

OBITUARIES

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL C. L. BOYLE

Lieutenant-Colonel C. L. Boyle, OBE, Secretary of the Fauna Preservation Society, 1950-63, died on March 21 aged 100. He was born on March 9, 1899.

After a thirty year career as a Gunner in the Army, Leofric Boyle, as he was known to family and friends, devoted himself to wildlife conservation — a passion that had its origins in his Army career. Long voyages in troopships in the days before soldiers were lifted from place to place by air were ideal for watching ocean birds. Service in India, with its rich fauna, stimulated a natural interest in animals of all sorts.

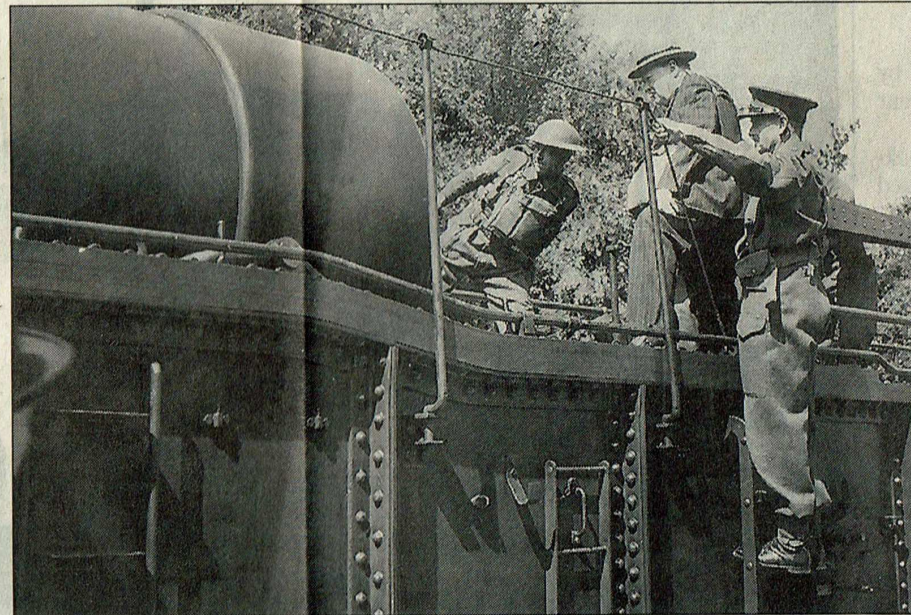
In the 1950s and 1960s Boyle was active in many campaigns to preserve wildlife. In the late 1950s he played a major role in Operation Noah, set up to try to save the thousands of animals endangered by the flooding caused by the construction of the Kariba Dam in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

Another notable campaign was the preservation of the rare Arabian oryx. In the early 1960s reports reached Boyle at the offices of the Fauna Preservation Society in London that the population of the species in the wild was teetering on the



field by the chief game warden of Kenya, Ian Grimwood. After a great deal of difficulty four oryx were captured and taken to the zoo at Phoenix, Arizona, where a breeding herd was established. The Arabian oryx has since been

born in Trivandrum, South India, where his father was Professor of English at the Maharajah's College. His father died when he was three years old, and the family moved to South Brent in Devon. Later he lived in Winchester with his grand-



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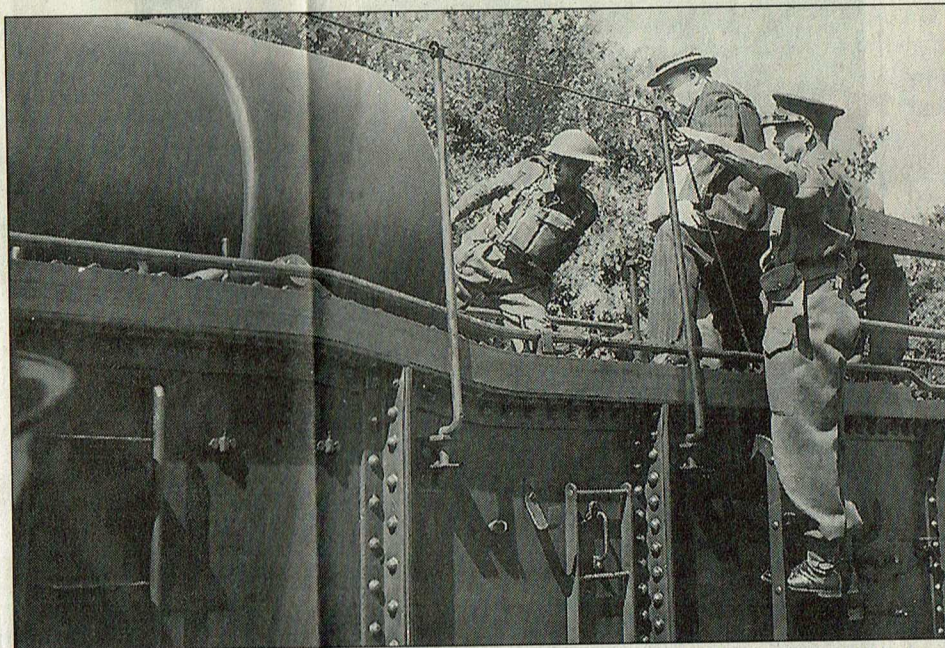
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He attended international conferences and travelled to many parts of the world. He was responsible for introducing a Bill into Parliament for the Control of the Trade in Endangered Species. He was appointed Officer of the Order of the Golden Lion of St Mark for services to wildlife conservation and in 1973 he was made a Knight of the Order of the Golden Lion of St Mark. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, one of the most generous of people to receive such honours.

