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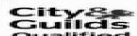
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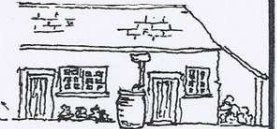
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CANDLEMAS 7 February Exodus 34:29-end Luke 9:28-36	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Candlemas Family Communion	6.00pm Candlemas Evensong	9.30am Candlemas Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i>
ASH WEDNESDAY 10 February	7.30pm Joint Benefices Service at Littlebourne	7.30pm Joint Benefices Service at Littlebourne	7.30pm Joint Benefices Service at Littlebourne	7.30pm Joint Benefices Service at Littlebourne	7.30pm Joint Benefices Service at Littlebourne
Lent 1 14 February Deut 26:1-11 Luke 4:1-13	9.30am Sung Eucharist 3.30pm Evensong	3.30pm Evensong at Nackington	11.00am Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services across the Benefice.</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Lent 2 21 February Gen 15:1-12, 17-18 Luke 13:31-end	<i>All welcome at the other services across the Benefice.</i>	9.30am Family Service	11.00am Choral Eucharist	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	9.30am Sung Eucharist
Lent 3 28 February Isaiah 55:1-9 Luke 13:1-9	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>all welcome at the other services across the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Matins	<i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i>

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Having only just completed the Christmas season, we are now into Lent rather quickly as Easter this year is early. I was once asked by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bath (where I was chaplain) how the date of Easter was calculated. I gave him a Book of Common Prayer, and talked about the position of the moon and the importance of golden numbers as I gave him the dates of Easter for the next half century. He looked bemused. As an American he just couldn't understand how and why the Church has any influence of the setting of university term dates! Perhaps this is a useful reminder that although our society feels more secular than ever, at the heart of our legal and democratic systems, culture and society, we are shaped by Christian festivals, values and history.

It was a wonderful moment last month when the crozier head of St Gregory's episcopal staff arrived in Canterbury Cathedral, as well as the Augustine Gospels. This powerful reminder of the sending by Gregory of Augustine in 597 to renew the Christian faith in this land, made me appreciate just how special it is to be here in Canterbury Diocese. We are surrounded by deep Christian history, and our regular pattern of worship here in our five churches of the Bridge benefice is rooted in this history and witness.

Lent is an important time of simplicity, pondering, studying and finding space to imagine Jesus in the wilderness. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday on 10 February and this year we are having a joint service at St Vincent's Church, Littlebourne, at 7.30pm. You are warmly invited. Through the five weeks of Lent we have three different Lent Groups locally, and I invite you to come and take part. *(See page 13 for details)*

I am most grateful to Pat Kusel who has led the Family Service at Bekesbourne for over 20 years, and served as an Authorised Lay Minister. She has now stepped down from these roles, and I thank her for all her hard work, creativity and energy in leading this ministry with such skill and commitment over such a long time. I am also grateful to Clive Medhurst who has served as our benefice treasurer, and I welcome Devin Brougham our new treasurer. Devin has served as church treasurer in Thailand, Germany and Sweden, before he moved to Nackington.

This month our good friend Canon Reg Humphriss celebrates his 80th birthday, and we send him our congratulations and thanks for all he does for us. I first met Reg in 1982 when Sue and I applied to get married in his parish. (He said yes!)

Have a blessed Lent, Jonathan

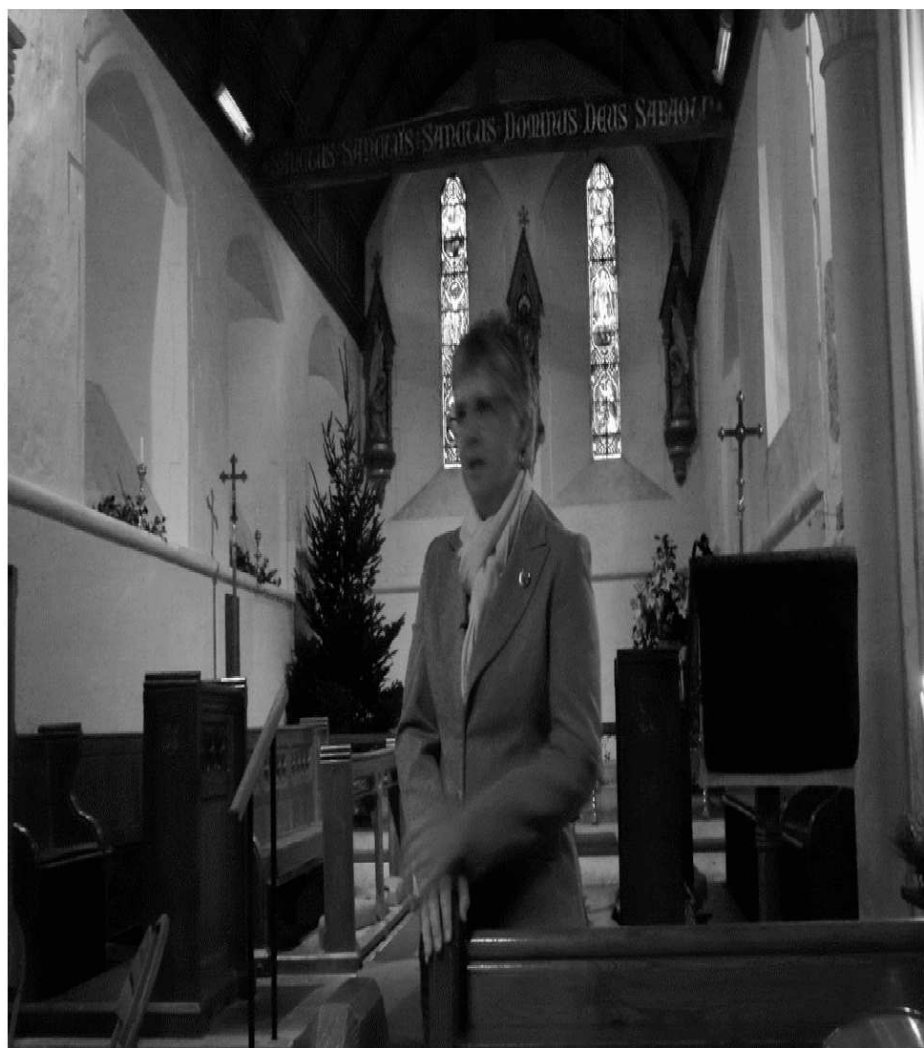
Last Family Service Bekesbourne

Our last service was Epiphany, The Three Kings. The children acting out the coming of the Wise Men to Jesus. It was a very moving service as Pat, after 20 years of running the service, has decided partly for health reasons to give up running the family service. The service and Pat will be sadly missed. She put a lot of hard work into the services, making them both interesting and fun. She was supported by her husband Paul, who was part of the music team along with Jean and her daughters. When Pat was ill or on holiday the service was taken by Ashleigh, Jean's husband with Jean and their daughters. We are very grateful for their help and support of Pat.

We wanted to thank Pat in some way and the family service members clubbed together and presented gifts to Pat not of gold, frankincense and myrrh but a Marlowe voucher and some shrubs for the garden. Tea and cake followed. A fitting if sad end to a popular service.

Pat has also decided to stand down as ALM and her authorisation will not be renewed. She will remain a member of Bekesbourne PCC.

Jill Gillanders



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DESERT EXCHANGES - an invitation this Lent

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday (10 Feb) and this year we will have a shared service that evening at 7.30pm at St Vincent 's Church, Littlebourne (our sister benefice). You are warmly invited to join one of **Benefice Lent Groups**. We meet once a week for five weeks. The Diocese Theme for 2016 is '*Conversations on the Journey*', and this Lent we will use Luke Chapter 4 to help us follow the conversations Jesus had in the desert that shaped his pilgrimage. Small groups are an important part of exploring our journeys, and 'being the Church'.

Each session has a title that relates to either the temptation considered or the questions that the preceding and following passages ask of us: Appetite, Ambition, Acclaim, Authentic, and finally Accept. Bishop Trevor writes: '*I sense that there are many transformative, and perhaps risky, conversations yet waiting to happen in our churches. I want to encourage these in every way we can.*'

There will be three Lent Groups (please choose one, and try to come each week);
1) **Tuesdays at 7.30-9.00pm** at Mansfield Court, Bridge. Led by Margaret Clarke. Starting on 18 Feb

2) **Thursdays at 2.30-4.00pm** at Rosary House, Aerodrome Rd., Bekesbourne
Led by Pat Kusel. Starting on 11 Feb

3) **Thursdays at 7.30-9.00pm** at 8 Conynham Lane, Bridge. Led by Bev Latham and Martin Leggatt. Starting on 11 Feb.
All are welcome!

Thank You All!

I would like to express my sincere thanks and deepest gratitude to all the wonderful friends who have given me so much support and kindness following my recent operation. I have been overwhelmed and humbled by all the 'Get Well' messages, calls, cards, flowers and visitors I have received and the continuing concern and goodwill as to my progress. These have helped me enormously in my recovery. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Sheila Scrivener

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The February Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 10th from 10 to 11.15 in Bridge Village Hall. If you have any spare knitting wool do please bring it along or telephone Rosy Green on 830204. Thank you.

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The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th February at 7.30 pm at the White Horse Inn, Bridge. A society member Roger Bickerton will talk about his father's part in World War I most of which was spent in the Middle East. Some of the battles in which he took part were the forerunners of similar battles in World War II.

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Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 01227 832450.

Canon Reg

Many congratulations to Canon Reg on his 80th birthday. He has done so much for so many people here and throughout the world.

Tom Ashdown

Also to Tom Ashdown, who has secured a place at the Royal College of Music in Manchester. Tom has the most beautiful singing voice. We wish him well .

Easter at Lower Hardres

Easter is early ,this year so I thought I would give you a few dates ! March 25th Good Friday when we have the Children's Workshop 9 30 till 12noon .More details in the March magazine. Easter day is the 27th at 9-30 we will have Family Communion and afterwards an EGG HUNT. Mothering Sunday falls on March 6th. At 11 am we will have Family Communion when posies and cards will be given to everyone. Obviously we shall have our traditional Simnel cake. There will be lots of children participation.

Margaret

Poppy Appeal 2015

Thanks to all who helped with the 2015 Poppy Appeal in November. We raised an impressive £2836.45. A special thanks to Bridge Primary School who donated £500 from their Bonfire and Fireworks event as well as raising close to £400 within the school!

We need new helpers for this year's appeal. We need people to collect door to door on Union Road, Bridge High Street, Bridge Down, Riverside Close, Mansfield Court and Beech Hill. We could also do with someone, such as a retired service man or woman, to volunteer to stand outside Bridge Stores to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

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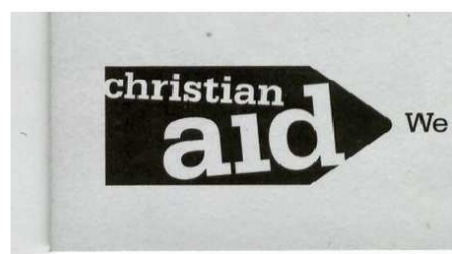
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Our January meeting was attended by the Kent County Co-ordinator, Mrs Anne Hill, who talked to us about her work with the Poppy Appeal.

We have already booked our next Cream Tea Afternoon for Saturday, 4th June in Littlebourne Memorial Hall. There will be lots of stalls and anyone who would like to book a table to sell their wares can ring the Poppy Organiser on 01227 728228 or the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays 9th February and 8th March, both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.



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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Advance notice of the next meeting of the Society which will be an afternoon visit to **Layham Garden Centre** at Staple which specialises in the production of high quality roses and where we will be given a **talk on roses** and their care by the experts. This will be on **Tuesday 8 March** and more details will be given in the March edition of "On the Nail".

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

We have invited **Jenny Barling** to our next meeting on **Tuesday 16 February** to give us a talk entitled "**Jenny's Jaunts**" about the trips and outings she organises. The meeting starts at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall and, as always, we are pleased to welcome visitors.

Fundraising events for St Peter's Bridge and St Mary's Patrixbourne— dates for your diary

Nearly New Sale—Saturday 19th March in Bridge Village Hall

10am—12 noon, good quality clothing and bric a brac will be on sale.

Refreshments will also be served.

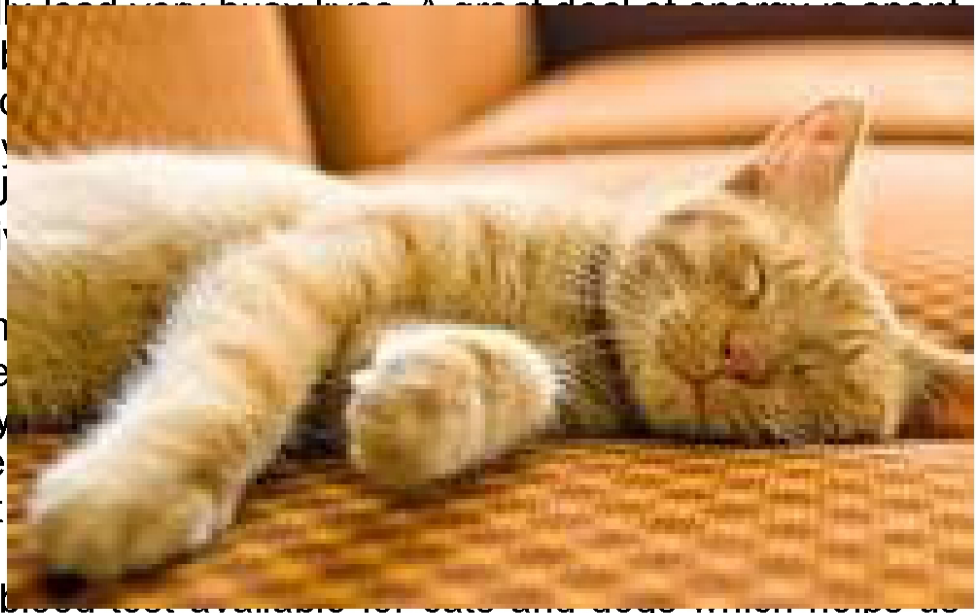
If you have any items you wish to donate please contact Evelyn on 830960 who will arrange collection.

Coffee Morning—Saturday 14th May in Bridge Village Hall from 10am

Who hope to also organise a **Produce Sale**, to be held in Bridge Churchyard on Saturday 10th September 10 am—12 noon. Remember us when making your jams and chutneys, make a few extra for us to sell. All proceeds go to Church funds.

BOURNE VETS NEWS

Cats are infamous for their long snoozes and often appear to be very laid back creatures, however they actually lead very busy lives. A great deal of energy is spent defending territory, eating, climbing, playing, grooming, and making sure the next door and ensuring plenty of food. This can take a toll over the years and as they age, their internal organs may begin to give up. In older cats, **kidney failure** is a common problem. The kidneys remove waste products to form urine. When they are damaged, shrunken and scarred, it becomes a difficult problem to detect early. Often, any symptoms become noticeable only after the cat is drinking excessively or urinating frequently, losing weight and lose their appetite.



There is now an exciting new blood test available for cats and dogs which helps us to detect loss of kidney function a lot sooner by measuring SDMA levels. SDMA levels in the blood increase when 40% of kidney function is lost so we can now identify disease much earlier. This early identification means earlier management so we can help slow the progression of the disease.

