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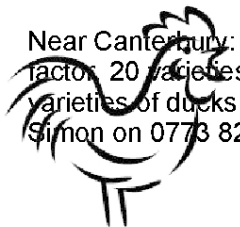
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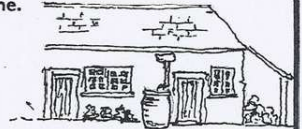
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<b>CANDLEMAS 1 February</b>  <i>Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Candlemas Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent 8 February</b>  <i>Proverbs 8:1, 22-31 John 1:1-14</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist  <b>3.30pm</b> Evensong	<b>3.30pm</b> Evensong at Nackington	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion with Children's Talk		<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion
<b>Sunday Next before Lent 15 February</b>  <i>2 Kings 2:1-12 Mark 9:2-9</i>		<b>9.30am</b> Family Service	<b>11.00am</b> Choral Eucharist	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY 18 February</b>  <i>Isaiah 58:1-12 John 8:1-11</i>	<b>7.00pm at Bridge</b>	<b>7.00pm at Bridge</b>	<b>7.00pm</b> Ash Wednesday Benefice Holy Communion	<b>7.00pm at Bridge</b>	<b>7.00pm at Bridge</b>
<b>LENT 1 22 February</b>  <i>Genesis 9: 8-17 Mark 1:9-15</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist		<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion  <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins with hymns	
<b>Lent 2 1 March</b>  <i>Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Choral Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service

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DEAR FRIENDS,

The seasons of the Church enable us to have a holy rhythm throughout the year, and invite us to engage deeply with the person and life of Jesus and deepen our journey of faith. The Christmas season ends at Candlemass on 2 February when we remember the Presentation of Christ in The Temple. We then turn forwards from the wooden crib to the wooden cross, from the Nativity to the Passion, and onwards through Holy Week to the Resurrection. The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 18 February, with our Benefice Service at St Peter's Bridge at 7.00pm. Lent is an opportunity for quiet self-reflection, reading and study, giving and service, and journeying with Jesus through the forty days in the wilderness. Our lives are so full and busy. Lent invites us to slow down a bit, or even stop for a while.

Traditionally people think of something to 'give up' for Lent. Chocolate or alcohol are the favourites. This is good to do, and makes the Easter eggs and Easter lunch taste even better! I know someone who gave up tonic with their gin for Lent. That misses the point I think!

I prefer to see Lent as a time for *taking something up*, rather than giving up. Doing something new. Finding time in our busy lives, that helps God connect in new ways with us. Putting more time aside for reading, studying, praying, service in the community and engaging with God's world. I invite you to use this wonderful opportunity of Lent.

I am keen to know more about people's working lives here in these communities, and during Lent I will be spending time visiting people in their places of work. After all, God is in the world, not just the Church! Please invite me.

I warmly invite you to take part in one of our four Lent Study Groups entitled '*Food for the Journey*'. I am grateful to Bev, Andrea, Pat and Margaret for leading them. We have arranged the Lent Groups both in the daytime and evenings, so if you miss one week you can go to another. There are six sessions using the same material, leading right up to Palm Sunday. See page 14 for details of '*Food for the Journey*'. If you have never been to a Lent Group before, do try it! People from other denominations are also warmly welcome, as well as those who are not 'regulars'. Thank you to Jean and Alan Barber who are again hosting the Thursday Lent Lunches in support of Christian Aid, at their home at 1 Riverside Mews in Bridge at 12.00noon-1.30pm starting on 19 February.

Grace and peace for a Holy Lent,  
Jonathan

PS For Holy Week and Easter we will be joined by Bishop Richard Llewelin, a wonderful person. See page 15 for the Holy Week and Easter services. Do bring along family friends, and houseguests.

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09/02	19.30			Caring and Sharing
10/02		09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Mansfield
Court			14.30	
11/02		10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall Social afternoon at John Baker
White Hall, Lower Hardres Hall			14.00	
15/02				Christening of Rose Georgia Sharp
Kinsey at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne				
17/02		09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
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18/02		14.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven Ash Wednesday service at St
Peter's Church, Bridge			19.00	
21/02				Marriage Preparation Day at The
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23/02		19.30		Caring and Sharing
24/02		09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Highfield
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25/02				School Governors meeting at
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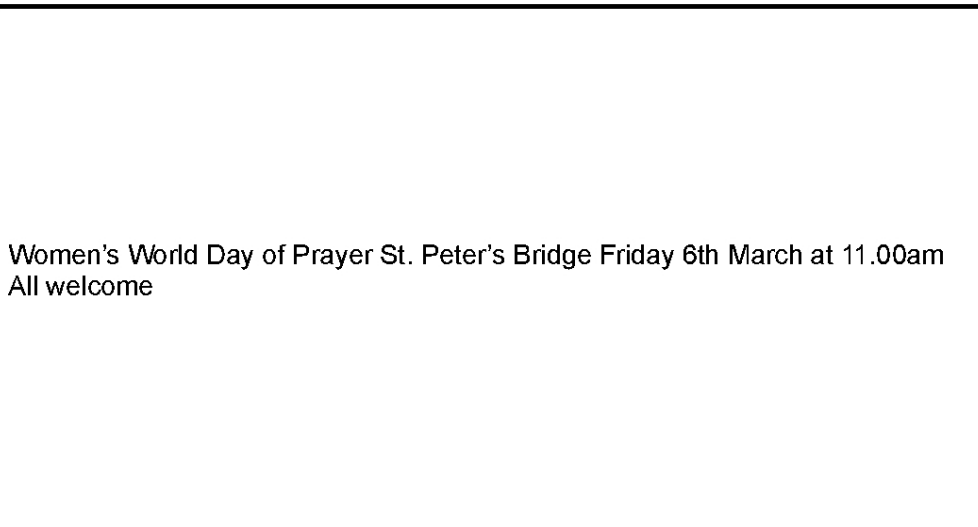
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Although it seems a long time ago we should like to take this opportunity to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped at the Christmas Workshop ,the Crib Service ,especially the children who were fantastic and their families for the huge amount of gifts to the Food Bank ,and **ALL** the services.  
Sincere thanks. Brenda, Catherine and Margaret .

## **Canon John and Muriel Packer**

The family of John and Muriel would like to wish everyone in Bridge a happy and blessed 2015.  
Happy memories.



## **RESIDENTS OF PATRIBOURNE (AND BEKESBOURNE AND BRIDGE AS WELL)**

Did you know that the Mobile Library visits Patribourne on alternate Tuesdays? It parks in St Mary's Road from 9.25 to 9.55 and stocks a wide range of books - fiction and non-fiction, large print, children's books... If they haven't immediately got what you want, it is easy to order for next time.

Sadly, only a very few people are currently making use of this service and it would be a real shame if we lost it in Library reorganisation when it could be a lifeline for those who cannot easily get further afield.

Now you know it is there, why not give it a try?

Its next visit should be on 3rd Feb (or 17th if your delivery was delayed).

# Food for the journey..



The Bridge Group of Churches invites you to take part in one of the local **2015 Lent Groups**. We are invited in John 21 to take food with the risen Lord. He will accompany us through Lent, offering us rich fare to nourish the minds and hearts of our Christian communities. All are warmly invited. Choose the one that suits your week.

- **Monday mornings 10.30am-12.00noon** led by Andrea Nicholson at Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne. Tel 01227-830947 Starting on 23 Feb.
- **Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm** led by Margaret Clarke at Mansfield Court, Riverside Close, Bridge. Tel 01227-765598 Starting on 24 Feb.
- **Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm** led by Bev Latham at 8 Conynham Lane, Bridge Tel 01227-830365 Starting on 25 Feb.
- **Thursday afternoons 2.30-4.00pm** led by Pat Kusel at Rosary House, Aerodrome Rd., Bekesbourne. Tel 01227-830272 Starting on 19 Feb.

Each group will be using the same material, so if you can't get to your group one week, you can choose one of the others. No need to RSVP, just turn up!

Plus the **Lent Lunch** in aid of *Christian Aid* on **Thursdays 12.00noon-1.30pm** at Jean and Alan Barber's, 1 Riverside Mews, Bridge. Tel 01227-831956

# Holy Week and Easter 2015

All are warmly to...

- **Palm Sunday 29 March at 10.45am**

Benefice Service at St Peter's Church Bridge, gathering in the churchyard at 10.45am for the Palm Sunday Procession, then dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel, and Palm Sunday Eucharist. *(if raining, we meet inside)*  
Led by Canon Jonathan and Bishop Richard Llewelin.  
*(bring branches from your garden) Followed by coffee together.*



- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week at 7.30pm** (30, 31 March, 1 April)

Three Holy Week Lectures by Archbishop Justin at Canterbury Cathedral, followed by a choral reflection.  
*Ending at approx. 8.30pm*

- **Maundy Thursday 2 April at 11.00am**

Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Blessing of The Oils and Renewal of Ordination Vows, at Canterbury Cathedral.  
**7.30pm Benefice Service:** Reception of The Oils, Commemoration of The Last Supper, Stripping of The Sanctuary and The Watch, at St Peter's Church Bridge.  
Preacher: Bishop Richard Llewelin.

- **Good Friday 3 April**

**9.30am-12.00noon Children's Easter Workshop** at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres.  
**2.00pm-3.00pm** Benefice Service: **An Hour at The Cross** at St Peter's Church Bridge.  
Reflection led by Bishop Richard Llewelin. *Followed by hot cross buns and coffee.*

- **Easter Day 5 April**

**6.00am The Easter Vigil and Dawn Service** at St Peter Bridge, followed by breakfast

**8.00am Easter Eucharist** (BCP) at St Mary Nackington

**9.30am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Peter Bekesbourne

**9.30am Easter Eucharist** at St Mary Patrixbourne

**11.00am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Mary Lower Hardres

*(followed by egg hunt)*

**11.00am Easter Eucharist** at St Peter Bridge, with Bishop Richard



- **Easter Monday 6 April**

Walking Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral, leaving from Patrixbourne Church at **10.30am**.

*Please park at Patrixbourne Recreation Ground (not on road by church).*

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*Alleluia*  
*Christ is risen!*

All young people, adults and children welcome!



## CHRISTIAN AID LENT LUNCHES

Our annual soup lunches will take place in Bridge again during Lent.

They will be on the 6 Thursdays of Lent – February 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th between 12.0 and 1.30pm. at 1 Riverside Mews.

They are very informal and everyone in the community is welcome, not just church members. All donations will go to Christian Aid.

Please ring 831956 the day before to book. Alan & Jean Barber.

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

The February Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 11th in Bridge Village Hall from 10 to 11.15. Everybody is most welcome.

If you could help with driving people to the hospitals and health centres – even if very occasionally – do please contact the scheme at the number above. Thank you

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

A Happy New Year to all our members!

We hope that we will gain some new Branch members in 2015. Anyone interested in joining the Branch can contact us via the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, 10th February and 10th March both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

### **Poppy Appeal 2014**

The outstanding amount of £3353.27 was raised by all those in support of the Poppy Appeal in the parishes of Bridge, Patricbourne, Bekesbourne and Bishopsbourne, this year.