After retiring as Secretary of the Fauna Society he served on the Wildlife Committee of the Prince of Wales Foundation for Cruelty to Animals. He was the *RSPCA Book of Mammals*. He was a proselytiser for wildlife conservation in the 1950s and 1960s.

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He is survived by his four daughters of his first marriage, and by his second wife Valerie, to whom he was married for 48 years.

A Bridge too far

BRIDGE Cricket Club have folded due to a shortage of players.

The club, members of the Kent Village League, called off several fixtures this year after failing to raise a side and a few weeks ago appealed to others in a similar position to consider a possible merger.

But there was a poor attendance at Thursday's annual meeting and secretary Gordon Bourn said: "It was decided that due to a lack of money, committed players and a captain, it was pointless to try to continue."

"There was a time 15 to 20 years ago when Bridge were one of the strongest village clubs in the area, but our fortunes have steadily declined."

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Cricket: It was agreed that the parish council should continue to maintain the cricket square for the next season while an attempt is made to attract another cricket club to the village. In the event that there is no interest from a cricket team, it would be possible to change the area for use by a different sports club, should it be required.

Canterbury College: It was reported that a relocation draft development brief for Canterbury College had been received and Cllr Hill had attended a planning briefing in this connection. Councillors agreed to object to the development of the college on this site because it requires the use of Grade 1 agricultural land and is likely to generate additional traffic in the vicinity of Bridge from four of the five possible access points.

Public consultation is taking place until January 31, with a public meeting at 7.30pm on January 12 at Simon Langton Girls' School.

Exhibitions can be viewed at the city council offices until January 31 and Canterbury library until January 10.

Planning applications: The following applications had been received: Ca/99/1127/Bri, conversion of stable block to garages with studio over and installation of new gate at 24 High Street; Ca/99/1163/Bri, two storey side extension at 36 Bridge Down.

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Correspondent: Nan Akehurst, Swan Haven, Rattington Street, Chartham, phone 01227 730969.

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200 years: Lost on Saturday last, in the forenoon, between Sturry and Upstreet, a plain silver watch; maker's name, William Nash, Bridge; the letters JB in the outside case.
Whoever finds the same, and will bring it to John Browning, near the church, Monkton, in Thanet, shall receive a reward of one guinea.
Kentish Gazette, July 30, 1799

A Bridge watchmaker.

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PS Thank you for your kind words the other eve. at Jane's.

BOYD MAUNSELL - On September 12th 1999 to Catherine (née Pain) and Michael, a son, Thomas Mihai Leith, a brother for George.

CAGLIOSTRO - On November 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Helen (née Knapp) and Charles, a daughter, Eva.

CHURCH - On 4th November 1999, to Jo (née Gardiner) and Nick, a daughter, Jennifer Mary.

CRANE - On 18th November 1999 at Heath Hospital, Cardiff, to Sara and Richard, a daughter, Isabel Scarlett, a sister for Dan.

GROVE - On 16th October, to Amanda (née Webster) and Christopher, a daughter, Eleanor Grace Cameron, a sister for Edward.

HUBBLE - On November 8th 1999, to Sheena and Matthew, a fine son, Thomas Dermot, a brother for Ciara.

ISSAKOV - On November 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Lena (née Dectyariova) and Yaroslav, a son, Yaroslav, a brother for Dima.

MACKAY - On November 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Hillary (née Bidwell) and Rupert, a son, Nicholas Charles Sheppard, a brother to Victoria and Jamie.

MUNARI - On Sunday, November 14th at The Portland Hospital, London, to Marta and Andrea, a son, Marco.

PROULX - On November 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Helen (née McKeeman) and Eric, a son, Callum Fraser, a brother for Matthew Robert.

STUCLEY - On November 18th, to Amber and George, a son.

son of Sundie and the late Peter. Much loved partner and companion of Sybil Gosselin. Loving brother of Peter, Paul and Mark, brother-in-law of Diane, Alison and Marie and a dear uncle of Abby, Ben, Edward and Alice. RIP. Reception of remains followed by Requiem Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral, 105 Nethergate, Dundee on Thursday November 25th at 10 am to which all family and friends are invited. Interment thereafter in Balgay Cemetery arriving Main Gate, Glamis Road at 11am.