The type of treatment will depend on the level of kidney failure. We may prescribe a change of diet to a special 'renal' diet which has restricted protein, less phosphorus and salt and increased potassium and B vitamins. Your cat may also need medication to help reduce their blood pressure or they may initially need to be hospitalised for fluid therapy to help rehydrate them.

Unfortunately, there is no cure once the damage has been done but we can slow the progression of the disease and significantly improve the quality of life of your pet, so if you are at all concerned that your cat may be showing signs of renal failure please give us a call at **Bourne Veterinary Practice** on **01227 832322**.

Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 10 December 2015 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.00p.m.

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

Recreation Ground

Many entries for the school logo competition have been received. It was decided unanimously to delay pollarding two maple trees until Council re-considers the pruning of these trees in December 2016.

The Clerk reported on the correspondence which had been received from parishioners about the Cantley development proposals. This has all been forwarded to Cantley.

The Chair spoke against the City Council plans for Brickfields at a public meeting on 11 November 2015 and reminded the meeting that the draft Neighbourhood Plan talked of 8 houses on the site, not the proposed 40.

At a meeting held on 9 December the main terms of a thirty year lease for the Mill Centre were discussed and agreed. The new lease will run from 1 March 2016.

There will need to be a major campaign of fundraising by the Mill Centre Management Committee in order to pay for the proposed works.

The budget for 2016-2017 was set and agreed unanimously. A precept of £29,737.61 added to a council tax support grant of £1,377.39 will bring the total budget (without the CFF element) to £31,075 an increase of £505 on the amount received in 2015-16.

The new village snow policy was adopted.

Mr Richard McCarthy was thanked for offering to take on the post of footpath warden from January 2016.

The village website has a link to the application form for the post of Village Warden.

The deadline for applications is 1 Feb 2016.

A consultation document on the future of the Green Court area is being prepared.

The Clerk was asked to investigate with the City Council the designation of areas such as Riverside Close, Conyngham Lane and the school access drive as "traffic managed areas", meaning that the City Council's enforcement team could report and sanction inconsiderate parking.

It was agreed that the village would "Clean for the Queen" in early March (over the weekend of March 5 and 6, 2016)

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Canterbury City Council has confirmed the precept request made for 2016-2017. It appears the butcher's shop may yet be sold as a going concern and that interest has been shown by an interested party to take on the Post Office.

Conyngham Lane has been registered with Canterbury City Council as a "traffic managed area"

The Chair recorded his thanks and those of the Parish Council to the volunteers who had erected and dismantled Christmas trees on the High Street.

Recreation Ground

The Clerk will inform Bridge School of the winning entries in the competition for recreation ground signs.

Council resolved to purchase 2 new anchored picnic benches for the childrens' play area (£1,024); repair one of the swings (£1,136) and pay for improvements to the pathway around the pavilion and the provision of a ramp for wheelchair access (approx. £4,200).

The most recent update from Cantley Estates (dated 11 January)-now available on the parish website- was read out by the Clerk. It refers to a number of potential sites for housing developments in the village. The Chair gave his own personal response to this statement from Cantley.

The village party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday will take place on 12 June from 12-16.00h on the recreation ground. Volunteers will be needed and the event must be properly advertised and organised.

KCC will be invited to carry out their investigations on tree roots in the Green Court area. Plans will be developed further once the required approvals are forthcoming. The Chair spoke of his personal disappointment at the way in which Canterbury City Council had announced potential development on the Brickfield site. The Parish Council agreed to write a letter to the Chief Executive and Leader of Canterbury City Council which will include reference to the disingenuous use of the unfinished neighbourhood plan to justify inclusion of more houses than are mentioned in the draft neighbourhood plan.

Two potentially new contractors are to be contacted by the Clerk to see if a more efficient method of controlling the moles on the recreation ground can be found. Council agreed to write again to Stagecoach outlining the apparent unfairness of the current pricing policy with regards to many Bridge residents.

Training will take place in February on the use of the newly acquired Speedwatch equipment. 14 volunteers have come forward so far.

It was agreed to include a flier about dog fouling in the next edition of the parish newsletter.

The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 11 February 2016 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

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JAZZ EVENING IN WOMENSWOLD

Due to popular demand, the Langton Jazz Men will be again giving an evening of jazz at the Learning Opportunities Centre in Womenswold on Friday February 26th at 7.30p.m for 8p.m. Tickets cost £10, to include nibbles and one drink, (other drinks will be available to buy). This is only a small venue so only 40 tickets will be available, on a first come first served basis, from Marilyn Lewis on 01227 831208.

FILMS OF BRIDGE

New set of Archive Film Screenings will be on Saturday 27th February at 2pm and will be of footage of Canterbury to include, Bridge, Chilham, and Bekesbourne. This film will also be repeated on Saturday 19th March at 2pm. The showings are at Christchurch University in The Powell Building on North Holmes Road. Tickets are £5. There is parking but arrive early.

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ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Verses from this hymn were sung in the **Musical Journey through 1878** concert at St Mary's, Patricbourne in September. I explained in my commentary how it came to be written, how its stirring tune makes it popular, how its military references can make it controversial, and how it was "*most heartily sung*" at the first Mattins using St Mary's new organ on Sunday 22 September 1878.

Readers might be interested to learn, or be reminded, that this hymn was written by Rev Sabine Baring Gould, when he was curate of a Mission in Horbury Bridge (West Yorkshire) for use on a long Whit-walk up to Horbury Parish Church in 1865. Although it had a dull tune, it was rescued from oblivion in 1872 when Arthur Sullivan (of G&S fame) composed his tune 'St Gertrude'.

My mention of the parody version **Backward Christian Soldiers** led to several enquiries, so I've set it out below (words anon). Each Advent we are urged "*to wake up out of sleep*" and it could be that these satirical verses can awaken us, both individually and collectively, to ways in which we are backward and help us resolve to change direction.

Backward Christian Soldiers, fleeing from the fight

With the Cross of Jesus nearly out of sight.

Christ, our rightful master, stands against

the foe,

But forward into

battle, we are loathe to go. *Backward Christian...*

Like a mighty tortoise moves the Church of God

Brothers we are treading where we've always trod.

We are much divided, many bodies we

Having many doctrines, not much

charity. *Backward Christian...*

Crowns and thorns may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,

But the Church of Jesus hidden doth remain.

Gates of hell should never 'gainst the Church prevail

We have Christ's own promise, but think

that it will fail. *Backward Christian...*

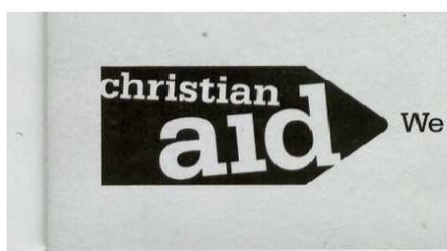
Sit here then ye people, join our useless throng

Blend with ours your voices in a feeble song.

Blessings, ease and comfort, ask from Christ the King,

With our modern thinking, we don't do a

thing. *Backward Christian...*



REFUGEE CRISIS

Images of desperate refugees risking their lives to cross the Mediterranean in unstable boats are a distressing reminder of the refugee crisis in the aftermath of World War II that led to the founding of Christian Aid in 1945.

According to the UN, in the first half of 2015, a third of the people making the sea crossing to Italy and Greece were from Syria. More than 50% of the population are now displaced, with more than 4.1 million people forced to seek safety outside the country, in Lebanon, Iraq and Europe. Their needs will increase now winter is here, and the numbers of people seeking refuge will continue to grow as long as the conflict in Syria continues. As in 1945, Christian Aid is reaching out to those in need.

As we approach Christmas and remember that the child Jesus was himself a refugee, could you help Christian Aid respond to the immediate and long-term needs of today's refugees by giving to its Refugee Crisis Appeal? Your donations could buy sleeping bags, food, water, baby kits, and also improve conditions in reception centres.

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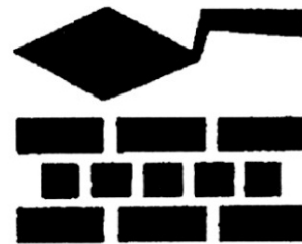
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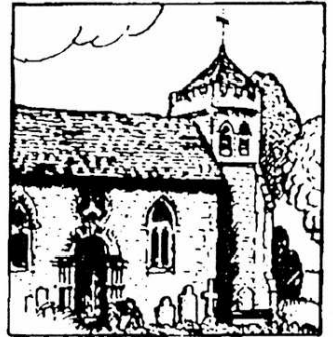
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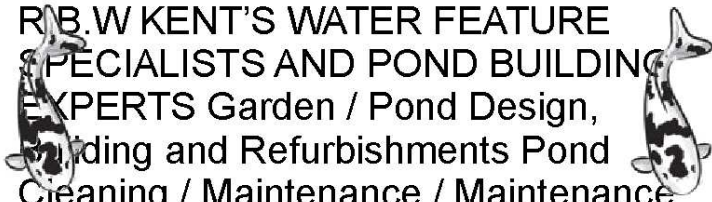
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Mothering Sunday 6 March 2 Cor 1:3-7 Luke 2:33-35	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Family Communion
Lent 5 13 March Isaiah 43:16-21 John 12:1-8	9.30am Sung Eucharist 3.30pm Evensong	3.30pm Evensong at Nackington	11.00am Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice</i>	8.00am Holy Communion
Palm Sunday 20 March Dramatic Gospel Reading	<i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice.</i>	9.30am Family Service	10.50am Palm Procession, Dramatic Gospel Reading and Family Communion	<i>All welcome at the other services across the benefice.</i>	9.30am Sung Eucharist
Maundy Thursday 24 March 1 Cor 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	7.30pm Shared service at Bridge	7.30pm Shared service at Bridge	7.30pm Commemoration of The Last Supper & The Watch	7.30pm Shared service at Bridge	7.30pm Shared service at Bridge
Good Friday 25 March	2.00pm Shared service at Bridge	9.30am-12.00noon Children's Workshop	2.00-3.00pm The Last Hour at The Cross – quiet reflection	2.00pm Shared service at Bridge	2.00pm Shared service at Bridge
EASTER DAY 27 March Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18	9.30am Easter Eucharist	9.30am Easter Family Service, followed by egg hunt	6.00am Sunrise Easter Service followed by breakfast 11.00am Choral Easter Eucharist	9.30am Easter Eucharist	9.30am Easter Family Eucharist, followed by egg hunt

9.30am Every Tuesday at Bridge Church: Holy Communion. All welcome.



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Dear friends,

I have just returned from a trip to Australia and New Zealand, visiting friends and family. I had a close and personal encounter with nature at Byron Bay. Watching out for sharks, my eyes were focused on the horizon for those fast moving fins. (A number of people, including a honeymoon couple have been killed there in recent years). So fixed were my eyes on the long-distance, that I failed to recognise dangers at closer range. Both my legs become lunch for a large Portugese Man of War jelly fish, known locally as a blue bottle. For several hours I hopped around in agony, and completely missed my opportunity to surf the waves. Like Bill Byson, I feel that I have experienced the wildlife of Australia! This huge and hot country, with so many exotic and dangerous animals. The guy who picked me up off the beach said, 'you are lucky the box jellyfish didn't taste you. You would have a gonner, mate!'

In New Zealand, Sue and I travelled around the South Island, and enjoyed the fjords and mountains. On our last day we were the guests of the former Bishop of Christchurch, who drove us round the earthquake damaged city. Although the big earthquake was 5 years ago (this month), there remain whole areas of the city full of half demolished buildings, over 60 churches were destroyed, and the cathedral stands there with half its roof and the spire missing. Nearly 200 people were killed five years ago, and two further earthquakes shook the city just days after we had left. I joined the cathedral congregation in the Transitional Cathedral, which is made completely of cardboard. What struck me about the people I met was a sense of ongoing woundedness and grief, but also a deep sense of hope and determination to regenerate the city and its people.

I found myself reflecting that this is a good visual image of the Good Friday and Easter experience. For the disciples on Good Friday, all seemed lost. The Easter experience that followed showed them that God transcends death itself and gives hope and joy - as real today as 2000 years ago. Easter calls us to regenerate our lives and communities.

We have a rich offering of different services in Holy Week and Easter in the Bridge family of churches, and all are warmly invited. See page 12.

With grace and peace for joy at Easter,
Jonathan

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

A warm invitation to enter deeply into Holy Week...

Palm Sunday 20 March

Lower Hardres Church, Family Service at 9.30am

Bekesbourne Church, Sung Eucharist at 9.30am

Bridge Church, Palm Procession, Dramatic Gospel Reading and Family Eucharist, starting at 10.50am (*gathering outside the church, or inside if wet*)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week 21, 22, 23 March Nicholas

Myheer's cycle of paintings based on the Passion and Resurrection of Christ – ***The Sarum Cycle*** – will be displayed in the Eastern Crypt of Canterbury Cathedral from Tuesday 15 March. Please call in to see it. On these three days in Holy Week you are invited to a talk in the Kentish Barn, Cathedral Lodge (in the Precincts) inspired by these images. A sandwich lunch will be available from 12.45pm. If you need a lift please ask Jonathan or Margaret.

Monday at 1.00pm The Sarum Cycle – image and song (The Precentor)

Tuesday at 1.00pm The Sarum Cycle – in conversation with the artist (The Canon Librarian)

Wednesday at 1.00pm The Sarum Cycle – art and prayer (The Canon Pastor)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 7.30pm Reflective Worship (Cathedral Quire), readings, prayer, music with the Cathedral Choir.

Maundy Thursday 24 March

7.30pm Shared Service at Bridge Church. The Commemoration of The Last Supper and The Watch

Good Friday 25 March

9.30am-12.00noon Children's Workshop at Lower Hardres Church

2.00pm-3.00pm The Last Hour at the Cross – quiet reflections at Bridge Church, followed by coffee and hot cross buns

Easter Day 27 March

6.00am Easter Sunrise Service at Bridge Church, followed by breakfast

9.30am Easter Eucharist at Nackington Church

9.30am Easter Service at Lower Hardres Church, followed by egg hunt

9.30am Easter Eucharist at Patrixbourne Church

9.30am Easter Eucharist at Bekesbourne Church, followed by egg hunt

11.00am Easter Choral Eucharist at Bridge Church

Alleluia, Christ is risen...

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Dates For Your Diary

March 2016

01/03	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
04/03	11.00		Women's World Day of Prayer at St Peter's, Bridge. All welcome.
07/03	19.30		Deanery Synod at Littlebourne Village Hall
		19.30	Caring and Sharing
08/03	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
09/03	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres
12/03			Diocesan Synod 'Vocations and Lay Ministry at John Wallace Academy, Ashford, all welcome
15/03	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
16/03	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
		19.30	Patixbourne with Bridge PCC

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays.

