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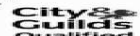
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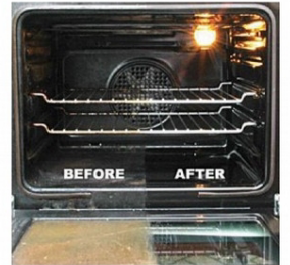
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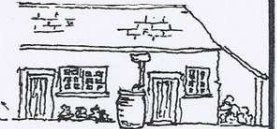
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<b>CANDLEMAS 7 February</b> Exodus 34:29-end Luke 9:28-36	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Candlemas Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Candlemas Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Candlemas Eucharist	<i>All welcome at the other services across the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

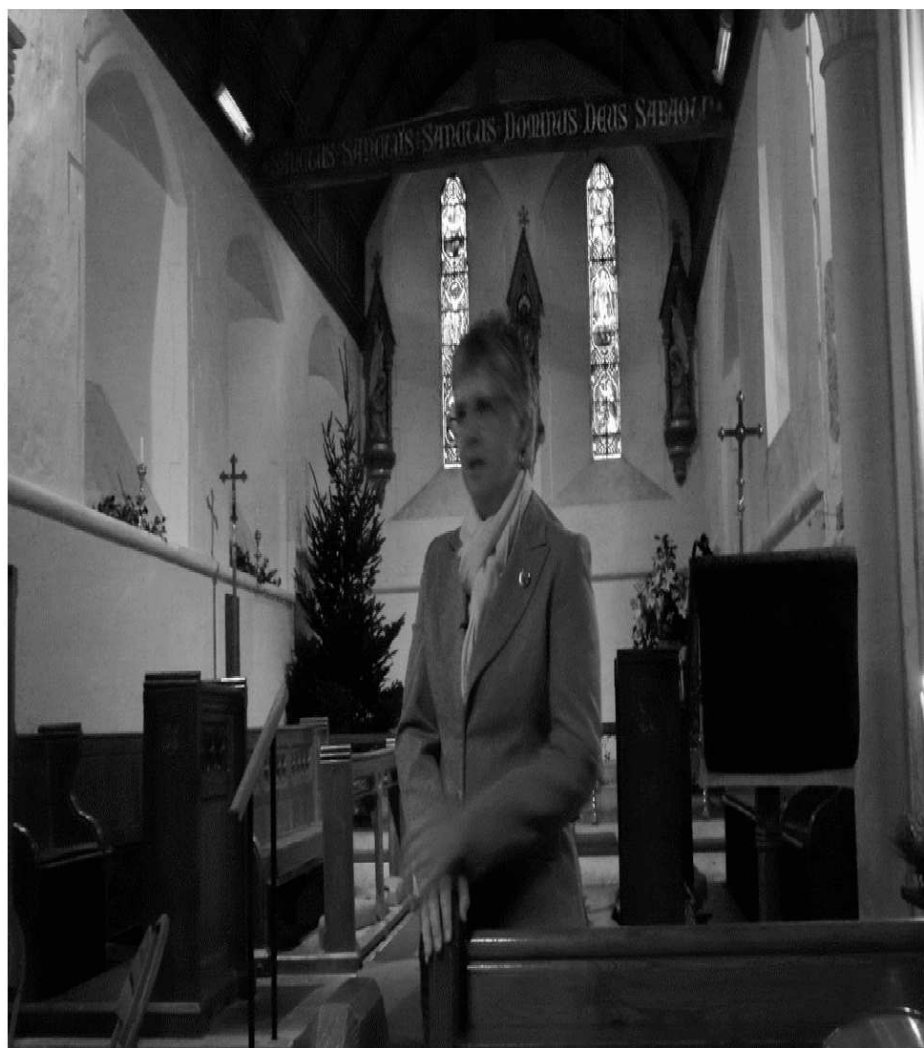
## Last Family Service Bekesbourne

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  
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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

### **Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News.**

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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.

### **L`Arche Christmas puddings**

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

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.

Please consider just giving up half an hour of your time. It is a worthy cause and it is a good way to get to know fellow villagers better.

Please email John Shirley Poppy Appeal Organiser [john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk](mailto:john.shirley@johnshirleyltd.co.uk) to volunteer or alternatively ring him on 07808734842.

