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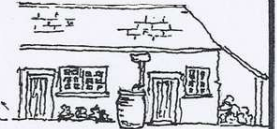
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY 2016	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
Rogation Sunday 1 May	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
Seventh Sunday of Easter 8 May	The Bishop's Visit 8.45am Holy Communion 9.30am Consecration of Churchyard Extension	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Parish Eucharist start of Christian Aid Week 2016	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	No 8.00am service today. You are invited to <i>Nackington 8.45am Holy Communion</i>
Pentecost 15 May	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
Trinity Sunday 22 May	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Matins	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
First Sunday after Trinity 29 May	11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge Haven	11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge Haven	11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge Haven	11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge Haven	11.00am Benefice Service at Bridge Haven

There is Holy Communion **every Tuesday at 9.30am** to 10.00am at Bridge Church, followed by coffee.



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Dear members,

May is a special month in the life of your local church.

On **1 May** we mark Rogation Sunday. Originally the Christian observance of Rogation was taken over from Graeco-Roman religion, where an annual procession invoked divine favour to protect crops against mildew. The tradition grew of processional litanies around the parish boundaries for the blessing of the land. The Rogation procession was suppressed at the Reformation, but it was restored in 1559. The poet George Herbert interpreted the procession as a means of asking God's blessing on the land, of preserving boundaries, of encouraging fellowship between neighbours with the reconciling of differences, and of charitable giving to the poor. (Evensong at Bridge at 6.00pm)

On **5 May** it is Ascension Day, when we remember Jesus returning to his Father. (Service at Bridge Church at 7.00pm).

On **8 May** we hear about the work of *Christian Aid*, the international development agency, at a special service at 11am at Bridge Church. Christian Aid does amazing work amongst the poorest people in the world, and our fundraising in these villages is always well supported. Thank you!

On **15 May** we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church - in 2016 we have 2 billion members across the world, and growing. Pentecost is the moment when God sent the gift of the Holy Spirit to the original disciples, and we pray today for the Holy Spirit's work in our lives, community and world.

On **22 May** we mark Trinity Sunday, when we focus on our trinitarian God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The mystery of three in one and one in three.

On **29 May**, our 11.00am Benefice Service will take place not in a church building. Instead we are being invited to worship with residents at Bridge Haven in Bridge, a wonderful care home run by Avante. This will be an important expression that the church community is not confined to buildings, but is out there in the community. Many of the residents have been active in their churches throughout their lives, and they are still an important part of our church community. So May is a full month. And the sunshine is on its way!

Grace and peace, Jonathan your Vicar.

ps See page 10 for the full list of church services across our villages.

Dates For Your Diary

May 2016

03/05	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
05/05	19.00		Ascension Day Benefice Service at Bridge Church
08/05	09.30		Special service at Nackington Church with Bishop Trevor,
			consecrating the churchyard
			(with Holy Communion service at
			8.45am)
09/05	19.30		Caring and Sharing
10/05	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		11.00	Benefice Finance Team at Vicarage
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
11/05	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres		19.30	Patixbourne with Bridge PCC
15/05	09.30		Pentecost Family Service at Lower Hardres Church
followed by			Porch Sale
17/05	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
18/05	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
20/05	19.30		Rev Simon Rowlands talks about Afghanistan at
Bridge School			
23/05	19.30		Caring and Sharing
25/05	16.00		School Governors meeting
29/05	11.00		Benefice Sunday Service at Bridge Haven, Bridge.
All welcome.			

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays.

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News from Bokesbourne Church

Great news! We have a wonderful new and efficient heating system in church. No more freezing fingers and toes. People were even shedding their coats at our Easter service. Please come along and experience it for yourselves.

Our next event in the church is on 11th June when the Choristers from the Cathedral are putting on a concert. Those of you who missed out on tickets when they came to Bridge should book the date and tell your friends. Tickets are £10.00 and include wine and nibble afterwards. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening. For further information please contact Amanda on 01227 830666. Tickets are now available to buy from Essentially Hops.

Nicky Fry

Bokesbourne 100 Club

The winners in March were: Mike Baldwin £50; Esme Pearson £25; Stuart Field £15; and in April they were: Ronald Thomas £50; Jane Langridge £25; and Vicky McPherson £15.

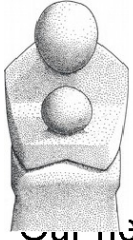
New from Lower Hardres

Churchyard – If you have visited the churchyard over the last few weeks you would not have failed to notice the newly seeded area in the bottom corner. What an improvement from the unsightly piles of garden rubbish and weeds. Many thanks to the “Grass Fairies” of Lower Hardres.

Evensong – A reminder that Evensong has now moved back to Lower Hardres and is held on the second Sunday of each month at 6pm.

Rev Donald Bretherton – it was with much sadness that we learnt of Donald's death. He was indeed one of our favourite visiting clergy and we know that he loved to come and preach at Lower Hardres, accompanied by his wife Mary. Our thoughts are with his family.

Porch Sale – There will be a Porch Sale following the Family Service on Sunday 15th May 2016.



The Quiet View

Our next **Silent Retreat** is on Thursday **5th May** from **10am – 3pm** and will be led by Dr Julia Ronder, Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist and Community Paediatrician and Mindful Self Compassion Teacher. All those working in healthcare as well as those in all kinds of caring roles are welcome, as are those from all spiritual backgrounds and traditions. These retreats are best suited to those already experienced and comfortable with silence but all are welcome. Please book with www.newron.co.uk

In Search of the Cosmic Christ on **Saturday 18th June** from **10.30 am – 3.30pm** is a quiet day led by Lizzie who is a retired hospice chaplain and warden of the Quiet View. The day will explore the idea that the Cosmic Christ is not only the historical Jesus but also the Ground of our Being – the Divine energy that enlivens all people and the whole of creation. The day will include time for silence, led meditation and opportunities to be one with nature in the garden and in the yurt. Suggested donation is £15 and please book.

For both of the above days, please bring a packed lunch and refreshments will be served throughout the day. Please wear 'sensible' shoes, as the ground in the garden is uneven!

For the dates of our monthly Womens Drumming Circles please check with Caroline Barnes at www.the-rhythm-of-life.co.uk 01303 840859

Our monthly Taizé prayers continue on the first Friday of the month at 7pm. These are beautiful times of chants and silence surrounded by candles and icons. No need to book.

We hope to welcome you to the Quiet View soon.

Lizzie Hopthrow 146 The Street Kingston - lizziehopthrow@gmail.com
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www.quietview.co.uk

Fish News May 2016

The annual fund-raising Bring and Buy will take place this year during the Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday May 11th. As well as plants and cakes we welcome anything you think might sell well. Thank you for your unfailing support.

The Cornelia Slavin Outing will be to Walmer Castle on Friday 10th June. There will be forms at the May Coffee Pop-In and at Frank Whitten's office in the High Street.

Fish (Neighbourly Help) Scheme Bring and Buy Plants Cakes
Raffle 10am to 11.15 Bridge Village Hall Wednesday May 11th

Flag Very many thanks to those who supported our "flag" coffee morning on St Patrick's Day (hope the appropriate flag was noticed fluttering in his memory...) Hilary and I are pleased to have received another £80.00 in contributions, of which £10.00 went to the hire of crockery. Thank you all so much. With the agreement of the Church Wardens, we are using the remaining £70.00 as a basis for a continuing "Flag Fund", because replacements will eventually be a continuing need. H. and B.W. Bridge & District History The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 19th in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30. Louise Wilkinson's talk is entitled "Medieval Queens". Canterbury Cathedral has enjoyed strong connections with England's queens and she will introduce some of the royal women who have visited Canterbury. Members £4.00, non-members £5.00. Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.



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LOVE TIME every NEIGHBOUR

ne will remember vividly the flooding in the early part of 2015 and some will know only too well the awful effect of having flood water in their homes.

We can understand then a little of what Morsheda, the lady featured in last month's *On the Nail*, suffers each year when her house on one of the low-lying islands in the Brahmaputra River in Bangladesh floods. One year, it filled up to her knees with floodwater. To stay dry, and keep away from the dangerous snakes that now swam through her home, she raised her bed up on bricks. But during the night she was woken by a loud splash. In the pitch black, her baby son had fallen into the inky water. He could have drowned in moments.

House-to-house collecting is how Christian Aid Week began over 70 years ago, and it still raises an incredible £6.5m across Britain and Ireland every year. This year the money raised will help Morsheda and others in her situation to have a better, safer life.

You can find out more about Morsheda and Christian Aid's work in Bangladesh at the annual Christian Aid service on Sunday 15 May at 3.00pm. This year it is at St Peter's Methodist Church, St Peter's St, Canterbury and it will be followed by a picnic in the Master's Lodge garden. Everyone is welcome.

A few of the loyal team of collectors in our villages are not available this year, so if you could help in any way – delivering envelopes, collecting them or both – please get in touch.