COGHILL - Lt. Col. (ret.) Thomas Angus Coghill OBE on November 14th 1999. Dearly beloved and most precious to his wife and family. A very special person. Funeral private. No flowers by request but donations if wished to the Museum of the Staffordshire Regiment or Ward 26, Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, c/o F.M. and J. Wait, 25 Bird Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire WS13 6PW. A Memorial Service to be announced.

COLLEDGE - Reverend Father Eric Colledge OSA aged 89 died at Regency House Nursing Home, Deal, Kent on Thursday 18th November. Funeral Mass Clare Priory, Sudbury, Suffolk, Thursday 25th November at 11.30 am. Interment afterwards in Clare Priory Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

COLLINS - Reginald Charles on November 14th 1999 after a sudden illness. Much loved husband of Joyce, father of Tony, Michael, Bobby, Joy and Peter, and grandfather of nine. Will be greatly missed by all. The funeral has taken place.

donations to NSPCC or Seven Springs Cheshire Home.

ELLIOTT - Elizabeth Valerie, much loved sister of Richard and Judy, and friend to many, on 18th November, aged 82, in the Kent and Sussex Hospital. Funeral Service at St Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Friday 26th November at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to ASWA and RSPCA c/o Hickmott, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1SD. "Jesus said: I am the Resurrection and the Life." John 11.25.

FAIRBAIRN - On November 16th, Dr. Anthony Sidney Fairbairn, husband of the late Marcia and beloved father of James, Simon, Bruce, Andrea, Francesca and Sophia. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving at St John's Church, Alresford, on Friday November 26th at 3 pm. Flowers and donations to Cancer Research Campaign c/o Jno Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester (01962) 844044.

FROST - On 17th November 1999 peacefully in a Brighton Hospice, Tony, aged 68 years. Funeral Service at the Woodvale Crematorium, Lewes Road, Brighton on Thursday 25th November at 12.45 pm. Flowers or if desired donations for the Martlets Hospice may be sent to S.E. Skinner & Sons, 145 Lewes Road, Brighton. Tel: 01273 607446.

FRYDE - Edmund Boleslaw, on 17th November, aged 76, mourned by many friends. Funeral at Aberystwyth Crematorium, Tuesday 23rd November, at 12.45pm. No flowers. Donations to Iorwerth Ward, Bronglais Hospital, c/o D.J. Evans & Sons, Bwthyn, Penrhyncoch, Aberystwyth, SY23 3EH. (tel: 01790 820249).

Adam and Sebastian, Lola, Thembli, Sammy and Annabel. At peace at last. Enquiries to P. Boast of Chertsey (01932) 563238.

HILEY - Mary Morrison on November 18th, widow of Joseph and mother of Elizabeth, Mollie and Anne, a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at Rawdon Crematorium, Leeds on Wednesday November 24th at 11.30am. No flowers please. Donations if desired to RNIB Talking Book Service c/o Slater's Undertakers, Lister Hill, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 5BA.

HULME - Suddenly on Tuesday November 16th 1999 at the City General Hospital, Newcastle-under-Lyme, John "Sam" aged 58 years. Funeral arrangements to follow. Enquiries Salt & Son Funeral Directors, 28 Bridge Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire ST5 2RY. tel: (01782) 617073.

MONEY-KYRLE - Ernle, died peacefully after a short illness. Beloved husband of Berendean (née Anstice) and the late Roona (née Sinclair), father of Charles and Andrew and grandfather of Anna and Samuel. Funeral at St Andrew's, Heddington, Wiltshire at 2.30 pm on Friday 26th November 1999. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation c/o E Wooton & Son, 1 North Street, Calne, Wiltshire.

SHEPHERD - On November 19th, 1999, Jean F. Shepherd, D.A., dearly beloved wife of the late J.K. Shepherd, Solicitor, and mother of Anne (Weatherhead), David, and Kenneth. Funeral service in Kirriemuir Old Parish Church on Wednesday, November 24th, at 1 pm. Warm thanks to the staff of Bonnington Nursing Home, Edinburgh.

SHINKMAN - Elizabeth Benn. Died September 20th, 1999, in Washington D.C., after a short illness, aged 92. Survived by her brother Glanvill Benn of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, her sons Dr. Paul G. Shinkman (of Chapel Hill, North Carolina), Dr. Christopher J. Shinkman (of Bethesda, Maryland) and Bernard F. Shinkman (of the U.S. Embassy, Ottawa, Canada), and five grandchildren. The funeral was held in Washington on September 24th, 1999. Donations in her memory may be sent to the Music Program at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, USA.