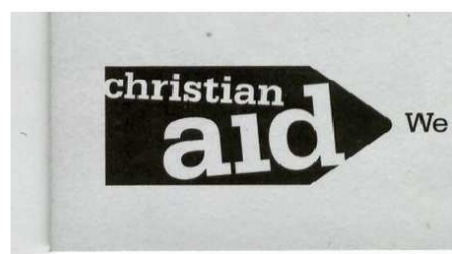
## **Littlebourne & District Royal British Legion**

The start of a new year is our quietest time for the Branch but we are nevertheless on the lookout for new members. So if you feel you might like to join us please do contact us or come along to our next meeting.

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.



# CHRISTIAN AID LUNCHES

Calling all Ladies who Lunch and Gentlemen who Munch!

Our annual home-made soup and bread lunches will take place in Bridge this year on Fridays.

WHEN: the 6 Fridays of Lent – February 12, 19th and 26th, March 4th, 11th and 18th between 12.0 and 1.30pm.

WHERE: at 1 Riverside Mews, Bridge (off Riverside Close).

Everyone in the community is welcome, not just church members. If you haven't been before we'd love to see you.

All donations will go to Christian Aid.

Please ring 831956 the day before to book.

Alan & Jean Barber.





Lack of food security is one of the world's most critical issues. Despite millions of farmers and workers in developing countries working hard every day to grow the food we eat, many don't earn enough to know where their next meal is coming from. Half of the world's hungry people, nearly 400 million, are estimated to live on small farms.

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Regional coordinator for Kent, David Muir will talk about Bangladesh, the Christian Aid Week focus country for 2016, and present new resources including a fantastic new fundraising activity called The Big Brekkie!

We will also welcome a new chairperson to the Canterbury Christian Aid group and say goodbye to Elisabeth Davie, our current chairperson.



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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. 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](http://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)

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

**Bekesbourne-with-Patrixbourne & Bridge Parish Councils**

Invite you to come along to a free (rescheduled from October)

# **MOBILE SKATEPARK DAY**



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# ART IN BRIDGE

Art in Bridge will be having their Open Exhibition on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October in 2016.



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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...*

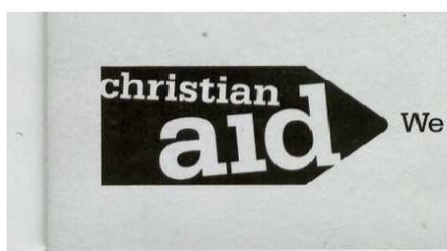
Sit here then ye people, join our useless throng

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.

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

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

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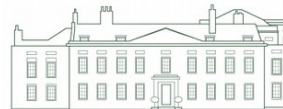
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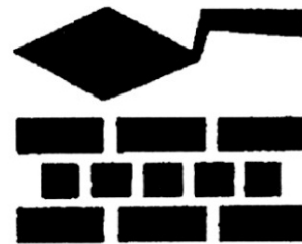
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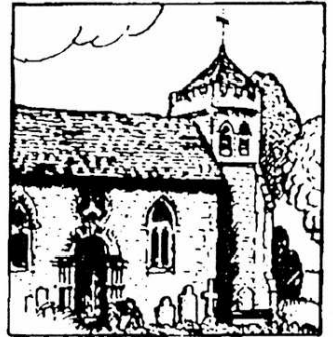
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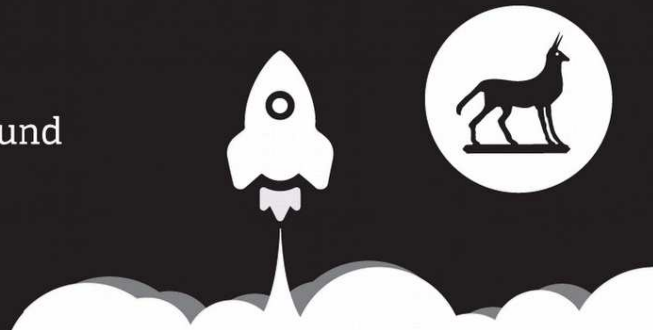
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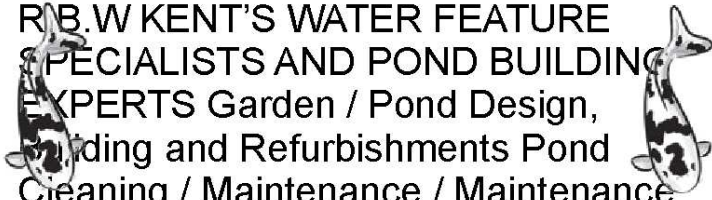
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<b>Mothering Sunday</b> <b>6 March</b> 2 Cor 1:3-7 Luke 2:33-35	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Communion
<b>Lent 5</b> <b>13 March</b> Isaiah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