Jean Barber
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BRIDGE BENEFICE CARING & SHARING GROUP Villages along the Nailbourne Talk with Slides by Bob Richards Founder of the 'Canterbury remembering it as it was' Facebook page 7.30pm Friday 6th May 2016 Bridge & Patixbourne School Hall Ticket £6 adult £3 children To include alcoholic & non-alcoholic drink with nibbles Proceeds to St. Peter's Church Building Fund Tickets available from 01227 830960 or Mervyn Gulvin Architects in Bridge High Street

BRIDGE VILLAGE FETE
SATURDAY 25TH JUNE 12 NOON—4PM

Bridge School Grounds

(parking in recreation ground)

Fairground stalls, bouncy castles, craft stalls,

BBQ, Cream Teas, Lunches, Ices,

Toys, books, bric a brac and much more

Entertainment includes Steel Band, a Clown and displays, singing and dancing from our school children

Children's competition—plate of decorated cup cakes

Adults—Victoria Sandwich, judging to take place at 1pm

Talk by Simon Rowland

Friday 20th May
7-30pm
School Hall, Bridge

Simon will talk about his time with the Army Reserve and his time as Hospital Chaplain at Camp Bastion and the ongoing journey within the Army Reserve.

Tickets £10



T.O.P.S

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Friday 27th May 7-30pm
St. Peter's Church, Bridge

The programme includes:
a one act performed reading of the
comedy, "World Premiere" by Charles
Mander, an excerpt from "The Lion
In Winter" by James Goldman and
"Sermon" by Alan Bennett.

Tickets £10



Good Gnus

4th June 2016

7-30pm

St Peter's Church, Bridge

Tickets £15

Jon Williams and Chris Price accompanied by the dexterous (and infinitely patient) Dr. David Flood, the Cathedral Organist and Master of the Choristers, with their rediscovery of the wit and wisdom of a few of England's greatest musical humorists. Starting with the songs of Flanders and Swann, their repertoire now includes songs by Noel Coward, Richard Stilgoe, Peter Skellern, and (from across the pond) Tom Lehrer, exploring issues such as education, love and romance, ecclesiastical matters, and the national economy.

The trio has one requirement: that their audience should be prepared to roar the chorus of "The Hippopotamus Song" with as much gusto as is humanly possible.

SAVE £5 - book all three shows for £30

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Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC



Coffee Morning

*Bridge Village Hall
Saturday 14th May
10 am–12 noon*

Cake Stall, Books,
Bric-a-brac and raffle

*Come and meet friends
Over a cup of coffee.*



Bridge with Patixbourne Women's Institute

We have two events organised for May. The first is our Annual Fund Raising "**Afternoon Tea**" to be held in the **Pavilion** on Bridge Recreation Ground on **Friday 6th May** from 2.30 until 4.30 pm. There will be a charge of £2.50 (to include tea and cake) and, needless to say, in true WI tradition, there will be a raffle as well as a craft sales table to browse over. Hopefully the weather will be warm and we shall be able to open the doors on to the Recreation Ground and enjoy some Spring sunshine. Do pop in with friends to relax and enjoy this alternative village venue and to support us in this venture. You will be most welcome.

Then, a little later in the month, on **Tuesday 17 May** at 7.30 pm in our usual meeting place of Bridge Village Hall, we have our "**Birthday and Resolutions**" Evening when, after discussing the Resolutions to be put forward to the WI's National Conference, we will have a Buffet Supper served by the Committee to celebrate our birthday month.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Following on from the Spring Show, the next event on the calendar is on **Tuesday 3 May** at 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall** when **Dennis Vickers**, a well known local figure in the farming and horticultural world, will be entertaining us with a talk entitled "**100 Years of Farming**". To encourage new members, we would ask you to "Bring Along a Friend for Free!"

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

The Society are fortunate to have secured **Dr Peter Dawson**, vegetable plant breeder and managing director of British-based company **Tozer Seeds**, as guest speaker for the meeting on **Wednesday 11 May** in Bridge Village Hall (7.30 for 8.00 pm start). Dr Dawson will be giving a talk on seed production. Non-members are most welcome.

A concert by
**The Choristers
of Canterbury Cathedral**



The programme will include favourites such as
“The Lord is my shepherd” Timothy Noon
“Sound the trumpet” Henry Purcell
“Love changes everything” Andrew Lloyd Webber

7.00pm Saturday June 11th 2016
St Peter’s Church, Bekesbourne

All Proceeds go to St Peters Church & Choir House Fund for the Choristers

Tickets £10 (numbers are limited) Amanda Barker 01227 830964
Available from Essentially Hops, Chalkpit Farm CT4 5EU 9am-5pm Mon-Sat



E VETS NEWS

Seeing a dog scooting or dragging its rear end along the ground is quite a strange sight, and often makes people laugh. However, for your dog it is not at all funny as there is often a very irritating reason behind it.

All dogs and cats have anal glands or scent glands situated either side of their bottom that produce a yellow fluid that is used to mark territory and identify other animals. This fluid is normally released when the animal passes faeces or they can spontaneously empty when the animal is stressed and produce a strong unpleasant fishy odour.

Sometimes these anal glands do not empty as they naturally should and so become full. This can cause your pet a lot of pain and discomfort. Dogs will often attempt to ease this irritation by scooting their bottoms along the floor. Other signs of discomfort include licking or biting at their bottom, sitting uncomfortably, chasing their tail or a strong fishy smell!

The glands can also become impacted if the duct leading from the gland becomes blocked which results in very swollen glands and if left untreated they can become infected resulting in abscessation of the area and fever.

If you notice any signs of irritation in your pet we would advise a trip to the vets to get them checked out and have the glands emptied if necessary. This is a straightforward procedure that vets can do in the consulting room with you present. If there is any sign of infection in the glands your pet may need to be prescribed a course of antibiotics. Occasionally it may be necessary to perform surgery to remove the glands if they keep getting infections or if your pet has anal gland tumours, but this is rare.

If you have any further questions or want to book a check up for your pet please call **Bourne Veterinary Practice** on **01227 832322**.

We are holding our annual **Open Day** on **Bank Holiday Monday 30th May** and would love to see lots of you there. This is a great chance to meet all our staff and have a look behind the scenes. We can provide you with lots of helpful advice if you are thinking about getting a pet and we'll have lots of animals that you can meet on the day. It's all completely **FREE** so please pop down between 12-4pm and see what we do.

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Afternoon Tea



at the Pavilion

on Bridge Recreation Ground

Friday 6 May

2.30 until 4.30 pm



£2.50 (to include tea and cake)

Craft, Raffle

All Welcome

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



100 Years of Farming

talk by well known local figure in the farming
and horticultural world

Dennis Vickers

Tuesday 3 May

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

All welcome

small charge to include refreshments

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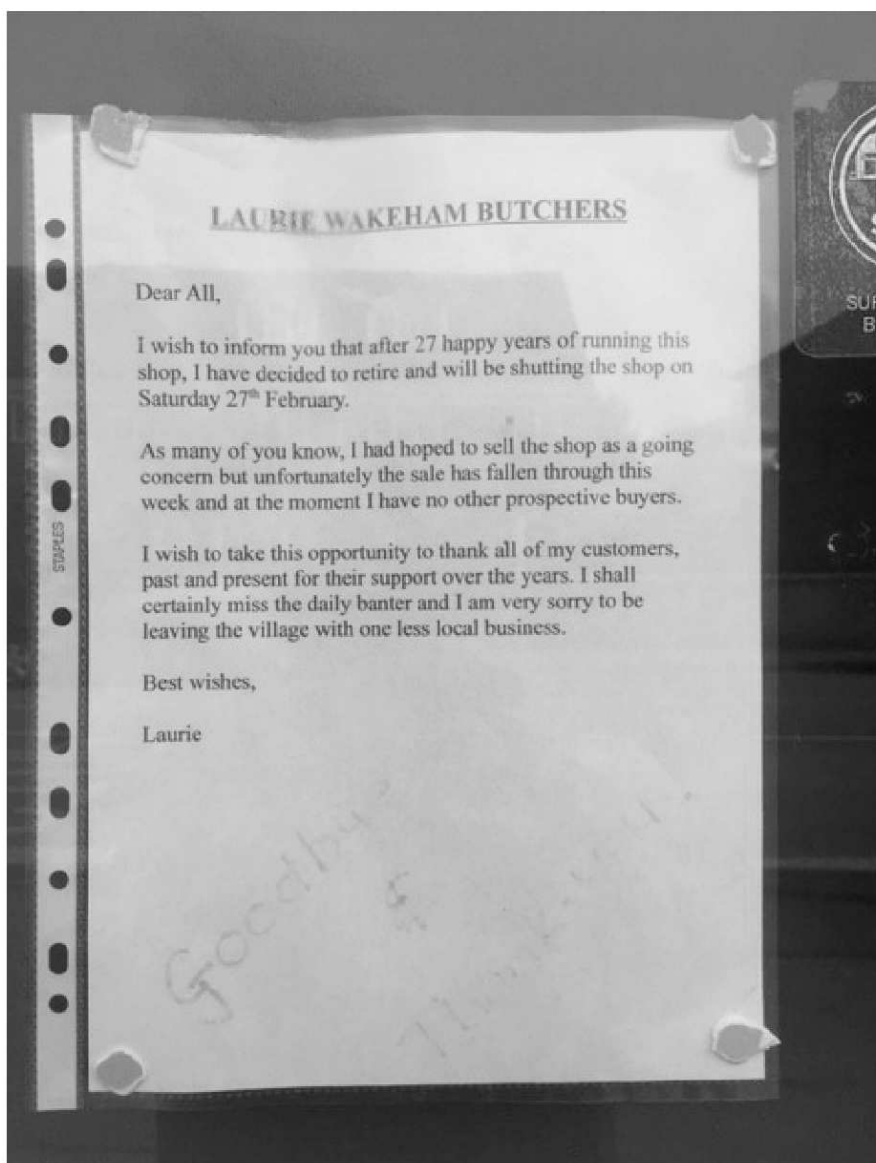
RETIREMENT OF BRIDGE BUTCHER

Mr Laurie Wakeham

February 2016

Many of the village and beyond will be regretting the closure of his shop and departure the its owner. No more hop picker's pies, minted lamb chops, home-made pork pies, nor the Pluckley loose tea, coffee, jars of chutney and the splendid cheese board.