Future Date to Note—Bridge Village Fete Saturday 25th June 2015 12 noon—
4.00pm in Bridge School grounds

Easter at Lower Hardres Mothering Sunday fall in March 6th. At 11:00am we will have Family Communion, when posies and cards will be given to everyone. Obviously we shall have our traditional Simnel cake. There will be lots of child participation. Good Friday is March 25th. We will hold the Children's Workshop. 9:30 am till 12:00 noon. Please ring Julie Cox; 788316, or Margaret at 765598. If your child is under school age please stay with them. Donations of £1 per child for materials are welcome. Easter Day is the 27th March. Family Communion is at 9:30 am, followed by the Easter Egg Hunt! Please come and join us to celebrate Easter! Women's World Day on Prayer is on March the 4th. We will celebrate this service at St Peter's Bridge at 11:00 am. All are welcome. Margaret Electoral Roll—
Patixbourne with Bridge

It is once more time to revise the Electoral Roll. If you are already included in the Roll, you need do nothing. If however you are not on the Roll and would like to be, application forms will be in the churches from Sunday 13th March. Please complete a form and return it to the Vicar, one of the Churchwardens or to 54 Bridge Down, by Easter Sunday March 27th. Easter Decorations in St. Peter's Bridge will commence at 9.30am Saturday 26th March. Anyone willing to donate an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one, please contact Viv Brasier or a Churchwarden. I hope the price will be about £3 per lily. Thank You. St. Peter's Bridge Flower Arrangers Thanks to John and Joan Hill for a super artificial Tree to put in the Church at future Christmases.

NOTICE of Election of Churchwardens and Annual Church Meeting

Meeting for St Peter's Bekesbourne will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 April in Bekesbourne Village Hall. All residents of the civil parish of Bekesbourne and all people listed on the Bekesbourne Church electoral roll are very welcome to attend and may vote at the meeting to elect 2 Churchwardens for St Peter's Bekesbourne for 2016/17.

This will be followed by the Annual Church Meeting, at which the Parochial Church Council and Sidemen/women for the coming year will be elected. We will be reporting on what we have been up to in Bekesbourne in 2015.

It is an opportunity to thank all those people who work so hard to keep our church flourishing and to offer ideas for 2016.

If you would like to be included on the church electoral roll (which entitles you to vote at the Annual Meeting), please ensure that you complete a form and return it to Lindsay Sharp Kinsey (Electoral Roll Officer) or any of the committee members.

Nicky Fry PCC Secretary (Bekesbourne)

Meeting for Patrixbourne with Bridge will be held after the 11am Morning Service at St Peter's Bridge on Sunday 10 April. All residents of the Parish of Patrixbourne with Bridge may attend and vote as above.

It will also be followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in a similar format to, and with opportunity for thanks, as the above.

Likewise for joining the parish electoral roll please make enquiries to Rosemary Whatley (Electoral Roll Secretary) or any PCC member.

This new arrangement has been made to encourage a greater participation of all on our electoral roll as we face financial and fabric challenges (especially at Bridge) and to hear progress reports from our 'Friends' organisations.

Alan Barber PCC Secretary (Patrixbourne with Bridge)



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Parishioners, who turn out and rally round so commendably at fund-raisers!

The Friends of St Peter's Bridge

The advance sale of 160 tickets for the 134 pew seats in Bridge's parish church was a tribute both to the popularity of the Cathedral Choristers' visit on 6 February and to the tremendous energy put in to publicity by Charlie and Georgie Bainbridge ; we are very grateful to them, to Evelyn Andrews who shared in the sale of tickets, to Laurence Dunderdale for the logistics, and for everyone who helped on the night. FOSP's next concert will be on 4 June, and will feature David Flood (Director of the Choristers) returning in lighter guise with lay clerks John Williams and Chris Price as The Good Gnus. Tickets will be available for purchase well in advance.

Fund-raising for the fabric of the parish church (which is FOSP's rationale) has been going well, aided by the sponsorship and advertising on the 6th February. But I would be serving the village poorly if I did not say that there must be money in hand in a good number of homes that hasn't yet been set free, and that it is in the interest of everyone who lives and owns property in Bridge to ensure that its most iconic building does not fall apart.

If you feel you can now help, or help again, please make contact with me, Stephen Woodley, at 11 Conyngham Lane, 01227 830954.

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

The next Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall from 10 to 11.30 on Wednesday 9th March. We hope a volunteer from Hi Kent will be there to help with hearing aids. Please search your cupboards for any unwanted knitting wool and bring it along. We are also looking for good quality tea cups and saucers for using in the village hall, sets of at least six would be appreciated, though not too fine bone china!

Bridge and District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th March in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. Dr Andrew Richardson will give a talk on the Treasure Act and about spectacular finds and improvements to the archaeological record through the work of responsible metal detection, including the Bridge Iron Age helmet.

Members £4.00, non members £5.00.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

Games evening The Friends of Womenswold Church invite you to an evening of games and entertainment at the Learning Opportunities Centre in Womenswold, on Saturday March 12th at 7.30p.m., hosted by local Thespians Jan and Keith Roberts, who have devised a programme to amuse and entertain everyone. Tickets cost £10, (£8 for Friends), to include nibbles and your first drink, and may be obtained from Jeanie Wright on Tel. 01304 830894, so please come and enjoy yourselves and support the Friends.

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100 Club

A very big thank you to all who joined Bekesbourne 100 Club this year. We have 114 members which is a record.

The winners in the January draw were: Mike Barker £50; Linda Ellis £25; and Daphne Hogben £15. The winners in February are: Alexander Cole £50; Toby Pollard £25; and Richard Thomas £15. The draws took place at the Bekesbourne jumble sale.¶

Nailbourne

The Little Stour & Nailbourne River Management Group continues to monitor the Nailbourne and the valley sewer and to liaise with all the relevant agencies and to work with them towards long-term solutions for the difficulties at times of high groundwater levels. At the time of writing (February 16) the Environment Agency prediction is 'flow not flood'.

Those wishing to be kept in the loop re updates and developments can ask to be added to the e-mail list operated by the secretary of the river group, Jill Thomas, by e-mailing s.thomas@which.net.

It is interesting to note that Peter Gay, who lives at the top end of the valley and writes the Nature Notes for the Kentish Gazette, has observed that the Nailbourne is running along its entire length for the fourth year in succession. He comments that this is probably a 100-year record.

Brewery Lane ford is now closed. Keeper's Hill at Patrixbourne is open (at the time of writing) but deemed too deep for safe passage.

Local History

A memorial service for the life of Lewis 'Laurence' Boyle was held at St Mary's, Patrixbourne on Friday January, 22nd, lead by Margaret Clarke.

Laurence was a long-term Patrixbourne resident and took a keen interest in the history of the village. He assembled a great deal of information on the history of Bifrons and gave a talk on the subject to the Bridge and District History Society. Laurence's detailed archives have been donated to the village by his family and it is hoped that it will be possible for a local person to build on his research and finish the book he started following his talk to the society.

The records are being catalogued by Jill Thomas and over the next few months they will move into the archives of Bridge History Society under the heading LLB collection. Contact Jill ~~#~~ on s.thomas@which.net if you have an interest in Bifrons and



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Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

On **Tuesday 15 March** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall), the Institute are pleased to welcome back **Helen Kendall-Tobias** who on a previous visit gave a talk on "50 Ways to Tie a Scarf". This time, she will be holding a **Scarf Tying Workshop** so that members can practise themselves. Ideally to get the most from the workshop, members should bring along a variety of scarves, eg:

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1 square silk scarf (90cm)

1 long silky scarf approx 40 x 100cm)

1 pashmina style scarf/stole

although Helen has promised to have a few extra for those who might forget!

If you are interested in this evening or in the VI generally, please do come along on the 15th. You will be made most welcome.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

For the meeting on **Tuesday 8th March** we have arranged an afternoon workshop at **Layham Garden Centre and Nursery**, the specialist rose nursery at Staple, as they thought it would be easier to show us and talk about the **roses** in situ. It is planned, weather permitting, that the visit will be outside and take the form of a hands-on talk to show us the planting, pruning and general care of roses and any other plants which members may like to know about.

We will meet at our usual meeting place at Green Court/Western Avenue to organise transport and be ready to leave at **1.30 prompt** for a 2 pm start at Staple. There will be a small charge for the afternoon.

Moving on to April, our **Spring Show** is being held this year on **Saturday 9 April** in Bridge Village Hall. More details will be published in the April edition of the magazine, but we would like to give you information now about the two open classes we have included for everyone to enter, not just members. The classes are:

5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)

6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box

It would be really encouraging for the Society to have entries from other parishioners.

If anyone requires a show schedule, please contact the Show Secretary Kathy Walder on 830057 or email kath@askwalder.com

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

After its winter break, the Association returns to Bridge Village Hall on **Wednesday 9 March** (7.30 for 8.00 pm start) for its **AGM** to be followed by an illustrated talk by local Bridge resident and member **Raj Dasan** entitled "**Tropical Fruits**" - and with some sampling too! Non-members are most welcome to come along to the meeting.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Practical “Hands-On” Afternoon on

Roses

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Womens Drumming Circle 24th March at 7.30pm £8 please book with Caroline Barnes www.the-rhythm-of-life.co.uk cbarnes@uwclub.net Spare drums will be available.

Sunrise service on Easter Day begins at **6 am** and will include a walk in the garden, songs and readings, lighting a fire and breakfast in the yurt. Please let us know if you can come.

Labyrinth Workshop with Facilitation Training - Saturday 9th April 10.30 – 8.30pm This will include 3 labyrinth walks (one at dusk), some background and history and an introduction to helping others to use the labyrinth as a spiritual tool. More details will be available soon on the website. £50 includes refreshments and supper but please bring your own lunch. Please book asap with Lizzie who will lead the day. lizziehopthrow@gmail.com

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The Ignition Project - An experimental afternoon on Saturday 30th April 2pm – 5pm - led by Elaine Longworth. Elaine will be leading a series of workshops in which she will use the power of poetry (hers and ours?!) to shine light on our spiritual journeys. Themes will include *Poetry for Healing, Stepping into Joy, Stepping into Greatness, Finding Purpose, Spiritual Rebirth*. If you would like to be midwife to this new birth we would love to hear from you. A delicious tea will be served. Please book with Lizzie lizziehopthrow@gmail.com

Silent Retreat with the Janki Foundation. Thursday 5th May 10am – 3pm Please book with Julia Ronder at www.newron.co.uk £12.50

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Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 11 February 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)

A member of the public addressed the meeting on the subject of minute 112/15-16 (a) from the meeting held on 14 January 2016.

Report from Canterbury City Councillor (Simon Cook)

He noted that fly tipping is an increasing issue in the district. Villagers should let him know of any hot spots. The City Council will start a community governance review in 2016 including a look at further devolution of powers to parishes.

Report from Kent County Councillor (KCC) Michael Northey.

KCC has passed its budget for 2016-2017 showing a 3.99% increase in council tax, occasioned by increasing expenditure in adult social care and grant reductions from central government amounting to £18 million. Front line services are being modified where necessary but remain largely intact. The mobile library consultation ends on 4 March. It is proposed that the library will visit Bridge once every fortnight and that borrowers will be able to borrow up to 30 items each. Comments are still welcomed.

Decisions taken in the course of the meeting. Council agreed to:

replace the defective cradle swing with a new swing in the play area.

fund a **first aid course** to provide basic life-saving first aid including the use of CPR

(cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Local employers will be invited as a priority and asked for a donation towards the costs which will amount to approx. £225.

fund the necessary tree survey of the **Green Court** area to see which parcels of the KCC land can be developed. A team of councillors will ask local residents for their views on a range of possible improvements to the landscaping of the area.

upgrade **the pavilion kitchen.**

invite a **speaker from Speedwatch to address the Annual Parish Meeting** on 28 April 2016.

write to CCC and KCC about the disruption caused by **simultaneous road closures** locally.

publish all of the latest Cantley information on the parish website.

Dates and events to note:

Village event on 12 June to mark the Queen's 90th birthday on the Recreation Ground

5 March 2016 from 10.30-12.30 there will be a **village-wide litter pick** involving the beavers and cubs as part of the **national "Cleaning for the Queen" project.**

Neighbourhood Plan

Joe Connor, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan group stated that he wished to see the Bridge plan completed (and submitted to Canterbury City Council as required) within this calendar year.

New road junction on the A2. The Chair repeated his concern about the apparent complacency of planners that "all will be fine" at the northern end of Bridge High St. The new junction will be planned by Highways England and funded by housing developers. It will probably be built some 4-5 years after houses have started to be built in South Canterbury.

Speedwatch training for the village on 9 February was attended by 15 people.

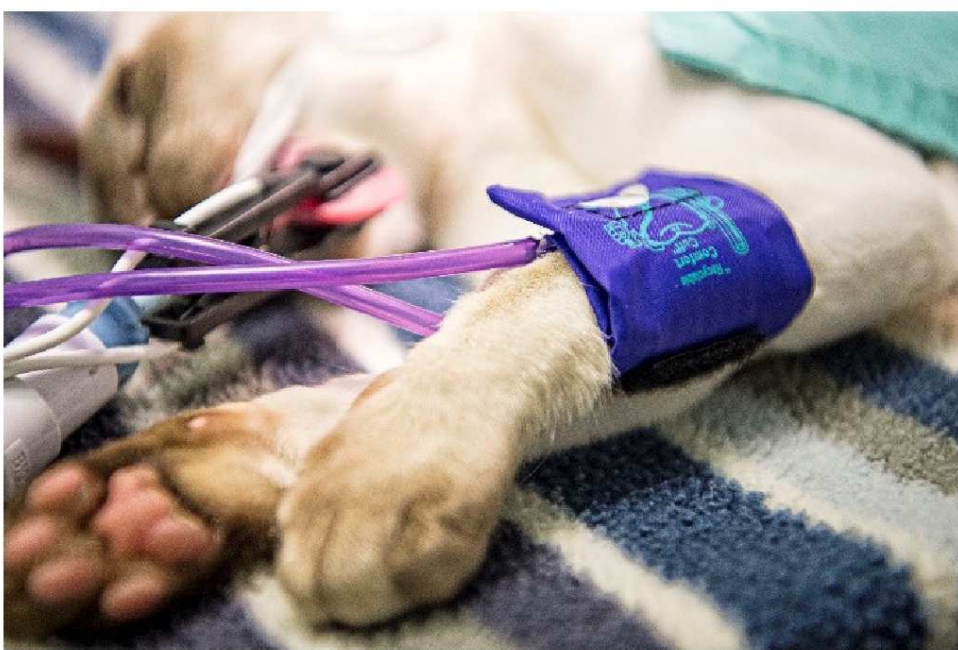
Mill Centre

Council discussed the proposed lease for the Mill Centre to be issued by CCC for a period of 30 years. It also discussed its future arrangements for working with the Mill Centre Management Committee.

Point of information:

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The next meeting of Bridge Parish Council will be on Thursday 10 March 2016 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.



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Barham Bowls Club

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Indoor Short-Mat Bowls. Indoor short-mat bowls is now well established at the Village Hall and takes place on Monday evenings from 7.00 to 9.00 pm and on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Why not come and give it a try. All you need is a pair of trainer-type shoes. Bowls are provided. For further information please call the Club Captain - Neil Sladden on 01227 761423."

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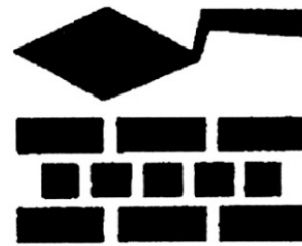
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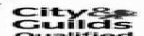
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Second Sunday of Easter 3 April	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
Third Sunday of Easter 10 April	9.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Parish Eucharist followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting	11.00am Parish Eucharist at Bridge Church followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday of Easter 17 April	<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
Fifth Sunday of Easter 24 April	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>

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Dear friends,

As the weather brightens and the snowdrops give way to the daffodils and new lambs arrive in the fields, we are reminded through the beauty of God's creation of the new life of Easter all around us. In the life of our Church, Easter lasts for 50 days, up to the Feast of Pentecost. It has been wonderful to welcome sixty Year 4 children of our Church School to St Peter's Church to explore the building together and explore together their inquisitive questions of life and faith. It was a joy to welcome over 400 children for their special Easter Services on the Wednesday of Holy Week. With so much frailty, uncertainty, and suffering in our world - with the ongoing refugee crisis, the wars in Iraq and Syria, the fight against terrorism - we need to hear and take into our hearts the deep message of Easter again. That God loved the world so much that he send his only Son Jesus to live among us, and through his death and resurrection brings us all the hope of a transformed world and eternal life.