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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

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### **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!***



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		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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Bridge, between 10.00 and 11.00, on St Patrick's Day - Thursday, March 17th, 2016

- and donate towards the replacement, stronger St George's flag, which cost £80.00.  
We hope to see some of the new residents of the village supporting the neighbourly  
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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# Nearly New Sale

Saturday 19th March  
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## Save the day

Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Summer Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday – 3pm on Sunday 5th June: including some or all of: children's fancy dress; tug of war; byo picnic; croquet; boules; art/craft display competition; archery; pony rides; fortune-telling; rounders; beat the goalie; official opening of new galley kitchen facilities. Free social event for all in the parish – more details to follow.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:s.thomas@which.net) if you have an interest in Bifrons and





# Fairtrade Fair

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
10am - 3pm**

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**12 noon – 2pm: Homemade soup lunches**

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**Display of posters by local schools**

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**10:30am presentation of Fairtrade certificates by the  
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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:

1 square silk scarf (60cm)

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](mailto: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



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## **The Quiet View**

We hope you may find something to interest you in the events coming up – we would love to welcome you!

**Soul Voice Weekend** - 5th and 6th March please see details from Caroline Barnes [www.the-rhythm-of-life.co.uk](http://www.the-rhythm-of-life.co.uk) The Soul Voice® Introductory Workshop provides a wonderful opportunity to discover the potent and dynamic Soul Voice® method of vocal healing. It draws on the ancient wisdom of sound therapy and explores how the vibrations of the human voice can be used as the most effective, transformative and powerful sounding instrument of all, enabling us to be fully and consciously present within the body. For more information please contact Caroline 01303 840859 [cbarnes@uwclub.net](mailto:cbarnes@uwclub.net)

**Womens Drumming Circle** 24th March at 7.30pm £8 please book with Caroline Barnes [www.the-rhythm-of-life.co.uk](http://www.the-rhythm-of-life.co.uk) [cbarnes@uwclub.net](mailto: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. [lizziehthrow@gmail.com](mailto:lizziehthrow@gmail.com)

**Mindful Self Compassion** - a beautiful 8 week course beginning on Monday April 18th. For full details and to book please refer to [www.newron.co.uk](http://www.newron.co.uk) Led by Dr Julia Ronder

**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 [lizziehthrow@gmail.com](mailto:lizziehthrow@gmail.com)

**Silent Retreat with the Janki Foundation.** Thursday 5th May 10am – 3pm Please book with Julia Ronder at [www.newron.co.uk](http://www.newron.co.uk) £12.50

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01227 830070 [www.quietview.co.uk](http://www.quietview.co.uk)*

## LITTLEBOURNE AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We are sad to learn that a long time branch member, Mrs Heather Leaves has passed away recently. Heather and her husband Patrick (Paddy) Leaves were very active members until Paddy passed away some years ago. Since then Heather had remained active in the branch until her health no longer enabled her to do so. On a happier note. We had an interesting and productive visit at our last meeting from County Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator, Mrs Anne Hill. She gave our newer members an insight into what organising the branch Poppy Appeal campaign entails. We have a number of new members now offering their support, but of course, we can still welcome even more helpful people (members or non-members) ready for the collection this coming autumn. Contact numbers are 01227 728228 or 01227 472023.

Our next two branch monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 8th March and 12th April both at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

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**Should you need us:** Phone: 116 123 (*this number is free to call*) or our

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[sear758@btinternet.com](mailto:sear758@btinternet.com) NatWest Cricket Force Chairman; Michael Green

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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](http://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.