Below is the farewell notice which Laurie left for his customers in the window



Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 14 April 2016 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)

Cleaning of the A2 is the responsibility of CCC (and not the Highways Agency as reported in March). There will be an A2 litter pick in May. He explained many of the impediments CCC faces to finding an effective cheap and practical solution to the cleaning of the A2 highway and verges.

Report from Kent County Councillor (KCC) Michael Northey.

He focused on the need to ensure the road layout of the new junction on the A2 meets the needs of villagers and on the planned resurfacing of the road from Littlebourne to the A2.

Information exchange:

5 Speedwatch sessions have happened using the newly purchased equipment.

28 volunteers were thanked for taking part in the litter pick on the Clean for the Queen event (5/6 March 2016). 24 bags of rubbish were collected. A similar event is to be organised at about the same time as the Queen's birthday party on 12 June 2016.

CCC has no plans to increase the number or size of litter bins in the village due to financial pressures.

Council agreed to replace the timber cradle swings with a steel framed set of cradle swings

Funding has become available for the development of Temporary Relief plans for Bridge. This means that the emergency/instant response plans put together after the 2014 floods will be embedded with equipment purchased and stored for emergency deployment in Bridge.

Decisions taken in the course of the meeting:

Joe Connor, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Group spoke of the next steps to be taken by the Neighbourhood Plan group in light of the preferences expressed in the recent housing consultation. (166 villagers had expressed their preferences; 14% of the electorate). The raw data from this consultation is on the website. It will also be available from the Clerk for those without internet access. Joe Connor will transcribe the comments received as part of the recent consultation for members of the Neighbourhood Plan group.

Council agreed to write to all residents of Green Court and relevant areas of Western Avenue to seek their involvement in the a working party which will be set to look into plans for improving aspects of the area.

Dates & Events to note:

Village event on 12 June to mark the Queen's 90th birthday: Volunteers are needed.

First aid course for villagers: Tuesday 10 May.

Next meeting of BPC: Thursday, 12 May 2016 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall

LITTLEBOURNE AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Not too much report this month but wear planning our cream tea noon for Sat 4th June - more details to come. As always, we are seeking new branch members and also people willing to do some poppy appeal collecting in the autumn. Please ring the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesday 10th May and 14th June both at the Recreation Club Littlebourne at 8pm.

Ex Libris - an exhibitions of Artists' Books and Paintings – May 28 - 30th at St Marys Church, Lower Hardres

Artists' books are a wonderful way to express some of the ideas that cannot be contained in a single piece of work, and during the Spring Bank Holiday weekend, two artists from Lower Hardres join forces to show some of their books and paintings at St Marys Church in Lower Hardres.

Clare Danstead is a painter with a passion for the environment. Clare has written a series of books over the last few years, which she calls her 'Heart Language Books'. They attempt to express concepts to do with our interconnectedness with each other, birds, animals and nature, and the role our hearts play in this process. Currently she is working on the illustrations for a new story, and you'll be able to see these, and her books if you visit the church during the holiday weekend. Children and adults alike will be enchanted by her stories.

Patricia Wilson Smith has worked with a range of book genres, from garden notebook/calendars, to a candid semi-autobiography. She's made 'The Garden Coat', for very small children and their Grandmas, and is currently writing an adventure book for older children. Her artist books and illustrations will also be on show during the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. Open 11am -4pm, Saturday, Sunday and Monday May 28 – 30th.

Summer Concert 'Nature, Springtime and Love' A concert in Womenswold Church on 13th May at 7.30p.m. Friends of Womenswold Church are very pleased to welcome back the Shepway Singers under the direction of Berkeley Hill. This small group of 20 singers will be performing during the exhibition and some artwork will be for sale.

Tickets are £10 (£8 Friends) from Marilyn (01227831208) or on the door and include wine and nibbles.



's Cooking?

Always wanting to use seasonal ingredients, I tried a variation of a fabulous crunch pie (no, not a cheesecake!), using blood oranges and Yorkshire rhubarb. This would work equally well with standard oranges and garden rhubarb, but perhaps not huge thick green stems of it when it is past its best.

Rhubarb and Orange Crunch Pie

8oz/230g Digestive or Hobnob biscuits, crushed (if you are using digestives, add a tablespoon of demerara sugar)

4oz/110 g butter, melted

Juice and zest of 3 small blood oranges or 1 ½ medium oranges

1 can condensed milk (full fat)

½ pint/300ml double cream

1lb/400g rhubarb

Grease a 9" springclip tin and put baking parchment in the base. Mix the crushed biscuits with the melted butter and spread into the tin, levelling out. Put in the fridge to allow the butter to harden.

Cut the rhubarb into 1" sections, and put into a pan with a small amount of water (about ¼ pint/150ml) and some jam sugar to taste. Simmer very gently so that the rhubarb doesn't lose its shape – or simmer a few pieces separately for the top. Save eight or so pieces, and drain the rest, harvesting the sweet juice. Allow to cool.

Whisk the condensed milk, cream, juice and zest together for about 2-3 minutes or so until it has thickened. This is best done with a Kenwood/Kitchen Aid mixer, or at least a deep bowl so you don't redecorate the kitchen!

Pour the rhubarb mixture onto the biscuit base, followed by the thick topping. Level the top and chill for at least half an hour so that it sets. Decorate with the remaining rhubarb. Boil the juice with more sugar until it is just setting (a few minutes at most), cool it slightly, then spoon or pipe it over the top of the pudding. Chill again.

When you remove this from the tin, remember that it has paper underneath...

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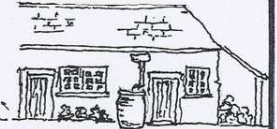
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New Teatime Service starting in September

Great News for all of you families who would like a service designed around food, activities and age appropriate liturgy. Bev Latham (ALM) is hoping to head a team of volunteers to run this gathering, starting in September.

However, like most fantastic schemes she needs a team to help her. Anything from making cakes and sandwiches, organising an activity which is themed, just coming along and talking to people, in fact just being yourselves! If you would like to get involved please will you email her at Bevlatham@hotmail.com.

We hope to advertise this new gathering during the coming months, so if you are a poster expert that would be great too! Even if you are not able to help but would like to come along with your family or on your own please will you email Bev and let her know of your interest.

We hope to run the TTG service (Teatime Gathering) once a month from 4-5pm. Young and old are welcome.

Readers and Intercessors

Beverly Latham (ALM) has taken over the rota for the readers, Sides- people and Intercessors for St Peter's Bridge. If you would like to add your name to the list please will you email Beverly and let her know. Bevlatham@hotmail.com

Dates For Your Diary—June 2016

04/06	19.30	Good Gns. Concert at St Peter's, Bridge
07/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
	19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
08/06	10.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
Lower Hardres	14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
11/06	19.00	Cathedral Choristers Concert at St Peter's,
Bekesbourne		
12/06	11.00	Bridge Church service will take place on the
Recreation Ground		(weather permitting).
13/06	19.30	Caring and Sharing
14/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
15/06	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven
21/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
	15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
	19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
25/06	Noon –16.00	Bridge School Fete
27/06	19.30#	Caring and Sharing
28/06	09.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

Church Working Party

We are organising a working party to tidy the Churchyard, especially the Garden of Remembrance, on Saturday 4th June, from 9am—11am.

Also has anyone a strimmer we could borrow, or could you spare an hour to use it? We need to tidy an area of nettles and hopefully make good the ground to seed it.

We hope to see a few parishioners on 4th June, it is important we all look after our Churchyard and we could do with a few 'younger' folk to help us.

Evelyn Andrews 830960

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

Thanks to your support at the May Coffee Pop-In, nearly £270 was raised towards Fish funds. These are used to cover the phone costs and subsidise the outing and winter lunch.

The June Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 8th in Bridge village hall from 10.00 to 11.15 and the outing to Walmer Castle will be on Friday 10th.

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital

The AGM and Coffee Morning of the Nailbourne Group was held on Saturday 16th April 2016 at Bridge Village Hall, £121 was raised. Thanks to all who attended, our Nailbourne Group Friends and those who have given donations or supported the group in other ways. A total of £27,000 was raised last year, mostly put towards the new Joan Bournier Diamond Jubilee Suite, a facility which provides respite for relatives when presence at the hospital is vital.

We welcome donations of used stamps, over £100 was raised last year. Anyone interested in joining the group, or who would like to see how funds raised are allocated would be welcome to join one of our committee members at a League of Friends Central Meeting held at the hospital. Please contact Elizabeth Stewart 01227 830344.