But this eternal life starts now, from the moment we are baptised. We are called as Christians to build God's Kingdom here on earth, as co-workers with God and disciples of Jesus.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first Easter Day opens a new road for us all. Through God's grace we are invited to be people of hope, or Easter-people, living out through our daily lives the hope of new life, and the transforming power of God's love in our lives, community and world. In the end, the light of Christ is stronger than all the darkness.

May the joy and hope of Easter be yours,
Grace and peace, Jonathan.

Dates For Your Diary

April 2016

05/04	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
10/04	11.45		Patricxbourne with Bridge Annual Church Meeting
11/04	19.30		Caring and Sharing
12/04	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
13/04	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres
		19.30	Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting at Bekesbourne Village Hall
19/04	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
20/04	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
22/04 Meeting at	19.30		Lower Hardres with Nackington Annual Church Nackington Church
25/04	19.30		Caring and Sharing
08/05 Trevor,	09.30		Special service at Nackington Church with Bishop consecrating the churchyard extension. All welcome.

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays.

14th May 2016 Coffee Morning 10am—12 noon in Bridge Village Hall in aid of Patricxourne and Bridge churches

25th June 2016 Bridge Village Fete, from 12 noon in Bridge School Grounds

INVITATION

Annual Meetings of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meetings

You are warmly invited to these important meetings which review the last year of the life of your local church, look forward to plans for the future and elect church officers for the coming year.

Patricbourne with Bridge PCC on Sunday 10 April at 11.45am (following the 1100am Service) at St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Bekesbourne PCC on Wednesday 13 April at 7.30pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

Lower Hardres with Nackington PCC on Friday 22 April at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Nackington.

If you would like to stand for office or serve as a PCC member, please speak with Jonathan our vicar.

Vicar of Bridge's granddaughter returns to Bridge Church.



Rebecca and David Parsons (centre) with their families at the blessing of their marriage at Bridge Church held last month.

Rebecca's grandfather was Canon Colin Edward Herschel Perry who was our Vicar from 1960 to 1980 and Rural Dean of East Bridge.

Our current Vicar, Canon Jonathan LLOYD, told the congregation that his own father would have worked closely with Canon Perry as he was Rural Dean of West Bridge at the same time. Canon Perry is fondly remembered by some of our more senior church members - including his preference for sherry rather than tea whilst on pastoral visits!

Violet Coleman / Magazine Content.

On the morning of March 7th a service was held for Violet at Barham Crematorium and that afternoon, a service of Celebration of her life in Patrixbourne church.

Violet was an amazing person. I have known her for many years, so I was privileged to officiate at the services. She was a women of integrity, and of dedication to her family - Andrea, Michael and Phillip. They meant everything to her, and she worked hard to care for them. She knitted, embroidered, crocheted and cooked and worked.

What a generous and big hearted woman she was.

I visited her in her home, and over a cup of tea we laughed and talked. Her tea was diabolical! I used to say the teabag was afraid of boiling water.

Violet gave much of herself to help others in Bridge Haven, in the twilight of her life. She was quite a woman, as we read in Isaiah – ‘You are precious in my sight. I have called you by name, and you are mine.’

May you rest in peace and rise in glory.

Margaret Clarke.

Lower Hardres News

I would like to extend a sincere thank-you to all who helped at the Good Friday workshop. Thank-you also to all of the children who came, it was a real team effort. I hope you have had a blessed Easter.

Soon, we are holding porch sale, selling cakes etc. On October 7th at 7pm, we are holding an AUCTION OF PROMISES at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres. It is to raise funds for St Mary's Roof.

Margaret.

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The next Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday April 13th.

The annual fund-raising Bring and Buy will take place during the May Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday May 11th. There will be a raffle, plants and home-baked cakes, but do please bring anything you think might sell well.

The Cornelia Slavin outing is being organised and , we hope, will be to Walmer Castle in early June.

New Flag

Since our first notification of a coffee morning intended to fund a replacement St George's cross, I am pleased to record early donations equalling £15.00, and a wonderful offer to donate the entire sum of £80.00 by a generous Michael Green.

Thank you so much, Michael, and the others to whom we are very grateful.

Nevertheless, due to the close proximity of our intended coffee morning (17th March) the Churchwardens are happy for us to proceed with the event at 20 Conyngham Lane, and to use the money raised to open a Reserve Fund for new flags in the future. None lasts for ever, unfortunately - strong winds, heavy rain and vehicular- pollution quickly take their toll. A 'Flag specific' fund will mean the moneys do not disappear in the general maintenance. Thank you to all supporters - I'll let you know the outcome in the next magazine.

Barry Whiting.

Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be held on Thursday April 21st in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30.

Alasdair Hogarth will give a talk on Sir Thomas More whose head rests in St Dunstan's Church, Canterbury.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel:832450.

Spring Working Party on the Recreation Ground

There will be a tidying up session after the winter starting at 9 30 am on Saturday 16th April. Please wear warm clothes including gloves and bring secateurs and weeding tools. Refreshments will be provided in the pavilion. All are welcome.

Sue Hodges

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

Not very much news this month but if anybody would like to find out about joining the branch please see contact telephone numbers in our notice board outside Littlebourne War Memorial Hall. We would welcome new members.

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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 & Patrixbourne 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



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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Spring Show



Saturday 9 April
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Refreshments

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For Show Schedule telephone Kathy on 830057

Bridge with Patixbourne Women's Institute

As guest speakers at the meeting on **Tuesday 19 April** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall), the WI have invited **Mark and Pam Bathurst** to give a talk on the **restoration of the "Medway Queen" paddle steamer**. As always, we are pleased to welcome visitors and guests at our meetings.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Society is holding its **Annual Spring Show** on **Saturday 9 April** in Bridge Village Hall. The hall will be open to the public from 11.00 am until 1.30 pm with the presentation of prizes at 1.00 pm. As I write, I have great doubts about how many daffodils will be on show this year but I know that our members always manage to "come up with the goodies" on the day!

For those exhibiting, the hall will be open from 8.00 am for staging the exhibits and everyone must clear the hall by 10.00 when judging will take place. As mentioned in the March "On the Nail" we have **two classes** in the schedule which are **open** to non-members of the Society as well. These are:

5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)

6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box

and it would be great to see entries from other local people. All you have to do is bring your entries along to the hall before 10.00am on the morning of the show.

There is no entry charge for the show which has several sections - cut flowers, pot plants, cookery, floral art, not forgetting the Chairman's Challenge (a pot of Juanita variety large cupped narcissus this year) - something indeed for everyone. There will be refreshments available during the day as well as a raffle and a plant/bring and buy stall.

Do come along and support us on the day!

If anyone requires a show schedule, please contact the Show Secretary Kathy Walder on 830057 or email kath@askwalder.com

National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

Graham and Jane Wagstaff are giving a talk on "**Exhibition Parsnips**" at the next meeting of the Society on **Wednesday 13 April** in Bridge Village Hall (7.30 for 8.00 pm start). Jane and Graham are growers, medal winners, judges, and experts in their field. Non-members are most welcome.

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Friends of St Giles talk

Unfortunately the talk to be given by Dr Becky Parker entitled "**Quantum World and our Wonderful Universe**" has had to be changed to **Friday 29th April 2016** in Kingston Barn – time 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm.

This talk is given by Kingston's very own Dr Becky Parker MBE, who will explain some of the excitement of modern physics and how it relates to everything around us - in her own amazing indomitable style. Becky has a world-wide reputation for enhancing the public understanding of science.

There are still a few tickets available at £10 per adult (over 18). Cash or cheques (payable to Friends of St Giles) to my address please Maureen Taylor, 3 Whitelocks Close, Kingston, Canterbury, CT4 6JG

BRIDGE FARMERS' MARKET

"Bridge Farmers Market has been operating every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in 2016, at the Red Lion car park, as market run by the stall holders for the people of the village."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark Esdale and all of the team for having the insight and good-will to start the market 5+ years ago. We would not be here today without all of their hard work, and we believe everyone who comes to the market would agree that it is a truly valuable asset to the village. Long may that continue.

Since we, the stall holders, took over the running of the market we have made a big effort to ensure that there is great variety on offer. We are proud that our customers can effectively do a weekly shop with us if they so wish. We have local Meat, Fish, Bread, and Veg all covered, not to mention Chocolate, Juice, Marzipan, Curries, Cheese, Cakes, Honey and lots more to tickle your taste buds with, not to mention a plant stall. We believe that everything is reasonably priced and would encourage more of the parish to come down and give us a try!

With stall holder numbers ever increasing, we are able (with your cooperation) to create a real buzz of a Saturday morning but inevitably it is a two way process. If we want to continue as a happy and successful market, then we implore new customers young and old to come down and see the stunning array of local produce we have for you to sample.

We are passionate about low food miles, reducing our carbon footprint and supporting the local rural economy, and at the same time can promise you a cheerful welcome, and a keen insight into the produce on offer.

With all of this in mind please try to make our market on 9th or 23rd April 9am – 12pm at the Red Lion, your first, as we would love to see you there.

Best wishes

Lewis on behalf of Bridge Farmers Market"

Abbreviated Minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council
Thursday 10 March 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)

The local plan might be adopted by the end of 2016. Responses to local plan amendments have been passed to the Inspector. The city centre car parking consultation is complete. The budget has been set for 2016-2017 with council tax rising by £4.95 per band D property. The allocation of housing on Brickfields will be decided by the government Inspector of the local plan

Report from Kent County Councillor (KCC) Michael Northey.

He is pessimistic about the responsiveness of Highway England to representations about the proposed new junction on the A2. They do not appear to be listening to the argument for 4 exits rather than the 3 proposed. KCC have set the budget for 2016-2017 with a reduction of £118m. Council Tax will rise by just under 4% . Consultations on mobile libraries and street lighting are now closed with decisions on both to be announced shortly.

Information exchange:

There were 22 volunteers involved in Cleaning for the Queen on Saturday 12 March. 16 bags of rubbish had been filled. Many new litter picking volunteers had come forward.

The pathway in the recreation ground is not "adopted". The Parish Council can therefore determine rules concerning dog fouling.

The Neighbourhood Plan group has been re-energised of late and is holding regular meetings to complete the plan

PCSO Williams' report highlighted 3 recent incidents including damage to the village clock, fly-tipping and an abandoned vehicle.

Decisions taken in the course of the meeting:

- 1 All tree applications are to be passed to the Planning Committee for comment.
- 2 The fireworks display will take place on the recreation ground in November 2016.
- 3 A Community Warden for Bridge has been appointed by KCC.
- 4 To receive an update on Green Court developments. Council considered the comprehensive tree report from Lloyd Bore and decided to appoint a committee of councillors to take the initiative forward at the next meeting. KCC will be asked to remove the trees identified as being dead.
- 5 Council agreed to support the changes proposed by Canterbury City Council to parking arrangements in Conyngham Lane.
- 6 Cllr Moon asked that "No parking at any time" notices should be encouraged wherever possible so that parking tickets can be issued.
- 7 Cllr Moon tendered his resignation from the Council with effect from 25 March 2016.

Village event on 12 June to mark the Queen's 90th birthday on the Recreation Ground

The next meeting will be on Thursday 14 April 2016 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.



Bourne Vets News

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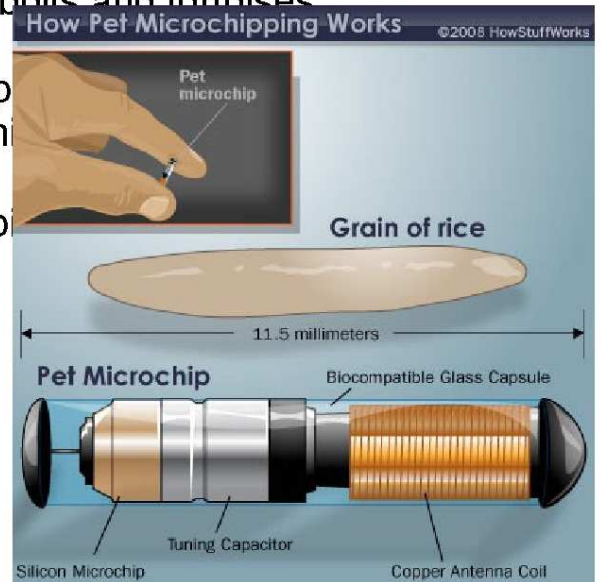
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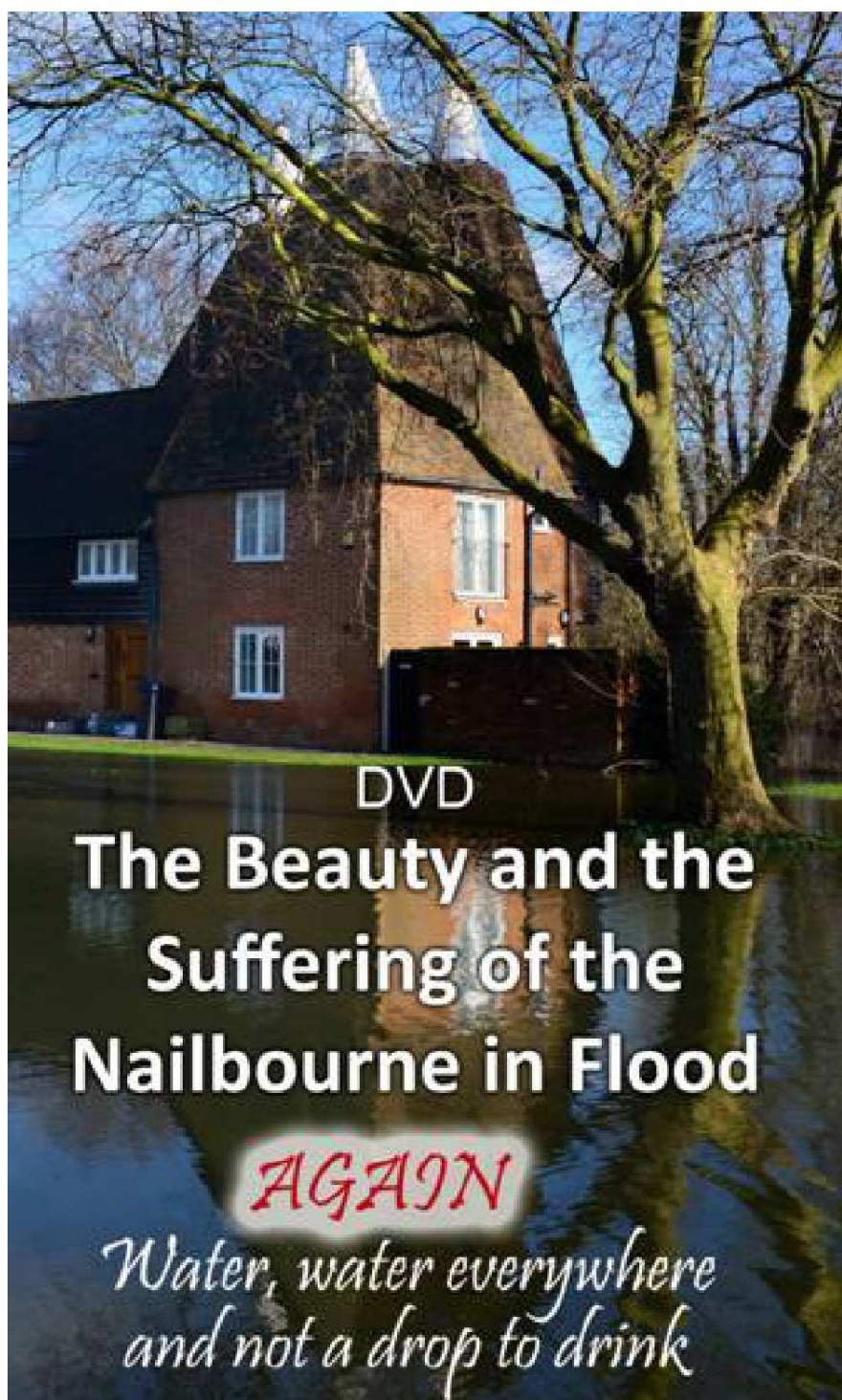
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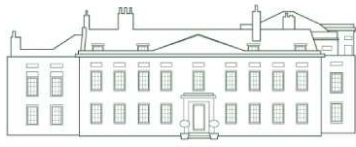
If you have any further questions about microchipp ... Bourne Veterinary Practice on **01227 832322**.





