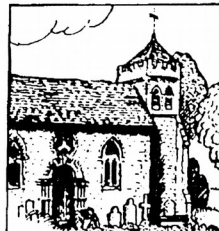


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ALL SAINTS DAY 1 November <i>White</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 John 11:32-44	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm All Souls' Evensong <i>(with prayers for our loved ones)</i>	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Family Service
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 November <i>Red</i> Micah 4:1-5 1 Cor 15:50-end	9.30am Sung Eucharist, <i>followed by wreath laying</i> 3.30pm Evensong	3.30pm Evensong at Nackington Church	10.50am Service of Remembrance at Patribourne Church	10.50am Service of Remembrance	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Second Sunday before Advent 15 November <i>Red</i> Daniel 12:1-3 Mark 13:1-8	<i>All welcome to the other services</i>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
CHRIST THE KING 22 November <i>Red</i> Rev 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome to the other services</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Mattins	<i>All welcome to the other services</i>
ADVENT SUNDAY 29 November <i>Purple</i> Jer 33:14-16 Luke 21:25-36	9.30am Advent Benefice Service	9.30am Advent Benefice Service at Nackington	9.30am Advent Benefice Service at Nackington	9.30am Advent Benefice Service at Nackington	9.30am Advent Benefice Service at Nackington

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

All are warmly welcome to all services in all churches.



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Dear friends

As the leaves fall and we move into Autumn, we also enter the season of remembering.

On Sunday 1st November at 6.00pm at Bridge Church we will have special time of prayer at Evensong for our loved ones who have died, as we join the Church throughout the world in marking All Souls Day. Please call into the church before that day to write names of those you would like to be remembered in the book on the small altar.

The following Sunday we continue remembering the dead as we gather to mark Remembrance Sunday. This year the Remembrance Sunday Service for the parish will be held at Patricbourne Church and start at 1050am. If you need a lift to get there please let me know, as cars are being organised.

We then, on 29 November, move into the special season of Advent. This is a time of remembering the great foretellers of The Incarnation - the prophets, the patriarchs and matriarchs, John the Baptist, and Mary the mother of Jesus. Advent is also a time of finding space to slow down and get ready for Christmas, without the distractions of the High Street, as challenging as this is.

This All Souls' Day will be a poignant one for me and my family, after the death of my mother Pamela in September. I thank you for your kindness, support and prayers.

Grace and peace, Jonathan

Dates For Your Diary

November 2015

01/11	18.00	All Souls' Day Service at Bridge Church
03/11	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
	19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
09/11	19.30	Caring and Sharing
10/11	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
Court	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield
11/11	10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
Lower Hardres	14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
17/11	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
18/11	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
23/11	19.30	Caring and Sharing
24/11	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
6/12	15.00	Bourne Consort are returning to St Mary's Patixbourne with a concert
for the Christmas season,		
followed by refreshments. Contact Pauline Pritchard for tickets.		
PS If you haven't yet tried out our		
new underpew heating, this is		
your chance to discover how much warmer the church is		
nowadays!		
7/12	19.30	Mill Centre Management Committee AGM.
Plough and Har		row There
will be a proposal to change the constitution of the		
committee to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisa		
tion, in line		
with The Charities Act 2011.		

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Jonathan the Vicar is available every day, apart from Fridays

Lower Hardres News

Just to say a big thank-you to Lindsay and Katie for helping to clean the Church after the plaster incident. We managed to get everything shining again with lots of polish. A great thanks goes to Nackington Church for letting us have two services there.

Christmas Fair.

Saturday, 21st November, 10-12.30, at John Baker White Hall.

There will be home made cakes, jams and other produce. There will be a raffle, gifts and refreshments. There will also be a bric-a-brac and children's stalls. We also hope to have Father Christmas! All are welcome.

Christmas Workshop.

Saturday, December 5th 9.30 - noon at John Baker White Hall.

There will be lots of activities for Children, and refreshments for all. If your child is under school age please stay during the workshop. For a place, please ring Julie on 788316 or Margaret on 765598. Please book early.

Harvest Lunch

A big thank you to all those who helped at the Harvest Lunch. It was a feast and those that came said that they thoroughly enjoyed it.

Lots to eat and lots of laughs.

Sincere thanks to all.

Margaret and Vicki

MY BIRTHDAY.

