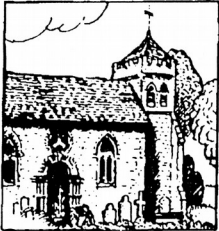


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<b>Mothering Sunday</b> <b>6 March</b> 2 Cor 1:3-7 Luke 2:33-35	<b>8.00am</b> BCP Holy Communion	<b>11.00am</b> Family Communion	<b>6.00pm</b> Evensong	<b>9.30am</b> Sung Eucharist	<b>9.30am</b> Family Communion
<b>Lent 5</b> <b>13 March</b>  Isaiah 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 Palm Procession, Dramatic Gospel Reading and Family Communion</b>	<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 Commemoration of The Last Supper &amp; The Watch</b>	<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

***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	Patricbourne 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—  
Patricxbourne 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 Bokesbourne** will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13 April in Bokesbourne Village Hall. All residents of the civil parish of Bokesbourne and all people listed on the Bokesbourne Church electoral roll are very welcome to attend and may vote at the meeting to elect 2 Churchwardens for St Peter's Bokesbourne 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 Bokesbourne 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 (Bokesbourne)**

**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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## **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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## BEKESBOURNE NEWS

### 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  
Lord Mayor of Canterbury**



### **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 WI 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. [lizziehophthrow@gmail.com](mailto:lizziehophthrow@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 [lizziehophthrow@gmail.com](mailto:lizziehophthrow@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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## 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

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Our next two branch monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, 8th March and 12th April both at ~~Some in the Reception 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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**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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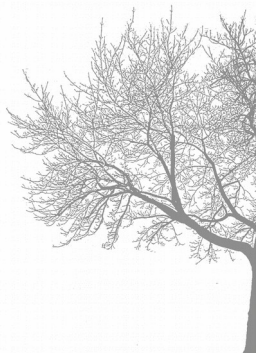


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