Thank you all so much for your generosity which has led to the Autumn ever!

Particular thanks to Bridge & Patricbourne Primary School who contributed an unexpected and impressive amount from the Bonfire Night takings. This boosted the total overall enormously.

An award for 20 years of loyal service of collecting for the poppy appeal was given to Mr Ted Wetherall. It is his last year as a collector and we will miss him.

Other awards were given to Mrs Ann Edmunds and Mr David Latham for 10 years' service and Mr Chris Cotta for 5 year service to the Poppy Appeal.

Special mention to Mrs Lousie Tasou for her enthusiastic support and for stepping in to collect in areas where we still seek replacement collectors.

We are seeking new collectors for 2015. Please email John at [john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk](mailto:john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk) or ring 07808734842.





### Update on the Ebola crisis in Sierra Leone.

With more than 9,000 cases and nearly 3,000 deaths since the start of the outbreak, Ebola is fast becoming a humanitarian tragedy, not just a medical issue.

'The medical response to the Ebola crisis will only work if we respond holistically to all elements of the outbreak,' says Jeanne Kamara, Christian Aid's Country Manager for Sierra Leone. 'Quarantine is vital as part of the health response to prevent Ebola transmission. But ineffective quarantine undermines people's basic human rights. Without access to food, people risk starvation. There are reports of people in quarantined homes going without food for weeks and tensions and violence within angry, hungry communities. People are being driven to break out of their houses and go in search of food'.

In Sierra Leone healthcare services are at breaking point and poor messaging is widespread. Community and faith-based leaders therefore play a vital role. They are best placed to identify ways to stop the virus spreading in their communities, providing clear and accurate messaging that will help prevent the spread of Ebola. With most public gatherings banned across the affected countries, places of worship are one of the few locations where people can receive vital information about the Ebola outbreak. So far Christian Aid partners have also reached 1.2 million people through vital life-saving radio messages to educate communities on the symptoms of Ebola.

With the donations it has received Christian Aid has distributed emergency food and hygiene kits to vulnerable households in two of the worst-affected districts and continues to work with partners to prevent the spread of Ebola. It is providing a vital and varied response that can tackle the complex issues involved by scaling up its plans to train religious leaders to provide psychosocial support to those affected by Ebola, helping vulnerable children without parents and running programmes to tackle stigma toward Ebola survivors.

Donations made to Christian Aid's Christmas appeal between 07/11/14 and 06/02/15 will be matched up to £5 million by the UK Government. From providing maternal healthcare in Kenya to ensuring poor communities receive the vital services we take for granted, your gift will help fund Christian Aid's work to eradicate poverty. Donate at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) or send donations to PO Box 100, London, SE1 7RT

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a talk by

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Tuesday 3 March

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

All welcome

Refreshments available



## **Bridge & District History Society**

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

Imogen Corrigan will speak about the Black Death and its aftermath.

Members £4.00, non members £5.00.

For further details please contact David Gilmour 01227 832450



## **BRIDGE FARMERS' MARKET**

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### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Following on from our AGM at the end of January, we continue our 2015 programme with a talk to give us **tips and pointers on exhibiting** by Peter Aplin, a qualified judge and member of the National Vegetable Society. We hope that this will encourage more of you to exhibit at our Shows. The talk will be held on **Tuesday 3 March** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and everyone is, of course, most welcome to come along.

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

On **Tuesday 17 February** at our usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, **Sally Stonier** will be giving us a talk on "**Raw Foods**", with tastings as well! As a WI, we are always delighted to welcome visitors. So, if you are interested in finding out more about your local WI or are just interested in this event, then please do come along on the 17th. You will be made most welcome.

### **Bridge Allotments**

If anyone is interested in taking on an allotment, the waiting list is now open again. Please contact Tony Walder on 830057

### **Spring Working Party Bridge Recreation Ground**

This will take place on Saturday 21st March from 9 30 am. Please bring warm clothes and your own gardening tools. Refreshments will be provided in the newly refurbished pavilion. Everyone is welcome.

Sue Hodges

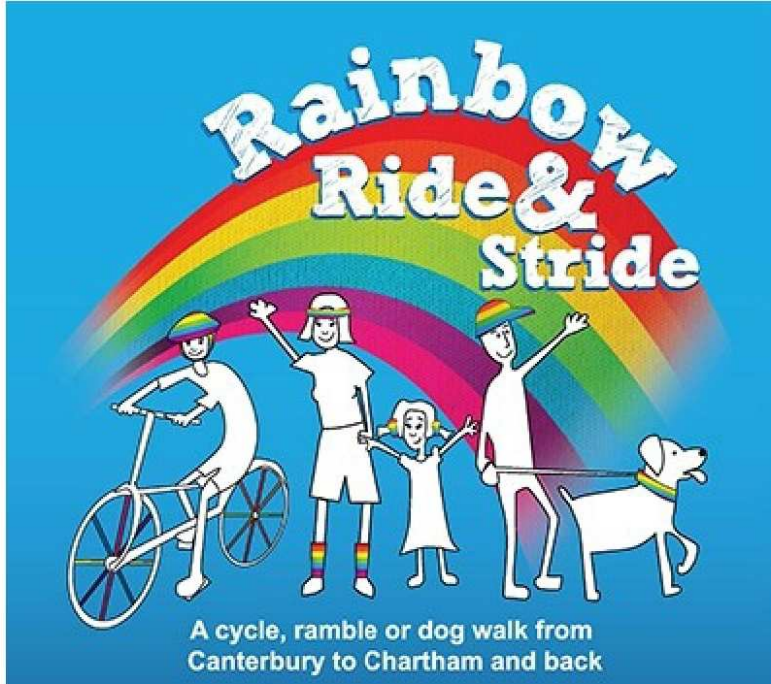
### **Trees for Winter/Spring Planting**

If you have room in your garden or field for a single young tree—or even for enough to create a copse or hedge, please ring 01227 831810. There's an Ash or two, Yew, Hazelnut, Hawthorn, Field Maple and maybe more. All about 2-3 feet in height with a few a bit taller.

A small donation to Parish funds would be welcome in exchange for a tree.

Thank you to those who responded to my Autumn notice. Come again!

Ann Shirley



## Pilgrims Hospices Rainbow Ride and Stride

Back by popular demand, the Rainbow Ride and Stride will be taking place for the 2nd year running!

Join us 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 is a total of 8 miles long, however people are encouraged to take part in as little or as much as they would like! Decorate yourself, your dog, your bike, scooter or pushchair in your brightest rainbow colours- with prizes being given for the best fancy dress.

Refreshments and cake will be served at Chartham, and don't forget to put your hand print on the wall to show you've finished!

This is an event for everyone; families, friends, children and dogs. We want to see everybody there in every colour of the rainbow; red and yellow and pink and green, purple and orange and blue! For further details see [www.pilgrimshospices.org](http://www.pilgrimshospices.org)

### Event details:

Sunday 22nd March 2015- 10.30am

£5 in advance, £7 on the day

Contact: [rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org](mailto:rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org) 01227 812621

## **Elham Valley Twinning Association (EVTA)**

The Elham Valley Twinning Association (EVTA) has members from all the villages in the Elham Valley from Bridge to Lyminge (and even out to Herne Bay, Hawkinge and Folkestone), so if you are interested in making friends in France or just enjoying social events with others throughout the valley, why not join?

Our French twins live in a group of villages in the famous wine-growing region of Beaujolais, north of Lyons, and the annual weekend visits alternate between the two countries. We visited Beaujolais last September and the French will be over here this coming September. It is certainly not necessary to be able to speak French to enjoy these exchanges, and indeed some of the most successful encounters have been conducted exclusively in sign language and “franglais”, often hilariously!

Between visits, we have an active programme of social events, ranging from film and quiz evenings, treasure hunts and more recently to a particularly funny Murder Mystery evening modelled on ‘Allo ‘Allo, complete with wacky costumes and dodgy accents! So if any of this appeals to you, why not give it a try?

To find out more, visit our website, [www.evta.org.uk](http://www.evta.org.uk), or contact the membership secretary, Pauline Davis (01303 840367). Membership costs only £10 for the full year.

Geoff Macdonald

## **S.S.A.F.A. (Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen Families Association)**

A big ‘thank you’ to everyone who supported the Cold Stream Guards concert at the University in October. It was a wonderful evening of music and entertainment enjoyed by all.

‘Thank you’ also to people who kindly donated to the charity, all your help is much appreciated by S.S.A.F.A.

Barbara Beinder

Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 11th December 2014\_

**Recreation Ground**; The mole problem on the football field was being dealt with by the contractor.

Work on refurbishing the pavilion was continuing and the garage had been cleared out. It was agreed to replace the locks on the pavilion once the refurbishment had been completed, as there were no accurate key holder records.

Cllr Sue Hodges commented that the tennis club had been sweeping leaves from the tennis court onto the children's wild flower area. Cllr Hodges would raise this matter with the club.

A problem was reported in the willow tree by the recreation ground gate. Telephone wires were becoming entangled in the branches and this was affecting residents' telephones. The Clerk would find out who was responsible for the tree's maintenance.

**Neighbourhood Plan** Cllr Hodges reported that the closing date for responses from residents to the draft Plan was Monday 15<sup>th</sup>. December. The response date for businesses and landowners was later. Some initial analysis on the replies had been started.

**Nailbourne** – Cllr Alan Atkinson had circulated a report. Ground water levels were rising rapidly. The prediction was still 'Flow not Flood' but heavy rain before April could result in the flood defences being deployed. The City Council was running a test of defences later this month. Ted Edwards would be leaving the City Council in March. Councillors agreed that he had worked hard for Bridge.

**Community First Responders** SECAMB had been put in touch with two potential volunteers. Publicity material was being updated by CFR and would be provided for the village as soon as it was available.

**Bus shelter**.- A complaint had been made that when it rained the Post Office bus shelter seat became wet. After discussion it was decided to take no action. It was thought that fitting a back to the shelter would make the narrow bench unusable.\_

**Parish Newsletter**- It was agreed to produce a Parish Newsletter in February. Items were suggested and Cllr John Corfield asked contributors to let him have their drafts as early as possible.\_

**Section 137 Payment** – The Section 137 first payment of £6,500 to Canterbury City Council towards flood alleviation schemes in the village was approved. The balance of £3,500 would be paid in the next Financial Year.

**Christmas trees** – Cllr John Hill thanked all those who had helped with the erection of Christmas trees this year and in particular Mark Esdale who had spent so much time and effort in making the display possible again.

**Retirement of Charlie Gooch, Agent for Cantley Estates**- It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Charlie Gooch on his retirement.



**Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 8th January 2015 \_**

**Recreation Ground;** Cllr Brigitte Ward noted the increase in litter over the holiday period, which she had cleared. Rubbish had been cleared from the Nailbourne to some extent when the banks were strimmed.

