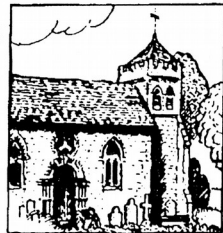


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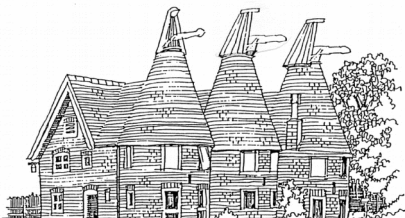
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<b>CANDLEMAS 1 February</b>  <i>Hebrews 2:14-end Luke 2:22-40</i>	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Candlemas Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Service
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before 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.

## Dates For Your Diary

February

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05/02	19.30	Health and Healing at 7 Windmill Close
09/02	19.30	Caring and Sharing
10/02	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
Court		14.30 Holy Communion at Mansfield
11/02	10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
White Hall, Lower Hardres Hall		14.00 Social afternoon at John Baker
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
		15.00 Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
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18/02	14.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
Peter's Church, Bridge		19.00 Ash Wednesday service at St
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
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25/02		School Governors meeting at
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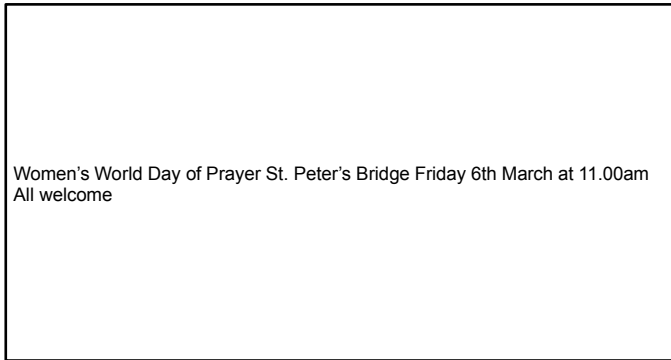
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## **Christmas News**

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 .

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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, Patrixbourne. 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!

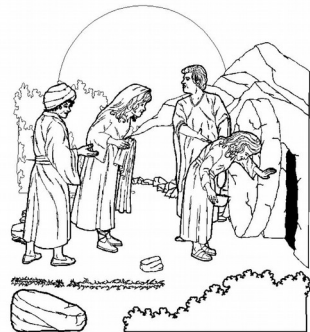
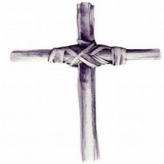
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# Holy Week and Easter 2015

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- **Palm Sunday** 29 March at **10.45am**  
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Led by Canon Jonathan and Bishop Richard Llewellyn.  
(*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 Llewellyn.
- **Good Friday** 3 April  
**9.30am-12.00noon Children's Easter Workshop** at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres.  
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- **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  
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## 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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## **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



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### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

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### **Bridge with Patrixbourne 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

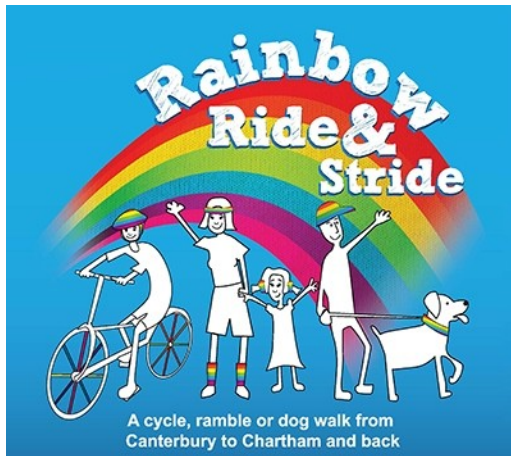
### **Trees for Winter/Spring Planting**

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!

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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)

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### **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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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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