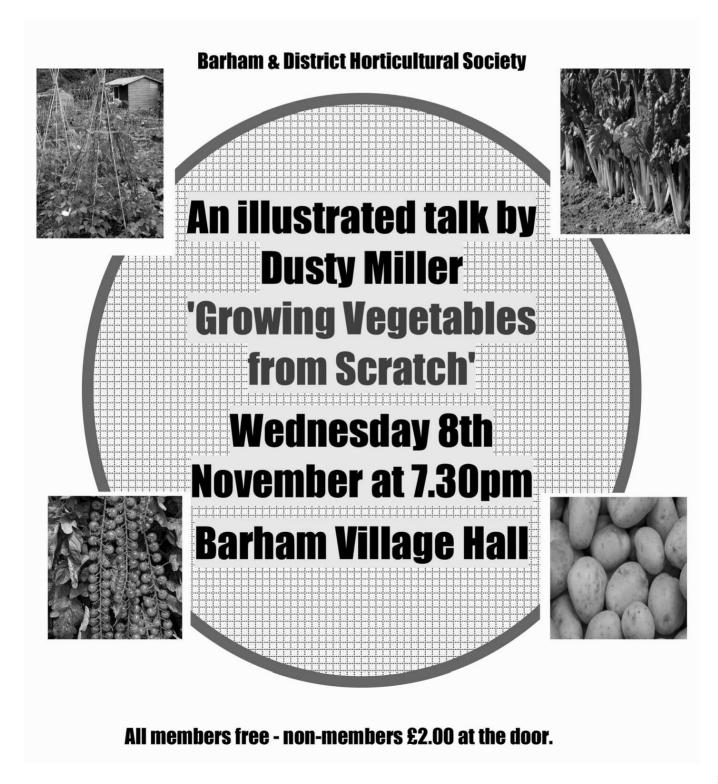
#### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

There is no meeting arranged for November, but to round off our programme for this year, there will be a **Social Evening** on **Tuesday 5 December** in Bridge Village Hall, arrangements for which are still being finalised. So, make a note of the date and watch out for details in the next Parish Magazine, on posters displayed around the village and the local Press.

## **Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute**

Our **Annual Meeting** when reports, including a resume of the year's activities, are given and when officers and the committee are elected for the coming year will be held on **Tuesday 21 November** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. After the business part of the evening, we shall have a social time when members will have the chance to catch up and chat with friends. The competition for the month is for an interesting black coloured item.



#### Art in Bridge

#### Report 17th Annual Open Exhibition October 2017

This was another successful exhibition with over 150 exhibits. Exhibits covering paintings, photographs, sculptures and craftwork from people of all ages living or working in a rural parish within a five mile radius of Bridge were shown. Bridge and Patrixbourne Church of England Primary School contributed two hanging banners. The exhibition favourite was *Owl and Pussycat* by Elizabeth Stewart. The results can be seen on the web site (www.artinbridge.org.uk).

Refreshments were available and visitors were encouraged to sit and talk. There was a presentation by Sue Pratt, the Young Arts representative of The Arts Society Canterbury Evening, one of this year's sponsors, of gift tokens, generously donated by Cowling and Wilcox, Canterbury awarded in a non-competitive draw to two artists, one junior under eleven years of age and one senior up to the age of eighteen years. The junior prize was awarded to Phoebe Hodges who submitted three pieces of art work. The senior prize was awarded to Amelia Johnson who submitted two pieces of art work. Grateful thanks are also due to our other exhibition sponsors The Bourne Gallery, Picture Framing Service at Chalkpit Farm and Colebrook Sturrock & Co. As always the successful weekend was due to the many talented exhibitors and loyal helpers. Sue Hodges

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Editor's Note Will all contributors please note that the next edition will be the combined December 2017/January 2018 one. Please may I have all items for this by teatime on Wednesday 15th November. Preferably by email:laurence.dunderdale@gmail.com Thanks in anticipation, Laurence
Dunderdale.

#### Condensed Minutes: Bridge Parish Council Thursday 12 October 2017

Comments on the village strategic plan (now on the website) will be sought from villagers on 7 November and by invitation on the website and in social media.

Cllr Cook pointed out that RISE grants are now available from not-for-profit and voluntary organisations with details on the Canterbury City Council website. The same website has been revised to enable villagers to log complaints with SERCO about waste bin emptying. The website has also been made more user-friendly for the reporting of fly-tipping.