It was agreed to arrange a meeting between the Tree Warden, a member of the Tennis Club and the tree surgeon to discuss tree work on the large trees by the tennis court.

Cllr Robert Moon circulated a plan of the former sandbag store, drawn up by Mark Esdale, which showed how tools and equipment could be stored. It was agreed to keep approx. 24 sandbags in the store for use in Riverside Close, in addition to the other storage boxes to be deployed round the village. New lighting was required. It was agreed that Cllr Moon would get costs for the installation of brackets and shelving etc.

**Nailbourne;** Cllr Alan Atkinson reported that weekly reports were now being produced on the state of the Nailbourne. The river was rising and the ground water levels were higher than at the same time last year. Unless there were 30 mlns rain once or twice a week flooding was unlikely. An amber flood warning was likely to be issued within the next fortnight and springs may emerge. No sewage was currently being pumped into the river but this could change. It was likely that Bridge Church would again be used as the local centre for the Elham valley should an emergency situation develop.

**Tennis Club Access to Recreation Ground in times of Flood;** A proposal from the tennis club that a specially fenced walk way should be constructed to allow members of the club to access the tennis courts when the recreation ground was closed to the public for safety reasons was unanimously rejected by the Council.

**Neighbourhood Plan;** The Clerk as Treasurer of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee had managed to get the Dept of Communities & Local Government to agree that the Committee could re-apply for additional funding after April. The deadline for comments on the draft Plan from businesses and organisations had been 5th January.

**Police presence in Bridge;** Posters advertising the PCSO surgeries were on the notice boards and it was agreed that they should also be advertised on the website. This was a police issue and it was up to them to find a solution if members of the public did not attend the surgeries in the format they had arranged.\_

**Bridge Village Sports Trust;** Cllr Terry Wilmshurst presented a report on the refurbishment of the pavilion, which was progressing well. An application for funding under the CCC's Small Grants Scheme would be submitted. It was hoped that arrangements for the hire of the pavilion would soon be in place and that this would produce an income stream that could be used for further improvements.

**Kent Highways Survey Response;** Councillors agreed that problems over lighting, pot holes, road surfaces, pavements, drainage and congestion would be included in the response to the Highways Consultation.\_

**Christmas Trees;** Cllr Sue Hodges thanked all the volunteers who had helped to put up and take down the Christmas trees. The trees had made a splendid display and had been commented on by many people.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12th. 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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### **New 'Earlybirds' Yoga at Charlton Park**

A new early morning Yoga class is planned, commencing 24th February (after half-term). It will be on Tuesday mornings, from 7.45 - 8.45 a.m. in the beautiful setting of the Ballroom at Charlton Park, and will be led by experienced local yoga teacher Sue Hodgkins.

Yoga is an integrated system promoting physical and mental wellbeing, practised in a non-competitive and mindful way. Each class will end with relaxation, leaving you soothed but not sleepy. It's worth setting the alarm for! If you've never tried an early class you will be amazed at how it can set you up for the day. Beginners welcome. Contact Sue or Charlton Park; see individual advertisements for details.

Jazz Evening The Langton Jazz Group and Michael Lewis will be presenting an informal evening of jazz in the Learning Opportunities Centre in Womenswold on Feb. 13th, starting at 7.30p.m. Tickets, in aid of the Friends of Womenswold church cost £5, (£4 for Friends) to include a glass of wine or beer. They may be booked in advance from Maggie, tel. 01227831414 or Jeannie, tel. 01304830894 or pay on the door

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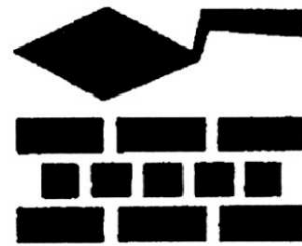


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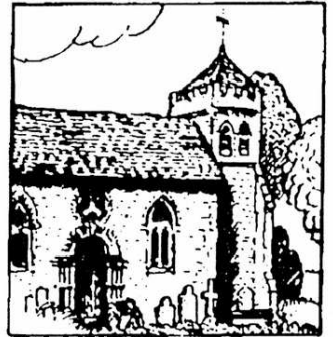
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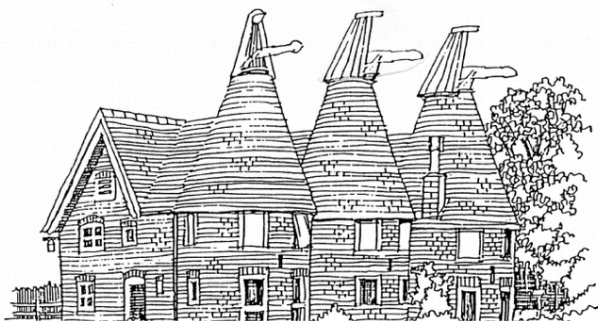
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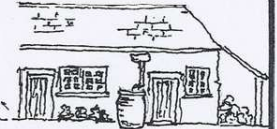
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<b>LENT 3 8 March</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist  <b>3.30pm</b> Evensong	<i>Services at Nackington, Bridge and Bekesbourne</i>	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion with Children's Talk	<i>Services at Bridge, Bekesbourne, and Lower Hardres</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion
<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY 15 March</b>	<i>Services at Lower Hardres, Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Mothering Sunday Family Service	<b>11.00am</b> Mothering Sunday Choral Eucharist	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Mothering Sunday Family Communion
<b>LENT 5 22 March</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<i>Services at Nackington, Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion  <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins with hymns	<i>Services at Nackington, Bridge and Patribourne</i>
<b>PALM SUNDAY 29 March</b>	<b>10.45am</b> Benefice Service at Bridge	<b>10.45am</b> Benefice Service at Bridge	<b>10.45am Palm Sunday Procession, Reading of the Passion, and Eucharist</b>	<b>10.45am</b> Benefice Service at Bridge	<b>10.45am</b> Benefice Service at Bridge

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Dear friends,

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With both local and national elections in May, the different denominations of the Church have got together nationally to offer a *2020 Vision of The Good Society*. Recognising that our society is facing some fundamental challenges - rising levels of poverty and inequality, declining social mobility, squeezes on both personal and government budgets, and the prospect of climate crisis. None of this is new, but whoever forms the next government has a tough job and key decisions ahead. These will ultimately shape the type of society that we become.

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I invite you to pray for all our politicians, nationally and locally. I encourage you to ask all those who seek to represent us, bold and searching questions. A good society is a place where we don't just care about the present but learn from the past and prepare a better place for future generations.

I express our community's sincere thanks to our retiring Bridge Parish Councillors who have given many years of dedicated service to the Bridge community: Councillors John Hill, Terry Wilmshurst, John Corfield, Ann Edmonds, Brigitte Ward and Parish Clerk Christabel Seath. Thank you all.

Grace and peace,  
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# Food for the journey..



The Bridge Group of Churches invites you to take part in one of the local **2015 Lent Groups**. We are invited in John 21 to take food with the risen Lord. He will accompany us through Lent, offering us rich fare to nourish the minds and hearts of our Christian communities. All are warmly invited. Choose the one that suits your week.

- **Monday mornings 10.30am-12.00noon** led by Andrea Nicholson at Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne. Tel 01227-830947 Starting on 23 Feb.
- **Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm** led by Margaret Clarke at Mansfield Court, Riverside Close, Bridge. Tel 01227-765598 Starting on 24 Feb.
- **Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm** led by Bev Latham at 8 Conynham Lane, Bridge Tel 01227-830365 Starting on 25 Feb.
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Each group will be using the same material, so if you can't get to your group one week, you can choose one of the others. No need to RSVP, just turn up!

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# Holy Week and Easter 2015

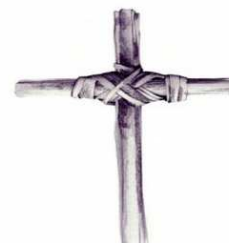
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- **Palm Sunday 29 March at 10.45am**

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- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week at 7.30pm** (30, 31 March, 1 April)

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- **Maundy Thursday 2 April at 11.00am**

Maundy Thursday Eucharist, Blessing of The Oils and Renewal of Ordination Vows, at Canterbury Cathedral.

**7.30pm Benefice Service:** Reception of The Oils, Commemoration of The Last Supper, Stripping of The Sanctuary and The Watch, at St Peter's Church Bridge.

Preacher: Bishop Richard Llewelin.

- **Good Friday 3 April**

**9.30am-12.00noon Children's Easter Workshop** at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres.

**2.00pm-3.00pm** Benefice Service: **An Hour at The Cross** at St Peter's Church Bridge.

Reflection led by Bishop Richard Llewelin. *Followed by hot cross buns and coffee.*

- **Easter Day 5 April**

**6.00am The Easter Vigil and Dawn Service** at St Peter Bridge, followed by breakfast

**8.00am Easter Eucharist** (BCP) at St Mary Nackington

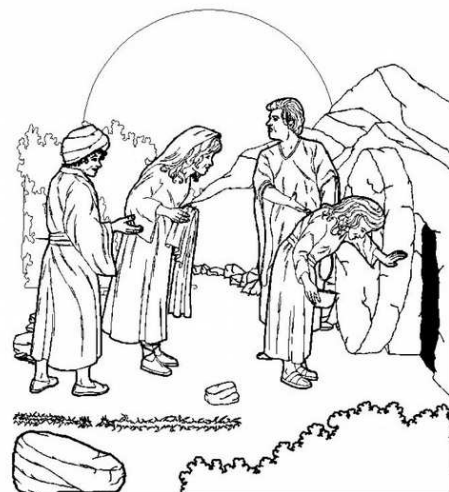
**9.30am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Peter Bekesbourne

**9.30am Easter Eucharist** at St Mary Patrixbourne

**11.00am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Mary Lower Hardres

*(followed by egg hunt)*

**11.00am Easter Eucharist** at St Peter Bridge, with Bishop Richard



- **Easter Monday 6 April**

Walking Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral, leaving from Patrixbourne Church at **10.30am**.

*Please park at Patrixbourne Recreation Ground (not on road by church).*



All young people, adults and children welcome!

## Dates For Your Diary

March			
03/03	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
05/03		19.30	Health and Healing at 7 Windmill Close
09/03	19.30		Caring and Sharing
10/03		09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield
Court			
11/03		10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker
White Hall, Lower Hardres Hall			
17/03		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
18/03		14.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
23/03		19.30	Caring and Sharing
24/03		09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Highfield

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays.

Women's World Day of Prayer St. Peter's Bridge  
Friday 6th March at 11.00am All welcome

## INVITATION

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners the Annual Parochial Church Meeting are important annual meetings in the life of your local church.

The first is open to all who live in the parish, and you are warmly invited.

At these meeting two churchwardens are elected for a term of one year.

The second is an opportunity to review the activities of the last year, receive the annual accounts, elect members of the Parochial Church Council and look ahead to the coming year. The two meetings are held together.

Whilst only those on the Church Electoral Roll may vote at this second meeting, all are welcome to attend.

