

CLOSURE OF THE BAKERY IN BRIDGE

June 2009

advertising fresh bread, cakes etc.

The sign is still there [at the end of the High Street opposite the Red Lion], but the premises ~~have~~ are empty and ~~atmos~~ ~~is~~ ~~now~~ ~~lifeless~~. First of all there was a notice saying that the closure was due to bereavement, but it later emerged that the other Buzgate bakeries in Canterbury + elsewhere (Kentish Gazette 25 June 2009) were also closed ~~hours~~ to accounting problems. The

many customers of the shop in Bridge will miss the loaves, ~~and~~ baguettes, ciabatta and other bread rolls, pizzas, pasties, small cakes and layer cakes, as well as hot sandwiches. They also miss the ~~pleasant~~ ^{bright} + kindly young women behind the counter.

Many Builders, van drivers, ~~to~~ ^{also} villagers from ~~the~~ other ~~villages~~ areas must miss the quick lunches to be obtained at Buzgate Bakery, at the end of the High St. opposite the Red Lion. Will it rise again?

going since 1800

Some family Rick + Chas Wills

Chas on retirement - next door to Barry - painter

sister + aunt = 300 yrs

Sec. Parish Council
leader of fire brigade

ch. chor. 70+ yrs.

Sec. of Gas. Co.

It was reported in K. News 12 March
in 1927 ~~report of~~
S. the Mr nephew of Mrs
Hayzen, 100 in 1927
had his wife Charles & 2 girls
(+ Aunt) combined age 335 yrs
Next door to Barclay & Pleasance
Kirk, Albany Terrace.

Phone conversation
with MMR.

Maurice

Herewith bits + pieces. I should have
photocopied the final version, go out
down + altered by M. Innderdale for parish
mag. For the record, I should have
said where present bakery is situated.

Ann S.

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Addition re Bridge bakery's closure

Dr. Maurice Karaty of Bidedown, the
chairman of Bridge and District Historical
Society, tells me that the bakery had been
going since ^{about} 1800, for much of that time
run by ~~the same family~~ members of the
Wills family - Richard and ^{son} Charles.
Charles Wills ^{in particular} played a big part in the
life of Bridge in the 19th Century. He was
also ~~Secretary~~ ^{Chairman} of the parish council, ^{and officer} ~~leader~~
of the Fire Brigade, ^{over 30 yrs} Secretary of the
Gas Company and a member of the SM
church choir for ~~78~~ ⁷⁰ years. ^{Bishop's} ~~club~~
He died aged 94 in 1943 (K.G. May 28 1932)

NB The TIR lorry driver may not have
been foreign. Maurice maintains
that he crashed into the building next
to the bakery. It was a Miss Lewis
who was flung across her bedroom,
but not injured I believe. I always
understood that he was killed - perhaps
you can add "believed to have been killed"
or "died".