### **Highland Court proposals**

Council voted on the current Highland Court proposal. 6 voted against the proposals with one abstention. The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting with relevant local parishes to see if there is to be common ground in dealing with this proposal.

Cllr Simon Cook, when asked as the local councillor for North Nailbourne (including Bridge village) rather than as leader of the City Council, to reveal his own thoughts about the proposals said he does not feel convinced that the reasons given for such extensive developments in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty are of "national significance" as they would need to be.

#### **Kent News**

Villagers are encouraged to respond to the Kent County Council budget settlement themselves by accessing the kent.gov.uk website.

It is clear that there need to be multiple reports for Kent Highways to intervene in road improvements/drainage issues. Villagers will henceforth be encouraged to report problems "en masse".

#### Parish news

Management of the sports pavilion has been taken in-house by the parish council. Contact the Clerk to know more about hiring opportunities.

Christmas trees will go up on December 2 and come down on January 6.

Work is likely to start in Green Court on 1 November 2017. Residents will be informed by letter when the exact start date is known.

There have been 3 recent **Speedwatch** sessions. 6 speeding vehicles were reported to police on 29 September and another 11 on 12 October. (2 cars had been travelling over 60 mph near Higham Lane of that occasion). Sessions will be conducted weekly and volunteers are sought from the village.

It was agreed to advertise the **new defibrillator** on social media and to encourage training for interested Villagers.

Next meeting on Thursday, 9 November 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall

#### Condensed Minutes: Bridge Parish Council Thursday 14 September 2017

It was agreed to publish all BPC policies on the website.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** The latest version of the plan (v.6 dated August 2017) is to be uploaded to the village website. Cllr Atkinson reported that at the NP meeting held on 17 August (minutes to be uploaded to the village website) members had been informed that Cantley Ltd were no longer interested in developing the site to the north of Conyngham Lane and that a meeting has been set for 5 October with Canterbury City Council.

Bridge Parish Council's draft strategic plan will be published on the website and comments invited from villagers. The Chair emphasised that the document must not be seen as being an exclusive or definitive list of activities for the Parish Council, and that it cannot be considered as binding on future councils.

It was decided to put forward pavilion related projects (heating and insulation) to access Parish Capital Grant funds by the deadline of 2 October.

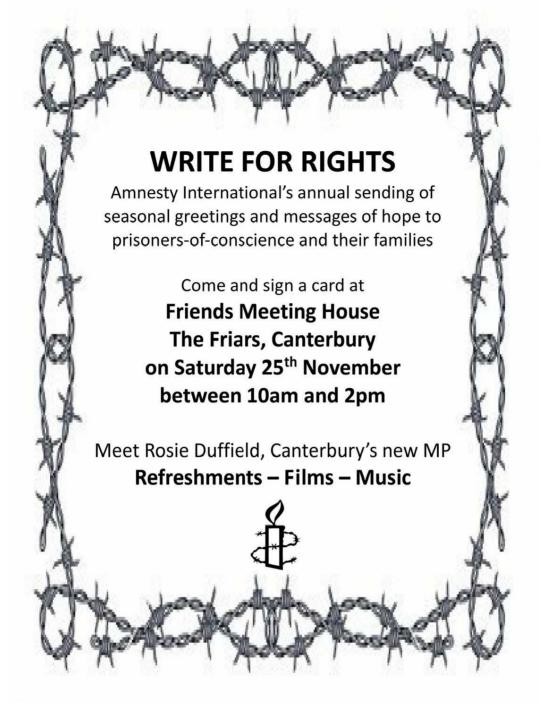
Councillors agreed to formally request of the relevant authorities dropped kerbs on Riverside Close and the retention of a passing space by Roger's Garage on the High St.



