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#### from Bridge & Patrixbourne School

nic year, the children have been involved in many activities idge village community. Back in September of last year, some part in a culture celebration at the Winter Gardens in Margate,

by many, including a lady who works with a lot of West-end theatre shows, who said that 'Bridge are no ordinary primary school choir!' The choir have also performed at the Gulbenkian Christmas Choir Concert, the Salvation Army Concert and also sang at Bridge Haven and the Farmers' Market. They were also invited to sing at Bridge Church Coffee and Cake Concert recently. Please watch them on: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68paA\_LPlc4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68paA\_LPlc4</a>

For the first time this year, a school orchestra has been formed and the children have been lucky enough to perform at both the Canterbury Festival Concert in the Spiegeltent, and were also selected to perform in the Music for Youth Regional Festival Series in South London, in March. They also played at our Art & Music Event and will be playing at our Summer Music Festival.

Back in October, some of our children were chosen to work with Mrs Clubb to produce a piece of artwork, based on a poem, which the whole school were studying, called 'Stream School'. The children's work was displayed at the 'Art in Bridge Exhibition' in the Village Hall and received many outstanding comments.

The firework display, organised by the PTA was a resounding success and as a result, we donated £1,000 to St Peter's Church towards the roof fund.

Both The Senior Citizens' tea party and the St George's Day tea party were well attended by local residents. The audiences were entertained by the children singing and dancing, as well as being served refreshments by our Year 6 children. Also, children from Reception, Years 1 and 2 paraded through the village for Chinese New Year and St George's Day, and this was very well represented by parents and villagers.

Once again, our Art and Music Event in March proved to be a spectacular evening and was a resounding success. We received so many inspiring and wonderful comments – this is just one of them :

"What a wonderful evening you gave us! 'The Art & Music Event' was exciting and amazing and showed much talent from <u>all</u> those pupils! Not forgetting the exceptional staff involved, Mr Luck, Mr Miles and Mr Perfect and, of course, your brilliant Head Mistress! Thank you so much for inviting me and giving such pleasure - seeing my grandchildren perform was a delight! I loved every moment. I can honestly say I have seen many school shows being a primary teacher since 1953, but this is EXCEPTIONAL!"

In April, over 200 adults and 110 children from the local area took part in the first 5KM Bridge fun run. This was an extremely successful event with many parents and children from our school running. We hope this will become a regular event, as well as the family walk, which took place on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Over the course of the year, the children have been involved in many fund raising events, raising money for charities such as the Poppy Appeal, Salvation Army, St Peter's Church, Children in Need, Breast Cancer Awareness, Wear it Blue for Ethan, the Urology Foundation and Christian Aid, to name a few. They have achieved remarkable results and for one of the charities, raised just on £1,000.

Many of the children have been successfully involved in representing the school in numerous sporting activities this year and we are really pleased to announce that in some cases, they have won their way through to Kent Schools' Games finals and will be representing our area in several events (over 7).

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, Mr Luck and parents from the PTA are organising a Bridge School Summer Music Festival to be held in the school grounds between 2pm and 6pm. There will be class acts, local bands, a BBQ, bar and more. This will be an end of term school event for the children, staff and families of the school.

As you can see, it has been a very busy year for all staff and children and I would like to thank everyone involved in all the hard work which has gone into making all these events possible.

Finally, this will be my last year at Bridge, as I will be leaving on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017. It has been a great privilege to serve as Headteacher for the past 12 years and has been an absolute pleasure to have worked in our school and served the whole school community and I will miss you all. I would like to thank the community for all their support and kindness shown towards me personally.

The Governors have decided that until we recruit a permanent appointment, Mr Harper, my current Deputy Headteacher, will be Acting Headteacher from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. We are confident that the school will continue to thrive in his capable hands and he is looking forward to working closely with you.