SMUDEK - Jan died peacefully on 18th November 1999 aged 84 in Domazlice, Czech Republic after a short illness. Fondly remembered by his wife Margaret and daughters Ivona and Nicola together with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Domazlice, Czech Republic on Tuesday 23rd November 1999 at 11.30am. Enquiries to 01488-638615.

VENNER - Mrs Marjorie Edwina, peacefully on November 17th 1999, aged 90. Wife of the late Rev. P.K. Venner of Abbots Ann and much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at 2 pm on Thursday November 25th at Appleshaw Church, Andover, Hampshire, followed by private cremation at Basingstoke Crematorium. Interment at Abbots Ann Churchyard at 12 noon Friday November 26th. Flowers please to Halcrow & Sons Funeral Directors, 6a Bridge Street, Andover, Hants. Tel: (01264) 335255.

WILLIAMSON - John James, on 18th November. Dearly loved husband of Ailsa, beloved father of Rupert, Toby and Tessa and much loved grandfather. Funeral at St Peter's, Bridge on Thursday 25th November at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC or St John's Eye Hospital, Jerusalem, c/o Lyons Funeral Directors, 70 Military Road, Canterbury, tel: (01227) 463508.

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Former tannery owner dies

WILLIAMSON

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JOHN Williamson, a member of one of Canterbury's oldest families which gave the city Tower House, died suddenly last Thursday.

Mr Williamson, known to workers at family-owned St Mildred's Tannery, Stour Street, as Mr John, died in his sleep at his home in Conyngnam Lane, Bridge. He was 70.

He had been Bridge village correspondent for the *Kentish Gazette* for a number of years.

Mr Williamson's mother, Catherine, who became the first woman Mayor in 1938, and his father, Stephen, presented the city with Tower House, the former family home in Westgate Gardens, in 1936. Today it is used by the Lord Mayor.

He joined the family firm after reading law at Pembroke College, Cambridge, having previously attended Harrow and spent a year in



John Williamson pictured in 1983 with his father

Switzerland, perfecting his French and German.

He then became the seventh generation of Wiliamsons to join the tannery, when his grandfather was in charge. St Mildred's Tannery was founded by the family in 1791.

During his 45 years there, he was joined by his brother, Stephen. They worked in partnership, with John concen-

trating on management and Stephen dealing with the buying and export orders.

The tannery employs 160 people and deals with 28,000 hides a month.

Leather from the tannery is used throughout the world, including in the Houses of Parliament and aboard the QE2. Many notable visitors to the city, including the Pope,

have been presented with books bound in leather from Canterbury.

The councillors' chairs in the Guildhall are also covered in Williamson leather. In 1963 control passed to Connolly's, but the Williamson brothers remained at the tannery helm.

Mr Williamson was a man of wide interests who loved Canterbury, introducing visitors to the Cathedral as an official guide.

He was twice chairman of Canterbury Archaeological Society and was a keen Rotarian, serving as president. He was president of Bridge History Society and a former president of the Canterbury Country Paths Group.

He loved travel and researching the countries he visited and frequently accompanied his wife, Ailsa, when her work as an eye specialist took her to St John's Ophthalmic Hospital

in Jerusalem.

He leaves a widow, two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren. His older son, Rupert, is chief officer of the Canterbury and Thanet Community Health Council, and his younger son, Toby, is commanding officer of HMS Shetland and former equerry to the Queen. His daughter, Tessa, lives in Essex.

Mr and Mrs Williamson recently celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary.

Toby said: "He was a local person in his heart but a worldly person in his mind.

"He was always very friendly and welcoming to people and was simply an unassuming gentleman. At the tannery his style was effective from boardroom to shop floor."

The funeral takes place at 2pm today (Thursday) at Bridge church, where Mr Williamson was a church warden.

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HOLDING COURT: From left, Stephen Woodley, Ray Cannon, Tom Barker, Angela Barrett, Craig Walter, accepting the trophy from John Barrett, Isobel Pullen, Stuart Smith, Sally Holmes, Peter Abbotts, Jasper Cooper 25/4820E

Anniversary celebration

FORMER Davis Cup captain John Barrett, now a BBC commentator, and his wife Angela, whose three Grand Slam titles as Angela Mortimer included Wimbledon in 1961, were guests of honour at Canterbury Tennis Club's 50th anniversary dinner.

During the evening, at the St Lawrence Ground on Friday, Mr Barrett presented the club's mixed doubles team with the county summer championship trophy, which they won for the first time this season.

g. **Millennium lighting:** A total of 17 trees with lights have been purchased from the grant provided by Canterbury council for Millennium lighting. Trees have been installed at first floor level over the High Street and have been commented upon favourably by residents.

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Parish assembly: The annual parish meeting will take place on March 29 in the village hall at 7.30pm. It is hoped that a speaker from the Canterbury and Thanet Community Health Council will give an update on the alterations to the provision of health care in East Kent.