Thank you so much for
all my celebration
cards and my presents.
I was very moved by
the festivities. I
certainly did not
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so lovely. THANK
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Bridge Flower Arrangers

A meeting of the flower arrangers for St. Peter's Bridge will be held at The Archways, Conyngham Lane at 2pm on November 26th. This is to arrange the rota for next year and to prepare for Christmas. Anyone who would like to join us please come for a cuppa and cake or phone Viv on 830981

SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT This year it is to be held on Thursday 3rd December 2015 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

SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT We invite all Senior Citizens to an Afternoon of Entertainment On Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the School Hall Come along and listen to the children sing their 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

Editor's Note. Will all contributors please note that the next edition will be the combined December2015/January2016 one. Please may I have all items for this by teatime on Tuesday 17th November. Thanks in anticipation, Laurence Dunderdale.

You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols
at St Peter's, Bridge
on Sunday, December 20th

and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service.

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 *Prophets, Teachers, True Recorders* (Chorale, arr. J. S. Bach), *I Saw Three Ships* (Trad., arr. Willcocks), *Lullay, My Little One* (Straßburger Gesangbuch, arr. Reger), *A Manger Carol* (Anthony Hedges), *The Holy Boy* (John Ireland) and *Go, Tell it on the Mountain!* (Trad., arr. Miles).

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:

Wednesday, December 16 th	7–8.30 p.m.
Friday, December 18 th	7–8.30 p.m.
Sunday, December 20 th	3.45–5.30 p.m.

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If you are able to join us, please let me know as soon as possible on Canterbury 787994 or mjm@kings-school.co.uk. I can then assess vocal balance and the viability of the programme!

With thanks & best wishes

Martin Miles

Fish Scheme (Neighbourly help) News Tel no: 07935 966 030

The November Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday November 11th will also be the Scheme's Annual General Meeting. Do come if you can.

A gentle reminder that should you want an excellent L'Arche Christmas pudding please ring Anne Rooke on 830298. Thank you

RIDE AND STRIDE

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored me and helped to raise £220 for St Mary's, Patrixbourne and Friends of Kent Churches.

It was a glorious day for a walk, though it was disappointing how many of the city centre churches were unmanned. Thank you as well to our noble band of volunteers who ensured we did better.

Pauline Pritchard (Patrixbourne)

A big thank you to Andrew, Fay, Megan and Nesta Maylam for once again doing the church cycle ride. They raised £142.00 to be shared between St. Peters Bekesbourne and the Friends of Kent Churches. Thanks also to Gill, Romany, Roger, Joan and Sherene who manned the church and served refreshments. Last but not least a big thank you to all the sponsors for their invaluable support.

Jill Gillanders (Bekesbourne)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Our coffee morning raised £240.00 for this great cause.

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Maxine (Woodlands Hair & Beauty).

Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday November 19th in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Richard Eales will give a talk on Magna Carta and its importance to us in Canterbury and Kent.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

CORRECTION.

As a consequence of the article "V J day Remembered" in last month's edition, may I sincerely apologise to John and readers for 2 errors which were involved.

Firstly John Robbins was never a POW in Burma, or anywhere else, fortunately!

Secondly the Chindit's were an invention of Gen. Wingate, not Gen. Waverly.

I confess to not having checked the original before submitting it to the Editor. Please accept my sincere apologies.

B.W.

The Friends of St Peter's Bridge

Thank you to everyone who has joined the Friends of St Peter's Bridge, and responded to our appeal to help the church raise much needed funds to carry out essential repairs. If you haven't responded yet please do so soon. Applying for grants to help with the work will have more chance of being successful, if we can show that the residents here support the church, by helping to fund the repairs via the Friends organisation. Please join the Friends of St Peter's Church!

You can also help by attending fund raising events organised by the Friends, the first of which will be a Harp concert on the 15th November as advertised in this magazine. Plans are also being drawn up for a concert by the Cathedral Choristers, at the church on February 6th, and more details for this event will be in the next magazine.

If you can help in any way to raise the £90,000 we need, or have any queries about the Friends organisation please contact Stephen Woodley the Chairman on 01227 830954.

Poppy Appeal 2015

This year the Poppy Appeal Fundraising Campaign will run from Thursday October the 22nd to November 11 2015. The main service this year will be at St Mary's Church in Patrixbourne on Sunday, November 8th (Remembrance Sunday). There will also be a wreath laying ceremony at St Peter's Church in Bridge on Wednesday 11th November. Timings for both these can be found in, the 'Dates For Your Diary' section, in this magazine.

We need new volunteers for the door-to-door poppy appeal collections this year for Bridge High Street, Bridge Down and other areas. It only takes a few hours of one's time and is actually good fun! Please volunteer if you can.

