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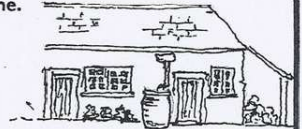
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<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> <b>1 November</b> <i>White</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 John 11:32-44	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> All Souls' Evensong <i>(with prayers for our loved ones)</i>	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist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

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Dear friends

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

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

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

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

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

Grace and peace, Jonathan



## Dates For Your Diary

### November 2015

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

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Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays

## Lower Hardres News

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

## Christmas Fair.

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

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

## Christmas Workshop.

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

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

## Harvest Lunch

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

Lots to eat and lots of laughs.

Sincere thanks to all.

Margaret and Vicki

## MY BIRTHDAY.

Thank you so much for all my celebration cards and my presence at the festivities. I certainly did not expect them but they were so lovely. THANK YOU AGAIN



### **Bridge Flower Arrangers**

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

**SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL CONCERT** This year it is to be held on Thursday 3rd December 2015 at 7.30pm In Bridge School Hall Entrance £3.00 - pay on the door (school children free) Refreshments will be served after the concert Join us for an evening singing carols - all money raised will go to the Salvation Army Fund

**SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON OF ENTERTAINMENT** We invite all Senior Citizens to an Afternoon of Entertainment On Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 1.30pm - 3.00pm in the School Hall Come along and listen to the children sing their Christmas songs Year 6 will serve refreshments during the afternoon If you would like to come please ring the school office on 830276 We can also arrange local transport if required

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



*You are warmly invited to*  
**Come and Sing Carols**  
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and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service.

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform *Prophets, Teachers, True Recorders* (Chorale, arr. J. S. Bach), *I Saw Three Ships* (Trad., arr. Willcocks), *Lullay, My Little One* (Straßburger Gesangbuch, arr. Reger), *A Manger Carol* (Anthony Hedges), *The Holy Boy* (John Ireland) and *Go, Tell it on the Mountain!* (Trad., arr. Miles).

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

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

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

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

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

With thanks & best wishes

Martin Miles

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

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

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

### **RIDE AND STRIDE**

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

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

Pauline Pritchard (Patricbourne)

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

Jill Gillanders (Bekebourne)

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Our coffee morning raised £240.00 for this great cause.

Thank you for your support.

Maxine (Woodlands Hair & Beauty).

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

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

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

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

### **CORRECTION.**

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

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

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

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

B.W.

### **The Friends of St Peter's Bridge**

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

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

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

### **Poppy Appeal 2015**

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

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

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

Please contact Emily Shirley on 07753779074 for more details.

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

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

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

### **October 2015 on the Recreation Ground**

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

Sue Hodges



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

We hope to see you then.

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

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

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### Report 15th Annual Open Exhibition October 2015

This was the most successful exhibition so far with 226 exhibits. Exhibits covering paintings, photographs, sculptures and craftwork from people of all ages living or working in a rural parish within a five mile radius of Bridge were shown. Bridge School contributed two roof hangings and the 1st Bridge Guides submitted a Holiday Collection. The Bridge and Patricbourne WI Craft Group contributed a Quilt. The exhibition favourite was A Stormy Day by ten year old Jenson North. The results can be seen on the web site ([www.artinbridge.org.uk](http://www.artinbridge.org.uk)).

Refreshments were available and visitors were encouraged to sit and talk. On Saturday evening piano music was played by Michael Chandler which added to the enjoyment of the event. There were presentations by Peter Hodges, Secretary of the South Canterbury Decorative and Fine Arts Society, one of this year's sponsors. Gift tokens, generously donated by Cowling and Wilcox, Canterbury were awarded in a non-competitive draw to two artists, one junior under eleven years of age and one senior up to the age of eighteen years. The junior prize was awarded to George Stanley who submitted three pieces of craft work. The senior prize was awarded to Mollie Bryant who submitted two pieces of art work. Grateful thanks are also due to our other exhibition sponsors The Bourne Gallery, Picture Framing Service at Chalkpit Farm. As always the successful weekend was due to the many talented exhibitors and loyal helpers.

Sue Hodges

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

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## **Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council**

**Thursday 8 October 2015 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

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

### **Recreation Ground**

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

### **Cantley Development Proposals**

The Chair stated that

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

There is great pressure for housing development in Canterbury district.

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

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

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

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

### **Green Court**

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

### **Illegal parking**

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

### **Drainage on the High St during heavy rainfall.**

KCC officials are aware.