The DVD covers the flooding of the Nailbourne in 2014 from Lyminge through the Elham Valley to Bridge, down through the remaining Bournes and on through the Little Stour to Plucks Gutter. The film reflects the difficulties experienced in the local villages and is a sequel to a similar film I produced of the 2000 floods from which clips have been included to show the comparison. It also includes aerial photographs taken at their peak from Wickhambreaux to Preston and Grove Ferry. The film endeavours to capture both the scenic beauty and the hardship of the flooding and is titled *The Beauty and the Suffering of the Nailbourne in Flood AGAIN*. It costs £12 and is **sold in support of St Andrew's Church, Wickhambreaux**. There is also a twin pack including the original 2000 film at £18 and both would be delivered locally.

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The Society is holding their Spring Show on Saturday, 9th April in the John Baker-White Memorial hall, Lower Hardres from 3pm. Displays of spring flowers, cookery, floral art and children’s section will be shown plus a small plant sale, including summer bedding plants. Teas and home-made cakes to be served and raffle held.

On Monday, April 11th, local RHS judge Roy Wall will be giving a talk entitled “Tips for exhibitors” from 7.30pm in the Hall followed by our short AGM. Free entry with refreshments.

Please join us, everyone is welcome



s Cooking?

I love seasonal food, and this is one of the months that chocolate is definitely in season! This is a far richer variant of chocolate mousse, and is the kind of pudding that makes strong men go weak at the knees... the addition of cream changes the texture to a smooth-as-silk deliciousness NOBODY can resist! I first came across this at Stour Music Festival, and it is the magnificent Beryl's signature pudding. Singers don't usually like chocolate as it's supposed to be bad for the vocals, but they tend to make an exception to the rule here. This will serve about 8 people, nominally, and it is very rich.

Chocolate Rum Cream

5 large eggs, separated

10oz/280g good black chocolate with high cocoa content

¼ pt rum

½ pt double cream, softly whipped

To decorate: cream, melted white chocolate or grated dark chocolate

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler or in a bowl over a pan of simmering water. Add a tablespoon of water to the chocolate to stop it from going stiff. Make sure that the mixture doesn't get too hot, and if you are using the bowl over water method, don't allow any water to get in. It is important that all the chocolate is melted, otherwise you get little lumps in the mousse. Add the alcohol and stir it in slowly until smooth.

Add the egg yolks one by one, stirring in, then the whipped cream. Whisk the egg whites until they are standing in stiff peaks. Using a metal spoon, first fold about 1/3 of the whites in to break up the texture, and then add the remaining two thirds.

Pour the creamy mousse into 8 small bowls or ramekins, or into a single bowl, and leave to set. Decorate to taste.

There are lots of other recipes on my blog www.katespuddings.co.uk.

Kingsbourne Players plus Ayckbourn - and you!

The local amateur thespians The Kingsbourne Players, under the direction of Mike Sole, will be tackling an intriguing play by Alan Ayckbourn for their early summer production from 12th - 14th May in Barham. Entitled 'Mr A's Amazing Maze Plays', it tells of the adventures of an intrepid girl and her dog as they try to find the 'lost' voice of an opera singer in a spooky house. This is an interactive script, in which the audience help to determine the course of the story, by voting which door/trapdoor/ladder etc they will choose to follow next! Suitable for all ages, and seating will be at tables so you can bring your own food and drink (light refreshments will be on sale). Look out for posters and flyers soon. Ticket prices remain frozen at £7 / 5.

'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 approximately 20 singers will entertain us with a selection of Folksongs, 1920's melodies and some choral pieces by Dave Brubeck. Tickets are £10 (£8 Friends) from Marilyn (01227831208) or on the door and include wine and nibbles.

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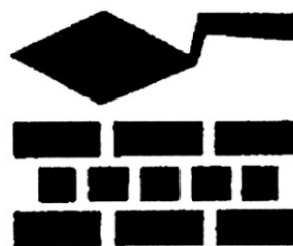
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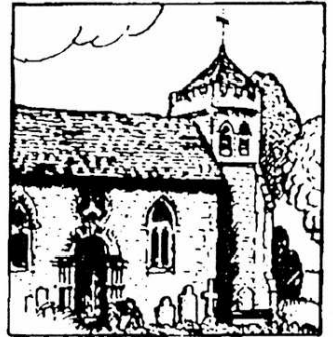
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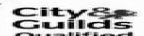
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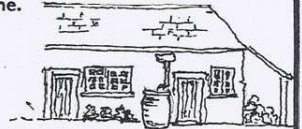
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY 2016	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
Rogation Sunday 1 May	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome 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	Patricbourne 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.

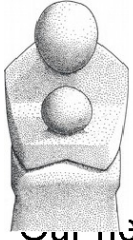
New from Lower Hardres

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.

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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

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Talk by Simon Rowland

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

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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.

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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

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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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Friday 6 May

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Dennis Vickers

Tuesday 3 May

7.30 pm

Bridge Village Hall

All welcome

small charge to include refreshments

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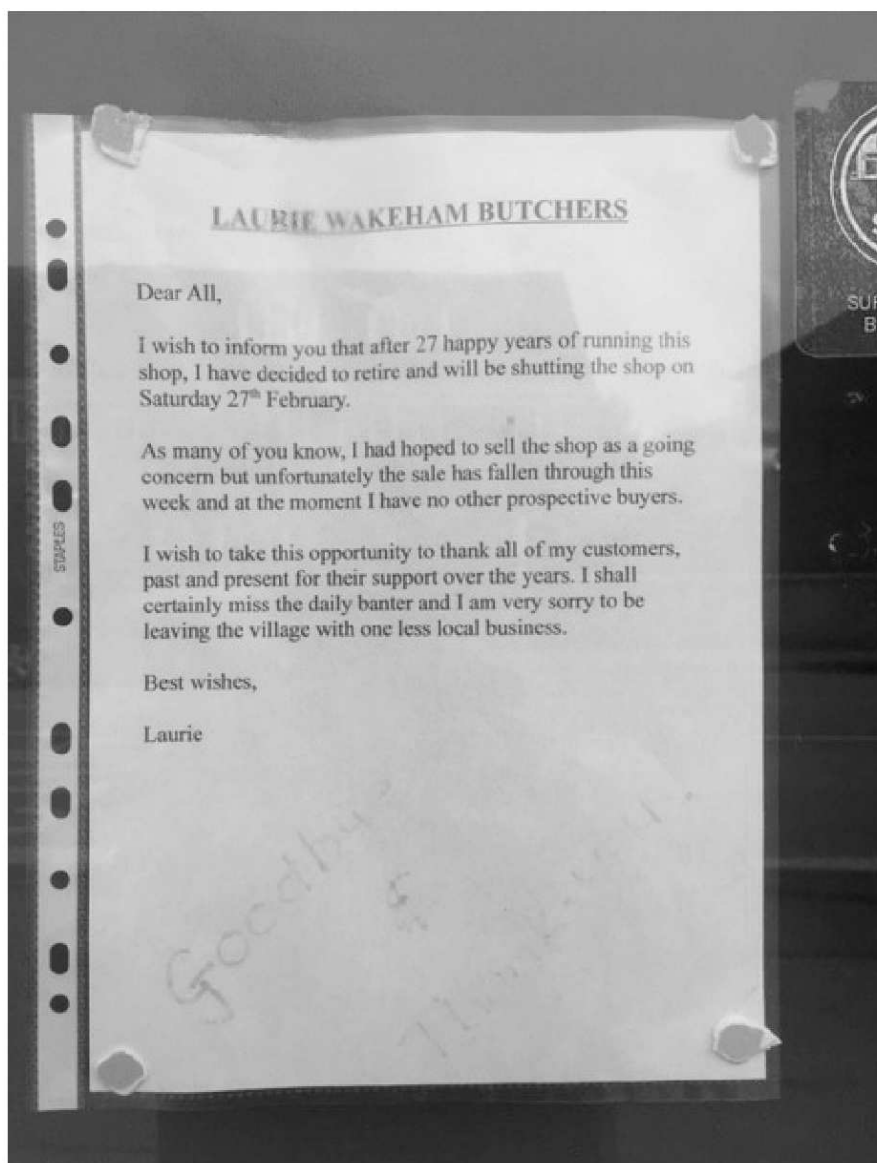
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Mr Laurie Wakeham

February 2016

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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.

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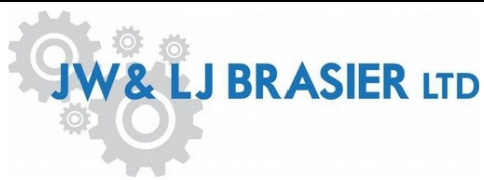
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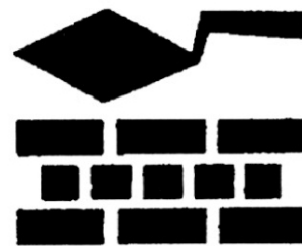


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Trinity 2 5 June Galatians 1:11-end Luke 7:11-17 Green	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
St Barnabas 12 June Job 29:11-16 John 15:12-17 Red	9.30am Holy Communion	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Outdoor All-Age Worship at Bridge Rec Pavillion to Celebrate The 90th Birthday of HM The Queen	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Trinity 4 19 June Isaiah 65:1-9 Luke 8:26-39 Green	<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
St Peter 26 June Acts 12:1-11 Matthew 16:13-19 Red	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>
St Thomas 3 July Ephesians 2:19-end John 20:24-29 Red	8.00am BCP Holy Communion	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>

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



Canon Jonathan LLOYD
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Dear friends,

The 90th birthday of Her Majesty The Queen is being celebrated in every local community and around the Commonwealth and world. It is wonderful to see Her Majesty looking so radiant and clearly enjoying the celebrations. We in the Church of England have a special reason to celebrate. Her Majesty is the Supreme Governor of The Church of England, and puts her Christian faith at the centre of all she does. Her Christmas Day television broadcasts remind us of the importance of the birth of Jesus Christ. Her Majesty takes a direct interest in the life of our Church, and every five years formally opens the General Synod. I was fortunate to be present when she did so in 2005. She fulfils her role as leader of the Church with devotion and service.

At her Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey she was anointed with holy oil by the Archbishop of Canterbury and made a solemn vow to serve her God and people. And as she reaches 90 we have much to thank God for.

At Bridge Rec on Sunday 12 June at 11.00am we will be having a special outdoor service (by the Pavilion) to give thanks for Her Majesty's 90 years. I invite you to join me.

Afterwards, please stay on to join the community celebrations and fun at Bridge Rec, organised by Bridge Parish Council.

Also, do also come a week earlier (Sunday 5 June) to Bekebourne Rec (2.30pm onwards) for another community celebration. Bring your picnic and children.

And of course, the Bridge Village Fete (organised by our church and school communities) is on Saturday 25 June. I hope this sunny weather continues!

Have a lovely summer! Jonathan.

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 Gnus. 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
	14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres
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 Bourner 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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Saturday 25th June 2016

12 Noon – 4pm

In Bridge School Grounds

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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

Parking on the Recreation Ground (Weather permitting) Access from Bridge School. Gates locked at 5pm.

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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We have created a new garden in a secluded area of the Quiet View where a beautiful, antique 'Touching Earth Buddha' now resides. This style of Buddha recognizes the moment of the Buddha's enlightenment and our connection to the earth and the world in compassionate thought and action. To celebrate this we are planning a time of meditation in the Buddha garden followed by a labyrinth walk on **Monday June 20th at 9pm** when the moon is full and we are approaching mid summer day. Please let us know if you would like to come.

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

Evening Visit to



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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 co-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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mel as much as I am? Oh, it's just commercial salted caramel ice cream, but the more you dare... Why is this labelled as salted caramel? That's why! I keep a couple of those in case. You never know when you

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

Make the sauce by combining all the ingredients apart from the hazelnuts in a pan. Heat, while stirring, until the sugar has melted and the mixture smooth. Again, test for saltiness before eating!



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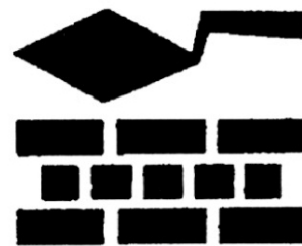
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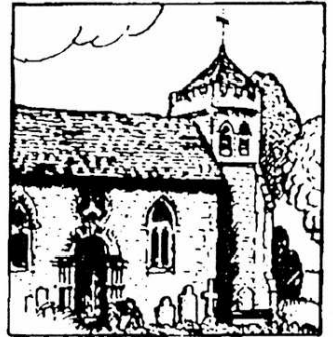
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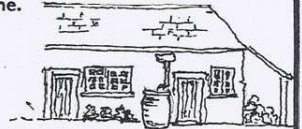
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This community spirit is something I will miss greatly when I move on in September. I have been appointed to be Rector of a large single parish in West Vancouver, Canada. My last Sunday here will be 4 September. I have greatly valued the two and a 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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I will greatly miss the communities and churches of Bridge, Lower Hardres, Nackington, Bekesbourne, and Patricbourne, and will keep you all in my prayers as God leads you forward in confidence and hope. Please pray for our three Parochial Church Councils as they work together with the Deanery and Archdeacon to discern God's plan for the future leadership and ministry of our local churches.

Grace and peace,
Jonathan your Vicar.

Dates For Your Diary

July 2016

05/07	09.30	15.00 19.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Bridge Haven After 8's at Mansfield Court
11/07	19.30		Caring and Sharing
12/07	09.30	14.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
13/07	10.00	14.00	FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres
19/07	09.30	15.00 19.30	Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge After 8's at Mansfield Court
20/07	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
25/07	19.30		Caring and Sharing
26/07	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

Jonathan the Vicar is available every day apart from Fridays.

