

## FREE Mobile Skatepark Day Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March



A skateboard park will be set up for the day 10.00 am – 3.00 pm on Bridge Recreation Ground for those aged 6 to 16 years.

Equipment will be provided (skateboards, scooters, BMX & safety gear) . Bring your own if you prefer.!

There will be refreshments and tuck shop in the Pavilion.

The event is organised by Bekesbourne-with-Patrixbourne & Bridge Parish Councils and supported by Canterbury City Council.

For further information call  
Bekesbourne Parish Clerk - 01227 831197

## Mill Centre

Following Canterbury District Council's vote to allow the Mill Centre to be leased to Bridge Parish Council, steps are being taken to transfer control of the building to the Mill Centre Management Committee.

The thirty year lease will be confirmed and transferred to the Management Committee as soon as the District's officers are happy with the schedule of works required to refurbish the building.

## Pavilion

The Pavilion is being refurbished to provide an additional venue in the village and will shortly be available for booking via

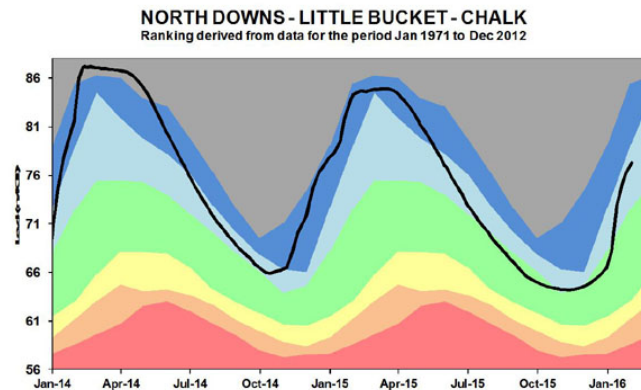
[bookings@bridgevillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@bridgevillagehall.org.uk) or  
by post to 83 High Street, Bridge

## Groundwater and Nail Bourne Report

The Nail Bourne has become a little fuller recently, as the groundwater springs have fed into it. It is now flowing along its full length, and this has caused the recent sudden rise in its level.

However, the prediction from the Environment Agency is that there will not be a flood this year, and the decision to put the flood-gate in place was because the ford was too deep to cross safely, rather than because of a need to prevent flooding along Brewery Lane.

The groundwater level has also risen sharply recently (see graph below). However, it is expected that the village will escape the need for the tankering and over-pumping that we have experienced previously. In part this is because of the work done by the water company, in part because the rainfall has not been quite as severe, and finally it is expected that spring will begin soon, when the groundwater levels will recede. All the relevant agencies however, are continuing to monitor the situation.



Groundwater levels in Bekesbourne 2014-2016:



# CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

## Litter-Pick Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Help clean the village this Saturday. Meet 10.30 am at the Post Office. Bring some gloves.

## Fly-tipping

Please report all fly-tipping directly to our City Councillor Simon Cook or the City Council.

## Recreation Ground Working Party Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016



Working Party 2015

Please come along to the pavilion from 9 30 am, wearing warm clothes and bring your gardening gloves and tools to help with the Spring tidy up.

Refreshments provided - everyone is welcome.

## Bridge in Bloom

This year we plan to judge the spring gardens as well as the summer displays. Only front gardens are part of the competition.

We look forward to your colourful creations.

## Queen's Birthday Celebration in Bridge Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June



The Queen's 90th Birthday will be celebrated on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 12 noon to 4pm on the Recreation Ground.

There will be live entertainment, bouncy castle, tea/sandwiches/cakes/strawberries and cream /ice cream. Beer and Pimms tent.

Come and join in the celebrations.

All donations to St Johns Ambulance and the Red Cross (who aided the village during the floods).

## Dog Fouling

New signs are to be installed shortly on the recreation ground, at every entrance, stating that dogs are not allowed. Penalty charge notices can be issued for the following reasons for walking a dog in a dog ban area:-

- failure to keep a dog on a lead in a controlled area
- failure to clean up after a dog has fouled
- failure to control a dog when requested to do so

They must be paid within 60 days, or a court order may be issued resulting in a fine of up to £1000.

## Bad Parking

Do continue to complain about school and other bad parking to the City Council to keep the pressure on traffic wardens. You can post pictures, of bad parking, anonymously, on the Facebook page - 'Park It Right Canterbury'.

## To contact the Council -

Please telephone or email the **Parish Clerk**:  
tel: 01227 831085 [clerk@bridgevillage.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bridgevillage.org.uk)

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# BRIDGE

## Parish Council *Caring for the village*

## Spring 2016 Newsletter



## Annual Parish Meeting

**Thursday 28th April**  
7.30 pm Bridge Village Hall

Come and find out what the Parish Council has done this year and meet your Councillors.

Refreshments provided

## Next Parish Council meeting

7.15 pm Planning Committee  
7.30 pm Full Council

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
Bridge Village Hall - all welcome