Last year we raised a record amount for the poppy appeal and we would like to try and do so again!

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Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We can hardly believe that the Poppy Appeal is almost upon us again! We are still looking for people to help us with our house to house collection, so if anybody feels they can spare an hour of two to help please get in touch. We are especially needing collectors for Bekesbourne and Adisham. Please ring either the Poppy Organiser on 01227 728228 or the Secretary on 01227 472023.

Membership subscriptions are now due and we have our Branch AGM on Tuesday, 10th November when we elect Branch Officers for the coming year. Our Christmas meeting will be on Tues 8th December. Both these will be at 8pm at the Recreation Club as usual. Hope to see you there.

October 2015 on the Recreation Ground

This has been another busy month. Thank you to all the volunteers. The adults who braved the damp weather on Saturday 17th October to prune and weed the flower beds round the Pavilion and the children from Bridge and Patrixbourne Primary School who had great fun planting Narcissi bulbs along the banks of the Nailbourne on 19th October. Last but not least thank you to the residents who donated appropriate shrubs and plants. It was a good community effort.

Sue Hodges

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Then, on **Tuesday 1 December**, we have asked **Derek Marsh** to return after many years to entertain us with his **Port and Stilton Presentation** as part of our pre-Christmas Social Evening. On this occasion only and so that our speaker can cater for his presentation, we are asking you to purchase your participation ticket in advance. The charge will be £5 per person (to include a glass of Ruby port and cheese accompanied by festive "nibbles") and tickets are available from our Secretary Brenda Wood (tel 831704), Kathy Walder (830057) or any other member of the Committee.

We hope to see you then.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The **Annual Meeting** of the Institute when officers and members of the committee are elected for the coming year will be on **Tuesday 17 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

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Saturday

5th December, 2015

10.00 am



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Art in Bridge

Report 15th Annual Open Exhibition October 2015

This was the most successful exhibition so far with 226 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 roof hangings and the 1st Bridge Guides submitted a Holiday Collection. The Bridge and Patricbourne WI Craft Group contributed a Quilt. The exhibition favourite was A Stormy Day by ten year old Jenson North. The results can be seen on the web site (www.artinbridge.org.uk).

Refreshments were available and 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 were presentations by Peter Hodges, Secretary of the 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 George Stanley who submitted three pieces of craft work. The senior prize was awarded to Mollie Bryant who submitted two pieces of art work. 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

The Quiet View

Your Faith Has Healed You, a Retreat Day led by Celia McBride: Saturday, December 5, 2015, 10 am to 4 pm

Celia writes, "These words of Jesus really mean '*Your **desire to be healed is the key***'. And so the day offers you the opportunity to discover or re-discover that desire within you – to connect with a God who heals, loves and transforms our brokenness and to walk with fellow travellers on the road to wholeness. Using gentle practices such as body prayer, free-flow writing, silence, improvisation and group sharing we will explore what wounds are currently holding us hostage and how, through faith, we may begin to let them go and be transformed. Church and non-church goers equally welcome!"

Celia McBride is a multi-disciplinary artist and spiritual director from Canada currently living in England with the Sisters of the Christian Retreat. She accompanies both groups and individuals of all faiths and practices as she follows her own healing path and lives the spiritual journey. www.celiamcbride.com

Suggested donation £15 – please bring your own lunch, refreshments will be served throughout the day. Book with Lizzie

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Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 8 October 2015 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30p.m.

(Full version on website www.bridgevillage.co.uk and BPC noticeboards. BPC = Bridge Parish Council; CCC= Canterbury City Council)

Recreation Ground

The annual firework display will take place on the Recreation Ground on 7 November. Security fencing around the children's play area will be fitted and the ladies toilet in the pavilion improved. There will be a logo competition for school children. New signs on the Recreation Ground will carry the new logo.

Cantley Development Proposals

The Chair stated that

The recreation ground lease expires in 2023. The recreation space and all of the buildings and tennis courts on it, including the children's play area, could disappear.

There is great pressure for housing development in Canterbury district.

We would do well to manage this process by agreement with potential developers rather than by allowing less controlled development to take place without any village benefits.

Villagers raised questions about the legal status of the recreation ground and its lease, the environmental impact of the proposed development and its location. Could the recreation ground lease renewal be detached from the housing proposals? Where to site a new village hall? Could the recreation ground be purchased? The status and content of the Draft Neighbourhood Plan were also raised.

CCC does not have a 5 year supply of land as requested by the planning inspector so it will be very difficult to turn down planning requests for new housing.

