

SCHOOL.

July 6 2000

BRIDGE

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

FISH scheme: There will be a coffee pop-in in the village hall, from 10.15 to 11.45pm, on Wednesday, July 12. Anyone requiring transport is asked to ring Ann Medhurst on 830762.

Party: A barbecue and swimming party will be held on Sunday, July 23 at Higham Lane, Bridge; details to be announced later or ring Bill Oakey on 832396/781854.

Recruitment: Two organisations that took part in the Bridge Millennium Festival are appealing locally for new members.

First is the Snowdown Colliery Welfare Male Voice Choir. Practises are held on Monday evenings at the Welfare Club, in Aylesham, at 7.30pm. Potential singers will find a warm welcome.

Second is an appeal for local recruits to join Thomas Ballerd's Regiment of The Sealed Knot (English Civil War Re-enactment Society).

Individuals and families from all walks of life are welcome. For details ring Chris Possey on 01227 830693.

Services: Sunday, 8am, BCP Communion, St Mary's Church, Patricbourne; 10am, Family Service, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 6pm Evensong, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 11am Bridge Methodist Church, service led by Marjorie Beckwith.

July 26th 2000

Sunday at Lantern Cottage, Higham Lane, by permission of Mr and Mrs R. Bickerton.

Tickets include full buffet and dessert, plastic glasses provided. Please bring own drinks and garden chairs. Tickets are £5 adults, £3 children, £15 family ticket.

This is always a good fun day. For tickets contact Bill Oakey on 832396/781854.

Show: The summer show of the Nailbourne Horticultural Society will be held on Saturday, July 29 at Bridge School Conynham Lane. The show opens at 2.30pm, with the presentation of prizes at 4pm. Show entries should be completed and returned no later than Thursday, July 27 (entries for gardens no later than Saturday, July 22).

Show schedules for members are available from Joan Stingemore, 5 Dering Road, Bridge (830763) or Billie Anderson, 7 Dering Road, Bridge (830260).

Exhibits may be staged from 8.30 to 11am when the hall will be closed for judging.

The society's coach outing is to Wisley Gardens on Sunday, September 3. Tickets are now available at £10 members, £11 non-members, payment please by August 1; inquiries on 01227 831095.

Gig: On Sunday evening Out of Work Builders play at the Red Lion, Bridge.

Church services: On Sunday, 8am BCP Communion is at St Peter's Church, Bridge; 10am Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Patixbourne and 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by Ron Chadwick.

PARISH COUNCIL

Millennium festival: Councillors recorded thanks to members of the Millennium festival committee who had worked so hard to make the celebration held on June 24 such a success.

Councillors reported that it was so successful that many villagers wished to make it a regular event, possibly taking place every two years. The second stage of this year's event is to take place in September.

Playground surfacing: The contractor is to repair the safety surfacing under the new swings, which were installed last February. Further repair work is also to take place to the edging of the original surface. The parish council regrets any disruption to the use of swings may be experienced during the school holidays.

Planning applications: The following planning applications had been received and commented upon: Conversion of three agricultural buildings to four dwellings at Renville Farm, no objection raised.

Demolition of farm dwellings at Renville Farm, no objection raised. Illuminated and non-illuminated signage, floodlights and lanterns at the Red Lion, no objection raised.

Installation of 22.5m radio mast at the orchard, High Street North. An objection was made on the grounds that it would be more intrusive than the 15m mast already in existence and for which planning permission was unnecessary. Revised layout to park and ride to allow access and egress to Canterbury College. This application is to be objected to.

The following application had been notified as granted: outline planning permission (renewal), adjoining Cedars, Higham Lane.

The following application had been notified as refused: two-storey side extension to 3 Union Road, Bridge.

The following application had been notified as withdrawn: two-storey side extension (revised scheme) to 36 Bridge Down.

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Playgroup: The past year has been a busy and successful one. An excellent Ofsted report was received. A new committee was elected at the annual meeting earlier this month. A "Muddy and Fun" outing to Wildwood was enjoyed by the children.

Mrs Webb announced her retirement after 30 years of childcare experience. The new term will start on Monday, September 11. For further details contact Joanne Watt, secretary, on 832243. The barbecue and swimming party held at Lantern Cottage, by permission of Mr and Mrs Roger Bickerton, was a great success.

Flower show: The show is on Saturday at Bridge Primary School, Conyngham Lane. Doors open 2.30pm, afternoon teas and home-made cakes will be served.

Parish council: The council does not meet during August.

Outing: To Wisley Gardens, Woking on Sunday, September 3, picking up at the Bridge Newsagents. Tickets for coach and entrance £10 for Nailbourne Horticultural Society members, £11 for non-members. Payment requested by August 1. For booking, and details ring E. Cartwright on 01227 831095.

Gig: Tomorrow (Friday) night, Mac's Diner Rhythm and Blues at the Red Lion, Bridge.

Church services: Sunday, 10am Benefice Communion St Peters church, Bekesbourne. Bridge Methodist Church, 11am service led by the Rev George Baugh.

July 27 2000