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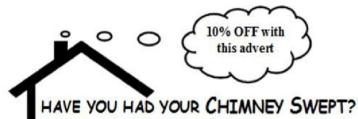
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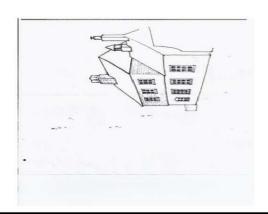


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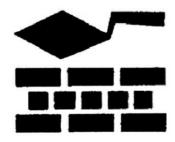


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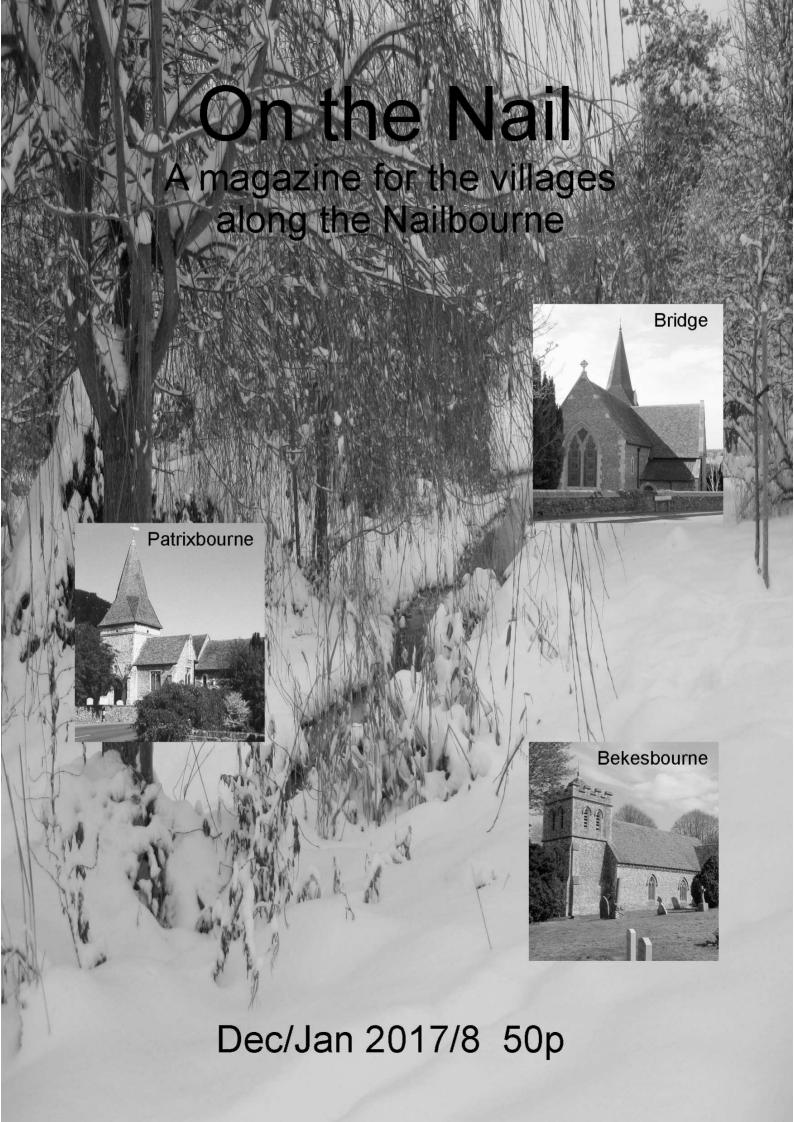
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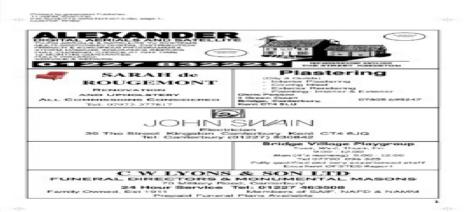
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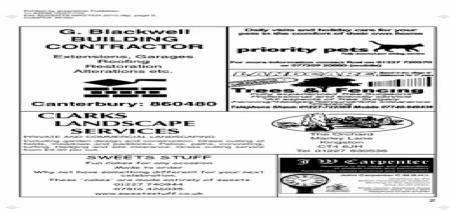
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3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 1 Cor. 1.3-9 Mark 13. 24-end	9.30am Advent Carol Service	11.00am Family Communion	6.00pm Evensong	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.00am Songs of Praise
	Lay led	RH	МС	JB	Lay led
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2 Pet. 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	4.00pm Carol Service MC	9.30am Family Communion JT	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	8.00am BCP Holy Communion JT
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1 Thess. 5.16-24 John 1.6-8, 19-28	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	3.00pm Crib Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist GB 6.00pm Carol Service Lay led	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	All welcome at Patrixbourne		7.00pm Carol Service Lay led	All welcome at Patrixbourne	
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec Rom. 16.25-end Luke 1.26-38	10.00pm Christmas Eucharist RO	9.30am Communion by extension MC	3.00pm Christingle MC 5.00pm Christingle BL 11.30pm Christmas Eucharist TCW	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	11.30pm Christmas Eucharist CE
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec Heb. 1.1-4 John 1.1-14	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	9.30am Family Service MC	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	9.30am Sung Eucharist DL	11.00am Carol Service Lay led
31 <sup>st</sup> Dec Isa. 61.10-62.3 Luke 2.15-21	All welcome at Lower Hardres	9.30am Benefice Service RH	All welcome at Lower Hardres		

