

August 3rd 2000

BISHOPSBOURNE

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Church: The name of the new
Rector for Bishopsbourne, is
expected to be announced
tomorrow (Friday).

He will also be in charge of
Barham, Kingston and
Womenswold. There was a shortlist
of three candidates for the vacancy
caused by the appointment of his
predecessor, Canon Alan Duke, as
chaplain to the Bishop in
Canterbury, the Rt Rev Stephen
Venner.

It is expected that the induction
service for the new Rector will be
held in September.

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Fish Scheme: Coffee Pop-In at the Bridge Village Hall, 10.15 to 11.45am on Wednesday, August 9. Please phone Ann Medhurst (830762) if you have not been before and would like a lift.

Garden Party: The smallest in the world (this Millennium!). This event will again take place at 25 Union Road, on Saturday, August 12, for local charity Becket Homes. Tickets are available for two sessions during the day from Christine Hoare 01227 832447 (evenings) at £3.

Coffee morning: In aid of the Kent Air Ambulance held on July 22, in the village hall, raised £310. The organiser Mrs Glynnis Austin, thanks all who helped.

Flower show: Held by the Nailbourne Horticultural Society at the Bridge Primary School last Saturday was a great success. Judges John Laurie (veg, flowers and plants), Jill Snashall (floral art), Mrs Diane Ridsdale (cookery), and Pat Pratt (handicraft and childrens classes) agreed on the high standard of exhibits. The number of entries and exhibits were also up. An appreciative crowd visited the show. Tea and homemade cakes were provided by Ethel Cartwright and her team. The raffle run by Bill Oakey raised £116 for the society's funds. Three new members were also recruited. The chairman Roger Austin, and president John Anderson thanked all committee members for their hard work.

The president also welcomed Joan Stingemore as new show secretary and congratulated her on her first event, and thanked Billie Anderson (his wife) for her 10 years service as show secretary. Prizewinners: Champion Cottage Gardeners Cup for most vegetable points, Silver Tankard for vegetables in the class 22 collection and the Blee Cup for most points overall in the show to Hans Kollhoff; Anderson Novice Cup, Mrs Brenda Stewart; Silver Rose Trophy, Mr and Mrs John Barley; Fremlins Cookery Cup, Mrs Betty Hill; Sarah-Louise Prestige Floral Art Cup, Mrs Billie Anderson; Wordsworth Childrens Cup, The Boyd-Jones Trio; Handicraft Plate, Mrs Dorothy King; Silver Rose Bowl for most picturesque garden, David and Jane Millyard; Silver Plate for prettiest small garden, Bill and Liz Oakey.

Class winners: J. Atkins 0-1-0; B. Anderson 4-3-0; J&I Barley 4-2-1; Boyd-Jones Trio 3-0-0; D. Cartwright 0-1-1; D. Chandler 0-2-0; B. Cope 2-1-0; K. Cryer 2-1-2; A. Edmonds 0-0-2; B. Hopkins 6-1-4; J. Hopkins 0-2-3; B. Hill 2-0-0; D. King 2-0-0; A. Kollhoff 3-0-6; H. Kollhoff 6-10-1; J. Millyard 2-1-4; D. Millyard 2-1-0; B. Oakey 1-3-0; L. Oakey 3-6-0; S. Perrin 1-0-0; B. Stewart 2-0-0; W. Tamsitt 0-0-1; T&K Walder 3-0-0.

Concerts: Songs for Higham being performed by Canterbury Operatic Society on August 18 and 19 at Higham Park House are now fully subscribed.

GIG: Sunday evening, Carousel, the popular talent night at the Red Lion, Bridge.

Church services: Trinity 7, Sunday. 8am BCP Communion, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. 10am Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Bridge. 10am Matins, St Mary's Church, Patribourne. 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by Michael Baybutt.

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WI: Designing your Garden for Ease is the subject for Mr William's talk for the next meeting. The competition is a photograph of any garden. New members and visitors will be made welcome, on Tuesday, at 7.30pm, in the village hall.

Exhibition: Nailbourne Horticultural Society is taking an active role at the Millennium Horticultural Show, to be held at the Central Bandstand, Herne Bay.