### **Mill Centre**

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

### **High St Safety**

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

### **Skateboarding event: 28 October 2015: Bridge Recreation Ground**

### **Street lighting:**

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

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



## The Reverend Pamela LLOYD (our Vicar's mother)

*The Dean of Canterbury writes...*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Bourne Vets Advice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## News from The Fifth Trust at Elham Valley Vineyard

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

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

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

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

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

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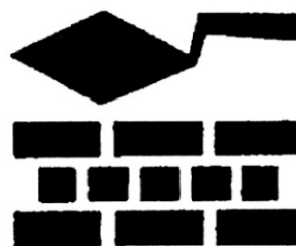
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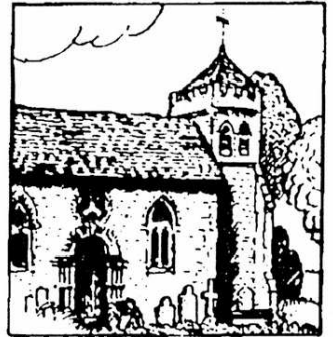
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<b>Second Sunday of Advent 6 December</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Advent Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Advent Family Service
<b>Third Sunday of Advent 13 December</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Carol Service</b>	<b>4.00pm</b> <b>Carol Service</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent 20 December</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i>	<b>3.00pm</b> <b>Crib Service</b>	<b>11.00am</b> Parish Eucharist  <b>6.00pm</b> <b>Carol Service</b>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist
<b>Wednesday 23 December</b>				<b>7.00pm</b> <b>Carol Service</b>	
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE 24 December</b>	<b>11.30am</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services across the Benefice</i>	<b>3.00pm</b> <b>Christingle</b> <i>(younger children)</i> <b>5.00pm</b> <b>Christingle</b> <i>(older children)</i> <b>11.30pm</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i>	<b>11.30pm</b> <b>Midnight Mass</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY 25 December</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Family Christmas Service</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>BCP</b>	<b>9.30am</b> <b>Christmas Family Eucharist</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <b>Family Carol Service</b>
<b>St JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist 27 December</b>			<b>11.00am</b> <b>Benefice Eucharist</b>		

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Dear friends

The terrible attacks in Paris that killed so many young people have shaken us all. We are starkly reminded of the reality of evil in our world, and the need to be united across Europe in our responses to terror. We are praying for all those affected and those who grieve. It is understandable and easy to feel frightened. At that first Christmas a young refugee family on the run in a climate of political violence, also felt fear. So did the shepherds in the fields. Just at the point when the fear of the people was probably getting out of control, God sent angels to proclaim from the skies 'Fear not!'. My prayer is that the voices of the angels will be heard loudly across our skies of Europe, as we try to 'fear not'.

The weeks leading up to Christmas are a time of getting ready for Christmas. The first year I lived in Denmark I got caught out as they start Christmas celebrations a day early, and I found all the shops closed on 24th! My last minute man-shopping was thwarted! In the Christian Church we mark the season of Advent. In many ways it is a counter-cultural experience, as Advent aims to help us slow down at the very moment the world is speeding up. Over the four Sundays we focus on the foretellers of the Incarnation - John the Baptist, the Patriarchs & Matriarchs, the Prophets, and young Mary. All people that pointed to and enabled the birth of Jesus. Advent is a time of expectant waiting.

My prayer this Advent and Christmas is that we will hear the angels singing 'fear not', and that our celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace will be a time of building peace in our community and world. The message of Christmas is that the light of Christ in the world is brighter than all the darkness and can never be extinguished.

There will be a warm welcome at your local church at all our special Advent and Christmas services - please come along with your family. See page 12 for the full list.

When the time comes, have a very Happy Christmas!  
Jonathan

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		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
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05/12	09.30-12.00		Christmas Children's Workshop, John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres
06/12	09.30		Advent Family Service at St Peter's, Bekesbourne
		18.00	Advent Evensong at St Peter's, Bridge
08/12	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Carol Service at Mansfield Court
09/12	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall Lower Hardres
13/12		09.30	Carol Service at St Mary's, Nackington
		14.00	Carols at Chalk Pit Farm, Bekesbourne
		16.00	Carol Service at St Mary's, Lower Hardres
14/12	19.30		Caring and Sharing Christmas Party
15/12	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Carol Service at Saxon Lodge
18/12	14.00		Carol Service at Bridge Haven
20/12	15.00		Family Crib Service at St Mary's, Lower Hardres
		18.00	Carol Service at St Peter's, Bridge
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22/12	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's



## Dates For Your Diary January 2016

03/01	09.30		Epiphany Family Service at St Peter's, Bekesbourne
		11.00	Epiphany Family
		18.00	Epiphany Evensong at St Peter's, Bridge
05/01	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
11/01	19.30		Caring and Sharing
12/01	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
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19/01	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court

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## **BEKESBOURNE NEWS**

### **Bekesbourne Family Service 9.30am**

**December 6th:-** This is our Annual Gift Collection for British Humanitarian Aid and Phil Edmonds from BHA is joining us and will give an audio/visual presentation of their work. See separate notice for items they need.

