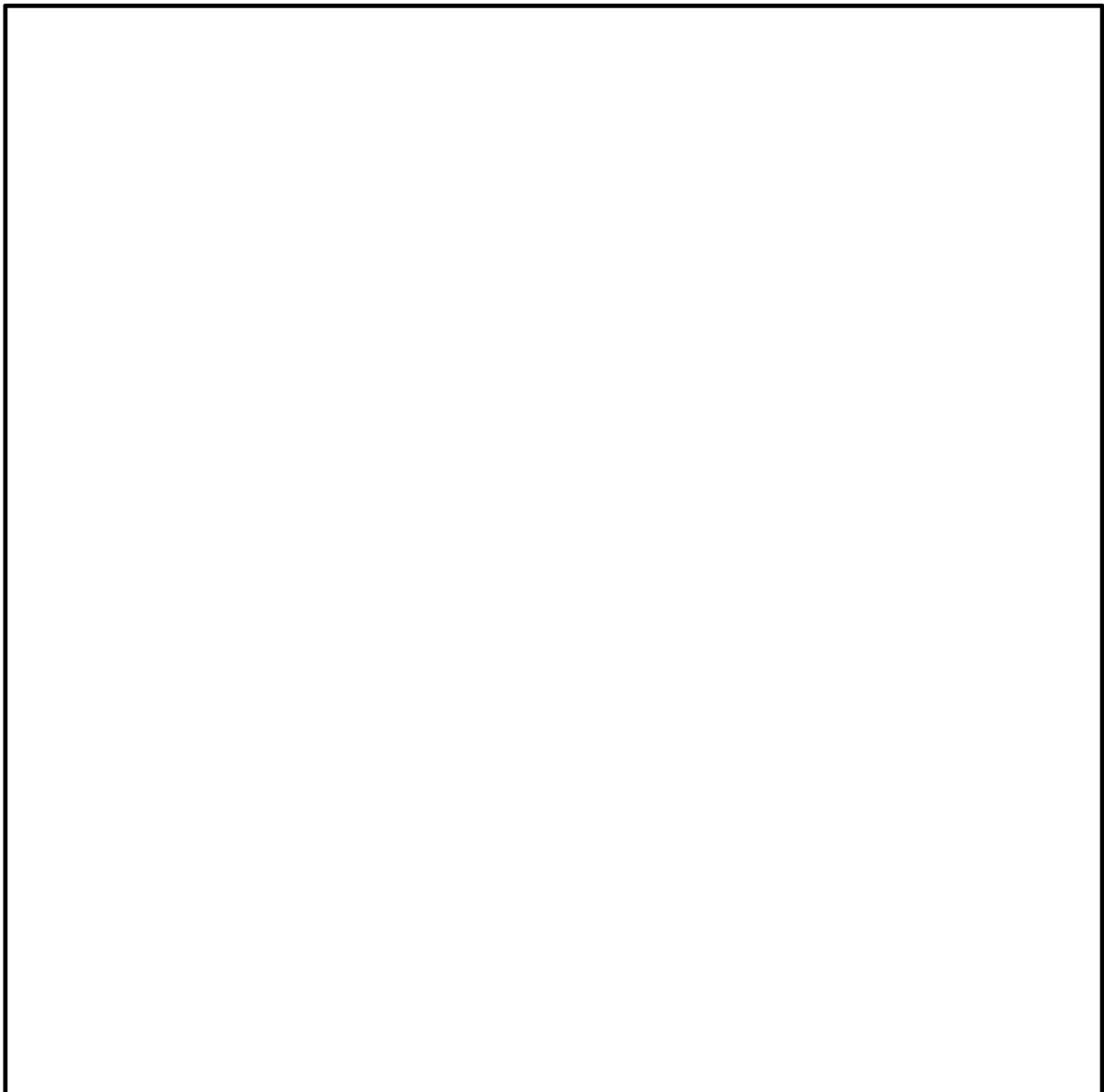
Thursday 4th December 2014 at 7.30pm In Bridge School Hall

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

Refreshments will be served after the concert

Join us for an evening singing carols –

all money raised will go to the Salvation Army Fund



## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Firstly a reminder of our annual pre-Christmas social event on **Tuesday 2 December**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, when we look forward to being entertained with "**A Garden Surprise**" in Phantasmagoria tradition with pictures and music, followed by a **light festive supper**. And, of course, no successful evening is complete without a **Christmas raffle!** There will be a small charge of £5 per person to include refreshments and as always at our events, non-members are most welcome.