The annual meetings take place on;

**Bekesbourne** 7.30pm on 25 March at Bekesbourne Village Hall

**Nackington with Lower Hardres:** 7.30pm on 15 April at John Baker White Hal, Lower Hardres

**Patricbourne with Bridge:** 7.00pm on 23 April at Bridge Village Hall

## CHURCH NEWS

**St Mary's Church, Patricbourne** is now warmer, thanks to new electrical under-pew heating. On Easter Monday, the Walking Pilgrimage to Canterbury will gather at the church and depart at 10.30am. We will be joined by a group of young Roman Catholics from Arras, France (our twin Diocese). All are welcome to join the walk, which will end at the cathedral and be joined by the Archbishop of Canterbury. If coming by car, please park at Patricbourne Recreation Ground.

**St Peter's Church, Bridge** will welcome Bishop Richard Llewellyn (retired Bishop of Dover) for the Easter Triduum. Six adults and five young people are currently preparing for Confirmation. We face a major challenge with the repairs needed on the building and have started a process of vision building and community consultation. Canterbury City Council has repaired the wall by the Memorial Garden, and the gravestone of James Foord (1734).

**St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne** is developing a churchyard nature trail, and has published a sheet that is available at the Lych Gate of the church. On Sunday 10 May from 2.30pm the trail will be formally launched, with Evensong at 5.00pm. All are warmly invited. Details to follow.

**St Mary's Church, Nackington** has almost completed the restoration of the tower and wooden spire, and our re-gilded weather cock is soon to return. The scaffolding will then be removed. The Friends of Nackington Church are organising a candlelit concert at the church on Friday 27 March at 7.30pm, 'Music for Lent and Spring' sung by *Quodlibet* directed by Dr Peter Giles. Tickets are £10. Stephen Vicary and Harriet Mulville will be married at the church on Saturday 7 March.

**St Mary's Church, Lower Hardres** will have a children's workshop (at John Baker White Hall) on Good Friday between 9.30am and 12.00noon led by Margaret and Jonathan. An application has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund towards a new church roof (water is coming through), and we await the decision at the end of this month. All the dangerous headstones in the churchyard have been repaired.

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

A meeting to elect two Churchwardens of St Peter's Church Bekesbourne for 2015/16 will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th March 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. We will be reporting on what we have been up to in Bekesbourne in 2014. It is an opportunity to thank all those people who work so hard to keep our church flourishing and to offer ideas for 2015.

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.

### **A Big Thank You**

A big thank you to everybody for the cards and good wishes I have received during my illness. It goes to prove, what I have always known, that Bridge is a very caring community.

Ann Edmonds

### **Marian Anne Harlow**

Marian was born in October 1944 and died on the 10th November 2015. She was a lovely lady living in Bifrons for most of her married life, with Colin, her husband and her two children, Roy and Michala.

Marian loved Patricxbourne and often cleaned the church. She was also a cleaner to a few local people. She would cycle to each job, but did not enjoy being on a tandem with Colin.

She trained as a florist and worked at Mounts Nursery flower shop. She so enjoyed going to band concerts at various seaside locations. Marian was a happy person with a lovely smile. She was sincere in all she said and did.

I was privileged to officiate at Marian's funeral.

May she rest in peace and rise in Glory

*Margaret*

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

The next Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday March 11th from 10 to 11.15. Do ring the Fish number if you would like a lift.

We hope that a representative from Hi Kent will be there to help with hearing aids.

### **Bridge and District History Society**

The next meeting of the society will be on Thursday March 19th at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Heather Newton, Head of Stonemasonry and Stone Conservation at Canterbury Cathedral will speak about the work being currently undertaken at the Cathedral.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

Further details available from David Gilmour Tel: 832450

## Electoral Roll

It is once more time to update the Electoral Roll. If you are already on the Roll, you need do nothing. If you would like your name to be added, please complete a form (available in the churches from March 8th) and return it to the Vicar or one of the church wardens by Easter Sunday April 5th.

We are again inviting all senior citizens to our ST GEORGE'S DAY Celebration on Thursday 23rd April 2015 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)

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion      We cancelled our January monthly meeting due to illness and absence but are back on track now. This is always a quiet time of year but we are already planning some things for 2015. We are looking to hold another Afternoon Tea on 6th June in aid of the Poppy Appeal (more details later). Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays 10th March and 14th April both at the Recreation Club at 8pm. Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

For our meeting on Tuesday 17 March at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Elizabeth Cooper has been invited to speak to us about her first-hand experiences of "Life in Azerbaijan". This promises to be a most interesting and fascinating talk. Even if you are not a member, do please come along. We are always delighted to welcome visitors to our meetings. Easter Lilies Easter Lily donations in memory of a loved one can be made to Viv Brazier or Churchwardens at an approximate price of £3 each

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## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Firstly, a reminder of our talk on "**Tips on Exhibiting**" by Peter Aplin on **Tuesday 3 March** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. This talk is intended to give us all help and advice in time for our **Annual Spring Show** which is to be held on **Saturday 11 April** in Bridge Village Hall from 11 am until 1.30 pm.

This year, we have introduced two **Open Classes** that everyone can enter, not just members of the Society. These are:

**5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)**

**6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box.**

For this year we have also introduced a **Best Spring Garden Competition**, again **open** to everyone, as a number of people have often remarked that their garden is at its best in spring. So, this is your chance to prove it. To enter, please contact Kathy Walder, Show Secretary (tel: 830057/07791 656539 or email: [kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com)) by 31 March. The gardens will be judged the week commencing 6 April, just prior to the Show, and there will be a voucher prize for the winner.

Again, if anyone still requires a schedule for the Show, please contact Kathy as above.

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

The 2015 programme begins with the **Annual General Meeting** on **Wednesday 11 March** in Bridge Village Hall, 7.30 for 8.00 pm start. The Association has a programme of varied talks related to gardening generally, and not just vegetables, throughout the year, all held in Bridge Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month, and will be delighted to welcome new members and interested persons to their meetings.

## **Spring Working Party Bridge Recreation Ground**

This will take place on Saturday 21st March from 9.30am. Please bring warm clothes and your own gardening tools. Refreshments will be provided in the newly refurbished pavilion. Everyone is welcome.

Sue Hodges

**Bridge Parish Council [www.bridgevillage.org.uk](http://www.bridgevillage.org.uk)**

**Notes from Bridge Parish Council meeting 12th February 2015 \_**

### **River Nailbourne:**

Cllr Atkinson stated that the Environment Agency is predicting "flow and not flood" this year, though preventative tankering has recently started in Bishopsbourne. He reported on a Kent wide Flood Conference on 6 February-where the exceptional duration of the flood alert in the Parish last year was noted. £1.3m will have been spent by the end of next year on flood protection measures in the Nailbourne Valley with more work to come on improvements downstream of Bridge. No sewage is being pumped into the Nailbourne at present. Current water levels and flow are relatively static at present.

### **Neighbourhood Plan:**

Joe Cooper reported that 20%+ of all distributed consultation documents had been returned (131 replies in all) . These have been collated by Mark Esdale. A revision of the plan based upon these responses is due to the relevant authorities by the



the end of February.

### **Visit of Sergeant Chris Gurney, Kent Police**

Sergeant Gurney informed the meeting that:

PCSO Elaine Cannadine is now working elsewhere in Kent as part of a general restructuring of policing in Kent. Her work is being covered by PCSOs Lisa Williams and Chrissie Cameron. From April 2015 there will be further recruitment to the police service and full coverage of vacant PCSO positions should be achieved thereafter. She gave an update on the latest crime statistics for Bridge parish. There have been 2 crimes (both thefts) reported in the last month-comparatively few for an area of this size. On both occasions, the thief had forced entry-an indication that residents take security of property seriously. Crime Prevention advice is available on the Kent police website. She thanked the local community for all support received.

In response to questions raised by Councillors and members of the public she confirmed that she would ensure that the mobile police station is present in Western Avenue at the published times. She clarified the law on long stay parking by vehicles on the public highway and added that Lorry watch schemes are most effective when committed to the enforcement of existing laws and by laws. She confirmed that crime victims are contacted by the police when there is relevant information to relay.

Finally, she stated that there did not appear to be an obvious explanation as to why Kent roads appear to be the most dangerous in the country, though she pointed out that there has been a reduction in deaths and injuries in the Canterbury district.

### **Sand Bag Store Alterations**

Cllr Moon reported that the sandbag stores are not yet fully operational. The matter will be discussed in greater depth at the next meeting.

### **Annual Parish Meeting Speaker;**

The council agreed to invite Mr Brian Lloyd of the CPRE to address the meeting on Thursday April 30 2015.

### **The clustering of local parish councils**

Cllr Hill outlined the thinking behind this proposed measure. The item will need to be discussed more fully by the council elected after May 7 2015.

### **To consider the reissuing of a footpath map for Bridge**

Cllr Hill urged the council to consider reissuing such a map. New sponsors will be sought by the new council after the May elections.

### **Report from the Emergency Plan Group, and discussion of the production of an Emergency Information for Residents card at a cost of under £100.**

Cllr Atkinson stated that wheelbarrows have been bought; the appointment of a new clerk means the list of volunteers and vulnerable residents can be collated; 8 locks have been purchased for the new sandbag stores. It was agreed to print 750 copies of an Emergency Plan card for Bridge residents. Printing will be organised by Mr Laurence Dunderdale at a cost of £25 with the text decided upon by Cllr Atkinson. Distribution of the cards will coincide with distribution of copies of the "What to do in an emergency" booklet.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 12 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.



pet's teeth? Did you know that 4 out of 10 dogs have some signs of dental disease and

damaged or bleeding gums, stained teeth, such as preferring soft food, weight loss, and poor grooming.

This is very painful. Many animals may only show signs that can be easily missed. It is often only once they have had dental improvement in how the animal looks. For dogs are like puppies again after they

have had dental treatment!

There are a number of things that you can do at home to help limit the development of dental disease. The best is to brush your pet's teeth daily as this helps to remove the build up of food and bacteria before it causes damage. Most animals will tolerate this well although it can take some time for them to get used to it! Others will never let you do this and it is important to ensure that you don't put yourself at risk!

Feeding dry food rather than wet will help reduce the speed at which tartar builds up and chewing dental chews and raw hide will help to breakdown the tartar on the surface of the teeth.