**January 3rd:-** Feast of the Three Kings. This is our nativity service. The young people of the congregation will be performing a short drama involving the three kings. If there are any other young people who would like to be involved-acting or music, then please come to the rehearsal on Sat.2nd Jan. from 2.30pm-4.00pm in St.Peter's, Bekesbourne and/or give me, Pat Kusel, a ring on 01227 830272.

We look forward to welcoming you to our All Age worship.

### **British Humanitarian Aid**

They no longer have the luxury of free lorries and desperately require cash to buy and run lorries for the existing 3 loads waiting in the warehouse. In addition they are looking for any of the following items;- ALL CLOTHING (including hand knitted items) ALL FOOTWEAR, BEDDING , HOUSEHOLD LINEN, EARLY LEARNING and TOYS, SOFT TOYS, GAMES and PUZZLES, FABRICS / CRAFTS (knitting, sewing and other craft items), BAGS, HOUSEHOLD (Crockery, Cutlery, Cookery and other items), SCHOOLS (Stationery, Art Materials, Sports Equipment and Classroom Furniture), COMPUTERS/MONITORS (In working order, running at least WinXP, with a CDrom), GARDEN, MECHANIC'S and WOODWORKING TOOLS, BICYCLES, BABY BUGGIES, WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, TOILETRIES, SANITARY GOODS, SCHOOL FURNITURE, FRIDGES, FRIDGE FREEZERS, ELECTRIC COOKERS, WASHING MACHINES, SPIN DRIERS, CD PLAYERS, DIGITAL CAMERAS, UNLOCKED MOBILE PHONES + CHARGERS.

Please contact Phil or Tony on 01227 453434 (warehouse) if you have goods that need collecting or for opening times for the warehouse for delivery. Please bear in mind that they are very busy at this time of the year out and about. All contact details and location map available on their website- [britishhumanitarianaid.co.uk](http://britishhumanitarianaid.co.uk).

Come and listen to an audio visual presentation by Phil at St.Peter's Bekesbourne on Sunday 6th Dec. at 9.30 during our all age worship.

The Charlton Park Singers Director Grenville Hancox At  
St Mary's Patrixbourne Wednesday 16th December at  
10.30am Come along and listen to us sing from our  
repertoire of world music and seasonal songs. Coffee  
and mince pies afterwards

LOWER HARDRES NEWS Harvest Gifts Sincere thanks for all the gifts you gave to AGE CONCERN . They were much appreciated. Christmas Bazaar

This goes to print before the Bazaar takes place ,but I do thank all who helped in any way . Benefice Workshop This takes place on Saturday 5th of December ,9-30 till 12 noon, in the John Baker White Hall , Lower Hardres.

Please book your place by contacting Julie Cox on 788316 or Margaret Clarke 765598 .Parents please stay with your pre-school child. it would be appreciated if each child could bring £1 towards materials. Do come along - it will be fun. Advent Carol Service St . Mary's ,Lower Hardres on Sunday December 13th at 4 o'clock ,followed by mulled wine and mince pies . Do

come along to this service of Advent hymns, carols and readings. Crib service. Our crib service will be held on Sunday 20th December at 3.00pm. Please bring along any gifts of food for Canterbury Food Bank . It would be lovely if children dress up as a Nativity character . Family Service At 9-30 am on Christmas Day, so do come to praise God and meet friends.

Epiphany Family Communion Service January 3rd at 11am . We will celebrate the arrival of the 3 Kings. A very happy Christmas and a Blessed

New Year.

Margaret.

SALVATION ARMY AND BRIDGE SCHOOL CHOIR CAROL  
CONCERT This year it is to be held on Thursday 3rd December 2015 at  
7.30pm In Bridge School Hall Entrance £3.00 – pay on the door (school  
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an evening singing carols – all money raised will go to the Salvation  
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# **Friends of St Peter's Bridge BEER AND CAROLS**

*THE RED LION  
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**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm – 7.15pm**



**Singing will be led by:**



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Saturday 6th February 2016 at 7pm.