Bridge & District History Society

On Thursday June 16th there will be a visit to Dover Western Heights to visit the Napoleonic fortifications. Keith Parfitt will encompass the Drop Redoubt and Grand Shaft staircase.

Meet at Dover Western Heights 2.30pm. For further details or to book please contact Meriel Connor Tel:830487 by Thursday June 2nd.

Members £5.00, non-members £6.00.

Lower Hardres News

Thank you so very much to all who contributed cakes to the Porch Sale on Whit Sunday. They were amazing. Everything was sold .

We did have fun and we made over 100 pounds for our fabric fund which will go towards our building project.

Christian Aid

A big thank you to all who helped to collect the envelopes. A special thank you to Jane and Judith. It was a mammoth task.

I hope you have a good summer,

Margaret

Patricbourne with Bridge Annual Church Meeting

In the March edition of 'On the Nail' we announced that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) would be held on Sunday 10 April following the 11am Morning Service. It was hoped this would encourage a greater participation as we face financial and fabric challenges (especially at Bridge Church). This new arrangement attracted an attendance figure of 25 compared with 15 last year on a Thursday evening.

The meeting was preceded by the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (aka Vestry Meeting) when our 4 Churchwardens were thanked for their dedicated service through 2015 and previously; their willingness to stand again; and they were unanimously re-elected.

Jonathan opened the APCM by distributing 2 pages headed 'Growing a Healthy Church' extracted from 'the Healthy Churches' Handbook' by Canon Robert Warren, first published in 2004 and regularly reprinted. The following 'Marks of a healthy church' were introduced and commended for study (1) Energised by faith (2) Outward-looking focus (3) Seeks to find out what God wants (4) Faces the cost of change and growth (5) Operated as a community (6) Makes room for all and (7) Does a few things and do them well. More copies are available, individual feedback invited and it will be appear on the PCC agenda. Clive Medhurst, retiring treasurer was thanked for his service, and his replacement, Devin Brougham, was officially appointed and welcomed. He 'shadowed' the preparation of the Financial Statement 2015 and this enabled him to draft a Budget for 2016. Reports received on the fabric of both churches; 81 names on the Electoral Roll; and from the various church organisations including the Friends of both churches. They were all thanked with a special mention made for the setting up of the 'Friends of St Peter's' (FOSP) last August in response to the challenge to raise about £90,000 to repair the fabric of the church. To be done by arranging community events and making grant applications. (Note our financial progress is displayed on a 'thermometer' to be seen in the kitchen area).

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) was thanked for its past work and encouraged for the future. It consists of the 4 Church Wardens, Hon Treasurer, Lay Reader, with 6 continuing members, John Hill re-elected with Peggy Pryer and Brenda Rubin newly elected members. Alan Barber (Hon PCC Secretary)

Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting

Seventeen parishioners attended the annual meeting of St Peter's Church on 13 April. The PCC reported another successful year in terms of church attendance and special services. Thanks were given to Pat Kusel who has led the Family Service in Bekesbourne with enthusiasm and dedication for the last 20 years and who decided to stand down in January.

The accounts for 2015 showed a small surplus. We did not hold any big fund raising events in last year. In 2016 we are planning several events. The choristers are coming on 11 June. The gardens at The Old Palace are open on 25 and 26 June. The Friends' are planning a Craft Fair in the Barn at Woolton Farm in September. Thanks were given to the band of helpers who work to support Bekesbourne church with enthusiasm and generosity throughout the year.

Jill Gillanders was re-elected as churchwarden for the coming year. Pat Kusel continues as vice chairman, Nicky Fry was re-elected as PCC secretary and Zan Clifford continues as treasurer. Graham Duplock represents The Friends of Bekesbourne Church. Lindsay Sharp-Kinsey is our Electoral Roll Officer. The remaining members of the PCC are Amanda Barker, Jonathan Cowans, Jane Millyard and Sue Holmquist. A building sub-committee was set up in 2015 to look after the fabric of the church. Peter Rothwell from that committee looked into effective ways of replacing the heating system in the church. Infra-red heaters have been successfully installed this year. Thanks were given to him for all his time and endeavours.

Nicky Fry (PCC Secretary)

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Bridge Village Fete

Saturday 25th June 2016

12 Noon – 4pm

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Why not enter our adult Victoria Sponge Competition or children's Cup Cake Competition. Contact School for more information

All entries to be taken to the Cake Tent from 10am on the morning of the Fete. Entries can either be collected after judging or they will be sold to help raise funds.

£100 Cash Raffle Prize

Refreshments Bouncy Castle Bric-a-brac stall Children's Performances Bar-B-Q Beer Tent Craft Stalls, and many other attractions

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There are a few Craft Stall pitches left, please contact the School if you are interested, £15 per pitch. You will need your own table. Or if you have any 'goodies' ie Bric-a-brac, Plants, Gifts etc. to donate for the Fete that may need collecting please call 01227 830276

Royal British Legion - Littlebourne & District Branch

We held an enjoyable Steak & Kidney Supper Night in April at the Hay Wain when we raised £150 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to the landlord, Kevin, and to all those who came along and supported the Branch.

We have our Cream Tea Afternoon on Sat 4th June at 2pm (see advert). Our next 2 monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 14th June and 12th July both at 8pm in the Littlebourne Recreation Club.

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION "CREAM TEA AFTERNOON" (In aid of the Poppy Appeal) Saturday, 4th June 2016, at 2p.m. in the War Memorial Hall, Littlebourne Entrance £3.50 (including refreshments) Come and have a chat over tea and scones Stalls (cakes, raffle, etc) (Contributions welcomed) Anyone wishing to book a table (£4) to run their own stall is welcome to do so – ring 728228 or 721823

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In Search of the Cosmic Christ on **Saturday 18th June** from **10.30 am – 3.30pm** is a quiet day led by Lizzie. The day will explore the idea that the Cosmic Christ is not only the historical Jesus but also the Ground of our Being – the Divine energy that enlivens all people and the whole of creation. The day will include time for silence, led meditation and opportunities to be one with nature in the garden and in the yurt. Suggested donation is £15 and please book and bring your own lunch, refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Our next **Silent Retreat** is on Thursday **7th July** from **10am – 3pm** and will be led by Rev Philippa Blackham, Interfaith Minister and former Producer and Presenter, BBC Woman's Hour. All those working in healthcare as well as those in all kinds of caring roles are welcome, as are those from all spiritual backgrounds and traditions. These retreats are best suited to those already experienced and comfortable with silence but all are welcome. Many people find that they are a gentle and safe first step into silence. Please book with www.newron.co.uk

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

As is our custom, we have arranged an **evening outing** for our June meeting and this year we are going to visit **Maytree Nursery** at Dunkirk on **Tuesday 7th June** where we will have a tour of the nursery, including the "Show Garden", with refreshments provided afterwards. And, of course, there will be the opportunity to purchase plants etc. The inclusive cost will be £5 per person which will go towards a donation to the Pilgrims Hospice as requested by the Nursery. Please meet in the Green Court/Western Avenue area at **6.30 pm** to arrange transport to Dunkirk. And now advance notice of our **Summer Show** which this year is on Saturday 23rd July. Again we are including some classes for non-members. These are:

Any Other Vegetable not included in any other Class - use common sense on numbers. So, anything other than spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, broad beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber. I assure you it does leave a few!

My Worst Disaster - with either a vegetable, fruit or flower

Mixed Flowers - Vase (anything in flower) and we supply the vases

Wet! Wet! Wet! in the Garden - a photo, unframed, not to exceed 8" x 6" (NB photos not to be digitally enhanced).

Also, we have our **three garden classes**, Prettiest Small Garden, Best Kept Vegetable Garden (garden and/or allotment) and Most Picturesque Garden and entries for these should be submitted by **Wednesday 22 June** with judging some time within the first two weeks of July. Please note that last year's winners may not enter that same class again this year.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

For our meeting on **Tuesday 21 June** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, guest speaker Jenny Addis is going to tell and show us all about "Hands on Reflexology". It is an opportunity for members to find out more about this form of therapy - and try it out! We are always delighted to welcome new faces; so, if you are interested in this topic or in the WI in general, do come along on Tuesday 21st.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

David Bradley of Selson Farm, Eastry and a prize winner at the National Fruit Show will be giving a talk on **commercial apple growing** on **Wednesday 8 June** in Bridge Village Hall (7.30 for 8.00 pm start). Non-members are most welcome.

Recreation Ground Up Date

April and May have been busy months. Seventeen volunteers braved the cold Spring weather to prune shrubs and weed the flower beds round the pavilion in April. Several local residents donated plants. Some of the year four children of Bridge and Patricbourne Primary School came to plant wild flower perennial plug plants in the wild flower area and had a group photograph taken with the new signs. The Cubs and Beavers spent an evening clearing leaves and planting wild flower seeds by the school path. I look forward to welcoming the Girl Guides to plant snowdrops and bluebells at the end of May. Thank you for all your help and ideas.

Sue Hodges

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Tuesday 7 June

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Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 12 May 2016 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)

Cllr Cook attended the recent Mountfield Park consultation event and felt that there was more to be discussed, but that an attempt is being made to listen to local representations.

