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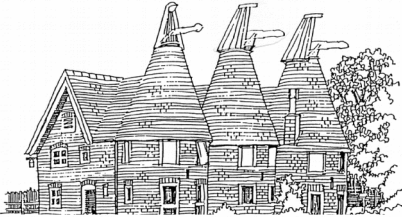
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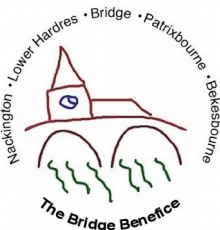
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The Bridge Group

Worship in the month of June 2014 - all welcome!

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



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Dear friends

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grace and Peace,
Jonathan

YOUR PARISH MATTERS

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	15.00	Church Mice at Bridge Church Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill
05/06	19.30		Health & Healing at 7 Windmill
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	19.30-20.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge 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 17th 2014. St. George, Westcombe Park

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

John Packer.

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

The Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday 14th May from 10 to 12. 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 Patribourne 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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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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

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

Nailbourne Horticultural Society - Summer Show - Open Classes

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

Details of the Open Classes are as follows:

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

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

National Vegetable Society - Kent District Association

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

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

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

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

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



Afternoon Tea



Thursday 26th June

2.30 until 4 pm

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Bourne vets news

We are often asked by people how to help them deal with their dogs' dry, 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. Flea 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 even biting you.

When it comes to protecting against flea infestation, prevention is fortunately, flea prevention is now easier than ever. There are many 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.



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 Patribourne. 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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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.

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

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

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.

Nicola Linstead

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