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

CHURCH SERVICES FOR Jan 2018	St Mary NACKINGTON	St Mary LOWER HARDRES	St Peter BRIDGE	St Mary PATRIXBOURNE	St Peter BEKESBOURNE
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan Epiphany Isa. 60.1-6 Matt. 2.1-12	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist CB	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan  1 Sam. 3.1-10 [11-20] John 1.43-end	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH	4.00pm Evensong MC	9:30am Family Communion DL	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan  Rev. 19.6-10  John 2.1-11	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist CB	8.00am BCP Holy Communion DL	9.30am Sung Eucharist RH
28th Jan  Deut. 18.15-20  Mark 1.21-28	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb Mal. 3.1-5 Luke 2.22-40	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	11.00am Family Communion RH	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Sung Eucharist CP	10.00am Songs of Praise Lay led

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#### Dates for the diary – December 2017 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 9:30am -Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge 3:00pm -Holy Communion, Bridge Haven 7:30pm -After 8's, Mansfield Court Thursday $7^{th} - 7:30pm$ -Carols and Readings with School choir and Salvation **Army** Band Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – 2:30-3:00pm – School Prayer Meeting, St Peter Bridge Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am -Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge 2:30pm -Carol Service, Mansfield Court Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30am -Bridge School Nativity - all welcome 10:00am -FISH pop-in coffee, Bridge Village Hall 2:00pm -Social Afternoon, Lower Hardres Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30am -Bridge School Nativity - all welcome **Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 1:30pm – Annual Afternoon of Entertainment for senior citizens, Bridge School Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am -Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge 3:00pm -Carol Service, Saxon Lodge Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - 2:00pm - Carols at Bridge Haven Dates for the diary - January 2018 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30am -Holy Communion, St Peter Bridge 3:00pm -Hol Communion, Bridge Haven

#### News from Bridge & Patrixbourne Church of England Primary School

Since the beginning of the academic year in September, it has been a very busy and successful time for our school. Our children exhibited at Art in Bridge and have opened up the school to parents and the community to view their learning. Our Year 6 children have performed both Romeo & Juliet and A Midsummer Night's Dream, a part of the Royal Shakespeare Schools' Festival, at the Gulbenkian Theatre, and as part of the Canterbury Festival, our orchestra performed in the Spiegel Tent.

It was fantastic to see so many people in the village community and beyond, attending our fireworks display and this helped us to raise much needed funds for the school, so that we can continue with the development of art and music, especially in this time of significant budget cuts. We have also contributed some of these funds to the Royal British Legion and to the Oncology Department at Kent & Canterbury Hospital.

In terms of our achievement, we have recently received a letter from Patrick Leeson, Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Education, at KCC, recognising the achievements in our school of the children. To view the letter, please visit our school website at www.bridge.kent.sch.uk.

Our great learning and ethos was also recognised in October, where we underwent a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspection, in which we were graded Outstanding across all aspects.

As I mentioned in the summer term, I will be leaving Bridge & Patrixbourne Church of England Primary School on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017, having been at the school for over 12 years. The school and the village community will always hold a dear place in my heart.

In this time of change for our school, we have also appointed a new Chair of Governors, Matthew Jones, who will continue to help guide the Governing Body, along with the Senior Leadership Team, to strategically lead our school. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Dr Jeremy Hayter, our previous Chair of Governors, for all his help, devotion and hard work, during his term as Chair.

Once again, I would like to say that it has been an absolute pleasure to have worked in our school and serve the local community and I would like to thank you for all your support and kindness; I will miss you all.

#### Renuka Chinnadurai Headteacher

As Ren mentioned in the summer, I will be taking over as Acting Headteacher through until September 2018, and during this time our school will be looking for someone to take on the permanent position of Headteacher. I look forward to working closely with the village community, continuing to build strong links with you and the church and to meeting you around the village.