All of the formal information from Cantley estates is on the village website and villagers' views will be heard through an open surgery meeting on Saturday 7 Nov (2-4) and Saturday 28 Nov (9.30- 11.00) in the village hall. BPC will consider opinions before taking next steps.

Green Court

Kent County Council (KCC) will not dig up the existing tarmac, landscape and maintain the area. Consultation with those who live in the area is needed on suggestions to be formulated by BPC.

Illegal parking

Villagers: send photographs of cars illegally parked to Lacy Dixon of CCC

Drainage on the High St during heavy rainfall.

KCC officials are aware.

Mill Centre

BPC will negotiate and formalise a new lease with no risk to BPC. If funds cannot be raised (and the Mill Centre upgraded as required) then it can be handed back to CCC at any time.

High St Safety

The kerbside has been raised: bus stop needs relocation to prevent cars driving on the pavement. (opposite the pharmacy).

Skateboarding event: 28 October 2015: Bridge Recreation Ground

Street lighting:

Respond to the KCC street lighting questionnaire online (via the KCC website) or by post to KCC.

Next meeting: Thursday 12 November 2015 7.30: Bridge Village Hall

The Reverend Pamela LLoyd (our Vicar's mother)

The Dean of Canterbury writes...

Pamela LLoyd, who died on 25th September 2015 under a month short of her 90th birthday, was a pioneer in women's ministry. Her life and her own ministry paved the way for the acceptance of women's ministry today. Speaking in 1978, when the vote for the Ordination of Women had been lost in the General Synod House of Clergy she said: "I have far greater faith in God than in the clergymen of the Synod. I believe that if God wants women to be priests, God will have them as priests. I do not know how it will happen, but I know it will happen."

Pamela Bampton was born on 20th October 1925. Her father was a Civil Engineer, holding the rank of Colonel in the British Army in India but Pamela was born in London and came back to England for her education, enduring long journeys by boat and often staying with other families in holiday time.

The War was the first of three events which radically altered the course of her life. She found herself in the headquarters of the Special Operations Executive (or SOE) with its highly secret business of dropping agents behind enemy lines. The second life-changing event came from the fact that Pamela worshipped at Holy Trinity Brompton where, at the evening service, she came under the influence of Canon Bryan Green and underwent a powerful conversion experience. She wrote of this experience, "I can feel the power and the strength of the Holy Spirit. I have never been so happy and contented in all my life." She informed her parents that she would not be returning to India and she began a journey that was to lead her to being selected for training as a Deaconess. She worked as a medical secretary; then with the Oxford Pastorate; and then as assistant to Ronald Hunt, Vicar of Malvern.

Pamela completed her training at Gilmore House, but at the same time the third life-changing event occurred, which was that she fell in love with Robert LLoyd the Curate at the local parish Church and accepted his proposal of marriage. As she left Gilmore House, she was told that she would never work for the Church of England and must now fulfil her vocation as a wife and mother. Robert was required to compensate the college by paying them a third of a year's stipend.

Pamela achieved much in her life, but being a wife and a mother was one of those achievements. She produced four sons, two of whom are now priests themselves, supported Robert in his ministry and created a home, wherever the family went.

As well as bringing up four sons, Pamela began to develop a ministry of her own, outside the structures of the Church. She trained as a counsellor and for many years worked with the Marriage Guidance Council (now Relate). She developed her skills of listening and her experience of working with broken people from all walks of life. She came to Canterbury Cathedral to work as the Personal Assistant to the manager of the Gift Shop. When he retired the Cathedral wanted to develop its merchandising in one direction and Pamela wanted to go in another. So she moved on and bought Conquest House in Palace Street, which she ran as a very successful gift shop for a number of years. She gave the profits from the business to the Diocese, to be used for the care of clergy.

But the call to ministry never left her. Four times during her life she came into Canterbury Cathedral to be Commissioned or Ordained by four different Archbishops, Ramsey commissioned her as a Parish Worker, Coggan licensed her as a Deaconess, Runcie ordained her as a Deacon and Carey as a Priest. From 1976 to 1985 she worked at All Saints' Canterbury. Her Vicar, David Matthiae, said of her, "I would always give her the most challenging families to visit in the parish, and with no hesitation she would whiz off on her bicycle to see them." She also, at different times, exercised a ministry in some of the local hospitals and at the prison.