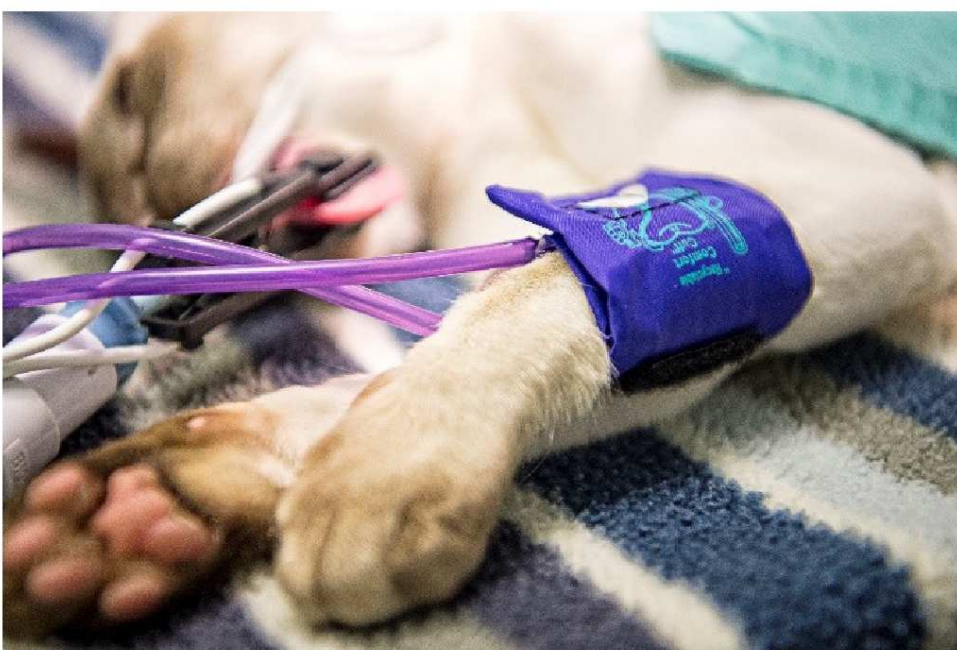
**Mill Centre**

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:**

Mill Lane ford is likely to remain closed for at least 4 weeks

**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**

**Jumble Sale:** The Barham Bowls Club is holding its Annual Jumble Sale at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th March from 10.00 to 12.15 pm. All the usual stalls: Books. Clothes. DVDs, Games, Toys, Tombola etc. Entry 50 pence.

**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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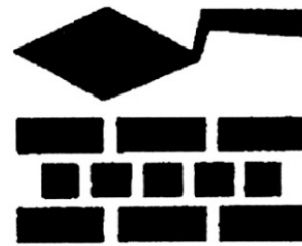
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<b>CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2016</b>	<b>St Mary NACKINGTON</b>	<b>St Mary LOWER HARDRES</b>	<b>St Peter BRIDGE</b>	<b>St Mary PATRIBOURNE</b>	<b>St Peter BEKESBOURNE</b>
<b>Second Sunday of Easter 3 April</b>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>11.00am Family Communion</b>	<b>6.00pm Evensong</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>
<b>Third Sunday of Easter 10 April</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>6.00pm Evensong</b>	<b>11.00am Parish Eucharist followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b>	<b>11.00am Parish Eucharist at Bridge Church followed by Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter 17 April</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>9.30am Family Service</b>	<b>11.00am Choral Eucharist</b>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter 24 April</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services of the Benefice</i>	<b>8.00am BCP Holy Communion 11.00am Parish Eucharist</b>	<b>9.30am Matins</b>	<i>All welcome at the other services in the Benefice</i>

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

JL= Jonathan Lloyd RH= Reg Humpriss MC= Margaret Clarke RO= Richard Owen GM= Gordon Manley



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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.

Patricxbourne 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.

**Parish Magazine Advertising Co-ordinator** We are urgently seeking someone to take over this role within the 'On the Nail' editorial team The position which is voluntary, will include the following: Annual notification of renewals by letter. Collection of advertising fees. Maintaining the waiting list and allocation of advertising space. Close liaison with the editorial team via email. For further information please contact the Editor Laurence Dunderdale tel: 01227-830668 email: [laurence.dunderdale@btinternet.com](mailto:laurence.dunderdale@btinternet.com)

## **Fish Scheme (neighbourly help) News Tel no:07954 966 080**

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.

Our next two monthly Branch Meetings will be on Tuesdays, 12th April and 19th May, both at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne (behind the Hall).



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She has no land. No assets. Making manual labour for as little as 74p a day. Her home has been flooded several times, and last August it flooded again. This is Morsheda. She's our neighbour, and she desperately needs our help.

**From 15-21 May, our churches will join with more than 20,000 others across the country for the sake of people like Morsheda.** Across the UK and Ireland we will deliver 7 million envelopes to our local neighbours, to raise money for our global neighbours in need. It's an opportunity to reach out to our community, and to make sure some of the world's poorest people have enough to eat and a safe place to live.

A Home Safety Package from Christian Aid could raise Morsheda's home on an earth plinth, safe from the flood plain, and give her resources to invest in things like farm animals, seeds and a composting kit – the tools she needs to build a better future. A new chance at life for Morsheda costs as little as £250.