LOWER HARDRES NEWS

IMPORTANT NEWS

Change of Venue in July / August for services at Lower Hardres. This is due to the roof replacement. The following services are affected:

July 3rd 11am

July 10th Evensong at 6pm

July 17th Family Service at 9.30am

August 7th Family Communion at 11.00am

August 14th – Evensong 6pm

These services will all be held at Nackington, on the same times and dates.

August 21st Back at Lower Hardres.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Margaret

EDITORS MESSAGE.

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

Will be the combined **AUGUST / SEPTEMBER** one.

Could I please have all items for this edition

By **FRIDAY 15th JULY**

Preferably by email, laurence.dunderdale@btinternet.com

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

The next Coffee Pop-In will be at 10 am on Wednesday 13th July in Bridge village hall. Everybody is welcome. Do come!

More volunteer drivers for trips to the surgery and hospitals are hugely welcome. The more there are of us the easier it is and it is never very onerous.

LOWER HARDRES & NACKINGTON GARDENERS' SOCIETY SUMMER FLOWER SHOW & FETE

SATURDAY 30TH JULY FROM 2PM

**AT THE JOHN BAKER-WHITE MEMORIAL HALL
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Multiple Sclerosis Society

During Christian Aid Week children from Bridge and Patricbourne Primary School made 'worms' of pennies across the playground and raised £177.44 to help families in Bangladesh. They had been learning how people living on the low-lying islands of the Brahmaputra river use worms to make compost, so they can enrich their flood-damaged soil and produce food to keep themselves from starvation.

This wonderful amount helped raise a record £2469.41 in the Benefice this year (plus another £300 once Gift Aid is added).

A huge thank-you to all the children and staff of the school, everyone who collected house-to-house and all those in our villages who donated. The money will be used by Christian Aid to support partner organisations working with vulnerable people in the flooded areas of Bangladesh.

Jean Barber

For more information go to www.christianaid.org.uk



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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For more information please contact David or Ann Edmonds on 01227 830795.

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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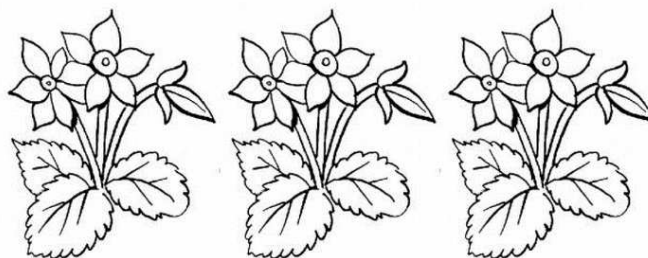
Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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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Thank You***



Kate's Puddings What's cooking?

*for summer, and this one appeared at the Stour
ingers 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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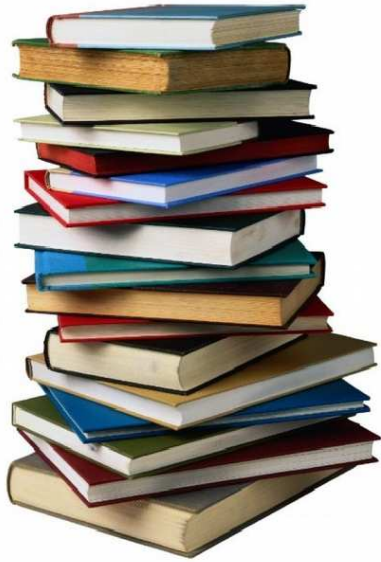
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New Teatime Service starting in September

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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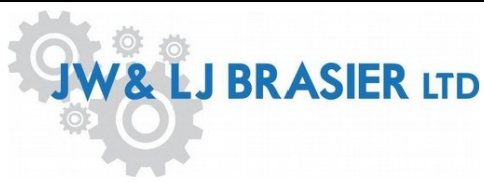
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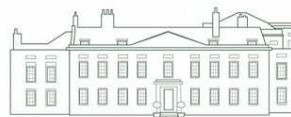
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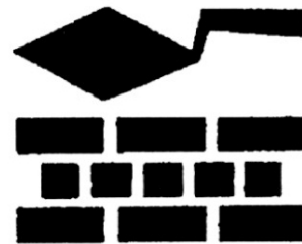
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Trinity 20 9 October	9.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong	11.00am Parish Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion (by extension)
Trinity 21 16 October	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</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 Patrixbourne.

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.

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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 sadness 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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Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

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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.



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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

Sourced from census returns, local directories and information from Mrs Ann Shirley

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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.

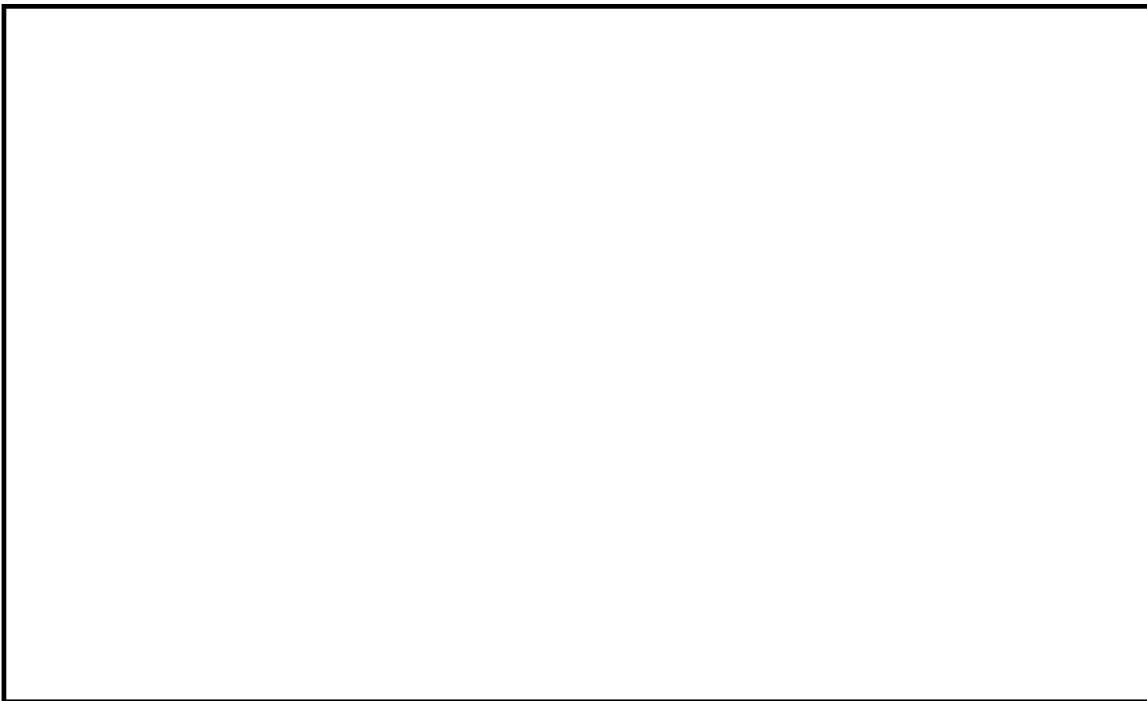
Footbridges on the Brewery Lane water meadow have been replaced.

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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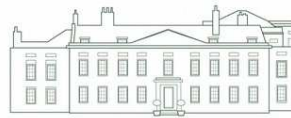
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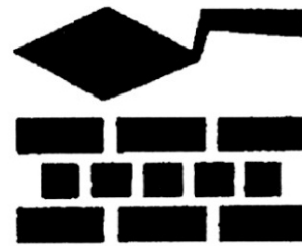
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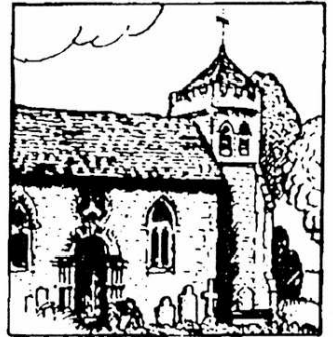
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Remembrance Sunday 13 November NT : Romans 8. 31-39 G : John 14. 1-8	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH LH Evensong at 3.30pm MC	10.50am Act of Remembrance 3.30pm Evensong at Nackington Church MC	10.50am Parish Eucharist with Act of Remembrance	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion and Act of Remembrance Bishop Trevor
Christ The King 20 November NT : Colossians 1. 11-20 G : Luke 23. 33- 43	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist CP	8.00am BCP Holy Communion (by extension) MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist GM
Advent Sunday 27 November OT : Isaiah 2. 1-5 G : Matthew 24. 36-44	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RH 11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>
Second Sunday of Advent 4 December OT : Isaiah 11. 1- 10 G : Matthew 3. 1-12	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RH	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Advent Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist GM	10.00am Songs of Praise PK

Dear friends,

I am a retired priest who lives in this Benefice at Lower Hardres and here and there since I retired fifteen years ago.

As you know, our former Vicar, Canon Jonathan LLOYD, moved to a r Canada last month and we wish him and his wife, Sue, every blessing. Our very faithful and hard working Benefice Reader, Mrs. Margaret Clark, and our priests ready to help us we hope to cover our usual Services and end of worship.



The time of vacancy, called an interregnum, may last for several months and it is a challenge to all of us to be extra faithful to God, welcoming and sensitive to one another. Encouragement travels well!

In the Bridge Benefice we have five beautiful and well cared for churches and technically three parishes, Bekesbourne, Partixbourne with Bridge and Nackington with Lower Hardres. The elected Churchwardens of the various churches have special responsibilities during an Interregnum and with the three elected Parochial Church Councils will be extra busy. Please pray for them and support them.

It so happens that this is an extra demanding time for Bishop Trevor and our Archdeacons because there is a string of vacancies, mainly due to clergy retirement, from Stelling Minnis to Harbledown, covering over twenty churches.

Your magazine will try to keep you up to date with what is happening but do ask the Churchwardens if you have any query or Margaret if you have any pastoral concern. Working in a Benefice of several churches is not always easy because we can very naturally just concentrate on our own patch. One of our common concerns at the moment is focussed on Bridge, our largest population, where church attendance has dropped considerably. Is this mainly due to the change of time of Services to 11 a.m. and if so should we revert back to 9.30a.m? Again, please let the Churchwardens know -there is also a simple questionnaire available.

Comments please by Sunday 6th. Thank you.

This also may be part of the reason for another serious concern and that is we are struggling to pay our Diocesan Share from Bridge and Patixbourne, and that affects us all. Can we manage to pay our share and thus possibly be considered for a full time priest? It may be that some of us are able to give more. Our honorary treasurers are very ready to give you more information.

Well done to all who support our beautiful churches through their Friends. Thank you. However, it would be so sad if our churches just became historical monuments and no longer places of Christian worship. It is up to all of us to see that we support them and everybody in our Benefice as best we can.

November is a month of Remembrance, starting with All Saints and particularly All Souls which we observed on the last Sunday of October. Now we look forward to Remembrance Day and Sunday, November 11th. and 13th.

I write to you in the early hours in France as with friends I pack up our French holiday home of nineteen years in Montreuil sur Mer in the Pas de Calais, and where I have also voluntarily helped in the Anglican Chaplaincy in churches in Calais, Boulogne, Hesdin and Arras. I have particularly helped in retirement during six lengthy interregna and this present one is very uncertain. Fairly small congregations are faithful and people often travel many miles to worship.

Say a prayer for them, too. Thank you.

It is an area studded with War Cemeteries, the vast one nearby at Etaples and the scores lower down in the Somme. What a story and what Remembrance needs to be shared and offered as we especially remember this year the Battle of the Somme.

Come on Remembrance Sunday -and every Sunday and pray and work for peace in our time.

With every Blessing, Reg Humphriss

Editor's Note.

Will all contributors please note that the next edition will be the combined
December 2016/January 2017 one.

Please may I have all items for this by teatime on Tuesday 15th November.
Preferably by email :- laurence.dunderdale@btinternet.com

Thanks in anticipation,
Laurence Dunderdale.

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November 2016

01/11	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
05/11			Bridge Village Fireworks at Bridge
Recreation Ground.			
07/11	19.30		Caring and Sharing
08/11	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
09/11	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres			
12/11			Patixbourne with Bridge Autumn Fair in
Bridge Village Hall.			
15/11	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
16/11	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
19/11			The Fat River Band will be playing at St
Peter's, Bridge			
21/11	19.30		Caring and Sharing
22/11	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
26/11	From 10am		Lower Hardres Christmas Fair, John Baker White
Hall, Lower			Hardres
28/11	19.30		Caring and Sharing
29/11	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 McNally, The Bridge Benefice Administrator, lamcinally@googlemail.com

Thank you,
The Churchwardens.

Harvest Samba in Bokesbourne Church!

The first of the Bokesbourne 'Songs of Praise' services was judged to be a resounding success. With over 40 a spare pew seat to be found. The ser Parochial Church Council and the fo aimed at both adults and children, rc 'Praise' programmes. The theme of well as popular harvest hymns, suite 'The Bread of Life' a highly popular ' gusto. The huge variety of gifts brou Refuge. The service was led by Maç regular informal worship service, org theme, on the 1st Sunday of the mo informal gathering afterwards to enj 6th November when the theme will k along and sing your heart out at 10a Stuart Field

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE

Many thanks to everyone for the wo Bokesbourne for our Harvest Songs Women's Refuge in Canterbury and response to their request for bedding difference to the families who pass t on their gratitude and appreciation.

Romany Cowans



St Peter's Church, Bokesbourne

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Early Christmas Bazaar

There will be an early Christmas bazaar on Saturday November 26th November at 10.00am-12.00, at John Baker White all. There will be homemade cakes, jams and other produce. There will also be a raffle, gifts and refreshments, as well bric-a-brac, and Children's stalls. Everyone is welcome.

Nackington Evensong is on Sunday, 13th November at 15.30, instead of at Lower Hardres Church. Our December Evensong will be back at Lower Hardres on Sunday 11th December at 16.00, because it is our CAROL SERVICE!

Christmas Workshop

On Saturday, December 3rd, there will be a Christmas Workshop at John Baker White Hall, at 9.30am to noon. There will be lots of activities for Children, and refreshments for all. If your child is under school age, please stay during the workshop. For a place, please ring Julie on 788316, or Margaret on 765598. Please book early.

There will be a short service on Remembrance Sunday, November 13th at 10.50am at Lower Hardres War Memorial. Everyone welcome.

RIDE AND STRIDE

On September 10th, there was the annual Ride and Stride for Kent Churches. Marcus Burton cycled 55 miles for Lower Hardres and earned £200.00, Margaret walked around Canterbury and raised £100.00. So we will receive back £150.00. A big thank-you to Marcus for supporting us.

Margaret

St.Peters Bridge

We would like to thank everyone who took part in th Ride and Stride on 10th September.£327-84 was raised in total, and St.Peter`s received 50% of these monies. As well as the Recorders who sat in Church and greeted people from other churches, Mr.Ian Osterloh and his daughter Amy rode round 13 churches and raised the majority of our total.

David and Ann Edmonds

Bridge Church Food Bank

Thank you to all who donated items at our recent Harvest Evensong, we delivered 8 large bags to the Food Bank the following week, they were delighted.

Also, thank you to all who regularly donate items and leave them in the yellow bin inside the Church. This is regularly emptied and delivered on a Tuesday morning to the volunteers who run the Food Bank. In Canterbury.