Her preaching ministry had begun at the age of 18 and she went on to preach at such places as Downing College Cambridge, Lincoln Theological College and Bedbury Park School, as well as being the first woman to preside regularly at the mid-week Eucharist in Canterbury Cathedral. Her early experience of spirituality and one-to-one counselling gave rise to a lifetime of ministry to individuals, and she helped to lead a number of pilgrimages as well as skilfully leading many different prayer and study groups.

From 1995 almost to the end of her life she was a regular and active member of the congregation of Canterbury Cathedral and she and Robert engendered much love and affection. After Robert's death two years ago Pamela's own health began to fail but she never lost her interest in all that was going on around her or her cheerful courage as she became increasingly less mobile. Happily she lived to see the consecration of women as Bishops and retained a lively memory of every step that it had taken to reach that moment right to the end.

Bourne Vets News

As the temperature starts to drop and the nights draw in, it is time for tortoises to start their hibernation. This can be a traumatic time for tortoise owners as it is a time when they hibernate tortoises.

The first question is that your tortoise is healthy and big enough to hibernate. If your tortoise is less than 3 years old, has a shell length less than 10 cm, is underweight or at all unwell then we would recommend not hibernating it but keeping it awake over winter in a heated vivarium.

It is also important to ensure that your tortoise does not hibernate with undigested food in its stomach as this can make them very poorly. As the temperature drops and the tortoise cools down they will start to slow down and will stop eating. They shouldn't eat for 2-4 weeks before hibernation to ensure their stomachs are fully empty.

During hibernation the most important thing is to try and maintain the tortoise's body temperature between 3 and 7 degrees C and not allow it to fluctuate which is easier said than done!

Tortoises hibernate best in strong plastic boxes with ventilated lids about half filled with soil. The tortoise will bury himself in the soil and this will help keep his temperature constant much more than using straw or paper. They are best kept in brick outbuildings as these stay cool but protected from frost. It's a good idea to use a min-max thermometer underneath the soil in the hibernating box which you can check every couple of weeks.

Tortoises tend to start waking up again about March when the weather becomes milder and at this stage you should move the box to somewhere warmer and allow them to gradually wake up naturally. Once they are awake they should be placed in a bath of luke warm water for about 10 minutes to help them rehydrate as it is dehydration rather than starvation that most affects them as they come out of hibernation.

Our other big concern at Bourne Veterinary Practice at this time of year is that fireworks season is underway and many pets get very frightened by the unusual loud noises and bright lights. We can help with various techniques to ensure your pet is better equipped to cope when the scary noises start. Ask us at reception or call us on **01227 832322** for more details and we can discuss the options with you as we know this can be a stressful time for many pets and their owners.



News from The Fifth Trust at Elham Valley Vineyard

We have had a very busy few months over the Summer, with our students and staff attending several local events promoting the Charity and selling items made in our various Craft sessions. On May 23rd we spent the day in Whitefriars Shopping Centre, we gave out hot drinks and home made cup cakes in return for donations from shoppers. This resulted in £900 for the Trust and we also sold plants, pottery etc – we actually provided the flowers and hanging baskets which decorate Whitefriars for Canterbury City Council and we are very proud of this.

Three members of staff got their pictures in the Folkestone Herald in June, when they ran a stall at the Elham Food Fair which was opened by Pam Ferrers of “Darling Buds of May”. The event was very well attended, we even saw Kaddy Lee Preston the BBC Weather Girl and her family!

Students and staff attended a day out at Godmersham Park recently where they were treated to lunch, they did a Treasure Hunt and played Cricket and generally had a very good time and on September 6th some of them went over to Tenterden where they did well in an “It’s a Knockout” competition.

We have just taken delivery of two really nice sparkling wines just ready for the Christmas Market, they will be available in our Café. We also have a dry white and a blush rose available. These are the results of our re-planting in 2011 with different grape types and enabling us to offer a wider range of English wines – one of which is to be entered into an award – wish us luck!

We are looking for “Fifth Trust Friends” to support our Charity, please contact our main office on 01227 832022 to get a form, you can also ask for a copy of our latest Newsletter “Grapevine” which we publish 4 times a year. This gives more details on our activities. You can also take a look at our website:- www.thefifthtrust.co.uk

This year our Annual Craft Fair is on 5th December from 11 a.m. in our Garden Centre with cakes, pottery, woodwork, cards and gifts all made in our work centres, do come along as it is the main fund raising event in our Calendar, there will be festive food, music and fun for all.

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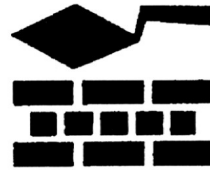
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