## Matt Harper Deputy Headteacher

#### Christmas Workshop

On Saturday, December 2nd, there will be a Christmas Workshop at John Baker White Hall, at 9.30am to noon. There will be lots of activities for Children, and refreshments for all. If your child is under school age, please stay during the workshop. For a place, please ring Julie on 788316, or Margaret on 765598. Please book early. A small contribution of £1.00 per child for materials would be appreciated. For a place, please ruing Julie on 788316 or Margaret on 765598. Do come along, it'll be fun!

<u>Lower Hardres Carol Service</u> on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

<u>Lower Hardres Crib Service</u> – on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm we have our Crib Service. It is a special service of celebration, when the children will assemble our CRIB, in preparation for Christmas. It would be lovely if the Children could dress in Nativity Character. Our charity this year will be the Canterbury Food Bank. Please bring along your gifts Festive Food to our Christmas Crib Service, and make Christmas 2017 special for others.

<u>Christmas Day Service, Lower Hardres</u> at 9.30am. A short, friendly service, and a chance to meet friends and Worship on Christmas Day.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 11am, which is our Family Communion, we will celebrate Epiphany, when the Wise Men came to worship our Lord.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR — Margaret

## Bridge and Patrixbourne C. E. Primary School

The staff and children of the school invite you to an Evening of Carols and Readings with the School Choir and The Salvation Army Band on Thursday 7th December in the school hall at 7.30pm No tickets, please donate on the door.

On 18th December at 1.30pm the school will be hosting their Annual Afternoon of Entertainment for all local Senior Citizens in the school hall.

The afternoon starts with each year group taking turns singing and finishes off with refreshments served by Year 6 pupils. If you would like to join in please let the school know in advance by ringing 830276.

#### Fish News December 2017 and January 2018

The December Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday 13th will again have carols with the kind accompaniment of Stuart Field and Jean Barber. A representative from Hi Kent will also be there in Bridge village hall.

The January Pop-In is on Wednesday 10th and the Winter Warmer Lunch will be on 31st. The Fish phone number is 07935 966 080

#### Ride and Stride Bridge

Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Ride and Stride, the Recorders and Ian and Amy Osterloh who raised £184.A further £95 was raised by the Recorders giving a total of £279. This meant that St. Peter's received £139-50 towards Church funds. David Edmonds.

#### St. Peter's Bridge Flower Arrangers

There will be a flower meeting on Friday 8th December at The Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge to discuss Christmas decorations for St. Peter's church Bridge and the rota for next year. All welcome to come for a cuppa and homemade cake to see what we flower arrangers do and join us in 2018 if you wish. Viv Brasier. tel: 01227 830891.

#### Bridge & District History Society

The first meeting of the new year will be held on Thursday 18th January 2018 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Anthea Bryant will give a talk on Hidden Castles and Gardens of the South East.

Members £4.00, non-members £5.00 to include refreshments.

Further details from David Gilmour, Tel: 832450.

## **Recreation Ground**

October and November have been busy months on the recreation ground. Some of the children of Bridge and Patrixbourne C. E. Primary School spent an afternoon planting bulbs on the banks of the Nailbourne. Adult volunteers have cleared fallen leaves in the wild flower area and along the path to the school. Thank you for all your hard work in making the recreation ground a pleasant place to visit and enjoy. Sue Hodges

## Thank you

May I thank the kind people who sent me cards and gifts and visited me with good wishes for my recovery from having the second hip replaced. It has been a success and I am making slow progress. So glad I do not have four legs, two is enough! Thank you all again and God Bless. Diana