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Police liaison: Cllr Hill advised councillors that he had attended a police liaison meeting where it had been reported that crime figures were down, but that trends indicated a likelihood of increases in the future.

Details of a fast track justice system for 10 - 17-year-olds were given along with notification of the appointment of a youth officer for the Canterbury area, in April. Councils had been asked to identify local policing concerns and it was felt that in Bridge, vandalism and speeding vehicles were the two main issues.

Competition: Councillors agreed that Bridge should again enter the Village of the Year competition in the categories of business; older people; community life. The event replaces the best kept village competition and aims to encourage residents to work together to enhance the quality of life of people who live and work in rural communities.

The judges look for features that show the village as public spirited, cohesive, vibrant, friendly and enterprising. Anyone with specific information which may be relevant and which relates to one or more of the three categories for which the village is being entered, should contact the clerk on 01227 832219.

01227 751366, Judy Collins on 751742, or Jenny Haynes on 751702.

BRIDGE

Correspondent: John Anderson, 7 Dering Road, Bridge, Canterbury, CT4 5NA, phone 830260.

WI: The institute is meeting in the village hall on Tuesday at 7.30pm for its Christmas party night. Entertainment and festive snacks will be provided, but members are asked to take a glass and a prize for the raffle.

Playgroup: The playgroup has successfully passed its OFSTED inspection. It performed its Christmas play last Tuesday, and is to hold the Christmas party on the last day of term today (Thursday). There are some vacancies for the next term which starts on Tuesday, January 4. For details ring Joanne Watt on 01227 832343.

FISH scheme: The pantomime outing on Friday, January 7 at 2.30pm, is now fully booked. Only a

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Choirs: Carol singing by the local combined choirs will be touring the hostelrys in the village tonight (Thursday) from 7.30. The choir of St Peter's Church, Bridge will be singing for charity outside the Bridgeway Stores on Saturday, from 10.30am.

Gig: Two's Company will be at the Red Lion, Bridge on Sunday night.

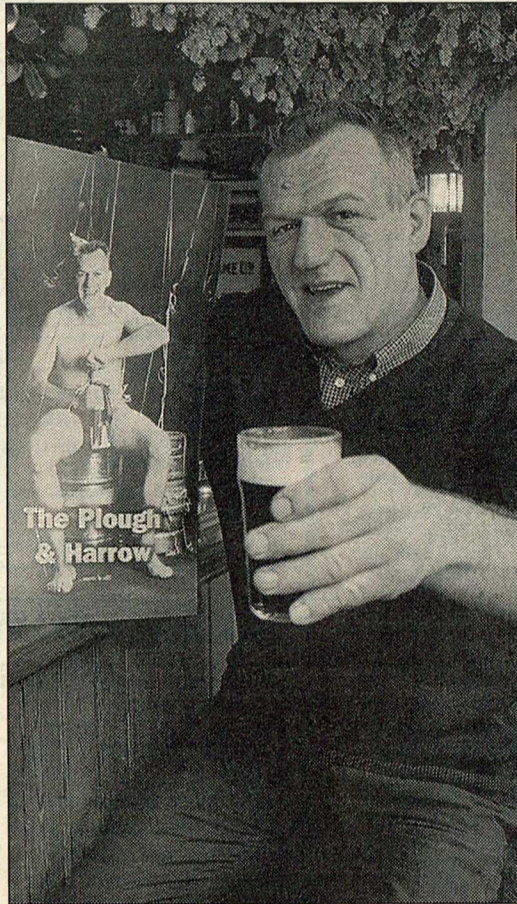
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Presentation: The retirement of Jack Hopkins as verger of St Peter's Church, Bridge was marked after the morning service on Sunday with a presentation to him by the Vicar, the Rev Raymond Gilbert, of £100 collected by a grateful congregation for his past dedication, and also a framed picture of the church as a reminder of his long association with the parish.

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Afterwards at coffee, everyone had the opportunity to wish him a long and happy retirement.

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Church cleaning: Volunteers to go on the rota are still urgently needed. Anyone who can spare a couple of hours occasionally would be welcomed; offers to Kathy Eynon, 830284.

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Church services: Sunday, 8am, Holy Communion, St Mary's Church Patribourne; 9.30am, Parish Communion and 6.30pm, Candlelit Christmas carol service, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 11am Christmas family gift service, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 11am Bridge Methodist Church Christingle service, the Rev David Marshall.

Nothing barred in pub calendar



COVER MAN: Landlord Chris Maclean is on the front of his calendar 21A/6174E/99

REGULARS at the Plough and Harrow, Bridge, got more than a full measure when landlord Chris Maclean launched his Millennium calendar yesterday (Wednesday).

Subtitled *Warts and All!* it is a surprising publication to say the least.

From its front cover showing Mr Maclean with nothing but a silly hat and a champagne bottle, to the back showing the photographers with nothing but their equipment, it is a humorous tribute to the customers and friends of the village pub.