Renuka Chinnadurai Headteacher

# Dates For Your Diary July 2017

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Mansfield	Court			
19/7	15.00	Hymns at Bridge Haven		
24/7	19.30	Caring and Sharing #		

Holy Communion at St Peter's,

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9 July 2017	9.30am Sung Eucharist DL	6.00pm Evensong MC	9.30am Family Communion GB	All welcome at the services of the Benefice	8.00am BCP Holy Communion Rev Graeme Whittlesea
16 July 2017	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	9.30am Family Service MC	11.00am Choral Eucharist GM	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RO	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO
23 July 2017	9.30am Sung Eucharist RO	All welcome at the other services of the Benefice	8.00am BCP Holy Communion RH 11.00am Community Worship BL	9.30am Matins MC	All welcome at the other services in the Benefice
30 July 2017					9.30am Benefice Service
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#### **BEKESBOURNE NEWS**

#### **Church Service**

The Bekesbourne 'Songs of Praise' service at 10am on 2nd July is to be a Pet Service. All are invited to come along and are encouraged to bring their pets to what should be a very interesting morning.

#### **Coffee Morning**

Residents from Bekesbourne are running a coffee morning every Tuesday from 9.30-11.30 in the pavilion at Bekesbourne rec. All members of the community are very welcome. Toys will be provided for those who bring along children while others hope to start up a table tennis tournament. Come along for companionship, coffee, cake and to enjoy our beautiful surroundings.

#### Bekesbourne 100 Club

The winners in May were: Wendy Howard £50; Andrea Nicholson £25; Bernard

Woods £15

The winners in June were: Bonus prize of £100 Andrea Nicholson; Wendy Durrell £50;

Mike Barker £25; Maggie Field £15

Both draws took place at the same time. Paul Samoilys (of Cobham Court) drew the

winning tickets.

Bekesbourne 100 Club exists to raise funds for the care and maintenance of St Peter's Church. The affairs of the Club are administered by Steve Thomas and Jane Millyard. Membership costs £24 a year payable by cash, cheque or standing order in January each year. We welcome new members who can join throughout the year at a

pro-rata rate.

Membership gives you thirty-eight chances of winning a cash prize during the year. There are three monthly prizes of £50; £25 and £15 and bonus prizes of £100 in June and £250 in December. The remaining money goes to the church. There are no administration costs.

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Steve Thomas (s.thomas@which.net)

#### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

Our **Annual Summer Show** is on **Saturday 22 July** in Bridge Village Hall. The Show will be open to the public from **11.30 am until 2.30 pm** with the Prize Giving at 2.00 pm. Refreshments will be available throughout the day and there will also be a raffle and plant/bring and buy stall. We look forward to filling the hall with a fine display of vegetables, flowers, cookery, floral arrangements and handicraft so please do make a note of the date and come along to enjoy and support this long standing village event.

For those of you who are exhibiting, the hall will be open from 8.00 until 10.00 am on the morning of the Show to stage your entries prior to judging.

And a reminder that we have included several **open classes** for everyone to enter, with voucher prizes for the winners. These open classes are:

**Any Other Vegetable** - not included in any other class, ie NOT spring onions, onions, beetroot, potatoes, carrots, French beans, broad beans, peas, courgettes, shallots, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber. I assure you it does leave a few! Use common sense as to the number exhibited.

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

A Vase of Mixed Flowers - anything in flower (Vase supplied)

Two photo classes - "Garden Visitor" and "Our Village"

Photos should be unframed, not to exceed 8 inches x 6 inches, not be digitally enhanced and should be produced within the last 12 months.

Just bring your entries to the hall before 10.00 that morning. Please contact the Show Secretary Kathy Walder (830057/kath@askwalder.com) if you require further information.

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

On Tuesday 18 July we are fortunate to have Colin Jarvis as our speaker who is going to give us a talk on the Ramsgate Tunnels, thought to be the most extensive underground public shelter system in the country, if not the world. We have decided to open this talk to everyone as it is a topic which will be of interest, we are sure, to many residents, both men and women. The talk will start at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. At the time of writing we are hopeful of arranging a follow-up visit to the Tunnels in August - more details to follow.