This is to be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20, 10am to 5pm daily, admission free. It is hoped many members and friends will attend.

Woodpeckers: The children at Woodpeckers Nursery had a musical end to their term this year, with Doug playing his accordion for the children to sing and dance to. This was followed by a fun show given by Paul George a local entertainer.

Mrs Allison won the raffle for the Leeds Castle tickets. There were lots of goodbyes this year to member of staff Thalia Lambell who was presented with a photo album, vouchers and flowers.

Many children were also moving on to school and were wished good luck and given leaving presents: Alice Colthurst, Sam Corrigan Smith, Bronte Denning, Alistair Dunn, Mathew Efremi, Katherine Evans, Beth Fairfax, Phillip Hague, George Hales, Matthew Harrison, Christopher Jenner, George Knights, Megan Latham, Bethany Lee, Alice McCormick, George Needham, Kiran Pearce, Paige Phillipson, George Redman, Zachory Stonier, Eleanor Sole, Chloe Webb, Christopher Wells and Jasper Wyant.

Next term begins on Thursday, September 7.

School: The last two weeks of Bridge with Patricxbourne School term were busy with various activities.

Years one and two performed a

musical play about the destruction of the rainforests and years five and six performed a musical based on the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. Both performances were watched and enjoyed by parents and children.

To celebrate the Millennium the children released balloons that contained their wishes for the future.

The infants had a camp out and barbecue and the juniors had a disco.

This was followed on the next day with a history event. The children and staff dressed up as either Romans, Victorians, or in the 1970s fashions and entered into the spirit of the day.

The year six pupils attended a leavers' disco organised by the parents. A whole school picnic was held on the school field.

On the last day of term there was a leavers assembly, and in the afternoon the whole school said goodbye to Mrs Stewart who had been cook at the school for the last 17 years and was now retiring.

Every family at the school was given a Bible to commemorate the Millennium. Wendy Tomsett, a member of staff, helped to organise the race for life which was run or walked by various members of staff.

Dial-a-bus: Do you have difficulty in using public transport? Dial-a-bus is an initiative by Canterbury council and Kent County Council aimed at providing a service for the disabled and elderly.

You can phone for a specially adapted bus to call at your house, take you to the town centre and home again. The service operates on weekdays and covers the Canterbury district, including rural areas.

For more information and an application form contact Jan Uden, development and planning, council offices, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW, or phone 01227 862436.

Gig: Tomorrow (Friday) evening, Dave Ferra, acoustic blues, is at the Red Lion, Bridge.

Church services: Sunday, 10am Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 10am Matins, St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne; 11am Bridge Methodist Church Holy Communion with the Rev David Marshall.

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Party: A garden party at 25 The Close, raised £175 for Becket Homes, and £150 on the Traidcraft stall. The hostess and organiser Christine Hoare thanks all who helped with and supported the event.

Flower festival: In conjunction with the village autumn Millennium celebrations, this is to be held at St Peter's Church, Bridge, on Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9, from 10am to 6pm, and on Sunday, September 10, from 10am to 4pm. There will be music and refreshments.

There will also be a concert given by Quodlibet at 8pm on Friday, September 8. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection for the church restoration and music funds.

The performers are a recently-formed ensemble of between four and six voices.

Quodlibet comprises: Ruth Hoskins, soprano; Jane Farrell, mezzo-soprano/contralto; Richard Pond, tenor; John Hamilton-Box, baritone; Mark Gardner, bass; directed by Peter Giles, counter tenor.

To close the festival, the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Ven John Pritchard, has agreed to attend Evensong at 6pm on the Sunday.

The organisers are appealing for volunteers from the parish to man the church during the three days of the event.

They would be grateful for any amount of time, either long or short, that can be offered. Please contact John Anderson churchwarden on 01227 830260, or Pat Dunderdale on 01227 830668.

In conjunction with the festival the Friends of Kent Churches annual sponsored bike and hike event will be taking place on Saturday, September 9. If you are willing to ride a bike or walk between churches to raise money, please contact Jill Gillanders (Bekesbourne), Pauline Pritchard (Patruxbourne) or Christine Beer (Bridge).