Report from Kent County Councillor (KCC) Michael Northey.

Pleased that obligatory academisation of schools has been dropped by HM government.

Information exchange:

Mr Danny Scullion the new Local Community Volunteer Warden introduced himself to the meeting. His post is for a trial 6 month period. He can be contacted on 07703 454190.

New cradle swings have been ordered as well as fittings to replace the broken swings.

Neighbourhood plan is going through a final draft.

Concerns about the security of the pavilion area- to be a full agenda item at next meeting.

Discussion of safety issues at Higham Lane Bus stop.

The Nackington /Bridge Solar panel farm proposal of two years ago has been revived and will come before the planning committee on June 9.

Road signs discouraging heavy goods vehicles to use unsuitable roads will be discussed at the next meeting.

Decisions taken in the course of the meeting:

Cllr A Atkinson was re-elected as Chair for 2016-2017, with Cllr Fawke as Vice Chair

Concerns raised about the traffic implications (new road junction on A2 and Town Hill triangle) of the new Mountfield development-with discussion going with the developers. But are they really listening and will they respond positively?

New councillor to be cop-opted. See parish website and noticeboards for details.

Date and Events to note:

Village event on 12 June from 12.00 noon – 4 p.m. on the Recreation Ground to mark the Queen's 90th birthday: Volunteers are needed.

Next meeting of BPC: Thursday, 9 June 2016 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall

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Toffee Sauce

1 pint/600ml double or single cream and milk mixed (more cream = richer ice cream)
1oz/25g caster sugar
1 tin Carnation caramel
Up to 1tsp salt

Warm the milk/cream in a pan until blood temperature. Beat the eggs and sugar together in a bowl, add the milk and cream and then pour it all back into the pan. Stir it gently until it thickens slightly, then allow it to cool. Pour into an ice cream maker, adding the salt to taste, and caramel and churn until thick. Taste it again and see if it needs more salt. There's so much sugar in the caramel that the ice cream will probably not be particularly solid, so it should be put into a freezer and left for 24 hours to harden.

This makes approx. 1.5litres. Serve with a hot salt toffee sauce and toasted, chopped hazelnuts

Salt Toffee Sauce

3oz/85g soft brown sugar
2oz/50g butter
3floz (85ml) double cream
Up to ½ tsp salt
1oz/25g chopped toasted (skins off) hazelnuts

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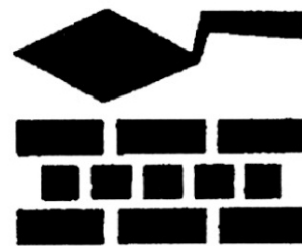
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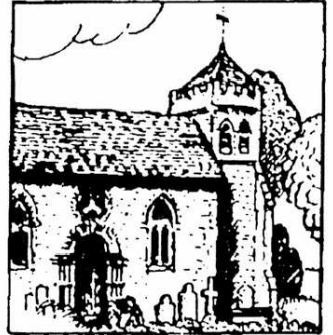
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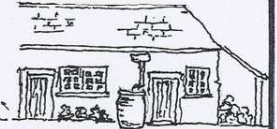
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Dear friends,

June has been a lively month for our churches and community. The celebrations of HM The Queen's 90th birthday at Bekesbourne and Bridge were wonderful community events, followed by the Bridge Village Fete which brought together hundreds of local people from across our communities. These events demonstrate what a strong and committed community we have in our local villages.

This community spirit is something I will miss greatly when I move on in September. I have been appointed to be Rector of a large single parish in West Vancouver, Canada. My last Sunday here will be 4 September. I have greatly valued the two and a half years I have been here, and I deeply appreciate all the hard work that so many people give their church and community to make it what it is. Life in a big city will be faster and louder, and I will often reflect on the peacefulness of our Kent countryside and the strength of these local communities. It has been a great honour for me to share in people's lives, through our church school, through our five congregations, and through baptisms, weddings and funerals.

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July 10th Evensong at 6pm

July 17th Family Service at 9.30am

August 7th Family Communion at 11.00am

August 14th – Evensong 6pm

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August 21st Back at Lower Hardres.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Margaret

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Will all contributors please note that the next edition of
On the Nail

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July 2016 Friends of St Peter's, Bridge

After a flurry of activity at the end of May/early June, FOSP has gone into summer recess, but fully aware that there is still work to do, faced with the daunting need to raise £90,000 in order to repair the church's fabric in good order, and thus maintain the village's most iconic building, a building that is of importance to everyone who lives in Bridge (especially all who own houses here) whether they worship at St Peter's or not.

Since the first cheque (a particularly generous one) was paid to FOSP through the PCC account last August, a total of £17,500 has been paid into the fabric fund, to which can be added a relatively small amount of monthly Planned Giving (but every little helps, and Standing Order Mandates continue to be available from Stephen Woodley, 11 Conyngham Lane, CT4 5JX, 830954).

FOSP Events have brought some enthusiastic audiences into the Church, the latest numbering 114 as the Good Gnus updated Flanders and Swann, Tom Lehrer and Noel Coward with wit and panache.

For this and the Choristers in February, and for advertising and marketing, very warm thanks are due to Georgie and Charlie Bainbridge, but a significant number of people have made vital and ongoing contributions, in the spirit of George Herbert's famous poem, "Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws/Makes that and the action fine."

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Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We had a very successful Cream Tea Afternoon on 4th June when we raised £543.50 in aid of the Poppy Appeal. There were plenty of stalls, plenty of scones and strawberries so everyone enjoyed themselves! Many thanks to all who helped to run the event and those who came along and supported us.

We have a bit of sad news in that one of our oldest members, John Lord, has passed away. John was a valuable member of the branch and a real gentleman. We will miss him very much.

Although it is still only June, we will be looking for new people to help with our Poppy Appeal Collection in the autumn - inevitably several collectors are having to give up the task so we would be grateful for any extra help this year. Call either 01227 728228 or 01227 472023.

Our next two monthly meetings will on Tuesdays 12th July and 9th August, both at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

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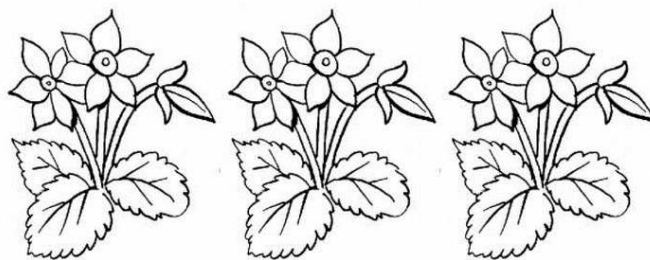
Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Summer Show



Saturday 23 July
Bridge Village Hall

11.30 am until 2.30 pm
Presentation of Prizes 2.00 pm



Refreshments
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For Show Schedule telephone Kathy on 830057

DOGS DIE IN HOT CARS

JRNE VETS NEWS

Now the warm summer months are here please remember, don't ever leave your dog alone in the car. When it's 220C/720F outside, the temperature inside a car can reach 470C/1170F within 60 minutes. Dogs pant to keep themselves cool and when the air inside the car becomes hot and stuffy they cannot cool down. Leaving a window open or a sunshield on the windscreen is not enough to keep your car cool – dogs will die in hot cars.

Some dogs are more prone to heatstroke than others. Long haired breeds, fatter or heavily muscled dogs, dogs with shorter snouts and very young or old dogs are all more vulnerable.

Signs that your dog may be suffering from heatstroke include heavy panting, salivation, very red gums and tongue, lethargy, collapse, lack of coordination, vomiting, diarrhoea and eventually loss of consciousness. If you suspect that your dog may be suffering from heatstroke it is important to move them to a shaded area, douse them with cool (not freezing cold) water and offer them small amounts of water, then ring and seek veterinary advice as soon as possible as this is a veterinary emergency.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

The Society does not have an evening meeting in Bridge in July but instead will be at the Kent County Show from Friday 8th until Sunday 10th July and their stand can be found in the Kent Federation of Horticultural Societies' marquee.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Our Annual **Summer Show** will be on **Saturday 23rd July** in Bridge Village Hall from 11.30 am until 2.30 pm, with prize giving at 2.00 pm.

As mentioned in last month's magazine we have also included some classes for non-members:

Any Other Vegetable not included in any other Class - use common sense on numbers. So, anything other than spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, broad beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber. I assure you it does leave a few!

My Worst Disaster - with either a vegetable, fruit or flower

Mixed Flowers - Vase (anything in flower) and we supply the vases

Wet! Wet! Wet! in the Garden - a photo, unframed, not to exceed 8" x 6" (NB photos not to be digitally enhanced).

Please do think about having a go. Bring your entry along on the morning before 10.00 am and a member of the Committee will be happy to help and advise.

For members, show schedules are still available from Kathy Walder and completed entry forms for the show should be handed in to either Kathy, Ann Edmonds or Julia Cooper by no later than Thursday 21 July. The hall will be open to stage your exhibits on the morning of the Show from 8.00 until 10.00 am when judging will take place. And remember to bring along that coleus that you are carefully nurturing for the Chairman's Challenge.

There are sections in the Show to interest everyone - vegetables, flowers, cookery, flower arranging and craft and we will be providing refreshments during the day, a bring and buy table with plants etc for sale, and, needless to say, a raffle!