FISH NEWS

The Fish Scheme Annual General meeting will take place during the November Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday 9th and everyone is most welcome.

We are looking for new committee members. If you are able to help please get in touch.

MacMillan's: The World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

To all who attended or donated to the Coffee Morning at Barry and Hilary Whiting's in Conyngham Lane, MacMillan Nurses have sent a huge THANK YOU for the £200.00 cheque and Gift Aid form. Well done indeed! (Thanks to Peggy Pryer for offering the loan of her china cups and saucers).

This small village's residents have done them proud, when one considers that the Fish Scheme raised the same amount, and the Plough and Harrow, with Woodlands Hair Salon also supported MacMillan Nurses.

Thanks again to everyone for your generous support.

The Whitings.

Bridge & District History Society

The next meeting will be on Thursday 17th November at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Brian Maxted will give a presentation consisting of video and archive photos entitled "Nailbourne in Flood".

Members £4.00, non members £5.00.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

Title.....Just a little word from your ALM!

After our first Community Worship it was lovely to hear people say how much they liked the new format. Using a screen where people could see the words and join in with the service without finding pages in a book seemed to help people access the service in a very positive way. I am praying that more of you will want to join in, all be it by baking a cake for after the service, reading the reading of the day, or making up prayers to be read out during the service. This truly is a service which can involve members of the community in any way they wish, young or old. Our mission is to grow, let us communicate our desire to be a Living Church in any way that we can and give thanks for what we do in and out of our church buildings. Thank you for your support.

WANTED Readers and intercessors for our weekly services.

If you would like to read at a service or deliver the prayers, please will you contact me via my email address at Bevlatham@hotmail.com. We need more people on our rota.

Beverly Latham

Christingle Service

This year Bev would like young members of the congregation to help her deliver this special service which raises money for The Children's Society. If you are also 'Young at Heart' you are also warmly invited to help run this service. Please email Bev with your details, thank you.

BRIDGE FIREWORKS & BONFIRE NIGHT

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The Branch is getting ready for this year's Poppy Appeal Collection and we are still looking for door to door Collectors. Anyone who thinks they may be able to spare a few hours to carry out this valuable task can contact the secretary on 01227 472023.

Our Annual Remembrance Service will be on Sunday 13th November at Ickham Church - assembling at 10.45am outside the lychgate. All are welcome.

We have our Branch AGM on Tuesday 8th November at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm. Any member who pays their subscription by cash can do this at the AGM if they wish.

Our last meeting of the year will be on Tuesday 13th December when we hope to add a Christmasy atmosphere to the proceedings!

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Questionnaire

A couple of years ago the time of our Communion services held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays changed from 9.30am to 11am and our attendances at these services have diminished considerably. The question being asked "is this because of the change of the timings or are there other considerations"?

Why does the Church in the midst of the largest population by far in the Benefice, now have fewer worshipers?

In light of this should we trial a period of 6 months and revert to 9.30am, commencing in February 2017, or what do you suggest?

We would appreciate your comments please, either in writing or email by 6th November 2016. The results will then be considered at Patrixbourne with Bridge's next P.C.C. meeting to be held on 16th November 2016.

We are sending this to all on the Church Electoral Roll and anyone we know who may be interested.

1. *Would you prefer to keep to 11am?*
2. *Would you prefer services to start at 9.30am?*
3. *Which service do you attend on Sunday, and where?*
4. *Any other comments:*

NameTel No email

Thank You - please return your comments to either:

Laurence Dunderdale

Evelyn

Andrews

Churchwarden

Churchwarden

37 High Street, Bridge

The

Purlins, Meadow Close,

Bridge #

Bridge

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 4th 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.

A new Spiritual Practice to the Quiet View, Taiji Qigong, began last month and was very well received by all who came. The practice essentially combines graceful movement, meditation and regulation of the breath to enhance the flow of Qi. Qi is the vital life force energy within the body, which aids the immune system and boosts the blood circulation. Qigong is a component of Traditional Chinese - Energetic Medicine that promotes the powerful healing energies of Heaven Qi (Yang) and Earth Qi (Yin), to naturally harmonize the mind, body & spirit.' If standing is difficult for you it is possible to practice sitting down. If you are interested, please contact Melanie French at m.s.french00@btinternet.com Classes will continue on the 2nd Monday of each month throughout the year so the next one will be on 14th November. £5

Taizé prayers continue on the first Friday of every month – just turn up, we'd love to welcome you.

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

Lizzie Hopthrow

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

We are giving you early notice of the final event on this year's programme on Tuesday 6 December (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall). We have invited back Jacqueline Aviolet who, going on past experience, will entertain us with what promises to be an amusing and interesting talk, this time with the seasonal theme of nuts. Watch out for more details in the December "On the Nail". The talk will be followed by light festive refreshments. Everyone is welcome and do remember to bring along a friend for free!

Bridge with Patixbourne Women's Institute

Our **Annual Meeting** when reports, including a resume of the year's activities, are given and when officers and the committee are elected for the coming year will be held on **Tuesday 15 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. After the business part of the evening we are fortunate to have arranged a taster session of **Paper Sculpture with Carol of Arterworks**, who has recently set up business in the village. In order to participate would members please remember to bring along a small pair of scissors.

BRIDGE POST OFFICE

While remembering past years, with Dr. Raraty, perhaps we should also think of Mrs Kath Diss, who celebrated her 90th birthday in January and the redoubtable Mrs Ethel Cartwright, both of whom worked there efficiently and well, for many years.
Ann Shirley



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Kate's Puddings – What's Cooking?

November – the kind of month where your body tells you it can't resist... so here is a delicious carrot cake to eat. Thanks to Mary Berry, who certainly knows a good thing, my apologies for the terrible photo, but that was all that has been through...

Carrot Cake

8oz/225g self raising flour (you can substitute rice flour)

2 tsp baking powder

100g/4oz grated carrots

5oz/150g dark muscovado sugar

2 eggs

2 ripe bananas, mashed

5floz/150ml sunflower oil

2oz/50g chopped walnuts

Icing:

8oz/225g tub Philadelphia cream cheese

3oz/75g softened butter

6oz/175g sieved icing sugar (no cheating, it shows!)

few drops of vanilla extract

Preheat the oven to 180 deg C. Line a tin with foil (about 8 x 14" or thereabouts – depending on if you want chunky or thin pieces) and grease it. Put all the ingredients (except the walnuts) into a bowl or a mixer (Kitchen Aid/Kenwood) and beat until smooth. Fold the nuts into the mixture, then put it into the tin. Cook for about 35-40 minutes until the cake has risen, and is golden brown and coming away from the edges of the foil slightly. You could also try sticking a (warmed) knife into the centre. If it comes out clean, the cake is ready. If you double the recipe, allow more time for it to cook.

Cool in its tin before turning it out onto a rack and removing the foil. Turn the cake over and put onto a serving board.

Beat the icing ingredients together until smooth (the butter has to be very soft, or you will get little pieces), and spread generously over the cake. I've found it is best to put this in the fridge for a few hours before serving it. Cut into squares – it will make approximately 24.

Many more scrumptious treats on my blog: <https://katespuddings.blogspot.co.uk>



Art in Bridge

Report 16th Annual Open Exhibition October 2016

This was another successful exhibition with 176 exhibits. Exhibits covering paintings, photographs, sculptures and craftwork from people of all ages living or working in a rural parish within a five mile radius of Bridge were shown. Bridge and Patricbourne School contributed two hanging banners and the 1st Bridge Guides submitted a tryptic painting. The exhibition favourite was Moonlit Beach by Paula Olley. The results can be seen on the web site (www.artinbridge.org.uk). Refreshments were available and visitors were encouraged to sit and talk. On Saturday evening piano music was played by Michael Chandler which added to the enjoyment of the event. There were presentations by Clare Elliott, the Young Arts representative of the South Canterbury Decorative and Fine Arts Society, one of this year's sponsors. Gift tokens, generously donated by Cowling and Wilcox, Canterbury were awarded in a non-competitive draw to two artists, one junior under eleven years of age and one senior up to the age of eighteen years. The junior prize was awarded to Evie North who submitted three pieces of art work. The senior prize was awarded to Genevieve Cooper who submitted three pieces of art work. Grateful thanks are also due to our other exhibition sponsors The Bourne Gallery, Picture Framing Service at Chalkpit Farm and Colebrook Sturrock & Co. As always the successful weekend was due to the many talented exhibitors and loyal helpers. Sue Hodges





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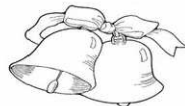


Bekesbourne Village Hall

Saturday

3rd December, 2016

10.00 am



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Proceeds for Bekesbourne Church and Bekesbourne Brownies

Bekesbourne Short Mat Bowls Club meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday evenings and would like to invite new members, either beginners to bowling where bowls can be loaned and training can be given, or experienced bowlers looking for a club. Any one interested please come along on a Friday evening and enjoy the game.

Brian Kennett brianrita48@hotmail.com 01227 760718

Film and music evening

The Friends of Womenswold church invite you to an evening of nature films in the Brabham room in Barham village hall at 7.30 on Friday 11th November.

Two films will be shown; the first is a film by Mike Lewis, featuring the wildlife of New Zealand, particularly the unique birdlife.

The second is entitled "Speechless", partly because the stunning photography of the polar regions may leave you speechless, but also because it has no commentary, but is accompanied by very atmospheric music, especially composed for the film. This is a unique opportunity to see this professional production, which has not been generally released in this country.

Admission is £5 to include an interval glass of wine and nibbles.

Tickets will be available at the door, but may be reserved in advance from Mike and Marilyn Lewis on Tel. 01227 831208

Many thanks, Je



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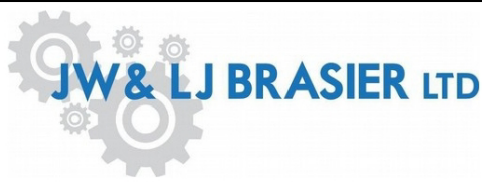
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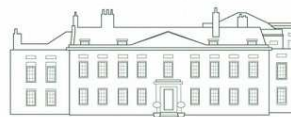
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Third Sunday of Advent 11 December	9.30am Christmas Carols/Salvation Army RH	4.00pm Carols and Readings MC	11.00am Parish Eucharist CP	<i>All welcome at the services of the Benefice</i>	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Canon R. Humphriss
Fourth Sunday of Advent 18 December	9.30am Benefice Eucharist at Bekesbourne	9.30am Benefice Eucharist at Bekesbourne 3.00pm Crib Service MC	9.30am Benefice Eucharist at Bekesbourne 6.00pm Christmas Carol Service MC/GM	9.30am Benefice Eucharist at Bekesbourne	9.30am Benefice Eucharist Bishop Trevor
Friday 23 December				Carol Service 7pm Canon R. Humphriss and Mrs M. Clarke	
Christmas Eve 24 December	10.00pm The First Eucharist of Christmas RH	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	3.00pm Christingle Service RH 5.00pm Christingle Service BL 11.30pm Christmas Midnight Mass Bp Richard Llewelin		11.30pm Christmas Midnight Mass JBarton
Christmas Day 25 December		9.30am Family Christmas Service MC	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RH	9.30am Sung Eucharist	11.00am Christmas Family Carols

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commercialised. It hurts us and Jesus, and yet we all get enveloped into this commercial
side. If we spend time with Jesus praying and reading through his birth, and holding on
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December 2016

03/12	10.00		Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar at Bekesbourne Village Hall
		09.30-12	Benefice Children's Christmas Workshop,
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06/12	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Bridge Haven
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
13/12	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		14.30	Holy Communion at Mansfield Court
		19.30	Caring and Sharing
14/12	10.00		FISH pop in at Bridge Village Hall
		14.00	Social afternoon at John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres			
20/12	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge
		15.00	Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge
		19.30	After 8's at Mansfield Court
21/12	15.00		Hymns at Bridge Haven
27/12	09.30		Holy Communion at St Peter's, Bridge

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The format of the Bekesbourne Church 'Songs of Praise' continues to be popular with over 46 adults and 10 children attending in November. The service was the brain child of the Bekesbourne Parochial Church Council and the format, devised by the Standing Committee, is aimed at both adults and children, roughly following the BBC 'Songs of Praise' programmes. The theme for this, the second such service, was 'Saints and Remembrance' and popular hymns, suitable prayers and a reading followed the now familiar format. The service was led by Nicky Fry, Peter Rothwell read the lesson and Lindsay Sharp Kinsey led the prayers. An important part of the service is the informal gathering afterwards to enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits. The next will be on 4th December, when the theme will be 'Christmas' and popular carols requested by the congregation, will be sung.' Why not come along and sing your heart out at 10am?

Stuart Field



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10am Sunday 4th December

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**Christmas Day
Worship**

11am Sunday 25th December

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*You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols
at St Peter's, Bridge
on Sunday, December 18th*

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

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform *Veni, Emmanuel* (Sullivan, arr. Miles), *The Sans Day Carol* (Cornish trad., arr. Shaw), *I Saw a Maiden* (Basque trad., arr. Pettman), *O Come, Little Children* (German trad., arr. Stanton), *Rejoice and Be Merry* (English trad., arr. Miles) and *I Wonder as I Wander* (Appalachian trad., arr. Rutter).

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

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

Thursday, December 15th 7-8.30 p.m.

Friday, December 16th 7-8.30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18th 3.45-5.30 p.m.

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

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

With thanks & best wishes

Martin Miles

Benefice News

Christmas Workshop – Saturday December 3rd at 9.30am – noon at J.B.W.Hall. There will be lots of activities for Children, and refreshments for all. If your child is under school age, please stay for the workshop. A small contribution of £1.00 per child for materials would be appreciated. For a place, please ring Julie on 788316 or Margaret on 765598. Do come along, it will be fun.

News from St Mary's, Lower Hardres

Christmas Fayre.

A sincere thank-you to everyone to come along and supported this event.

Advent / Carol service

On December 11th at 4pm, there will be a special service of readings, advent hymns and carols, followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Crib Service

On the 18th December at 3pm we have our Crib Service. It is a special service of celebration, when the children will assemble our Crib, in preparation for Christmas. It would be lovely if the children could dress in nativity character.

Our charity this year will be the Canterbury Food Bank. Please bring along your gifts of Festive Food to our Christmas Crib Service, and make Christmas 2016 special for others.

Christmas Day

A short, friendly service, and a chance to greet friends on Christmas Day.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR

Margaret

Letter from Vancouver

Dear friends,

Sue and I arrived here safely in October, along with Bella. Now we are just adjusting to driving on the other side of road, new accents and language, a new hymn book and prayer book, and looking out for wild animals in our garden - we have been told that skunks, raccoons and bears share this neighbourhood! It is good to have Bella guarding us!

A big thank you for all your friendship and support, and for all you do for the life of the Church in the Bridge Benefice. I greatly enjoyed being your Parish Priest, and will always remember the strength and commitment of the church community in the villages. Thank you too for the generous leaving gift that you gave me. As we enter Advent and look forward again to Christmas, may God guide you like the Magi following the star to Bethlehem.

With my thanks, love and prayers for you all. Jonathan.

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Nuts, Cultivation & History



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Fantastic Fun with the Fat River Band

Thank you to the Fat River Band for a brilliant night of music. I'm not sure Bridge Church has ever heard anything like it before. At one point I was slightly concerned that the already unstable roof would come down but the building is still standing!