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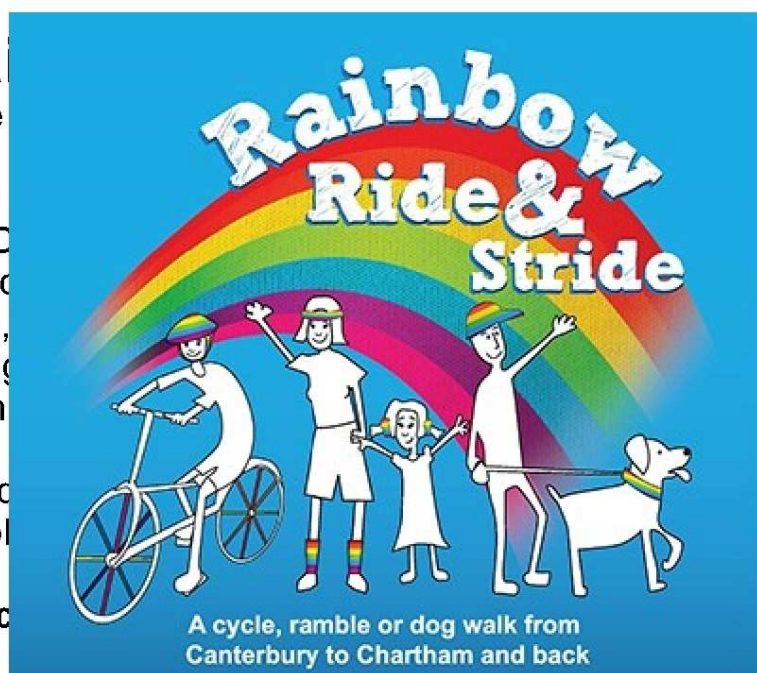
Join us for a springtime cycle ride, dog walk or ramble from the Pilgrims Hospice in Canterbury to Chartham, a total of 8 miles long, however people are encouraged to do as much as they would like! Decorate yourself, your dog, your bicycle with the brightest rainbow colours- with prizes being given to the most decorated! Refreshments and cake will be served at Chartham. A certificate will be printed on the wall to show you've finished!

This is an event for everyone; families, friends and dogs. We want to see everybody there in every colour! Dress in red, yellow, green, purple and orange and blue!

For further details see [www.pilgrimshospices.org](http://www.pilgrimshospices.org)  
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Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015- 10.30am £5 in advance, £7 on the day

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## Pilgrims Hospices Cycle Challenge

**Date:** Sunday 3rd May

**Location:** Canterbury, Thanet or Ashford Hospice

**Cost:** £25 in advance, £35 on the day

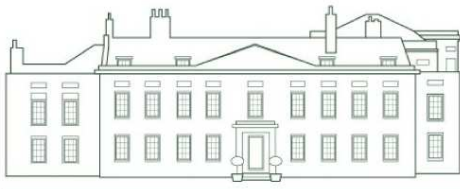
**Contact name:** Rosie Bell

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The Cycle Challenge is back for the 6th year running and is hoping to be even bigger and better than last year! With over 1,470 people taking part in 2014 and helping to raise over £125,000 for the hospice, the Cycle Challenge is our biggest and most popular event. Choose between our 4 routes: Canterbury Circular- 45 Miles, Thanet/Canterbury Circular- 48 Miles, Ashford Circular- 48 Miles, Pilgrims 100- 100 Miles





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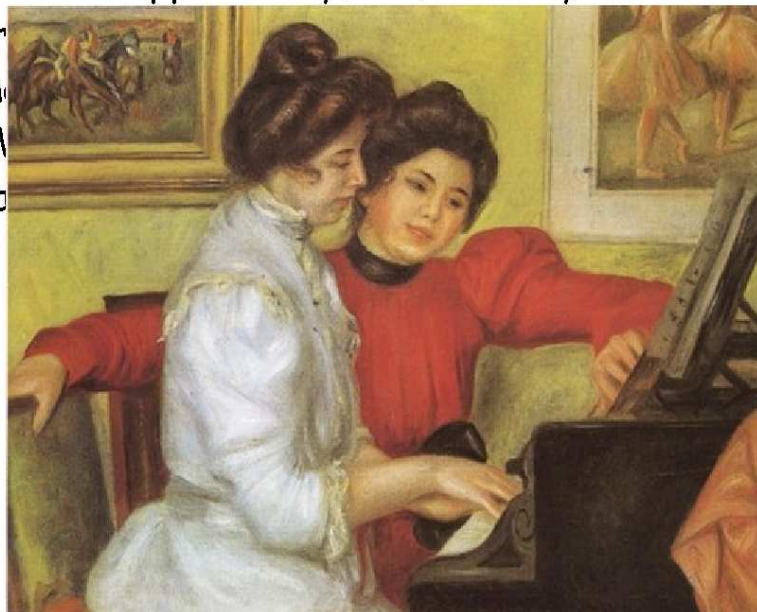
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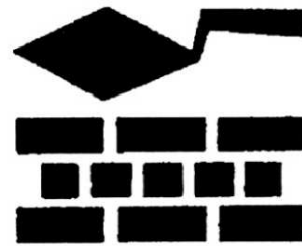
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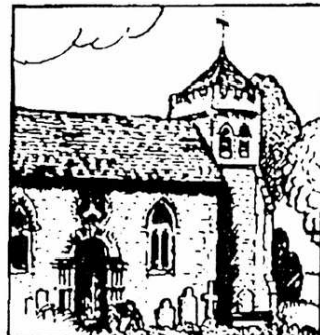
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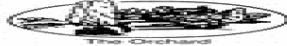
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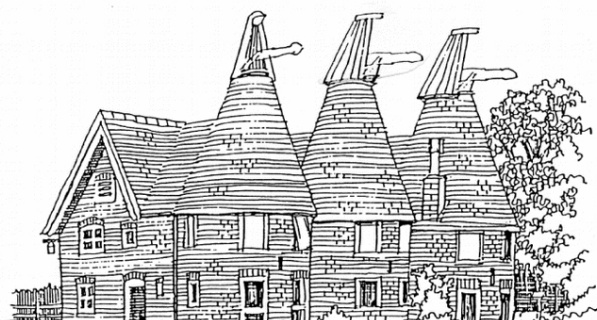
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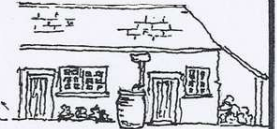
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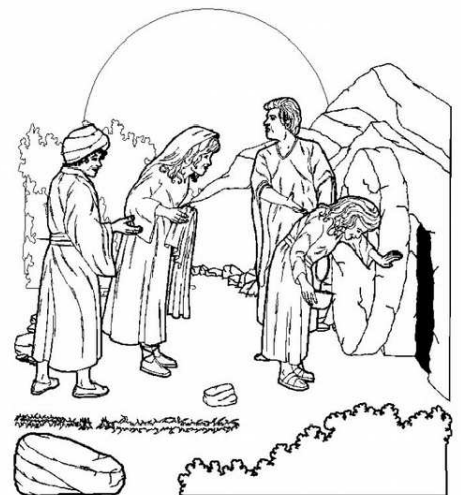
<b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2015</b>	<b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>	<b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>	<b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>	<b>St Mary PATRIBOURNE</b>	<b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>
<b>EASTER EVE 4 April</b>	7.30pm at Bridge	7.30pm at Bridge	7.30pm Easter Vigil & Easter Eucharist, led by Archbishop Justin	7.30pm at Bridge	7.30pm at Bridge
<b>EASTER DAY 5 April</b>	8.00am The Easter Eucharist (BCP with hymns) The Revd Richard Owen	11.00am The Easter Eucharist Canon Reg Humphriss	11.00am The Easter Eucharist Bishop Richard Llewellyn & The Vicar	9.30am The Easter Eucharist Canon Jocelyn Walker	9.30am The Easter Eucharist The Vicar
<b>Second Sunday of Easter 12 April</b>	9.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Family Communion with Holy Baptism		8.00am BCP Holy Communion
<b>Third Sunday of Easter 19 April</b>		9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter 26 April</b>	9.30am Sung Eucharist		8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism	9.30am Mattins with hymns	
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter 3 May</b>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	12.00noon Holy Baptism (Ruby & Ivy Moon) 6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Family Service and Holy Baptism (Zachary Moon)

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

# Holy Week and Easter 2015

All are warmly invited to your *local church* for...

- **Palm Sunday 29 March at 10.45am**  
Benefice Service at St Peter's Church Bridge, gathering in the churchyard at 10.45am for the Palm Sunday Procession, then dramatic reading of the Passion Gospel, and Palm Sunday Eucharist. *(if raining, we meet inside)*  
Led by Canon Jonathan Lloyd and Bishop Richard Llewelin.  
*(bring branches from your garden) Followed by coffee together.*
- **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week at 7.30pm** (30, 31 March, 1 April)  
Three Holy Week Lectures by Archbishop Justin at Canterbury Cathedral, followed by a choral reflection. Monday: *The Risk of Prayer* Tuesday: *The Cost of Reconciliation* Wednesday: *The Celebration of Witness*
- **Maundy Thursday 2 April**  
**7.30pm Benefice Service:** Reception of The Oils, Commemoration of The Last Supper, and The Watch, at St Peter's Church Bridge. Preacher: Bishop Richard Llewelin.
- **Good Friday 3 April**  
**9.30am-12.00noon Children's Easter Workshop** at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres.  
**2.00pm-3.00pm** Benefice Service: **An Hour at The Cross** at St Peter's Church Bridge.  
Reflection led by Bishop Richard Llewelin. *Followed by hot cross buns and coffee.*
- **Easter Eve 4 April at St Peter's Church Bridge**, Benefice Service  
**7.30pm Easter Vigil & Fire, Baptisms & Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Easter Eucharist**  
led by Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury & our Patron. *Followed by a glass of wine.*
- **Easter Day 5 April at each church**  
**8.00am Easter Eucharist** (BCP with hymns) at St Mary's Nackington  
**9.30am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Peter's Bekesbourne  
**9.30am Easter Eucharist** at St Mary's Patribourne  
**11.00am Easter Family Eucharist** at St Mary's Lower Hardres  
**11.00am Easter Eucharist** at St Peter's Bridge.  
Preacher: Bishop Richard Llewelin
- **Easter Monday 6 April**  
**Walking Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral**, leaving from Patribourne Church at **10.30am**. Gather from 10.00am.



Please park at Bekesbourne  
Recreation Ground (not on road).

*Alleluia*  
*Christ is risen!*



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DEAR MEMBERS

As we move through Lent, we come now to Holy Week and Easter. These are the most important and holy times of the Christian year.

On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a simple donkey, on Maundy Thursday we commemorate the Last Supper with his friends in the upper room, and on Good Friday his brutal death on a wooden cross. The disciples and friends of Jesus were bewildered, lost and frightened when he died. And then three days later on the first Easter Day, a group of women ran to the tomb early in the morning. Met by an angel, they discovered that Jesus was not dead but resurrected. And through this, the end of death itself and the start of hope and new life.

I invite you to enter into the opportunity and depth of Holy Week. This year we will be joined on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day at St Peter's Bridge by Bishop Richard Llewelin. Bishop Richard will lead us through the events of the first Holy Week, as we re-live in our own context the drama of 2000 years ago, and experience God in our lives today. On Easter Eve (4 April) at St Peter's Bridge, Justin, our Archbishop and Patron, will join us at 7.30pm to lead the Easter Vigil, Lighting of the Easter Candle, Renewal of our Baptismal Promises and First Eucharist of Easter. Please join us as we proclaim the ancient exclamation '*Alleluia Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*'.

In the Early Church, Lent was a time of preparation for the Christian life, and so it has been in our community. A group of adults and young people will be Confirmed by Bishop Trevor at St Peter's Bridge on Monday 20 April at 7.00pm. Please come and support them.