The competition for our July meeting is for an interesting item of the colour violet.

#### National Vegetable Society - Kent Association

There is no evening meeting in July but do visit the Society's stand at the Kent Show at Detling from 7th to 9th of July.

## Nailbourne Horticultural Society

# Summer Show



# Saturday 22 July Bridge Village Hall

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- A Vase of Mixed Flowers anything in flower (Vase supplied)
- Two photo classes "Garden Visitor" and "Our Village"

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# Wonderful News West Wall Repairs at Bridge Church Begin Soon



The Friends of St Peter's (FOSP) Church formed in 2014 to begin the enormous task of fund raising £90,000. The Churchwardens and Friends of Bridge Church are delighted to announce that we have finally raised our target sum. The west wall and stonework repairs will start this summer.

We are very grateful to all who have donated money, joined the Friends, arranged concerts and other fund-raising events as this has, in the space of three, short years, helped us raise this much-needed money. Thank you to the many and varied artists and musicians who have performed in the Church. Thank you to our loyal supporters – many of you Bridge residents and some from further afield - we could not have done it without you!

We are grateful for the generous grants from The Friend of Kent Churches, Canterbury City Council, Kent County Council, All Churches Trust, Marshall's Trust, De Haan Trust, and the National Churches Trust to help fund the work.

Work on the repairs is hopefully going to start in July with the West Wall repairs commencing first. The stonework repairs will follow on in the Autumn. Events such as the Flower Festival in September will happen as planned. For safety reasons during the high level works it will be necessary to close the footpath through the churchyard during working hours – please take care and dog walkers should avoid the path during this phase.

We will still continue to raise money for Bridge Church. Once the initial, urgent building work is complete we can begin to plan for on-going repairs and new projects. Our popular coffee, cake and concert mornings will continue to raise funds and watch this space for new events. Please continue to support us in the same magnificent way you have supported Bridge Church to date.

A big FOSP thank you to you all from the Friends of St Peter's Church and Churchwardens.

#### Fish Scheme: tel no:07935 966 080

The June outing to Herne bay and Chislet was a success, thanks to everyone who went and made it a happy event. Any fresh ideas for next year's trip would be very welcome.

The July Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 12th in Bridge village hall starting at 10.

New faces are always welcome.

#### Royal British Legion - Littlebourne & District

Many thanks to all those who helped run our recent Tea & Chat Afternoon and to all those who came along and supported us. We had a nice afternoon with many interesting stalls and lovely cakes. Together we raised £398 on the day with a further

£10 received afterwards in donations.

We have our next 2 monthly meetings on Tuesdays 11th July and 8th August both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne starting at 8pm. Anyone interested in coming along and possibly joining the branch will be made very welcome.

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A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible, by delivering and collecting envelopes, counting the money and especially by giving so generously. Big thanks also to the children of Bridge School for their collection of pennies, which amounted to over £150.

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Heat the water and sugar in a pan until the sugar has dissolved. Simmer for 5 minutes, take off the the heat and leave it to cool entirely (you can put it in the freezer!). This keeps for weeks, so you could make double quantity and put half in the fridge for another time.

Add the juice and zest to the mixture, stir well and churn the mixture in an ice cream maker. I found it worked best to put the mint in later, as it got stuck on the blades of the churn. Alternatively, freeze in a shallow container in the freezer, breaking it up with a fork every half hour or so to stop large crystals from forming.

This makes enough to serve 4 people, roughly a pint or so. It is best served slightly less than rock hard. To make it more like a sherbet, add 1 egg white to the ice cream maker, or whisk the whites and fold them into the mix if you are open freezing it.