**Please will you help?** When the familiar red envelope comes through your letter box, please give generously. If you are able to join the team of people who deliver and collect the envelopes in our villages, your help would be greatly appreciated. Contact Jean Barber (01227 831956 [jbarber@uk2.net](mailto:jbarber@uk2.net))

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**Senior Citizens - Please join us for our ST GEORGE'S DAY and the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations Thursday 21st April 2016 in the school hall Performances by each year group and the school choir 1.30pm – 3.00pm Refreshments will be served during the afternoon Please contact the school office on 830276 to reserve a place. We look forward to you joining us for a truly British Celebration**

**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  
Bridge Village Hall

Show open to public 11am to 1.30pm

Presentation of Prizes 1.00 pm

Includes Open Classes (for all to enter):

- 5 sticks of rhubarb (pulled and leaves trimmed)
- 6 chitted seed potatoes in an egg box

Refreshments

Raffle

Plant/Bring and Buy Stall

For Show Schedule telephone Kathy on 830057

## **Bridge with Patricxbourne 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](mailto: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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### FORTNIGHT

Seeking to restore the fabric of the village's most iconic building, ST PETER'S CHURCH, its Friends (FOSP) present an unmissable trio of events for WHITSUNTIDE and beyond. (All at 7.30pm).

FRIDAY 20 MAY in the School Hall : The Revd SIMON ROWLAND returns to Bridge to talk about and show his experiences of having been recently  
A PADRE WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN.

This talk was a sell-out at Nackington : now it comes to Bridge. Powerful, moving and personal,

Simon's descriptions will convey just what it is like to be at the sharp end of contemporary warfare, and the amazing medical and pastoral support that our Forces are given.

FRIDAY 27 MAY in St Peter's Church : TOPS (The Occasional Performing Society) will make its contribution to FOSP funds with a yet-to-be-announced evening of entertainment, fresh, funny and memorable.

SATURDAY 4 JUNE in St Peter's Church, we welcome back DAVID FLOOD with two equally dazzling GOOD GNUS (lay clerks John Williams and Christopher Price) for an EVENING of LIGHT and DELECTABLE MUSIC, ideal for an evening in early June. The classic Flanders and Swann songs, and many more.

Ticket prices £10 for the first two at £10 each, and £15 the Gnus. (£30 on all three purchased together). Available from Evelyn Andrews (830960).

### 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](http://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

**KEEP CALM AND MICROCHIP YOUR PET**

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...ng of Dogs (England) Regulations 2014 it is compulsory for all ... weeks in England to be fitted with a Microchip and registered ... ase from 6th April 2016.

...ed by local authorities, police constables and community ... your dog is found to not have a microchip and be registered to ... e keeper will be served with a notice requiring the dog to be ... days. If this does not occur you will be liable to pay a fine of

£500.

There are no exemptions regarding age, a dog will only be legally exempt if a vet certifies that it cannot be microchipped for health reasons on a form approved by the Secretary of State.

Many of our patients are microchipped but the database registration is not up to date, so if you have moved house or changed your telephone number it is really important to update this information on the database.