This month is the first anniversary of my being your Vicar. Thank you for welcoming me and my family so warmly. May the joy of Easter give us boldness and hope in the Gospel, to witness to our faith in the resurrected Jesus and face the opportunities and the challenges of the future together. We face many. In the world, our Christian brothers and sisters in Syria, the Middle East and parts of Africa, are dying every day for their Christian faith. In next month's magazine I will report on a much smaller issue - the major repairs needed to safeguard and the vision to transform the building of St Peter's Church Bridge.

A very Happy Easter to you and your family!

A warm welcome awaits you this Easter at your local church. See page 11 for the list of church services.

Grace and peace, Jonathan

## Dates For Your Diary

**April**

01/04	09.30	School service at St Peter's, Bridge
07/04	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
08/04	10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
Lower Hardres	14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
13/04	19.30	Caring and Sharing
14/04	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
Court	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield
15/04	19.30	Lower Hardres and Nackington Annual
Church Meeting at		Nackington Church
18/04	10-13.00	Mental health training day at Barham
Church	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children
ages	10-15.	Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation
Ground.		
20/04	19.00	Confirmation Service at St Peter's Bridge
with the Right		Reverend Trevor Willmott,
Bishop of Dover.		
21/04	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
fundraising at St Paul's Church,	10-16.00	Day workshop on capital
Canterbury	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	20.00	After 8's at 7 Windmill Close
23/04	10.45	School St George's Day parade through
Bridge	13.30-15.00	School St George's Day tea party
Church Meeting at Bridge	19.00	Bridge and Patrixbourne Annual
Village Hall.		
25/04	11.00	Wedding of Victoria Kidd and Darren
Gilham at St Mary's		
Church, Patrixbourne		
27/04	19.30	Caring and Sharing

The great Fish Bring and Buy will be on Saturday May 9th in Bridge village hall from 10 to 12. It is well worth a visit for plants, cakes, books and surprises. Do come. The April Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 8th. Everyone is very welcome.

### **Thanks From L`Arche**

Huge thanks to all the L`Arche Christmas Pudding eaters. That £2+ profit on each pud is spreading help far and wide. L`Arche in this country is helping our communities for the disabled in Uganda, Zimbabwe, Syria, Egypt and Honduras and their needs are pressing. Do look at the L`Arche websites to find out more.

### **Bridge and District History Society**

The next meeting of the society will be on Thursday April 16 th at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Hubert Pragnell's talk will be on Country House Development from Elizabethan times to the modern period of development.

Members £4.00, non members £5.00.

Further details available from David Gilmour Tel: 832450

### **Your Library needs YOU**

Did you know the Mobile Library comes to Bridge every Thursday afternoon, in Green Court at 4.30 and stays until 5.15 ?

The librarians are extremely friendly and helpful – they will get you any book on request. Unless more people use it, with the cutbacks in local authority funding, the village could well lose this valuable asset. So do go along, your Library needs you!

Hint – their results are judged on number of *books* borrowed, rather than number of *borrowers*, so this is why on a Thursday evening you may see the “regulars” leaving the library van with armfuls of books.

See you there!

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PS There is also a move by Kent County Council to turn the Library Service into a Charitable Trust. See website [kent.gov.uk/lra.consultation](http://kent.gov.uk/lra.consultation).

This is a move to save £3M although there is no explanation of how a Charitable Trust will be able to access more funds than if the County Council were running it.

**Exciting New Opportunity for 10-15 year olds!**

# **Bridge Village Youth Group**



Launching for the summer

First youth meeting **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015 4.00 – 5.30pm**

**Bridge Pavilion – recreation ground**

**HELP - Committee needed!!!!**

**If you are interested in joining the youth group committee please contact Katy Brooks on 07516450941 or [barrykaty@hotmail.com](mailto:barrykaty@hotmail.com)**

**First committee meeting:**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March- 7pm @ 9a Riverside Close,  
Bridge**

A partnership between the church and community. Supporting the future of our village

# Come and explore St Peter's churchyard at Bekesbourne in the Nailbourne valley



Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 2.30 to 4.30pm

- ❖ follow our newly-launched churchyard trails – one for adults; one for young people
- ❖ enjoy the beautiful space - open to all every day of the year
- ❖ find out about the people remembered here
- ❖ get close up to a Tower of London poppy
- ❖ meet the bats who live in the roof
- ❖ hunt for bugs and other wildlife
- ❖ locate the graves of your ancestors
- ❖ learn about gravestone symbolism & poetry

Refreshments till 4.30pm

Followed at 5pm by a short celebration of Evensong  
for those who wish to stay

You will need sensible shoes as you will be walking across grass and uneven ground. We regret that there is restricted access for visitors with disabilities.



## **Bridge Benefice Caring & Sharing Group**

**'Old Bridge & Old Canterbury'**

Talk with slides by Bob Richards

Founder of the 'Canterbury as it was' Web Site

on

Friday 24th April 2015 at 7.30 pm

Bridge & Patricxbourne C P School Hall

Adults £5 Children £3 to include wine and non-alcoholic drinks with nibbles

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

# Spring Show



Saturday 11 April  
Bridge Village Hall

Open to public 11 am to 1.30 pm  
Presentation of Prizes 1.00 pm

Refreshments

Raffle

Plant/Bring and Buy Stall

For Show Schedule telephone Kathy on 830057



**Nailbourne Group**

have pleasure in inviting you to their

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AND

**COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 18 April 2015**

**10 a.m.**

**BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL**

**Bring and Buy**

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**Raffle**

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**For further information 'phone**

**01227-830344**

We are again inviting all senior citizens to our

**ST GEORGE'S DAY**

**Celebration**

on Thursday 23rd April 2015 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)

## **Mental Health Matters**

Many of us come across mental health issues at various times, but it can be scary and difficult. How do we help someone? What can we say or do? Is there anything that people of faith can do to bring comfort? And what help is available from statutory services?

Our local Deanery is running a free half-day course to help people understand mental wellbeing and mental health conditions. We will develop keys to dealing with people that have problems. And we will explore what the Bible has to say that may assist. The course is being led by Susanna Morris, Director of the Churches Mental Health Consultancy.

The course is on Saturday 18th April at Barham Parish Church. It begins at 10.00 am, with coffee from 9.45, and ends at 1.00 pm. Participants are also invited to bring sandwiches and stay until 2.00 for informal chat if they wish.

If you would like to reserve a place, please telephone Barham Rectory on 01227 831340 or email [barhamrectory@me.com](mailto:barhamrectory@me.com)

Bridge Village Fete Saturday 13th June 2015 12 noon—4pm (parking in recreation ground) Plenty of family entertainment BBQ, teas, beer tent, ices, toys, books, bric-a-brac, plants Entertainment by Bridge School Competitions Craft Stalls Fancy dress Parade (more details to follow)

## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Our **Annual Spring Show** is on **Saturday 11 April** in Bridge Village Hall from 11 am until 1.30 pm, with prize giving at 1.00 pm. The hall will be open from 8 am for exhibitors to stage their exhibits before judging starts at 10.00 am. Please don't forget to bring along your Chairman's Challenge pot of Tete-a-Tete daffodils. The hall opens to the public at 11.00 am. So do come along to support the Society and enjoy a colourful display of spring flowers, floral arrangements and cookery. There will be a produce/bring and buy stall and a raffle and refreshments will be available too. As mentioned in last month's magazine, we have introduced two **Open Classes** that everyone can enter. These are:

**5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)**

**6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box.**

Just bring them along before 10 am on the morning of the show.

We are also organising a **Best Spring Garden Competition**, again open to everyone. If you would like to enter your garden, and please do not be modest or shy, contact Kathy Walder, Show Secretary (tel: 830057/07791 656539 or email:[kath@askwalder.com](mailto:kath@askwalder.com)) by 31 March. The gardens will be judged the week commencing 6 April, just prior to the Show, and there will be a voucher prize for the winner.

If anyone still requires a schedule for the Show, please contact Kathy as above. See you at the Show!

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

On **Wednesday 8 April**, the Society is fortunate to have **Mick Poultney**, award winning vegetable grower, lecturer, demonstrator and judge from the Black Country to talk on the subject of "**Raised Beds**". As usual the talk will be in **Bridge Village Hall**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm and all are welcome.

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

Our next meeting on **Tuesday 21 April** will take the form of a workshop with **Helen Kendall** giving us ideas and tips on what to do with and how to "**Tie our Scarves**". This is at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and, as always, we are pleased to welcome visitors.

The next event on our programme is our annual **Afternoon Tea**. By way of a change, we are holding it a little earlier this year, namely on the **1st May**. We have also changed the venue to the **Pavilion** on Bridge Recreation Ground which has recently had a complete facelift and refurbishment.

Come along for a chat with friends and a change of scene. Join us there between **2.30 and 4.00 pm** and enjoy our tea and cakes, not forgetting our bring and buy stall and raffle, without which no village event is ever complete! There will be a small charge of £2.50 to include refreshments.

See you there!



# May Day Tea



at the Pavilion  
on Bridge Recreation Ground

Friday 1 May

2.30 until 4 pm



£2.50 (to include tea and cake)

Bring & Buy, Raffle

All Welcome

### **Recreation Ground**

Cllr Ward reported that mole activity has greatly diminished and thanked all concerned (including children from Bridge Primary School) for the narcissi which look so resplendent. No action is required to replace the flaking paint on the pavilion.

### **Nail Bourne**

Cllr Atkinson noted that the groundwater level has stabilised in the local area and current advice from the relevant authorities is that there is no likelihood of flooding of houses this year-despite problems in neighbouring parishes. The ford in Brewery Lane is likely to remain closed for a number of months. There is no sewage being 'over-pumped' into the Nail Bourne at present.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Mr Connor explained that the Parish Neighbourhood Plan is being revised in the light of comments made on 27 February 2015 by a consultant, Mr Brian Whiteley, of Planning Aid. The next meeting on 10 April will consider his comments in full, though the implementation of the Bridge plan is dependent upon the Canterbury Local Plan being adopted.

### **Emergency Committee**

Plans are proceeding as outlined in the February 2015 meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Wortham was pleased to report that BPC has been commended by other local groups as an example of good practice in formulating an emergency plan.

### **Reports from Representatives to Outside Bodies**

Cllrs Hill and Atkinson reported on a meeting held with Canterbury City Council on 28 February 2015 to discuss Concurrent Function Funding. Discussion focussed on the apparent unfair treatment of parishes in relation to the urban areas of CCC.

### **Matters for Discussion and Action**

Saturday 18 April at 9.30 am - village litter-pick to take place. Volunteers will gather at the junction of Conyngham Lane and High Street.

Cllr Wilmshurst reported growing interest in hiring the new pavilion-including a youth club on Saturdays. Booking of the pavilion is likely to be online through the same portal as for booking the village hall. Interested parties should contact Mr Mark Esdale, via the clerk.

