

## JOSEPH CONRAD.

It is curious that one of the greatest narrative writers of the English language should be of Polish origin and spent his last years in Bishopscote at Oswalds; there is at least one person in Bridge who looked for him and he ~~was~~ was a frequent visitor to the village in his car; Bridge in a former way has been caught up with Poland in several ways; ~~Count~~ Count Zbrowski of Higham (now known as Highland Court) and the owner of the famous car City bang bang (now in Chicago) and his wife who was the daughter of J.J. Astor an Editor of the Times; one of the German airmen who was buried in Bridge churchyard and then moved to the German Cemetery at Cannock Chase in Bovingdon was from the German part of Poland; a Squadron of the Free Polish Airforce fought in the Battle of Britain over the village; six Polish lorries a week ply through the village from Warsaw carrying canned ham; there is even a list of fencing in Union Rd which comes from an old parish case on St. Kent's property called 'hedge in Poland'. But Joseph Conrad known ~~who~~ who died 50 years ago and is buried in the Catholic Cemetery must remain supreme; he had a nervous certificate for the British Naval Service and made many voyages to the East; one his voyages was made on the Torrens (a preparatory school in Harbledown is named after the boat) on which one of the passengers was John Galsworthy who wrote the Forsyte Saga; frequent visitors to his house were H.G. Wells (who lived at the time in Keston) and Bertrand Russell. and the boat the Chicago was built off the coast in Tasmania and has Higham brought back several parts of the boat