Do make a note of the date and come along to support this long-standing village society.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 19 July** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, we have invited Mike Briggs to talk to us on the "**History of Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory**". We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings and so, if you are interested in this topic or would like to find out more about the WI in general, do join us Tuesday 19th.

PRODUCE SALE

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Saturday 10th September 2016

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Thank You***



Kate's Puddings What's cooking?

for summer, and this one appeared at the Stour fingers aren't supposed to eat chocolate (bad for the vocals, darling...), but nobody resisted this one! The mousse part of is taken from Delicious Magazine's recipe, but I added a dark chocolate base to give it stability and make it easier to cut up. Serves 8-10. It works well with gluten free digestive biscuits. This is not the finished article – puds are transported to Stour undecorated, but it was eaten before I had a chance to take a photo.

White Chocolate Mint Mousse

8oz/225g crushed digestive or Hobnob biscuits

4oz/100g plain dark chocolate

1lb/500g white chocolate (good quality)

1 pint/600ml double cream

2 egg whites

1 tsp peppermint essence (at least – I like a good minty flavour)

Mint leaves to decorate

Dark chocolate to decorate

Use a 9" spring clip tin, and line the base with non-stick parchment. Melt the dark chocolate, either in the microwave, or in a bowl over a pan of simmering water – don't let the water touch the chocolate. Mix in the crushed biscuits and spread it evenly in the tin. Put the base into the fridge while you assemble the mousse.

Now melt the white chocolate the same way (it is best to stop heating when it still has visible chunks of chocolate, and allow the residual heat to melt the remaining chocolate). Allow this to cool a bit – this is important, because otherwise it goes stiff when you add the cream.

Whip the double cream and egg whites, with the peppermint, until it is starting to thicken, but still soft (taste and add more peppermint at this point if you like an intense burst of flavour). Fold an initial spoonful of cream into the chocolate to break it up a bit, then fold in the rest of the cream, stirring gently until it is smooth. Pour over the biscuit base and chill for at least two hours.

Decorate with mint leaves and grated dark chocolate and serve not quite straight from the fridge, but slightly warmer so that the peppermint flavour sings through (like a good soprano soloist!).

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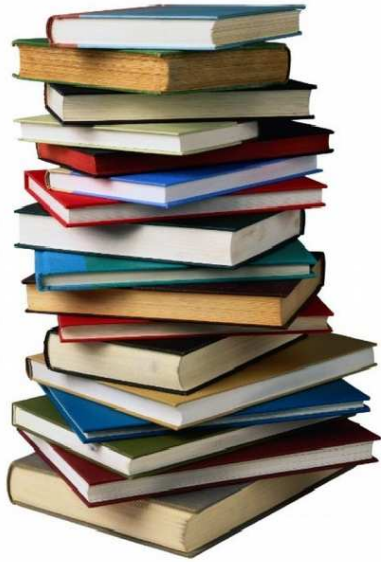
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New Teatime Service starting in September

Great News for all of you families who would like a service designed around food, activities and age appropriate liturgy. Bev Latham (ALM) is hoping to head a team of volunteers to run this gathering, starting in September.

However, like most fantastic schemes she needs a team to help her. Anything from making cakes and sandwiches, organising an activity which is themed, just coming along and talking to people, in fact just being yourselves! If you would like to get involved please will you email her at Bevlatham@hotmail.com.

We hope to advertise this new gathering during the coming months, so if you are a poster expert that would be great too! Even if you are not able to help but would like to come along with your family or on your own please will you email Bev and let her know of your interest.

We hope to run the TTG service (Teatime Gathering) once a month from 4-5pm. Young and old are welcome.

Readers and Intercessors

Beverly Latham (ALM) has taken over the rota for the readers, Sides- people and Intercessors for St Peter's Bridge. If you would like to add your name to the list please will you email Beverly and let her know. Bevlatham@hotmail.com

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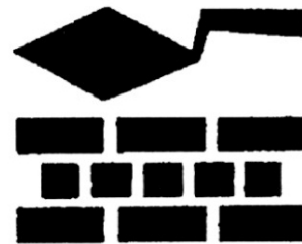
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Trinity 20 9 October	9.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Parish Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion (by extension)
Trinity 21 16 October	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion with the Bishop of Dover	9.30am Sung Eucharist
Bible Sunday 23 October	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Community Worship	9.30am Matins	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
All Saints Sunday 30 October	11.00am Service of The Word at Bridge Haven 6.00pm All Souls' Service at Bridge	8.00am All Saints' Day BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Service of The Word at Bridge Haven 6.00pm All Souls' Service at Bridge	11.00am Service of The Word at Bridge Haven 6.00pm All Souls' Service at Bridge	11.00am Service of The Word at Bridge Haven 6.00pm All Souls' Service at Bridge	11.00am Service of The Word at Bridge Haven 6.00pm All Souls' Service at Bridge

There is Holy Communion **every Tuesday at 9.30am** to 10.00am at Bridge Church, followed by coffee.



October Letter

Our Vicar Jonathan is off to Canada, to pastures new. Yes, to another part of God's vineyard. We do wish him God's blessings in his new parish. When a Vicar leaves the parish, we like to try to send a bus-load of parishioners to their new parish to wish them well. I tease Jonathan, 'Not this time, my friend!'.

As time goes by over the years, I'm sure you will agree that we tend to reminisce, and certain memories come rushing in. I think I tend to remember all the men and women who have inspired me. They haven't been famous, but they have had an impact on me, because of their inner strength, their love of Jesus and a sense of humour. This is often despite what life has thrown up at them; ordinary people who have got on with life, helping and loving others and who are now with our Lord.

On October 18th we celebrate St Luke's Day. Luke was a lovely man. When you read his gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, love and caring stand out. He attempted to raise the status of women and he recorded Jesus's parables, which make us think and act. No wonder he is the Patron Saint of Physician's and Surgeons. When St. Paul was in prison, he wrote these poignant words: 'Only Luke is with me'. What a great inspiration.

We all have our own thoughts as the nights draw in. On October 30th at 6pm we have an evensong at St Peters, Bridge, when we remember our loved ones, people who have helped us over the years. We will have an opportunity to write in a book the names of those loved ones - there will be a book of remembrance in each church, and we will have an opportunity to light a candle for them. Canon Reg will lead the service. Afterwards there will be light refreshments. We hope to see you there.

It is true that we should look back, but we must also look forward, strengthening and helping each other whenever and wherever we can. May God bless us as we go forward with a smile on our lips and a spring in our step. I end with this quote –'The future is always bigger than the past'.

Margaret.

Dates For Your Diary

October 2016

04/10	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
10/10	19.30		Caring and Sharing
11/10	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
12/10	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres
19/10	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
18/10	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
24/10	19.30		Caring and Sharing
25/10	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

The parishes of the benefice currently have a clergy vacancy.

If you have a pastoral church matter (including funeral requests) please call Mrs Margaret Clarke, Benefice Reader, on 07541 229239 or 01227 765598.

If you have an administrative church matter (including wedding and baptism requests) please email Mrs Lindsay McInally, The Bridge Benefice Administrator, lamcinally@googlemail.com

Thank you,
The Churchwardens.

Announcing an exciting new church service in Bekesbourne

As you are probably aware, sadly our vicar Jonathan is leaving us this month. It is a very uncertain time for all rural churches and their communities. We want to find ways of continuing to come together and sing hymns and pray.

You are all invited, families, young and old, to a

Harvest Songs of Praise and coffee morning on Sunday 2nd October at 10.00 am in Bekesbourne church

A small group of us have put together a selection of popular hymns. There will be a reading and prayers. Jean Barber has kindly agreed to play the organ. So we are expecting some enthusiastic singing from you, our congregation.

Whether you are young or old, you will be sure of a warm welcome and complimentary refreshments. So please come and join us and support us in this new venture.

We would appreciate it if you could bring any harvest gifts to the service. They will be distributed to the Women's Refuge in Canterbury, so tea, coffee, tinned or dry foods would be welcome.

Many thanks

Nicky Fry on behalf of Bekesbourne PCC



Jonathans farewell.

A great big thank-you to all who helped in any way; Those who helped in the Church, to prepare and welcome people in, those who prepared the hall, and to all who provided the lunch. It was a lovely occasion, and Jonathan was delighted with the service, lunch and his present.

Harvest Lunch.

May I take this opportunity to thank those who worked so hard to give us another wonderful Harvest Lunch. Serving hot food is always a challenge for so many people, and we rose to the challenge brilliantly.

A Few Dates for your Diary:

Friday October 7th – a surprise evening! More details to follow.

Saturday, 26th November – Christmas Fayre

Saturday, 3rd December – Benefice Children's workshop

Sunday 11th December at 4pm – Carol Service

Sunday 18th December at 3pm – Crib Service

Christmas Day – 9.30am – Christmas Family Service

Bridge Flower Arrangers

A special flower arrangers meeting will be held on Friday November 4th at 2pm at the Archways. Not only will we discuss Christmas decorations for St Peter's Bridger and next years rota, but also the possibility of a flower festival for next year.

Anyone with artistic interests, craft or flower skills would be welcomed, as it takes a lot of different talents to produce a flower festival. If you are not sure, just pop-in for a cuppa and cake, to find out more, or phone Viv on 830981.