Cllr Hill noted that the speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting on 30th April will be Mr Brian Lloyd of the Campaign to Protect Rural England He will talk about the Canterbury District Plan.

It was agreed to place "Bridge in Bloom 2015" on the agenda of the meeting on 14 May 2015.

Councillors agreed unanimously to award the maintenance contract for the recreation ground for 2015-2016 to Mr Ian Sargent of Mown and Grown.



Cllrs Moon and Cook (CCC) spoke on the decision by Canterbury City Council to sell the Mill Centre. Cllr Cook suggested that there is a possibility that the CCC executive decision to sell the centre might be overturned now that decision-making processes in the council elected after 7 May 2015 will no longer be in the hands of an executive group. It was agreed unanimously that all should be done to trigger a six month moratorium on the intended sale.

Cllr Edmonds advised that Bridge's participation in an annual "Walkers are Welcome" festival should be decided upon by the new council after May 7, 2015. Councillors were unanimous in wishing to support the event.

It was agreed to conduct a site visit of the water meadow near the ford to inspect current arrangements for the disposal of dog mess. To be discussed further in April.

Bridge School Summer fair will be held on 13 June 2015.

A Report from the local PCSO ,Lisa Williams, was received on crimes recorded in Bridge since the last meeting.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council be on Thursday 9 April 2015 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

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## **Pilgrims Hospices Cycle Challenge**

**Date:** Sunday 3rd May

**Location:** Canterbury, Thanet or Ashford Hospice

**Cost:** £25 in advance, £35 on the day

**Contact name:** Rosie Bell

**Contact tel:** 01227 812621

**Contact email:** [rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org](mailto:rosie.bell@pilgrimshospices.org)



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## BOURNE VETS NEWS

We usually see about 2-4 cases of confirmed poisoning every month in pets, and lots more cases of non-specific gastroenteritis which could be caused by mild poisoning. It is mainly dogs that are affected as they are less fussy in what they scavenge and eat but we do see cases of cats that are poisoned too.

The most common poisons that affect pets are:

- 1            Rodent Poisons ('Rodenticides'), these contain anticoagulants, such as warfarin, which prevent blood clotting. Not all rodenticides are anticoagulants so it is really important to try and find out which one has been ingested. Ingesting these poisons can cause life-threatening bleeding. This bleeding may not appear for several days and may be internal and not visible so it is vital that you seek veterinary attention as soon as possible if you think that your pet may have eaten rat poison.
- 2            Chocolate, contains the stimulant theobromine which is toxic to dogs. Symptoms of poisoning include vomiting, dehydration, hyperactivity, high temperature and blood pressure, abnormal heart rhythm and tremors.
- 3            Grapes, raisins, sultanas and currants, are very toxic for our pets and cooking or baking doesn't reduce the risks. Poisoning causes vomiting and diarrhoea but can lead to kidney failure a few days after the initial effects.
- 4            Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAID's), eg. Ibuprofen. It is not uncommon for us to see dogs that have eaten their owners medication. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhoea, bleeding internally, stomach ulceration and kidney failure.
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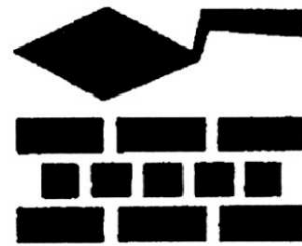


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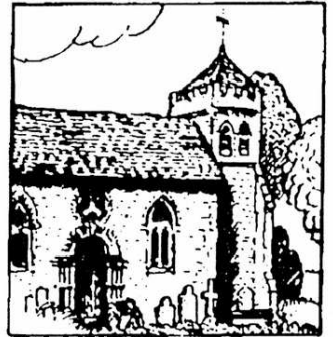
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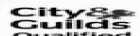
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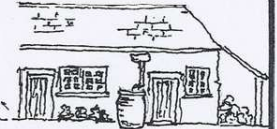
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<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>3 May</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>12.00noon</b> Holy Baptism of Ruby & Ivy Moon <b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service with Holy Baptism of Zachary Moon
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>10 May</b> <b>Start of Christian Aid Week 2015</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>NB Evensong today is at Bekesbourne at 5.00pm</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion with Holy Baptism		<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion <b>5.00pm</b> Evensong <i>Preacher: Canon Caroline Pinchbeck</i>
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>17 May</b>		<b>9.30am</b> Family Service	<b>11.00am</b> Choral Eucharist	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist
<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <b>24 May</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist		<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion <b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Mattins	
<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> <b>31 May</b>	11.00am at Bridge	11.00am at Bridge	<b>11.00am</b> Benefice Trinity Sunday Eucharist	11.00am at Bridge	11.00am at Bridge

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

On Ascension Day, 14 May, there is a Benefice-wide Service at 7.00pm at Bridge.

All are warmly invited to all services.

## Bishop Richard Llewellyn, retired Bishop of Dover, was our guest preacher at Bridge on Easter Day and he shares here his Easter message:

Easter Day 2015

Bridge

The first Easter was a foretaste of things to come, a trailer, a promise, a kind of pilot project for the whole cosmos. What God did for Jesus that explosive first Easter morning is what He plans to do one day for the whole of his creation.

We who live on this planet in the interval between Jesus' Resurrection and the final rescue and transformation of the whole world are invited to live as *new creation people* in the here and now, grasping in our own lives before this final rescue and transformation the new style of living of the life of the world yet to come.

Now, this may sound fantastic. You may say, "We don't even know what this new style of living is all about!" But we do! We have already seen it in action in the life and death of our friend and Lord, Jesus. His was the life of the kingdom of God, lived out in the dust and dirt of this planet. And he invites us to do the same, in His strength, in the power of His Holy Spirit. That is the hidden meaning of the greatest festival Christians have.

This true meaning has remained hidden because the Church has trivialised it, and the world has rubbished it. The Church has turned Jesus' resurrection into a "happy ending" after the dark and messy story of Good Friday, often scaling it down so that "resurrection" becomes a fancy way of saying "He went to Heaven". Easter then means: "There really is life after death".

But "resurrection" to first-century Jews wasn't about "going to Heaven": it was about the physically dead being physically alive again. Some Jews (not all) believed that God would do this for all people on what they called 'the last day'. Nobody, including Jesus' followers, was expecting one person to be bodily raised from the dead *in the middle of history*.

The stories of the resurrection are certainly not "wish-fulfilments" on the part of the first disciples, nor are they the result of a refusal on the part of his friends to accept that their master and teacher had been taken from them, after they had expected so much from him. Indeed the opposite is true: disillusioned and frightened, they simply scarpered: as far as they were concerned, it was all over, finished.

First-century Jews who followed 'would-be messiahs' knew that if your leader got killed by the authorities, it meant you had backed the wrong person. You then had a choice: give up the revolution or get yourself a new leader. The disciples of Jesus gave up. Going around saying that he'd been raised from the dead wasn't an option.

Unless, of course, he had been.

Jesus of Nazareth was certainly dead by the Friday evening. Roman soldiers were professional killers, and wouldn't have allowed a not-quite-dead rebel leader to stay that way for long. When the first Christians told the story of what happened next,

they were not saying: "I think he's still with us in a spiritual sense" or "I think he's gone to heaven". They said, "He is alive, wonderfully alive, gloriously alive, alive with the life beyond death and the grave ... and it is the very last thing we expected or hoped for!"

The responsible historian must explain how else Christianity got going in the first place, and why it hailed Jesus as Messiah despite His execution. After all, he hadn't defeated the Romans, or rebuilt the Temple, or brought justice and peace to the world, all of which a Messiah should have done. The only explanation that will fit the evidence is the one the early Christians insisted upon — Jesus really had been raised from the dead. His body was not just reanimated. It was transformed, so that it was no longer subject to sickness and death.

Let's be clear: the stories are not about someone coming back into the present mode of life. Lazarus did that; Jesus didn't. They are about someone going on into a new sort of existence, still emphatically bodily, if anything, more so.

Now, suddenly, the real meaning of Easter comes into view, as well as the reason why it has been trivialised and sidelined. Easter is about *a new creation that has already begun*. It is worth saying that a second time: Easter is about *a new creation that has already begun*. God is remaking His world, challenging all the other powers that think that is their job to do so. This diverse and magnificent order of creation, will all its glorious, abundant beauty, is reaffirmed on the other side of the thing that has always threatens justice and beauty — death.

Christianity's critics have always sneered that nothing has changed. But everything has. The world is a different place, because of the resurrection of Christ. We now know that evil, sin and death will be finally defeated, and that goodness, truth and beauty will prevail. This gives you and me, for instance, the confidence to work with real hope in apparently hopeless situations, where the cynic would say, "What's the point?" We can be confident that a life lived out in love and trust and in the service of others will not be a life lived out in vain!

*[Adapted from an article by the Right Rev Dr Tom Wright/formerly Bishop of Durham]*

### **Easter Workshop**

We had a great time with over 50 Children. IT WAS FUN! It was lovely seeing so many parents with the pre-school age children. I think they enjoyed it as much as their children. A great big THANK-YOU to all the helpers, who worked so hard. Thank-you too to all of the children who participated. It was good to see Canon Johnathon, who led us in prayer.

### **Easter Day**

The church looked very beautiful. The cross was decorated with golden daffodils, and the memorial lilies and all of the arrangements of flowers were splendid. The Paschal Candle enhanced the magical feel of the service. The children enjoyed the traditional Easter Egg hunt in the sunshine, whilst mums and dads had coffee and chocolate biscuits. Sincere thanks to everyone who made Easter Day so memorable.

Margaret



## Sylvia Joyce Hopkins

The family of Sylvia Joyce Hopkins would like to say thank you to all family and friends who joined us for her funeral service and to Margaret for everything she did.

Mum enjoyed the village life making many friends at W.I. and the 'League of Friends'. She also played in the darts team at the Plough & Harrow and went into competitions at horticultural shows.

She will sadly be missed by all.

Mary, Eric, Ray, Mike and Linda.

Vicar in Shepherds Hut Jonathan, your Vicar, is in The Shepherd's Hut at Chalk Pit Farm on Wednesday afternoons this summer between 2pm and 4pm starting on 10 June. Baptism, wedding, funeral enquiries, prayer requests or just a cup of tea and a chat! No appointment needed. All welcome.

## Dates For Your Diary

May			
02/05	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15 yrs Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
05/05	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge	
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge	
Haven			
	19.30	Archdeacon's visitation at	
Cathedral			
	20.00	After 8's	
09/05	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15 yrs Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
10/05		Start of Christian Aid Week	
10/05	14.30	Churchyard Trail Launch,	
Bekesbourne, with Evensong at		5pm Preacher: Canon Caroline Pinchbeck	
11/05	19.30	Caring and Sharing	
12/05	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge	
	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield	
Court			
13/05	10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall	
	14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White	
Hall, Lower Hardres			
14/05	19.00	Ascension Day Service at Bridge	
16/05	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15 yrs Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
19/05	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge	
	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon	
Lodge			
	20.00	After 8's	
20/05	14.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven School Governors	
Meeting at Bridge School			
23/05	16-17.30	Bridge Youth Group for children ages 10-15 yrs Meet at the Pavilion, Bridge Recreation Ground.	
24/05		Pentecost Sunday	
25/05	# 19.30	Caring and Sharing	
26/05	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge	



## Week 2015

The focus for 2015 is Ethiopia and particularly on empowering women to improve their own lives and lift themselves and their families out of poverty. Adi was left with no cattle and just one sheep after her husband died. She was eating just once a day, and very little even then. Now with her new cow and loans from a self-help group, Adi can afford to eat. Adi is building a shop and building a future.