#### Ice Bowl

2 bowls parcel tape and a couple of heavy tins flowers cooled boiled water/mineral water (this helps keep the ice clear)

Choose two bowls with a similar shape - do I have to tell you to have one smaller than the other? Thought not! Pick pretty flowers. Pour some water into the larger bowl, add some of the flowers. Place the smaller bowl on top. Push the rest of the flowers in round the edges, adding more water. The second bowl will rise, so put the tins into it before strapping the parcel tape across the top to keep the second bowl level with the first and in the centre. Fill up with the water - you might need to check the tape - and add another food tin. Freeze overnight until solid.

To use - allow the bowl to defrost just a little before unmoulding it and adding the sorbet. It will be a wonderful centrepiece - some people commented on how pretty the flowers were as they appeared as the ice melted. Just make sure that the ice bowl is in a container that can hold the inevitable meltwater!

#### **BOURNE VETS NEWS**

#### TRAVELLING WITH YOUR PETS

Now that summer is here, lots of people are looking forward to their summer holidays and each year more and more people decide to take their pets abroad with them. Have you considered your pets joining you for your summer break?

The EU Pet Travel Scheme permits the movement of pet animals (Dogs, Cats and Ferrets) as long as they have the correct documentation. The process is simpler than it used to be but it still takes a lot of planning, don't think you will just be able to book a last minute break and set off! The rules vary from country to country, so it's important to check with your vet for advice on what is needed to ensure your pet can safely leave the country and, importantly, has all the documentation to allow them back in again.

Wherever you are travelling to there are a few important things to remember:

1) All pets travelling abroad must have a microchip for identification purposes. This should be done before your pet has a rabies vaccination so that your vet can record the unique microchip number on your pet's passport.

2)All pets must be vaccinated against the deadly disease rabies prior to travelling to another EU country or returning to the UK. The rules have eased slightly but you must wait 21 days after the vaccination before your pet can travel, or return, to the UK from another EU or non-EU listed country. However, if your pet is travelling into the UK from a country that is not listed on the Pet

Travel Scheme he will require a blood sample 30 days after the rabies vaccination, and you must then wait three calendar months before travelling.

- 3) Once your pet has been microchipped and vaccinated against rabies your vet can issue you with a pet passport. The passport remains valid as long as your pet continues to meet the UK's entry requirements.
- 4) Under the UK's Pet Travel Scheme only certain approved transport companies and routes can be used to bring pets into the country. Some companies will request a veterinary statement to confirm that your pet is fit to travel before they allow him to board, so check beforehand to ensure you comply with all their requirements. You may also need to buy an authorised pet travel carrier so that your pet can travel safely and securely.

- 5)The Pet Travel Scheme safeguards against the risk of rabies entering the UK, but your pet could be at risk of other potentially fatal diseases, so ask your vet for advice on how to protect him. Tick treatments are no longer compulsory, but you may wish to provide this or invest in a protective band such as a Seresto collar to help control ticks, mosquitoes, and flies.
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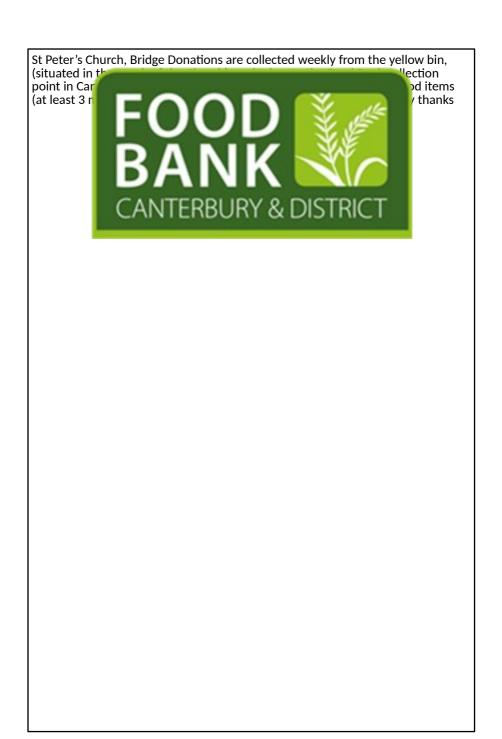




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