They would also like to hear from anyone who can spare an hour of the day to sign off cyclists who visit the churches, or those willing to sponsor someone or provide refreshments.

Bekesbourne and Patruxbourne have recently had grants and Bridge will be shortly applying to this charity, for urgently needed restoration work. Half of what entrants raise goes directly to the church that they nominate.

Gig: On Sunday evening Ben Andrews (acoustic blues) is at the Red Lion, Bridge.

Church services: On Sunday, at 10am, Holy Communion is St Peter's Church Bridge; and 10am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bekesbourne. The 11am

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Fair: A boot fair will be held at Parsonage Farm by permission of John Ash on Saturday, September 2 at 9am. Jennifer Skinner, the organiser, says there are a few pitches, so those intending to book should ring her now on 01227 768925.

Church: There is no service at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on Sunday.

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Parish church: There will be no service at St Mary's on Sunday, but parishioners are invited to attend any of the following in other churches within the united benefice:

Holy Communion, 9.30am, Womenswold, conducted by the Rev Gerald Greenwood, or family service, 11am St John's, Barham, conducted by the Ministry team.

On Your Bike: Volunteers are still needed to take part in the village's contribution to the Friends of Kent Churches' annual fund-raising event on Saturday, September 9.

Participants can take part on bicycle or on foot with the objective of visiting as many churches as possible between 10am and 6pm. Half the sponsor money goes to the Friends (who help churches with grants towards repairs) and half to the church nominated by the person taking part.

Volunteers are also sought to help man the church in order to sign visitors' documents to verify their visit and to help provide refreshments.

Anyone wishing to take part in the ride (or walk) may obtain sponsorship forms from Anne Neame (phone 01227 830300). If you can help to man the church for an hour on the day, contact Gill Applin (phone 01227 700693).

Comedy: The Kingsbourne Players are rehearsing *Out of Order*, a comedy by Ray Cooney, for performances at Barham Village Hall, from September 28 to 30, at 7.30pm.

Tickets at £3.50 and £2.50 can be booked by ringing 01227 830120 or 831513.

Charity runners: Philippa

Burniston, of The Street, and Sheila Castle, of Bourne Park, took part in the Imperial Cancer Race for Life run in Herne Bay, between them raising £500.

They thank their sponsors, especially regulars at the Mermaid public house, who contributed £85 towards the total.

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WI: At the August meeting, members heard a talk by Mr Williams on Designing Your Garden for Ease. The photograph competition for any garden was won by Jean Foster.

On Thursday, September 14, between 10.30am and noon, there will be a coffee morning and bring-and-buy at 26 Western Avenue by permission of Mavis Parsons.

The September meeting will be in the village hall on Tuesday, September 19, at 7.30pm. A talk will be given by farmer John Palmer on Heritage. Visitors and friends will be made welcome.

Show: The Nailbourne Horticultural Society's stand at the Greenfingers 2000 Millennium Horticultural Show at the Central Bandstand, Herne Bay, on Saturday and Sunday was a great success. The show was opened by the Lord Mayor of Canterbury.

The society was the only exhibitor from the south side of the city and created a great deal of interest with an outstanding flower arrangement depicting Bridge, and the river Nailbourne.

Several other floral arrangements and a display of fruit and vegetables by members brought great credit.

Holiday attractions: At the White Horse there will be a mini-beer festival in the garden, weather permitting, from tomorrow (Friday) to Monday, with at least six real ales on tap and foreign

bottled beers at special prices.

There will be live music on Friday and Saturday nights, acoustic guitar and vocal duos playing mellow rock.

On Sunday, there will be bouncy castle, bat and trap, barbecue and pig roast from 3pm, and on Monday, bouncy castle, bat and trap and bargain beers.

Red Lion gigs are: Tomorrow (Friday), Mac and Roger, with great rhythm'n'Blues and terrible jokes and on Sunday King David Purdey blues.

Church services: On Sunday there are 8am BCP Communion, St Peter's, Bridge; 10am Holy Communion and Baptism, St Mary's, Patricxbourne; 11am Bridge Methodist service, led by Dr Donald Lugg.

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