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Evelyn Andrews 01227 830960

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

The December Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday Dec 9th with carols to enjoy. The January one will be on 13th and the Winter Warmer Lunch will be on Wednesday January 27th.

A very happy Christmas to us all.

## **Bridge & District History Society**

The annual Christmas evening will be held at the White Horse Inn, Bridge on Thursday 15th December, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. There will be a photo quiz and a raffle. Choice of menu and included drink on arrival. Members £20.00, non-members £25.00.

Details from John Cardy Tel:721360.

The first meeting of 2016 will be on Thursday 21st January in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. Prof. Alan Chadwick will speak about the discovery of Henry VIII's ship The Mary Rose, the raising of the wreck and the challenges it has presented to the conservators. Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

Details from David Gilmour, Tel:832450.

## **Ride and Stride**

Many thanks to the Riders and Striders, Greeters and Sponsors who helped raise £288 on behalf of St. Peters Bridge on Saturday 12th September. 50% of these monies go the Church and the other half to The Friends of Kent Churches. Next years event will be held on the 10th September. Ann and David Edmonds.

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

15 members attended the Branch AGM on 10th November. We are delighted to have a new Branch President - Mr John Hewett and also a Vice President - Mr Geof Welch. Other Branch officers and officials were re-elected as follows - Chairman - Ray Tupper, Vice Chairman - Barbara Hunt, Hon Secretary - Barbara Hunt, Hon Treasurer - John Hewett, Branch Committee - Ray Tupper, Bob Catt and Peter Murton, Standard Bearer - Tom Pett, Deputy Standard Bearer - Bob Catt, Service Committee Officer - Geof Welch, Poppy Appeal Organiser - Wendy Giles, Deputy Organiser - Nancy White.

Our next Branch meeting will be on Tuesday 8th December at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne when the meeting will have a "Christmassy" theme to it. We look forward to seeing you. Our first meeting of the new year will be on ~~Tuesday 12th January 2016 - same time and same venue.~~

Dear friends, neighbours and OTN connections, After 30 years Eileen and Maurice Smith have moved from the delightful environs of The Close, Union Road to 45 Mansfield Court, same phone number 831075. If you would like to view our labour-saving home in The Close, please contact Colebrooksturrock.com – 01227 831999, 88 High Street, Bridge.



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

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

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform *Prophets, Teachers, True Recorders* (Chorale, arr. J. S. Bach), *I Saw Three Ships* (Trad., arr. Willcocks), *Lullay, My Little One* (Straßburger Gesangbuch, arr. Reger), *A Manger Carol* (Anthony Hedges), *The Holy Boy* (John Ireland) and *Go, Tell it on the Mountain!* (Trad., arr. Miles).

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

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

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

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

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

With thanks & best wishes

Martin Miles

## **Patricxbourne Carol Service**

Our Carol service at Patricxbourne is on 23rd December this year at the usual time of 7pm. We are proposing to hold choir rehearsals on Monday 14th and Monday 21st at 7pm and Wednesday 23rd at 5pm. All of these will be in the church.

If you would like to join the choir for this festive occasion,  
you will be very welcome.

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Further details from Pauline Pritchard (830685)



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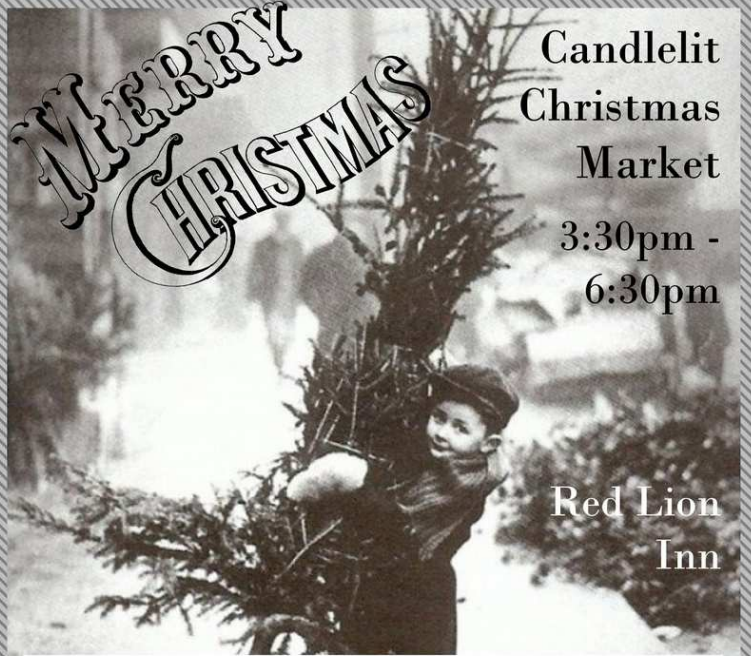
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Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm

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# BRIDGE FARMERS' MARKET



Candlelit Christmas Market

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## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December



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Bokesbourne Village Hall

Saturday

5<sup>th</sup> December, 2015  
10.00 am



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## Nailbourne

We wind up the Society's activities Social Evening on Tuesday 1 D our **AGM** on **Tuesday 26 January** subscriptions for the year are due ( have an interesting programme of t our two shows for which sc And now a plea. We would be **committee** which is currently ope resignation pending. I can assure committee we usually meet no mor have some new (younger?) blood secretary, Brenda Wood, or make After the short business meeting, w collector **Phil Andrews** to give

**Bridge with Patrixbourne Women** For the final meeting of the year (Tu Village Hall) we have a presentation who will be giving us a short talk ab Cabaret of Magic. This will be follo Committee.

For our first meeting of 2016 on Tue in Bridge Village Hall, we have invit **Baby Unit** at the William Harvey Ho

there. If you are interested in this topic or in the wv generally please do come along to the meeting. You will be made most welcome.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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# AGM

Tuesday 26 January  
7.30 pm  
Bridge Village Hall

followed by

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talk by Local Resident & Keen Collector

## Phil Andrews





place in the elegant ballroom of Charlton Park. A generous initiative of Michael and Elizabeth has resulted in a consummately-played harp concert by harpists from all over the world, including under Simon Standish conducting the World Orchestra for harp music from the Spanish and English

measures on behalf of the fabric of the church so that an approach can then be made to the trustees, nothing less than that the west wall is coming

to name us.

Donations, both one-off payments and Standing Orders, from the village would be especially welcome. If you are interested, please contact me at Mill Lane, Charlton Park, Oxfordshire (1 Park View, Mill Lane, CT4 5LH, or 5 Longmeadow Lane, CT4 5JX. I can provide further information and orders.

My plans for events in 2016 to follow the tradition of the Red Lion (with a magnificent hamper to be included) on Thursday 17 December. Especially if you are giving a concert in the church at 7pm on the 17th, please let me know, available in due course.



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Thursday 12 November 2015 (full minutes on [www.bridgevillage.co.uk](http://www.bridgevillage.co.uk))

**Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)**

A thorough review of the conservation areas in the District will be undertaken over the next 2-3 years. He encouraged Bridge residents to be fully involved in the consultation which will form part of this review. The water table appears to be about 4 metres lower than the equivalent time last year.

**Report from Kent County Councillor Michael Northey.**

Villagers might consider the role of foster parenting? There is a great shortage at present in Kent. Go to Thanington Resource Centre on Tuesday 1 December at 7.00 p.m. to find out more. Also Kent County Council website.

**Recreation Ground**

Cllr Moon thanked the Parish Council for allowing the recreation grounds to be used for the firework display.

**Matters for discussion and action.**

**a. To review responses received to the Cantley development proposals, to plan for further consultation and next steps. (Cllr Atkinson)**

66 emails from 27 individuals and a further 8 formal letters from a total of 8 individuals received so far.

Members were reminded that the Parish Council's role is to consult with the village on the whole suite of the Cantley proposals and not to focus just on the proposed housing development on Conyngham Lane. The council agreed to set up a working group to consider how to canvass the opinions of the whole Parish in respect of the Cantley Proposals as currently phrased. The last scheduled public consultation event is on 28 November in the village hall from 9.30-11.00 a.m.

**b. To note the proposed housing development on the Brickfield Site and the proposed relocation of the Post Office.**

Cllr Cook spoke about the importance of the ownership of the land by Canterbury City Council. Canterbury would therefore control the scope and scale of the development. It would be of an appropriate size for a village such as Bridge and would take into account comments made by villagers once the formal 8-week consultation opens on November 25 2015.

Letters are to be sent by the Parish Council to the owners of the Chemist shop and to the Post Office asking for the reasoning behind the impending closure of the Post Office.

**To discuss the future status and management of the Mill Centre.**

The broad outlines of the lease to be granted to the Parish Council have been discussed and will be developed further on 10 December.