Mr Maclean got the idea for his Millennium contribution from a similar project by a Women's Institute in the north of England.

And he did not have much trouble getting the pub staff and other supporters to go along with the idea.

"I needed the best photographers I could get, great design and quality printing," he said. "This is our Millennium gesture to the people who support us - nothing was going to compromise that."

The stunning photographs were taken by Alfie and Trish Jarvis at

by Sian Napier

their studio in Bridge. Mr Jarvis said he was amazed that everyone was so willing to take part.

The various months of the year show the staff and friends in poses connected with pubs, including September's offering of regular Norman Goodman pictured with just a jar of pickled eggs.

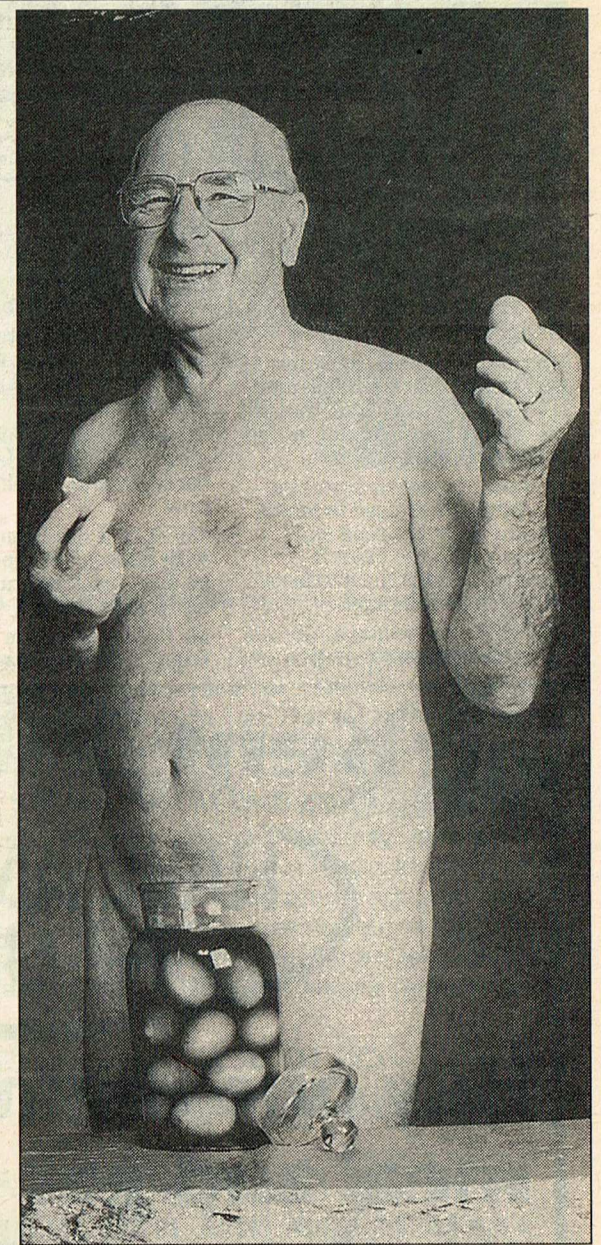
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Mr Maclean said: "I had the idea in August and the first photographs were taken a few weeks later. We all had such fun doing it. It has been a monumental project and I am still quite stunned that it has actually happened.

"All the photographs, in black and white, are pleasant enough, but it is the odd ones that make you laugh.

"I challenge anyone to look at the one of Norman with only a jar of pickled eggs and not smile."

The calendars cost £10 and are on sale from the Plough and Harrow, in Bridge High Street, in person only. All profits from the sales will go to charity.



MR SEPTEMBER: Norman Goodman makes the most of some pickled eggs 20A/6174E/99

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WHEN family photographers Alfie and Trish Jarvis were asked to help with a rather risqué calendar, they didn't reckon on the over-exposure it would give them.

But their guest appearance in a Millennium charity calendar, featuring staff and customers of the Plough and Harrow at Bridge, was all done in the

best possible taste.

Alfie, whose studio is at Bridge, said: "We decided it would be a bit of fun, a different kind of photographic challenge and would help a good cause.

"We had to give it a bit of thought, though, when the landlord Chris Maclean insisted that we should be in it too, because after all, we are family photographers.

"People are used to seeing me in a morning suit at weddings - not my birthday suit!"

Trish added: "We thought it was great fun and, so far, so have our clients."

Alfie said a sequel to the calendar, featuring other village personalities, again for charity, was now being considered.

The Plough and Harrow calendar costs £10 and is available from the pub.