Thank you to everyone that came. A brilliant turn out and although we don't have a final sum as yet a good deal of money was raised.

Because the music choice was secular I hope that everyone felt welcome to attend and support the church fabric fund. In an effort to be as inclusive as possible and acknowledge that the church means different things to different people - not always religion with a big R - I am keen to offer new music and events to attract a wider audience. As always any ideas always welcome.

We have raised £40,000 and have money pledged to over £50,000 when the work commences. We are well over half way and I'm so grateful to everyone who has given so far.

Prophecy Concert 19th February 2017

Prophecy are a group of singers and musicians originally from St. Barholomew's Church in Herne Bay. We got together to praise God via worship songs to enhance family services but have proved so popular we now sing at family services and evening praise, both monthly at St. Barts.

As a member of Prophecy, Bettina Walker felt Prophecy should be introduced to St. Peter's in Bridge. To raise funds for the Church and choosing both secular and sacred songs we hope you will enjoy an afternoon of music.

Tickets available are £5 in advance and £8 on the door.

Refreshments in the interval.

Georgie Bainbridge
Chair Friends of St Peter's Church Bridge

Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News

One of the many things that make for a good life in our Nailbourne villages is the Fish Scheme which helps the elderly among us who can no longer drive. It also arranges a monthly coffee morning and a winter lunch and summer outing. Please help the scheme to thrive by **joining the cheerful committee**. A couple of new members would be a godsend. And, of course new drivers are always welcome. Please telephone 07 935 966 080.

The December Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 14th in Bridge village hall with carols later in the morning. A volunteer from Hi Kent will be there to help with hearing aids. Do come.

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital

Nailbourne Group held a very successful Talk and Supper in Bridge Village Hall on 19th October raising £628.20 for the benefit of the hospital. Janet Dean told her amazing family story "My Grandmother was a Spy" with visual aids but without any notes and was a very informative and interesting speaker. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Bridge & District History Society

The first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday January 19th in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm. Doreen Rosman will give a talk on John Simmons a late 18th century character who had an enormous influence on Canterbury and the changing face of the city of which he was both mayor and an MP.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00 including refreshments.

Further details from David Gilmour Tel: 832450.

Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion

The branch AGM took place on 8th November when we welcomed 14 members and guests. The president, John Hewett and the chairman, Ray Tupper, both thanked all those in the branch who had worked hard during the year.

Branch officers for the coming year were elected as follows -

President - John Hewett	Chairman - Ray Tupper
Vice Chairman - Barbara Hunt	Hon Secretary - Barbara Hunt
Hon Treasurer - John Hewett	Service Committee Officer - Paul Howson
Standard Bearer - Bob Catt	Deputy Standard Bearer - Ray Tupper
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Branch Committee - Ray Tupper, Bob Catt and Peter Murton

Any ex-service person or their dependant can contact the secretary on 01227 472023 or speak to any of the above if they would like information about assistance or about joining the branch.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Tues 13th Dec 2016 and the following meeting will be on Tues 10th Jan 2017, both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

A reminder that on **Tuesday 6 December** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall), **Jacqueline Aviolet** is returning to entertain us with a talk on "**Nuts, their Cultivation and History**" and, in particular, those we eat around Christmas time (with samples!). The talk will be followed by a light festive finger buffet and, of course, a Christmas raffle. There will be a small charge of £5 to include refreshments. Everyone is welcome and do remember to bring along a friend for free!

Then, moving on into 2017, the **Annual General Meeting** of the Society will be held on **Tuesday 24 January**, 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, and, as ever, we are always looking for volunteers to join our small Committee. It is not an onerous commitment. We meet generally not more than three times a year, once prior to each of our two shows and once to organise our programme for the following year. So, if you are interested in giving us a little of your time and would like to become more involved, please make yourself known at the meeting.

After the business part of the meeting, Tony Walder will give a short presentation on the charity **Workaid** which collects all kinds of tools, including gardening tools, for refurbishment and subsequent dispatch to projects in East African countries.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

Our final meeting of the year is on **Tuesday the 13th December** (a week earlier, but still at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall) when the guest speaker, **Mick Lynn**, will give a talk on "**A Kent Christmas**" illustrated with slides, music, poems and songs. This will be followed by a festive drink with mince pies to round off the evening.

Prior to that meeting, on Thursday 8 December, we are going to the National Trust's White Cliffs of Dover Visitor Centre for a pre Christmas lunch. For more details, please contact our Secretary Carina Whiting on 830737.

The New Year's programme starts off with an illustrated talk entitled "**How I Came to Write**" by local writer of children's books, **Anne Booth**, on **Tuesday 17 January** at the usual time of 7.30 pm in **Bridge Village Hall**. Anne will bring along some copies of the books she has written and will be happy to sign them at the meeting, or if they are subsequently bought. Would members please note that their annual subscriptions (£39 for 2017, and preferably paid by cheque) are also due at that meeting.

School PTA News

On behalf of the Bridge & Patricbourne School PTA, I would like to say a massive thanks to all who participated in yet another spectacular fireworks display in our village this year. We couldn't organise such an event without your help and support. The money raised from the event will go towards new resources for the school, to help enrich the children's learning, and a donation will also be made to the church.
Rob Moon, Chair of PTA

Singles Lunch at the Red Lion

Any 'singles' very welcome to come and join the group on Wednesday 7th December between 12md -2 pm. Please ring Rene/Harry at the Red Lion on 01227 832213 to book

At the November lunch 19 people enjoyed lovely two course meals chosen from the menu including tea/coffee at the cost of £10 .

Carols at the Red Lion

On Thursday 15th December at 5.30pm there will be community carol singing led by Bridge's own Bettina Walker. The Christmas Farmers' Market and carols by the School Choir will precede this event.

Computer Club

By popular demand this will be re-introduced on the first Friday in each month at 10.30-12 md at the Red Lion Bridge. It is particularly aimed at those needing assistance to get to grips with the Internet so beginners particularly welcome!

For those who already have their own, bring along your smart phone/iPad/tablet/laptop. There is wifi available at the Red Lion. The password will be given to enable those with their own equipment t link to this.

For those still wondering what is the most suitable equipment for their own personal use, come along and talk to those who have already made their choice.

There will be a charge of £5 to include tea/coffee and a donation to the Church Building Fund.

For further details contact Peggy Pryer landline 01227 832058 mobile 07860591887 e mail peggypryer@yahoo.co.uk

News from the Elham Valley Vineyard November 2016:-

It seems a while since we have updated the developments at Elham Valley Vineyard which is growing fast. We now have over 140 students accessing our services during the course of a week to take classes here. The number of options is increasing, we now have photography in our range of activities and some of our students help to clean and look after Barham Village Hall. We have had to take 3 units in Barham Business Park opposite us because we are running out of room!

Unfortunately the buildings we use at Greenbanks in Barham have reached the end of their useable lives and we have plans to replace them with a purpose built Work Centre as soon as we have funds available. We are applying for grants from various sources but our usual Craft Fair on 3rd December will be our main fund raising event this year. As before we will be open from 11-3 p.m. with stalls from all our classes offering goods which make ideal Christmas presents for all the family.

The Café will be starting their special Christmas menu from 22nd November which is really reasonable at 2 courses for £13 and the option of 3 courses for £15.50. For parties please telephone 01227 831266 to book.

The students are looking forward to their Christmas party at Barham Village Hall in December where they have a visit from Father Christmas and presents for all. They also have a disco and get the opportunity to dance the afternoon away.

Many thanks for all your support throughout the year, we look forward to seeing you at the Craft Fair.

Nikki Marley – General Manager



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Coffee and Mince Pies afterwards

Kate's Puddings – What's Cooking?

Sometimes things are best kept simple! For those who do (and I'm behind me), or whose teeth are set on edge by lots of icing, this is perfect. Slabs can be wrapped up for packed lunches, and so on. Thank you for reading my recipes – hope you have a happy and New Year.



Easy Christmas Cake

1 ½ lb/675g equal quantities raisins, sultanas and currants
4oz/110g mixed peel OR 1 ¾ lb/800g mixed dried fruit
4oz/110g glacé cherries, halved
2oz/50g blanched almonds
8oz/225g butter at room temperature
8oz/225g soft brown sugar
Grated rind of 1 lemon and 1 orange
8oz/225g plain flour
1 pinch of salt
1 tsp ground mace, 1 tsp ground cinnamon
4 large eggs, beaten
2 tbsps brandy

Topping - approximate:

4oz/110g glacé cherries
2oz/50g pecans
2oz/50g blanched almonds
Or you can use dried apricots, dried pineapples, walnuts, brazil nuts etc
¼ jar of warmed sieved apricot jam or commercial baking glaze
(marmalade, in extremis)
More brandy

First, line an 8" cake tin (or 9", but the cake will be flatter). You will have to use doubled parchment, both at the base and around the sides. Then tie a ring of doubled newspaper around the outside of the tin. Preheat the oven to 130-150 deg C.

If you have soaked your fruit, dry it off as much as possible before mixing in the cherries and almonds. Next, in a large bowl, cream together the butter with the sugar and the citrus rind, until pale and fluffy. Slowly add the eggs, about ¼ a time and continue beating, adding a couple of tablespoons of the flour so that the mixture doesn't separate. Using a metal spoon, fold in about half of the flour, then the rest, plus the brandy. Then fold in the fruit.

Tip the mixture into the tin, smooth the top and decorate it with fruit. Put another piece of folded newspaper into the oven, standing the cake on top, and add a little hat of paper as well. Bake for about 2-2 ½ hours and then check it. The cake should be singing when it is ready! Also, a hot knife or skewer will come out clean.

When the cake is taken out of the oven, immediately stab it with a knife and pour more brandy into it. Inhale deeply.... Then heat up the apricot jam or glaze until it is melting, sieve out any bits and paste the cake top evenly. Allow it to cool in the tin before turning it onto a wire rack.

This cake likes to be fed every week with a little more brandy. Store, wrapped in paper or foil in a tin.

For more scrumptious recipes, go to <https://katespuddings.blogspot.co.uk>

MARATHON RUNNERS WANTED TO RAISE MONEY FOR KENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

Kent Association for the Blind are looking for people to take part in the 2017 London Marathon and raise vital funds for the charity.

By taking part in this event you are doing something amazing for our charity; not only raising awareness of sight loss but also raising much needed funds for us to be able to continue our work supporting visually impaired people in the local area. The fundraising team is here to support you meet your pledge amount and can offer you fundraising ideas, personalised materials and resources. In the new year we will be organising a runners' night at our Sight Centre in Maidstone which is a great opportunity to learn more about our work and meet the other runners on Team KAB.

Kent Association for the Blind supports visually impaired people to live independent lives. We work with people of all ages from toddlers and teenagers right through to people in their nineties and beyond. KAB offers a range of services including mobility training, a digital Talking News service, advice and guidance and courses in Assistive Technology. We provide an entirely bespoke service which is tailored to the individual's needs. We support over 11,000 people across the region and last year we received 2,450 new referrals to our service.



Christmas Coffee Morning and Sale



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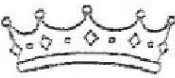
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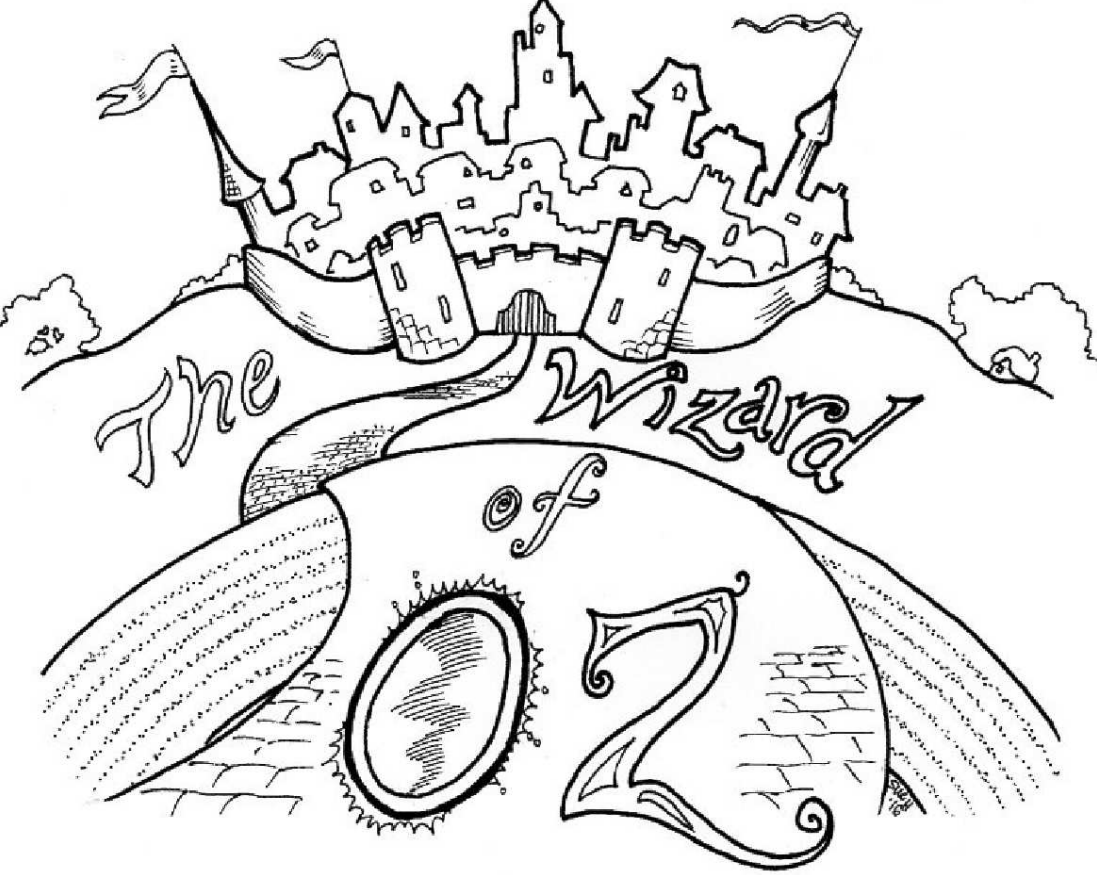
Friends of St Giles Kingston, Carol Concert

The annual Carol Concert, hosted by the Friends, will be held on Saturday, December 17 in St Giles Church at 6pm. Choir members from Elham Valley Voices and Kent College Choristers, led by Jackie and Rod Spencer, will perform a variety of pieces for your enjoyment. There will also be the opportunity to join in with traditional carols, and maybe some fun items. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the interval to encourage you to take part in the second half.

As this is a fundraising event all adult tickets are £5 (but you can enjoy the mulled wine and mince pies), and are available from Maureen Taylor on 01227 831738 (maureen_taylor3@sky.com) or John Morgan 01227 831047. Any funds raised will be put towards the maintenance of St Giles Church.


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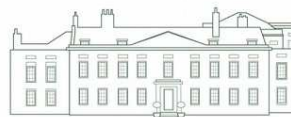
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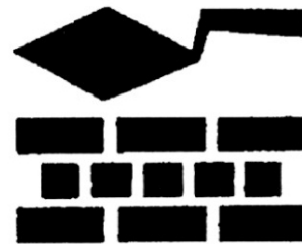
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