Fish Scheme News. Tel no: 07935 966 080

The October Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday Oct 12th from 10 to 11.15 in Bridge village hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Thanks to Rosy and her helpers and supporters for the successful Macmillan coffee sale in September. A very useful £200 was raised for this worthwhile charity. And thanks always to our kindly drivers who cheerfully respond to all requests.

Poppy Appeal 2016

This year's Poppy Appeal starts on the 27th October.

We need new door-to-door collectors for Bridge High Street, Union Road and part of Bridge Down.

Around 20 door-to-door poppy collectors are needed in the Bridge Collecting Area (SDB02) which includes Bekesbourne and Patixbourne.

Collecting only takes a few hours of one's time and is a great way to get to know fellow villagers.

People are always very receptive to giving to the Poppy Appeal and this is shown by the increase of donations in SDB02 year on year.

We also need some people to volunteer to collect on the street.

Don't be shy and please come forward so we can make this year the most successful yet!

Contact John Shirley on 07808734842 or email him on john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

We have had a fairly quiet time during the summer and we hope our members are now back from their holidays and ready to think about the Poppy Appeal. We are as usual looking for people to help with this especially with house to house collecting. Anyone who feels they can help please contact the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two monthly branch meetings will be on Tuesdays, 11th October and 8th November (AGM) both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

New Archdeacon of Canterbury appointed

The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover, has announced the appointment of the Very Revd Jo Kelly-Moore to serve as the next Archdeacon of Canterbury.

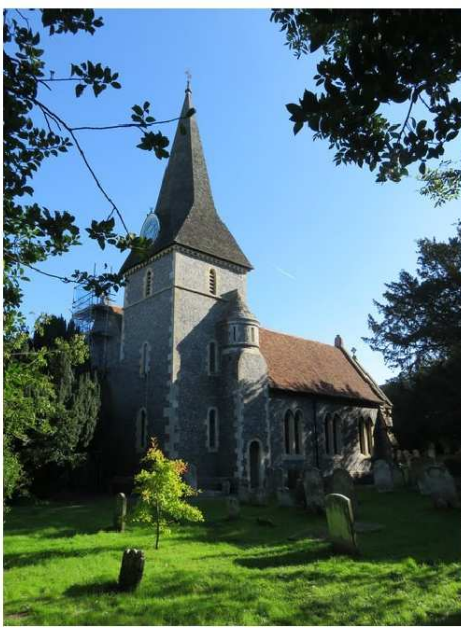
Jo has been Dean of Auckland, New Zealand since August 2010 during which time she led a \$14.9m project to complete and consecrate Holy Trinity Cathedral, as well as sustaining her involvement in the civic life of Auckland. She moved into that role from being vicar at St Aidan's Anglican Church, Remuera, a role that also involved serving as chaplain to Corran School for Girls. Before entering ordained ministry in 2000 Jo worked as a solicitor, both in New Zealand and in London. She met her British husband Paul when he was visiting New Zealand as a tourist. Paul currently works as Auckland Cathedral's Pastoral Care Minister and they have two sons, Adam and Nathan. The family will move to Canterbury Diocese at the end of this year so that Jo can begin her new role in January.

"It is a great privilege to be appointed Archdeacon of Canterbury, part of the wider story that is the mission and ministry of the Anglican Communion," said Jo. "Back in 1842 Bishop Selwyn arrived here in Aotearoa New Zealand from England and the next year bought the land for the Cathedral in which I have been Dean. While there is great sadness in leaving Aotearoa New Zealand, I am very much looking forward to ministering with the people of Canterbury and making it our family's home."

Bishop Trevor added: "I am delighted that Jo is coming to work with us here in Canterbury and I have no doubt that her experience and great talents will be of huge benefit, not just to the Canterbury Archdeaconry or cathedral, but to the whole Diocese. We have found in Jo an excellent and astute theologian with wide-ranging leadership and management skills. I would like to assure Jo and her family of the prayers and support of the whole Diocese as they embark on this new adventure."

"A completed Cathedral that is ready for consecration is due to the amazing leadership of Dean Jo," said the Rt Revd Ross Bay, Bishop of Auckland. "We now stand ready to prepare the building and ourselves for consecration in 2017. At all times Dean Jo has also been priest ready to offer care and compassion for people as well lead services for the city and the nation. She will be missed."

The Archdeacon of Canterbury is responsible for the Deaneries of Canterbury, Thanet, Reculver, East Bridge and West Bridge, supporting the clergy and communities in their care of God's people. The Archdeacon is also a Residentiary Canon with a key role in the life of Canterbury Cathedral. Together with the Archdeacons of Ashford and Maidstone, she holds a senior position assisting the Bishop in leading the Diocese.



Church Bridge News

church steeple and blue clock peeping out of the trees relieved to say that thanks to the enormous effort of the church, the steeple will be standing to welcome the next year. To all Brides and Bridegrooms out there, worried about the scaffolding - you will be relieved to know that the scaffolding will be removed. We plan to begin work in the Spring.

The church was formed a year ago with Stephen Woodley at the helm. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Stephen our chair for this first year and Judy a fond farewell as they focus on their family, at their new home at Polo Farm. We look forward to his continued involvement when he can.

So far thanks to some packed fundraising events including Canterbury Cathedral Choristers, the Good Gnu's, The Occasional Performing Society (TOP's), Simon Rowland's fascinating talk and many other events - with generous grants, donations and monthly subscriptions we have reached the staggering total of £39,000. Thank you to everyone who has turned up, contributed and worked so hard to make this happen. We are just under half way to reaching the amount that we need to keep St Peter's Church, Bridge standing.

In this second year of fund raising I hope we can smash the target of £90,000 to complete the work that is soon to get underway. We are planning new fundraising events that I hope you will attend. We want to appeal to all ages and people of the community so if you have ideas about how we can use the space please do let me know. The church is traditionally used for new beginnings: Christenings, Weddings, nativities and also endings: gatherings for bereavements and funerals. It would be lovely if our beautiful building could be used for the time in between too so let us know if you would like to use the space and how you may like to use it.

If you have used the church for a special occasion, nativity or school leaving assembly and want the church to be there for these events in the future - please join the many generous people who are donating monthly. Collect a form from the church, Lawrence Dunderdale or Evelyn Andrews. We value your contributions however large or small as they are all bringing us closer to our total.

Our next event is "The Fat River Band" 19th November, 2016 - local singer Alister Atkin fronts this fantastic band. Save the date and watch this space for more information.



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It made a most memorable day for me and I am overwhelmed by the friendship and kindness shown to me during my 30 years residence in Bridge.

Dorothy King

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Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

Vicky Davis is our guest speaker for our meeting on **Tuesday 18 October** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall) and she will be giving a talk and an interesting insight into "**The Russians: Life in Russia Today**". We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

On **Tuesday 4 October** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall we have invited **Mike Bundock** to give an illustrated talk on "**Floral Clocks Over the Years**". Everyone is welcome and do remember to bring along a friend for free!

On the evening, we will also have bulbs available to members for the Chairman's Challenge in next year's Spring Show. If you cannot make it on the 4th but would like some bulbs, then please get in touch with the Show Secretary, Kathy Walder, on 830057 (email: kath@askwalder.com) or any other Committee member.

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

For the final talk of this year's programme, **Mark Hall** BEM, FNVS, Assistant Secretary of the NVS and an excellent all round kitchen gardener, is giving an illustrated talk on "Millennium 5 Vegetable Class" on **Wednesday 12th October** in Bridge Village Hall (7.30 for 8.00 pm start). Intrigued to find out more? Then come along to the talk on the 12 October. All are welcome.



New Parish Website

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The Quiet View

THE SARUM CYCLE IN IMAGE AND SONG – Revd Matthew Rushton, Precentor at Canterbury Cathedral, will present the striking paintings of Nicholas Mynheer based on the passion of Jesus Christ, accompanied by a variety of music styles - **Tuesday 8th November at 7pm**. If you didn't catch this moving presentation in the cathedral earlier in the year, do come. The effect is quite stunning. Please book and donations are invited.

SIMPLE WAYS TO HAPPINESS – an afternoon of teachings and relaxation with a Buddhist nun -Emma Slade – Ani Pema Deki - on **Sunday 4h December 2pm – 5pm**. Emma is an inspiring and experienced speaker. She has taught yoga and meditation for fifteen years and became a Buddhist nun in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan in 2012 where she welcomed the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2015. Her aim is to bridge East and West for the benefit of all. A donation of £20 is invited for her charity Opening Your Heart to Bhutan which helps disadvantaged children in rural areas of Bhutan. Please book. A delicious tea will be served.

Both events will take place in the yurt round the log burning stove.

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The fortunes of Bridge Post Office: a very brief history

August 23rd 2016 saw a momentous change in Bridge: the sub-post office changed location from 16, High Street to the village corner shop, Bridgeway Stores. But this was by no means the first time it has moved.