Moving on to next year, our **AGM** will be on **Tuesday 27 January**, again at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. We are always on the look-out for new committee members and, what is more, are in great need of a new secretary. If you are interested in becoming more involved in this long-established village society, please contact Kathy Walder, Show Secretary, on 830057 or any other committee member.

Subscriptions are due for renewal at this meeting and remain good value at £5 for single and £8 for joint/family membership. The 2015 programme is now complete with, hopefully, something to interest everyone - a Spring and Summer Show, summer evening garden outing and a variety of talks. The schedules for the shows will also be available at the meeting so that you can start planning your planting for the year.

Then, after the business is complete, we have as our guest speaker **Aidan Potts**, Contracts Team Leader at Canterbury City Council, who will give an illustrated talk on "**City Council Trees, Planting for the Future**", or, even, "**Hedging your Bets!**" We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

## **Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute**

Our final meeting of 2014 is on **Tuesday 9 December** (please note for this month only on the 2nd Tuesday of the month) starting at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when we will be getting into the festive spirit with our guest speaker, **Rosemary Piddock**, and her talk entitled "**'Tis the Season to be Jolly**". Afterwards there will be a **Christmas Buffet** and the chance to chat with friends.

Then, for our first meeting of 2015, we have invited Kate Lumley to talk to us about the charity "**Porchlight**" on **Tuesday 20 January** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. As always, we are pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings.

## **Workaid**

Workaid, the charity that collects tools, refurbishes and then recycles them for use in East Africa has a local collector. Donations of any tools in any condition from garden forks to sewing machines, manual or power driven, are accepted.

If you have any unwanted tools, please contact Tony Walder on 830057. Your tools will go to good homes - they will help people to help themselves in Third World countries.





**CANTERBURY**

## *Christian Aid Tea*

**Saturday 31 January 2015**

**2.30 – 4.00 pm**

**St. Peter's Methodist Church Hall,  
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*Emma Kevan,  
Christian Aid South East representative,  
will show films and speak about the focus  
for Christian Aid Week 2015*

*followed by afternoon tea*

**Everybody welcome!**

### **CHRISTIAN AID AND THE EBOLA EPIDEMIC What Christian Aid is doing in Sierra Leone**

Christian Aid is targeting 3.8 million people across the country with potentially life-saving advice on how to avoid contacting this deadly disease. In addition they are providing vital disinfectant and medical kits. So far more than 200,000 pairs of disposable gloves have been distributed to medical teams across nine districts.

Christian Aid's partners in Sierra Leone have also provided more than 360kg of powdered chlorine, with the potential to produce 11,600 gallons of diluted liquid chlorine, to disinfect health centres and for hand-washing by medical teams.

Partner organisations have also trained 900 community health volunteers to conduct house-to-house awareness-raising, with key messages on how to prevent ebola transmission. They then rolled out the training to a further 9,000 volunteers, enabling them to reach nearly 50,000 households across the country.

All this ongoing work in Sierra Leone and other West African countries is made possible by voluntary donations to organisations like Christian Aid. If you would like to help to combat the deadly ebola virus you can make a contribution via the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), of which Christian Aid is a member. ([www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk) or phone 0370 60 60 900)



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The shop will become a not-for-profit community enterprise after March and will be moving into bigger, purpose built and fitted-out premises at the village hall in early summer 2015.

Are you interested? Would you like to know more? If so, please send a brief CV to [ncs@vfast.co.uk](mailto:ncs@vfast.co.uk). We are planning to interview candidates after January 16th 2015 and would welcome early expressions of interest.

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Dear "Auntie Meg"

Thank you.

Thank you so much for the kindness you showed us last Christmas. At a time of great stress and worry you showed us that there are still those out there who care. Your gift was such a surprise and we are so grateful. It made things so much more "possible". You restored our faith in humanity and helped keep the magic in our children's eyes, I cannot quantify how much that means when you are facing difficulties. I have not known how to say thank you, but I hope that you realise this is about you. May your kindness to those in need, and your willingness to help without seeking praise, be an influence to all those who read this.

God bless you "Auntie Meg" you will always be in our prayers. I feel, that maybe the best thank you I can give, is to try and emulate your actions and to raise our family to think of others and to take actions to help were there is a need.