School pulls



PHOTO CALL: Trish and Alfie Jarvis are among the local personalities featured in the naughty but nice calendar 5A/6325E/99

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MILLENNIUM

A happy nude year to you all



HIDDEN DEPTHS: Jennifer and Norman Goodman with the strategic pickled eggs 15A/6289E/99



BRUSH WITH FAME: Pub staff member Sue Wood poses for July 11A/6270E/99

Pub goes naked for calendar

by Amanda McDine

WHEN Jennifer Goodman opened our paper after returning from a holiday in the sun she was in for a big surprise.

For there was her husband Norman, as nature intended, with only a jar of pickled eggs to hide his embarrassment.

The 64-year-old grandfather from Dering Close, Bridge, had struck the pose for his village pub's Millennium calendar, which features the Plough and Harrow's staff, regulars and friends wearing nothing more than a smile.

Mrs Goodman, who works in the X-ray department at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, said: "We had been on a fortnight's holiday to Tenerife and only arrived home on Friday.

"I knew Norman was up to something but I had not got a clue what it was until I opened the paper and saw his picture.

"I have known my husband for 30-odd years and he never ceases to surprise me!"

Fortunately, Mrs Goodman thought the calendar, brainchild of pub landlord Chris Maclean, was an excellent idea.

She said: "It is a good laugh and has been done very tastefully.

"I am just glad Norman



FINE VINTAGE: From left, Shepherd Neame head brewer Julian Herrington, Sheps district manager Giles Hilton, Sheps wine and spirits manager Michael Prior, HWCG sales manager Kevin Dodd and Peter Lehmann UK managing director Ian Whigham 24A/6270E/99

didn't have his photo taken once we'd got back from holiday - otherwise he would have had a nice white strip where he had been wearing shorts in the sun!"

Sales of the calendar, which hit the streets last week, have already topped 100, said Mr Maclean.

"It is amazing the spectrum of people who are coming in to buy them. Even Judge Giles Rook, who lives in the village, has bought one for one of the girls in his office!" he said.

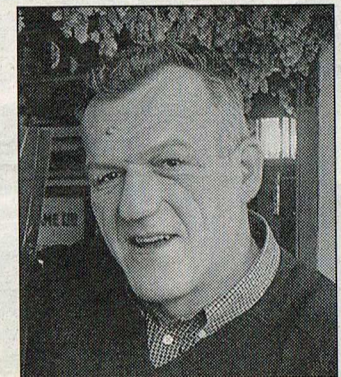
So far no-one has been

offended by the calendar, said Mr Maclean.

"We have not had any negative comments, only positive ones."

The calendars, price £10, are on sale at the pub in Bridge High Street. All profits will go to charity.

But it is not only calendar buyers who will see Mr Goodman in all his glory - his photo will also be seen by thousands of people in London as it has been blown up and used on the side of a black cab to advertise the pub.



PUB LANDLORD: Chris Maclean 21A/6174E/99

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Bazaar: The bazaar at the primary school on Friday, was well attended by parents and friends and raised the magnificent sum of just over £1,580. Anna Newton, the headmistress thanks all helpers and those who so generously supported the event.

Playgroup: The fair held in the village hall on Saturday raised £300 for funds. The organisers thank all who helped and supported.

Drinks: A Christmas drinks get-together will be held at the Bridge Place Country Club on Sunday, between 11am and 1pm by the combined Bridge and Barton Ward Conservatives. Tickets are £5, available from 01227 765332.

Senior citizens: All senior citizens are invited to an afternoon of entertainment on Monday, at 1.30 at the primary school. Refreshments will be served; please contact Mrs Andrews on 839276 if wishing to go, also if requiring transport.

Carols: The recently formed Canzonet Chamber Choir in Bridge, under the musical direction of Peter Giles, and consisting of singers from the area plus some members of the St Peter's Church choir are now rehearsing weekly in the village.

They will be touring the three pubs on Wednesday, December 15 from 7.30pm with a selection of carols. Their first public concert will be held in St Peter's Church, Bridge at 8pm on Wednesday, April 5.

Scouts: Can anyone spare approximately two hours a week? The Scouts are looking for someone who can help with the local group. The boys have a full schedule and some extra adult assistance would be most welcome. Please phone Brian Geliot on 01227 750974 for a chat.

A follow up on the Scouts' 10p Christmas card delivery this year: It is emphasised that the delivery is for the Bridge village only, to December 19 and the posting boxes are sited at the butcher, Plough and Harrow, hairdresser, newsagent's, White Horse, Bridgeway Stores.

Council: The parish council will meet in the Hunter room of the village hall at 7pm today (Thursday).