### Our challenge

Jesus challenged us to love our neighbour and our global neighbour too, especially those suffering through poverty. Together with churches, supporters, partners and staff, Christian Aid works to save lives now and inspire lasting hope for the future. It doesn't give handouts, but instead chooses its partners on the ground with care, working with all kinds of local groups who are innovative and effective in helping communities to change their situations for the better.

### How the money is spent

For every pound raised Christian Aid puts 86p directly into fighting poverty. Another 13p goes back into fund-raising so they can raise the next pound. The last penny pays for its running costs, ensuring it can keep carrying on the work.

### What we can do

On Sunday 10 May there will be a presentation during the 11am service at Bridge Church, telling about women like Adi and the Christian Aid partners who are helping her. Also, at 3.30pm the annual Canterbury Christian Aid service takes place at St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury. Everyone is warmly invited to these services.

If you are able to help during Christian Aid Week in any way, please contact Jean

([jean@uk2.net](mailto:jean@uk2.net))



At the monthly Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday May 13th in Bridge village hall you will be able to pick up a form for the summer outing on June 25th. This year it will be a trip to the Turner Gallery at Margate and lunch in a nearby pub

## **Bridge & District History Society**

The annual conference of the Kent History Federation will take place at Elham on Saturday 9th May. Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

The next meeting of the History Society will be on Thursday 19th May. Following her talk in March on the restoration being carried out on stonework at the Cathedral, Heather Newton will lead a tour at the Cathedral to see the work first hand.

Numbers are strictly limited to Society members only (cost £12.50) so please apply as soon as possible to Meriel Connor Tel: 830487. Meet at 6.30pm at the Guided Tour Ticket Office inside the precincts. (Cathedral Pass required).

Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting Seventeen parishioners attended the annual meeting of St Peter's Church on 25th March. The PCC reported another successful year in terms of church attendance and special services. Jane Millyard stood down as churchwarden. The vicar thanked God for her energy, faith and dedication which has been central to our life and growth over the last 2 decades. She was presented with flowers and a small gift as a token of our appreciation for all she has done for Bekesbourne Church. The accounts for 2014 showed a small surplus. We had a very busy year of fund-raising events. The Flower Festival was very successful, raising over £2,000. It was a happy church and community event which involved a band of 40 helpers. Thanks were given to everyone for their hard work, enthusiasm and generosity throughout the year. 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 was re-elected as churchwarden for the coming year. Pat Kusel continues as vice chairman, Nicky Fry as PCC secretary and Zan Clifford as treasurer. Graham Duplock represents The Friends of Bekesbourne Church. Lindsay Sharp-Kinsey was appointed Electoral Roll Officer. The remaining members of the PCC are Amanda Barker, Jonathan Cowans and Jane Millyard. A building sub-committee has been set up to look after the fabric of the church. Nicky Fry (PCC Secretary)

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### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Following on from our successful Spring Show, the next event on our programme this year is a presentation by a local organisation, **Natural Pathways**, on "**Foraging Wild Plants and Cook Up**". I am sure there will be a chance to sample and taste and it might even inspire us to broaden and enliven our eating habits without major expense! The talk will be on **Tuesday 12 May** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and everyone is welcome. There will be a small charge to include refreshments.

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

On **Wednesday 13 May**, the Society has invited back **Steve Bradley, Radio Kent Gardening Presenter**, to give a talk entitled "**A Practical Guide to Pruning**". As usual the talk will be in **Bridge Village Hall**, 7.30 for 8.00 pm, and everyone is welcome to come along and pick up some useful tips and advice

### **Bridge Allotment Association**

An allotment is expected to become available shortly. If you are interested in an allotment, either now or in the future, please contact James Logan by email: [jmslogan904@gmail.com](mailto:jmslogan904@gmail.com)

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

May is a busy month for our WI.

Firstly, a reminder of our **May Day Tea** on Friday 1 May at the Pavilion on Bridge Recreation Ground from 2.30 until 4.00 pm. All are welcome.

On Thursday 14 May we have arranged a birthday celebration outing to **Merriments Gardens** in East Sussex prior to our regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday 19 May** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. As this is our Birthday and Resolutions Meeting there will be no guest speaker but the committee will be organising a buffet supper to complement the evening.



# Come and explore St Peter's churchyard at Bekesbourne in the Nailbourne valley



Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 2.30 to 4.30pm

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- Grand Raffle
- Children's performances
- Victoria Sponge competition
- Craft Stalls
- Fancy dress Parade (more details next month)

**Notes from a meeting of BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on Thursday 9 April 2015**

**Matter raised by a member of the public.**

Mr Joe Connor expressed his disapproval at the felling of a copper beech tree at Beechmount. He asked if the Parish Council was aware that this was going to happen and what has been done since. Cllr Hill replied, quoting from an email received from the owner of the property and also from an arborist's report, commissioned by the owner. He said that Bridge Parish Council had never been consulted about the loss of this tree.

**Recreation Ground;**

Cllr Ward reported good use of the playground area over the holiday period with an attendant rise in litter. The moles seem to have been reactivated by the onset of spring. Cllr Hodges thanked volunteers who participated in the Recreation Ground working party on 21 March 2015. The Clerk reported that the new mowing contractor had already carried out two cuts of the grass. Discussion then ensued about charging for the use of the refurbished pavilion on the recreation ground. It was agreed that payment by users should always be to one source (BVST or Bridge Parish Council) with a partition of funds between these groups to take place before the end of the relevant financial year.

**Nail bourne**

Cllr Atkinson reported that the latest report on groundwater levels in the area indicated a fall of 1 metre in the last two weeks. Bridge Ford will remain closed for another month although the gaugeboards in the village have started to record a falling river level. There is no tankering or overpumping along the Nailbourne at present and very little prospect of flooding this spring. The Council supported Cllr Atkinson's suggestion that names should be forwarded to him of villagers who might be willing to participate in a research project being sponsored by King's College, London regarding the fear of flooding.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

Joe Connor reported that Bridge is well ahead of most councils for Neighbourhood Planning. The Bridge plan is heavily dependent on acceptance by relevant Inspectors of the Canterbury City Council Plan. This is likely to take some time.

**Matters for Discussion and Action**

- a. **To discuss the provision of a bin to deal with dog mess on the water meadow near the ford.** Cllr Edmonds led the discussion which culminated in an agreed proposed location of a green coloured bin in close proximity to the water meadows.
  
- b. **To review the election timetable in preparation for May 7 elections.**  
The Clerk reminded the meeting of key dates in the current electoral cycle and pointed out that full details are available from him.

- c. **To discuss the nomination for a KALC award in 2016.** Cllr Hodges' suggestion that Cllr Hill be nominated for outstanding length and quality of service met with unanimous approval.
- d. **Annual Parish Meeting - 30 April 2015.** Cllr Hodges ran through the arrangements for the evening.
- e. **Sale of the Mill Centre.** A 6 month moratorium on the sale of the building is now in place. The meeting agreed unanimously that there must be an energetic response to the issue once elections results are known.
- f. **A BPC response to the rural enforcement questionnaire from Canterbury City Council-**Cllr Hodges led the meeting through the completion of the response form for Canterbury City Council.
- g. **A BPC response to the Concurrent Funding questionnaire from Canterbury City Council-**Cllr Hodges led the meeting through the completion of the response form for Canterbury City Council.
- h. The Council **ratified the draft emergency plan** as published prior to the meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

### **Any Other Business**

Cllr Ward reminded all present of the forthcoming village litter pick on Saturday 18 April 2015 at 9.30 am, with volunteers meeting at the junction of Conyngham Lane and High St.

Cllr Hill expressed his deep thanks to all fellow councillors on the occasion of his final meeting after over 35 years of service.

Cllr Atkinson will attend a KALC meeting on 21 April 2015 to discuss future working relationships with the new committee structure of Canterbury City Council.

Cllr Hodges asked for interested parties to contact the Clerk if they wished to be involved in a national survey of war memorials. She also expressed her thanks to all councillors for the support she has received in her two years as Chairman of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on **Thursday 14 May 2015 at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.**

# Battersea Dance Off

## **Bust a move with the Battersea Dance Off!**

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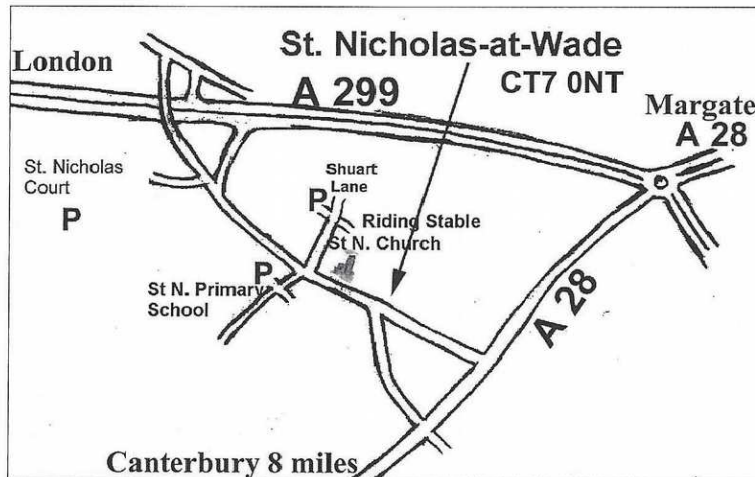
The idea is simple: Pupils create a dance using dog and cat inspired moves and donate £1 to take part. Dance Offs can be as compact as a Chihuahua, or as massive as a Mastiff! Participants receive a free pack, including a dance DVD, posters, event guide and lesson plans.

If you know a school that might like to take part, ask them to call Victoria on 07590 173456, email [danceoff@battersea.org.uk](mailto:danceoff@battersea.org.uk) or register at [battersea.org.uk/danceoff](http://battersea.org.uk/danceoff). Schools that register by 15 May will enter a prize draw to win a tour of a Battersea rehoming centre (Terms & Conditions apply).

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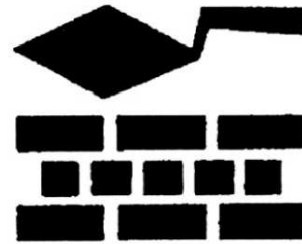


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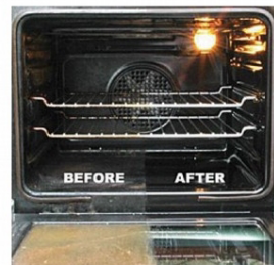
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