At this time of year we think of those we love, you took time to consider others also. Thank you. And Happy Happy Christmas to our Dear Auntie Meg, God bless you always xxx

Thank you

much much love, Elizabeth xx

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Tuesday 27 January

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## **BOURNE VETS NEWS**

LITTLE BOY - Mum, can I have a Dog for Christmas?  
MUM - No, you can have a Turkey like everyone else.  
I hope it goes without saying that it is not a good idea to get an animal as a present. Most rescue centres and any other organisations will be busy with unwanted animals that have been abandoned in the run up to Christmas. Rescue centres are not a good place to go to choose to have a new puppy/kitten or rescue animal. We recommend waiting until the Christmas period is over and your normal routine before introducing your new pet. You will probably have more time to introduce your new pet and settle in properly once Christmas is over.



Christmas can be a stressful time for animals. We see many emergency cases at the practice over the Christmas period and a few of these will be specific Christmas related problems. So, here are some top tips for keeping your pets safe during the Christmas holidays:-

Christmas plants such as Mistletoe, Poinsettias and Amaryllis are poisonous. They can cause stomach and mouth irritations and in extreme cases can be fatal- Mistletoe Berries are particularly toxic.

Fasten Christmas decorations securely. Keep fragile ones, chewable cables and tinsel out of reach.

Try to keep to your pet's usual routine for exercise and meal times.

Do not be tempted to give your pet any leftovers. Sudden changes in diet with rich food can cause diarrhoea and vomiting-a very common Christmas complaint!

Keep chocolates, grapes and raisins out of reach as they are poisonous to pets. We have seen animals that have eaten boxes of chocolates wrapped up under the tree and jumped onto kitchen work surfaces to steal Christmas pudding!

Only give toys that are specifically designed for animals and supervise any new toys to ensure they are safe.

Keep alcohol away from pets.

Take care when you have visitors to ensure that gates and doors are securely closed and make sure your pet has a safe place to retreat away from the hustle and bustle if it becomes too much for them. Everyone at Bourne Veterinary Practice would like to take this opportunity to wish all our clients and their pets a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a **HEALTHY 2015**.

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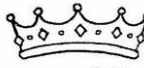
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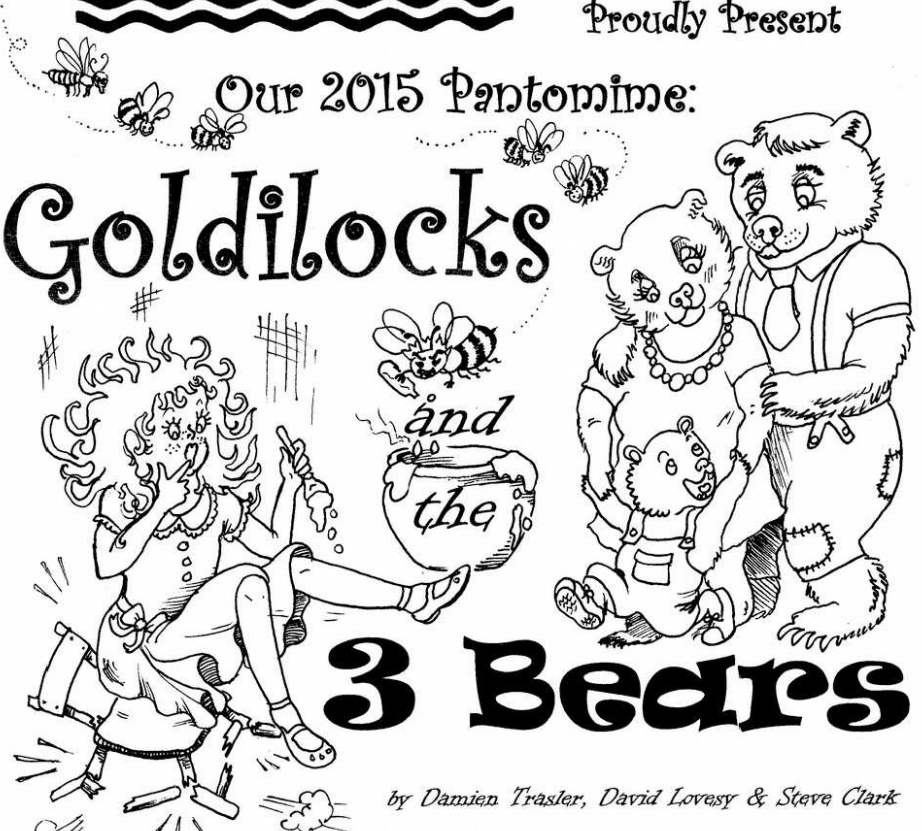
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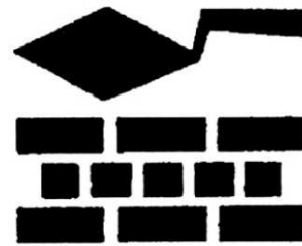
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