**Bridge needs a new footpath warden- contact the Clerk if interested.**

**To consider the report from KCC and decide on next steps for the Green Court area. (Cllr Atkinson)**

A consultation document on possible options for improvement to the area for completion by residents of the Western Avenue development will be drawn up. Christmas trees will be put up on Saturday December 5 starting at 9.30 am in the village hall. Volunteers are very welcome.

**Bridge Parish Council next meets: Thursday 10 December 2015 at 7.00pm in Bridge Village Hall.**



Residents from the Bekesbourne Road and Town Hill part of the Parish attended the meeting to discuss the problems caused by HGV's parking in the lay-by at the top of Bridge High Street. The lay-by was used extensively for HGV parking during 'Operation Stack' but continues to be heavily used since then. Noise from refrigeration units and lorries moving at all times of the day and night, the blocking of rear gates and the litter and other detritus left by the lorry drivers is of great concern to residents and other lay-by users. A suggested solution is to place bollards along the lay-by so only cars can enter the space. The council agreed to write to our KCC and City Councillors and propose that such bollards be installed.

Parish Councillors had attended the meetings about the proposals for the major housing development at Mountfield Park. The new A2 junction and the implications for traffic flow through the villages, and the changes to the junctions leading to Bridge and Bekesbourne were discussed with the traffic consultant at the meeting. Letters detailing our concerns about the proposals are to be sent to the developers and the City Council.

The skate board day to be held in conjunction with Bridge Parish Council had been cancelled due to concerns over the weather, but will be re-arranged for a day in the spring. Other items discussed at the meeting can be seen in the full minutes of the meeting on the Parish website.



## REFUGEE CRISIS

Refugees risking their lives to cross the Mediterranean in a pressing reminder of the refugee crisis in the aftermath of World War II that led to the founding of Christian Aid in 1945.

According to the UN, in the first half of 2015, a third of the people making the sea crossing to Italy and Greece were from Syria. More than 50% of the population are now displaced, with more than 4.1 million people forced to seek safety outside the country, in Lebanon, Iraq and Europe. Their needs will increase now winter is here, and the numbers of people seeking refuge will continue to grow as long as the conflict in Syria continues. As in 1945, Christian Aid is reaching out to those in need. As we approach Christmas and remember that the child Jesus was himself a refugee, could you help Christian Aid respond to the immediate and long-term needs of today's refugees by giving to its Refugee Crisis Appeal? Your donations could buy sleeping bags, food, water, baby kits, and also improve conditions in reception centres.

Christian Aid asks for donations of money rather than clothes or other goods, because it helps people more quickly, is more cost-effective, avoids damaging local economies and makes sure people get what they need most.

To donate go to [www.christianaid.org/refugees](http://www.christianaid.org/refugees) or send a cheque marked 'Refugees' to Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7RL.

Up until 5th February 2016 all donations will be doubled by UK Aid

Bridge Village Butcher As you may be aware, Laurie Wakeham, who has been in Bridge for the past 25 years, has decided it is time to hang up his meat cleaver, retire and sell the business. If you think it is important to preserve a butcher's shop in Bridge, would you be willing to invest in a Community-owned Enterprise that would purchase the premises, hire a butcher and also become a shareholder in an integral part of the Community? If you are interested to find out more please contact us:  
Email: [bridgecommunitybutcher@gmail.com](mailto:bridgecommunitybutcher@gmail.com) Phone: 01227 831740  
Laurie is in full agreement with this approach and will be giving

out these notes in his shop. Many thanks.

REFUGE Children's author, Anne Booth, (who lives in Bridge) has written a new book called Refuge. The Times newspaper named it the Children's Book of the Week at the end of last month. The book is a timely and timeless retelling of the Christmas story, inspired by refugee children everywhere. Children's Laureate, Chris Riddell, said it is "a book to share with a lump in your throat and an ache in your heart until the beauty and hope of the very last page." Anne has generously waived her author's fee, and £5 from the sale of each book is being given to War Child UK, assisting child refugees. The book is published by Nosy Crow Ltd., ISBN 978-0-85763-741-3, £7.95 and is available at Waterstones in Canterbury. Thank

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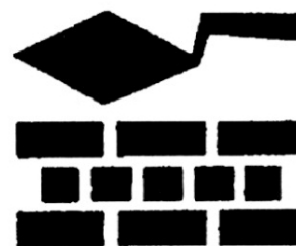
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