You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols
at St Peter's, Bridge - 6pm on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>
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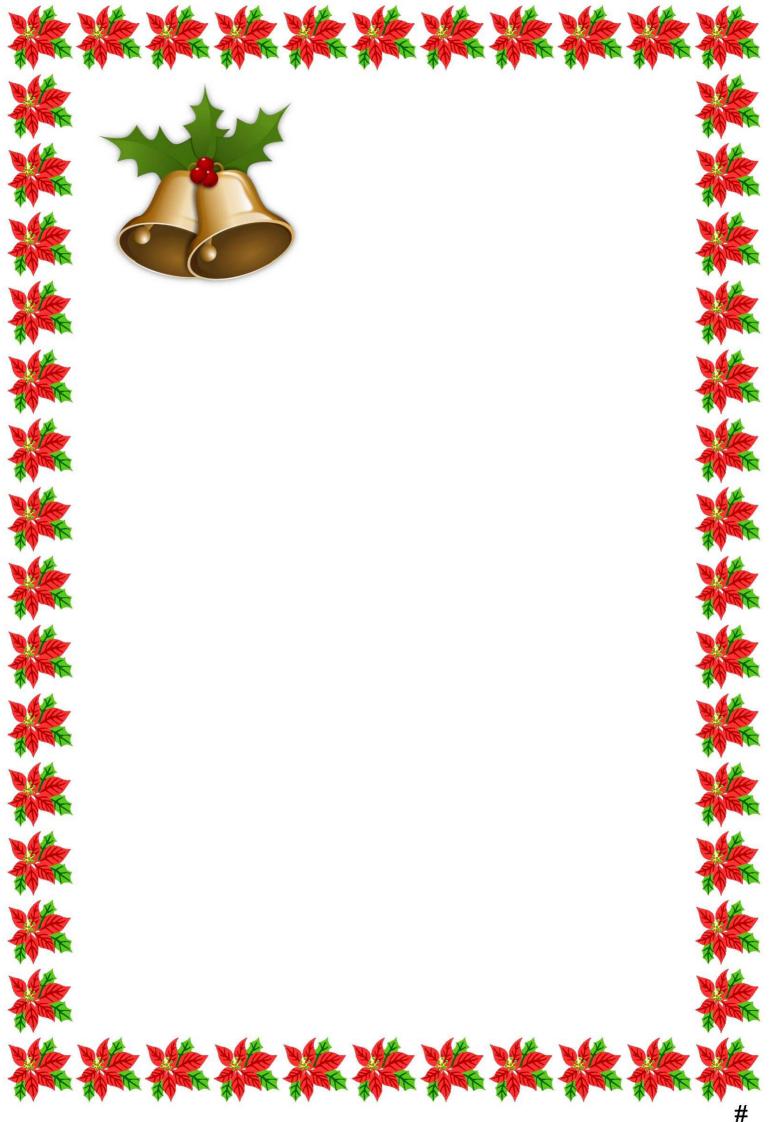
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Aluel is the sole provider for her family. She runs a small business selling tea and bread at a market in South Sudan. But life has been a struggle. On a bad day her family would have just one meal consisting of wild leaves. Christian Aid has helped by providing food vouchers, enabling her to buy ingredients to cook nutritious meals for her children.

In Burkino Faso, Collette was forced to walk miles in 45°c heat, carrying her baby on her back, to search for gold in the country's gruelling mines. Christian Aid's market garden project gave her a plot of land and trained her to grow vegetables, providing the seeds and tools she needed. She said, "I no longer have to go to the mines and my children are not malnourished. The garden has changed my life".

Christian Aid wants everyone to have a story like Aluel and Collette. In a world of plenty, when we in this country can stock our larders and freezers to bursting point with luxury Christmas food, hunger like this should not exist.

If you would like to make a gift to Christian Aid this Christmas, the UK government's UKaid scheme will match every pound you give to the Appeal up to the 5 February 2018, meaning that even more people living in poverty can have their lives transformed.

You can donate direct to <a href="www.christianaid.org.uk">www.christianaid.org.uk</a> or if you prefer, place your gift in an envelope and pass it to me and I will make sure it goes to the Christmas Appeal.

Many thanks

Jean Barber (01227 831956)

#### Nailbourne Horticultural Society

We will be holding our annual **Social Evening** on **Tuesday 5 December** at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. On arrival, you will be welcomed with mulled wine and nibbles to get you in the mood for what, I promise, will be a "not to be taken too seriously" garden related **quiz**, done in tables, followed by a light festive finger buffet and, of course, a raffle. And there you have all the ingredients to start off your Christmas celebrations. We will be charging £5 per person for what promises to be a fun, sociable and uncomplicated evening.

Moving into the New Year, we have our **AGM** in Bridge Village Hall on **Tuesday 23 January** at our usual start time of 7.30 pm. This is the time when subscriptions are due for renewal (£6 for single and £10 for joint/family membership) and when the schedules for the Spring and Summer Shows will be available. As always, we are also on the look-out for new committee members. The committee generally only meets three times a year which is not too onerous and it would be greatly appreciated if you would consider joining us. Please speak to any of the committee members or make yourself known at the AGM itself.