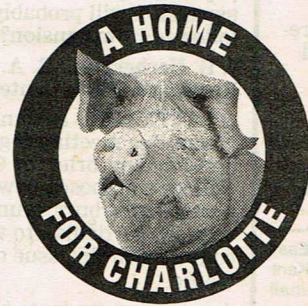
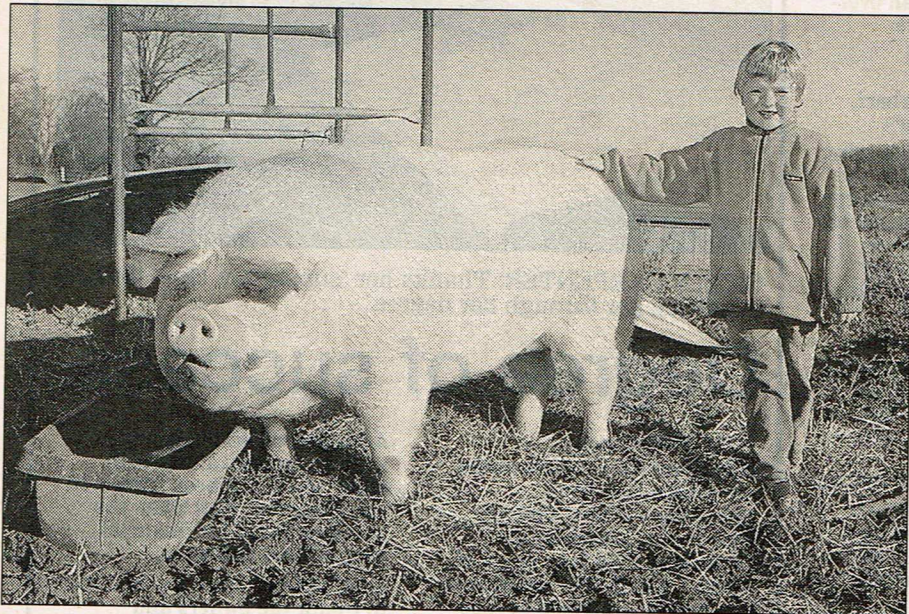
Church news: Viv Brazier invites all flower arrangers, and anyone prepared to help, to a meeting at her home, The Archways, Conyngham Lane, tonight (Thursday) at 7pm, to discuss Christmas decorations and next year's flower rota.

Retirement: From now on the familiar figure of Jack Hopkins may not be seen quite so often in Bridge. After years of service, he has decided to retire as verger of St Peter's. He hung up his gown for the last time on November 21 but will visit on Sunday so that residents can bid him a proper farewell during coffee after the service.

Services: On Sunday, Parish Communion at St Peter's Church, Bridge is at 9.30 and Matins at St Mary's Church, Patribourne, at 11. Bridge Methodist Church service will be led by the Rev Donald Lugg, at 11am.

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You can help give Charlotte a home



PIG PROBLEM: Rescued Charlotte with Fin Shirley outside her present home. Unfortunately her carriage does not yet await 26A/6248E/99

CHARLOTTE is a contented pig, but you could help make her even happier.

by **Amanda McDine**

Her owners, the Shirley family from Bridge, have acquired the perfect pad for a discerning sow - an old London Underground carriage.

But the city council has told the family they are unlikely to get planning permission for the carriage, even though it will be placed just yards from the old Elham Valley railway line.

This week the *Gazette* is launching a campaign to change the council's mind so Charlotte can move into her new home.

Charlotte's adopted dad, John Shirley, bought the carriage at an auction of railway artefacts and memorabilia in the summer.

He assumed he would not need planning permission as the carriage was to be used for agricultural purposes and was not much bigger than most pig arks.

But he got a shock when council officers told him he would need permission and that the council would be unlikely to grant it because his smallholding was in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Mr Shirley, the managing director of an international freight forwarding company based at Dover, said: "Charlotte's present home is becoming a bit battered and is

reaching the end of its life.

"When she has an itch she virtually lifts it off the ground.

"The underground carriage is made of silver aluminium and would make the perfect home for her. It has a wooden floor, would be draught free and completely waterproof."

But a council official disagreed.

She confirmed that Mr Shirley had been advised informally that it was considered unlikely that planning permission would be granted for the carriage.

"He lives in a converted oast house, next door to a listed farmhouse, in a conservation area and in an area of outstanding natural beauty - a 1959 London Underground railway carriage would hardly be appropriate in that context.

"Mr Shirley has been invited to make a planning application in which he could set out his justification for siting the carriage at the property and allow councillors the opportunity to consider his case."

Charlotte had been living at the Lord Whisky Animal Sanctuary in Stelling Minnis when Mr Shirley, his wife Emily and their three children, Sam, Meg and Fin, gave her a home five years ago.

The dispute is becoming known not just

locally but across the world.

Mr Shirley said: "The World Service has done a story on her so she has captured the imagination of people from Bridge to Brisbane."

He urged people to write to the council: "Charlotte is getting colder and colder with the nights drawing in. We would really like her to be in her new home by Christmas."

You can show your support by filling in the coupon, left, and dropping it into Amanda McDine at the *Gazette* office at 9 St George's Place, Canterbury.

We will pass them on to the council.

I support getting Charlotte a new home

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