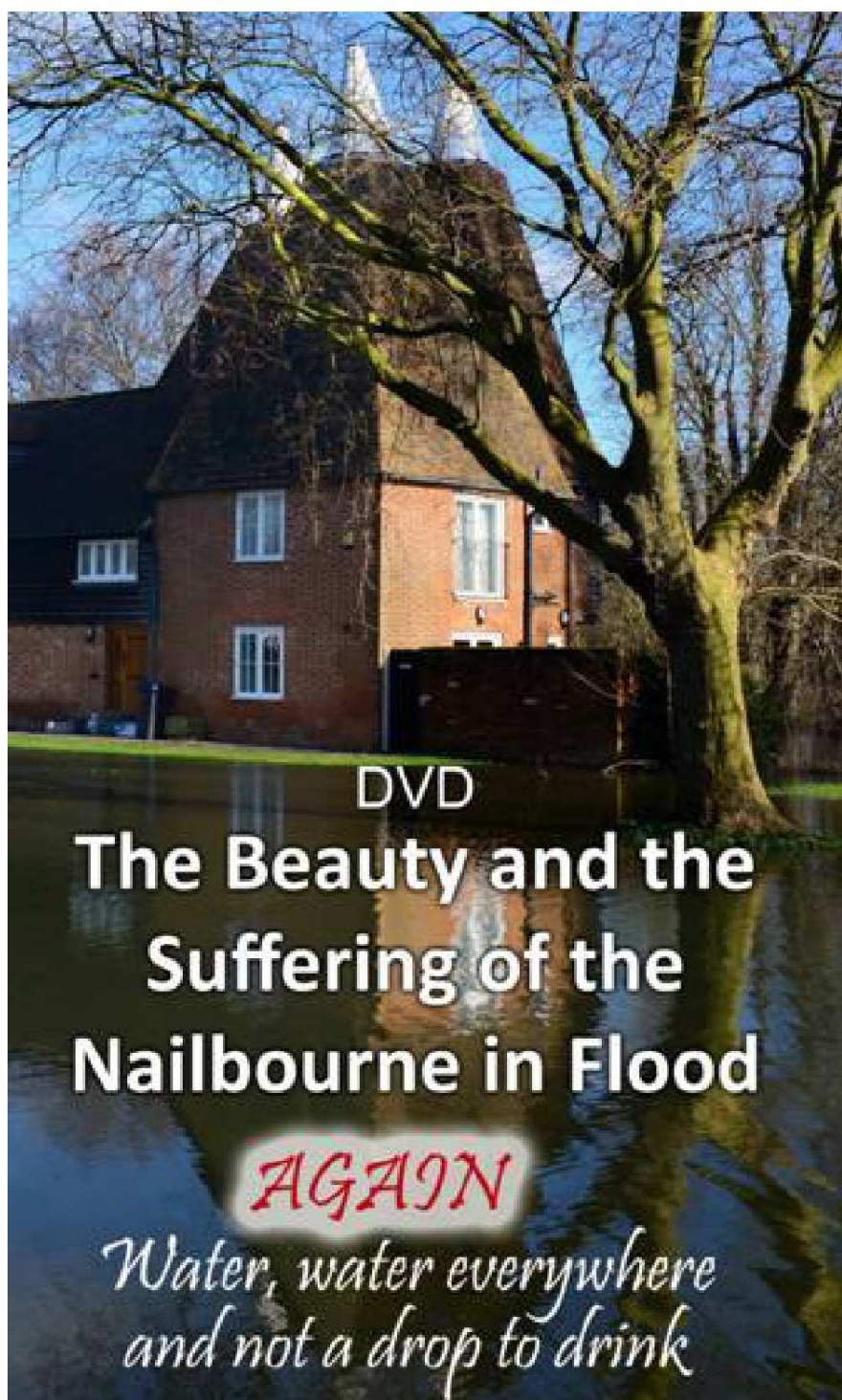
Microchipping provides permanent identification of an animal. The microchip cannot be tampered with and once inserted will last a lifetime. The microchip itself is about the size of a grain of rice, encased in a special capsule, designed to sit comfortably under your pet's skin. The implantation is quick and simple – just like an ordinary injection under the loose skin at the back of the neck. At Bourne Veterinary Practice we regularly implant Microchips into dogs, cats, rabbits and tortoises.

Breeders will be responsible for microchipping all p ... them away and all imported dogs will need to be m

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

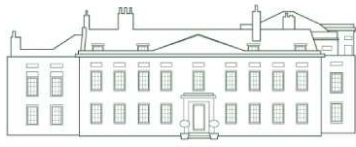






The DVD covers the flooding of the Nailbourne in 2014 from Lyminge through the Elham Valley to Bridge, down through the remaining Bournes and on through the Little Stour to Plucks Gutter. The film reflects the difficulties experienced in the local villages and is a sequel to a similar film I produced 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.

Available from Brian Maxted 01227 721776 [brian@brianmaxted.co.uk](mailto:brian@brianmaxted.co.uk) or Peter Terrill 01227 721511



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The Society is holding their Spring Show on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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.

### **Jazz Concert**

Thanks to all who came to the jazz evening last Friday, when we were all superbly entertained by The Langton Jazz Men.

A total profit of £388 was made.

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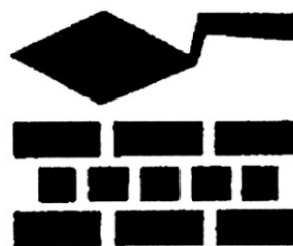


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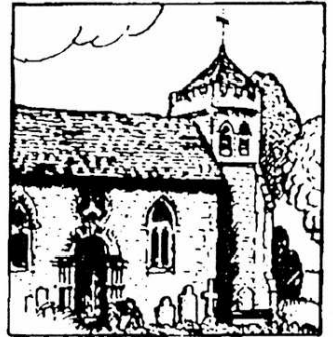
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