After the business is completed, as a departure from our normal evening, there will be a session for members to share their **gardening tips, hints and humorous anecdotes**.

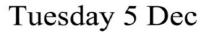
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Our December meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, namely **Tuesday 12 December** (7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall) when we will be celebrating the coming festive season with a **Members' Social Evening** with In-House Entertainment to be rounded off with a shared buffet supper.

The competition for the month is for an interesting white coloured item.

We then start our 2018 programme on **Tuesday 16 January** (usual time and place) with guest speaker and local resident **Peter Giles** who will be giving advice in a practical talk entitled "**Your Voice and How to Make the Most of It**". Please remember that the annual subscription (£41) is payable then and preferably by cheque. The competition for January is for an interesting item beginning with the letter "A".

It goes without saying that we are always delighted to welcome guests and visitors to all our meetings.

(The WI has its own noticeboard outside the village hall with details of all our events and contacts.)



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#### **CAROL SINGING**

Sunday 10th December 2017 2.30pm Mulled wine & mince pies

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### Condensed minutes of a meeting of Bridge Parish Council Thursday 9 November 2017

Villager David Latham will contact Cllr Fawke with dates and times for defibrillator training-the new defibrillator is now located on the wall of the Londis shop.

Police cars will be patrolling lorries parked on the Highland Court access road to the A2. Villagers can suggest roads which should be added to the secondary roads list for maintenance during cold weather by contacting Kent County Council Highways department.

Villager and school PTA chair, Rob Moon, thanked the council for permission to use the Recreation Ground for the recent fireworks event, which was judged by all councillors to have been a great success. Cllr Hodges recorded her thanks to the children of the school for planting bulbs.

Neighbourhood Plan: Following a discussion about the nature of the Cantley proposals, whether their current offer represented the best offer obtainable and protocols governing the composition of the Neighbourhood Plan, Council agreed by 6 votes to 2 (those voting against were Cllrs Dhillon and Ferguson) to endorse the recently published Cantley proposals in a forthcoming leaflet and to include a statement from the council in the same leaflet to be distributed to all households over the period 18/19 November. This leaflet will remind villagers of the vote to be held on November 25 in Bridge Village Hall.

Joint meeting with other invited local parish councils held on 19 October 2017 to discuss HICO (Highland Court) development plans. The Chair reported back on the meeting. Another joint meeting of the parish councils will take place on November 23 at 7.30 in Bridge Village Hall. Cllr Fawke has joined the Barham Downs Action Group.

The parish council **budget for 2018-2019** will be set on 14 December. A note of the parish precept request has been asked for by Canterbury City Council with a final deadline of 31 December 2017.

Cllr Dhillon provided feedback on 3 separate **speedwatch sessions** on 16 and 26 October and 2 November. More volunteers are needed. 2 vehicles had been recorded at speeds of over 60 mph. **The next meeting will be on Thursday, 14 December 2017 at 7.00 p.m.** 

#### **Bridge and Patrixbourne Year 2 pupils**

Will be performing their Nativity Play in St Peter's Bridge on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December at 9.30am
All villagers welcome.
Refreshments will be served
Please come and support the children

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

With the Poppy Appeal having been a busy time once again, we would like to thank all those who have been helping the Branch with its collections.

Our recent Beef Pudding Supper Night raised £160 for the Poppy Appeal - thanks to Kevin at the Hay Wain and those who joined us to make it a really nice evening.

At time of sending this report we had not held our AGM so details of elected officers for the coming year could not be included. However, there will also be a list of these in our notice board outside Littlebourne War Memorial Hall.

Once again - if anyone is thinking of becoming a member of the Branch they will be very much welcomed. Contact either the President on 01304 812292 or the Secretary on 01227 472023 for more details.

Our Christmas Meeting will be on Tuesday, 12th December 2017 and the first of the New Year will be on Tuesday, 9th January 2018, both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne (entrance to the right behind the Hall).

#### "This Turbulent Priest" -

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"This Turbulent Priest" – to be performed on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 1.30pm and 3pm from 25th November until 29th December (the anniversary of Thomas's death) in Eastbridge Hospital, High Street, Canterbury.

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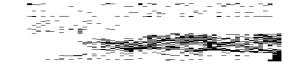
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