In 1838 it was to be found in the White Horse Inn, which was of course the 'posting' inn, where, half a stage from Canterbury to Dover, the mail-coach horses could be changed after the perils of the hills on either side of the village. No doubt the mails had arrived here ever since the institution of a postal service in the reign of Charles I, but this was now a time of change, and the service was being reformed, with the introduction of the penny post in 1840. The post master was the landlord of the White Horse, Richard Sherrard, but with the reform came a change of postmaster – in 1839, Frederick Colegate, carpenter and builder, (who later built Alexandra House for his retirement and whose substantial tombstone remains in Bridge churchyard) and by 1844 briefly by William Perry, grocer and provision dealer.

For the first time, times of collection and delivery are mentioned: letters arrived at 7.00am and 12.45 pm, and were dispatched at 10.30am and 8.05pm. Timings changed later.

By 1847 however Mr Sherrard had regained his position, which he retained until his death. The censuses for 1861 and 1871 list his widow Ann(e) as postmistress.

With the arrival of the railways and the demise of the stage coaches however, the link with the inn was finally broken, and Mr Perry (of Riverdale) resumed his position.

1898 saw the post office removed to the premises of John C Wilson, chemist, on the corner of Brewery Lane, opposite the Plough & Harrow, with the first mention of a wall letter box there in 1899.

Mr Wilson remained in post until 1904, when the business transferred to Frank Bedingfield, 'grocer and general dealer', (location unknown, Wilson continuing as chemist – that business continuing there on the corner into the 1960s), while in 1907 Mrs Edith Bowler took over from Mr Bedingfield, perhaps in the same premises. In 1911 Richard Castle 'stationer' became postmaster, probably moving to the most recently familiar building, where he now acquired his own (wall) letter box (in 'The Street' as opposed to 'Bridge Hill') which is first mentioned only in 1913. The current freestanding box is more recent. Mr Castle, now also 'deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Bridge registration district', remained sub-postmaster until well into the Second World War, but by 1949 he had been succeeded by George Henry Roberts, then in 1957 by ex-policeman Samuel Shirley, and, on his death, from 1965 to 1998 by his son, ex-builder and long-time KCC Councillor, Laurence Shirley, whom many in Bridge will still remember. He built an extension to accommodate a new pharmacy, opened in 1978, once more marrying the two businesses together. As the business expanded it took on assistants, most recently culminating primarily in the quartet of Debbie Tapley, Sally Scott, Angela Palmer-Paul and Shona Young.

Maurice Raraty

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Lime and Basil Crunch Pie

8oz/230g Gingernuts or Hobnobs, crushed (use gluten free biscuits if wished)

4oz/110 g butter, melted

Juice and zest of 4 limes

1 can condensed milk (full fat)

½ pint/300ml double cream

Small handful of fresh basil leaves, chopped, but not too fine

1 lime for decoration

Grease a 9" springclip tin and put baking parchment in the base. Mix the crushed biscuits with the melted butter and spread into the tin, levelling out. Put in the fridge to allow the butter to harden.

Whisk the condensed milk, cream and lime zest and juice together for about 5 minutes or so until it has thickened. This is best done with a Kenwood/Kitchen Aid mixer, or at least a deep bowl so you don't redecorate the kitchen!

Lastly, add the basil leaves and stir in. Pour the mixture onto the biscuit base, level the top and chill for at least half an hour so that it sets. Cut the last lime into thin pieces and arrange over the top.

When you remove this from the tin, remember that it has paper underneath...

**Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 9 June 2016 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)

A litter pick on the A2 has been completed, collecting some 10.5 tons of litter. The Mountfield housing project for 4,000 new houses in Southern Canterbury is likely to come before the City Council planning committee in the autumn of 2016.

Report from Kent County Councillor (KCC) Michael Northey.

Cllr Northey sympathised fully with the predicament of the White Horse following the recent flash flood and the closure of the business.. He would find out as soon as possible from Kent County Council what had happened and why.

Decisions taken in the course of the meeting:

Council agreed to consider further options regarding the security of the pavilion. It was suggested that shutters could be fitted as an alternative to expensive CCTV equipment. A quotation for shutters will be sought.

An update on the current state of the Mill Centre lease negotiations was provided by the Chair and the Clerk. Canterbury City Council have stated that they will have a lease for Bridge Parish Council to consider at its July meeting. The management committee of the Mill Centre now has charitable status enabling it to raise funds once the final lease has been agreed.

**Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 14 July 2016 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

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Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)

He referred the need a full inspection of the drains in the village which have contributed to recent flooding events. The Local Planning Inspector (working on the Canterbury Local Plan) resumes his work in July continuing into September. Canterbury Policy and Resources committee has recommended investigation of a potential merger of all 5 East Kent District Councils.

Report from Kent County Councillor (KCC) Michael Northey.

Kevin Gore, Team Leader for Kent's planned drainage works responded (at the request of Cllr Northey) to questions posed by Councillors. June 2016 was the wettest June for the last 10 years and assuming drains were all functioning correctly, the village drainage system is designed to withstand a 1 in 10 year weather event. Councillors pointed out the drains do not work properly and therefore this figure is not relevant. As a flood hot spot, drains in the High St and Bridge Hill should be cleaned every 6 months rather than annually. Councillors offered to assist with the enforcement of no parking restrictions prior to draining clearing activity assuming Kent Highways give sufficient advance warning.

Information exchange:

Any villagers with any complaints about flooding or drainage should contact 03000 418181 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways.

Cllr Davies raised concerns about parking in the Western Avenue area once the post office relocates to the Spar shop. Illegal parking manoeuvres by delivery lorries and cars should be reported to the policy and parking authorities at Canterbury City Council.

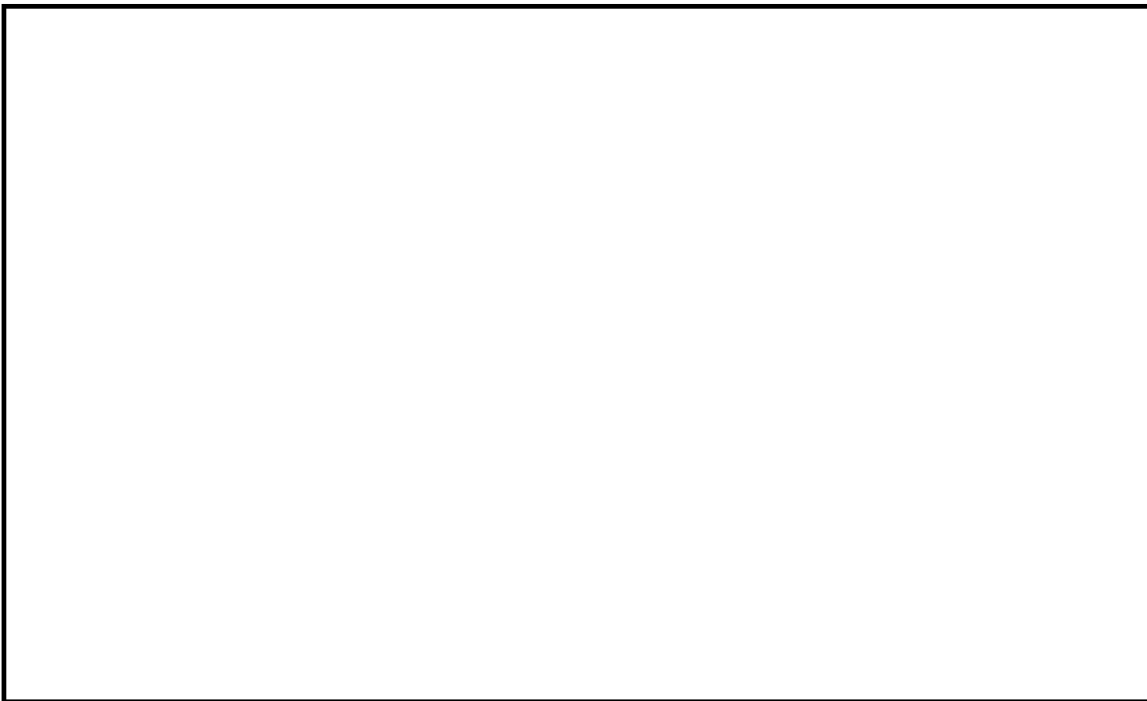
Footbridges on the Brewery Lane water meadow have been replaced.

Art in Bridge to run as usual in October 2016.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Dhillon for the Queens' celebration event on 12/06/2016.

Decisions taken in the course of the meeting:

Following an update from Cllr Fawke on issues identified by residents, it was agreed to proceed with an application for tree works in both Green Court and Ford Close. A representative from Kent Wildlife Trust will be invited to offer advice on the Ford Close developments. A plan of all other proposed developments will be presented to the Parish Council in September so that options can be decided upon then.



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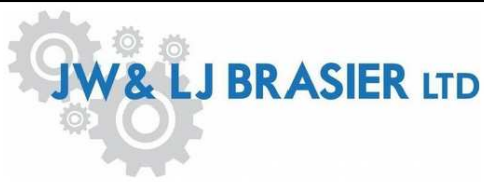
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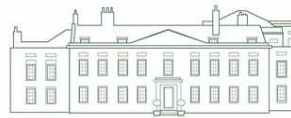
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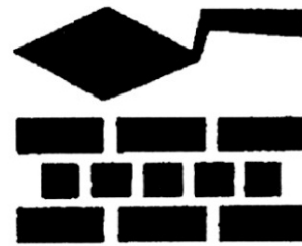
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