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BEKESBOURNE

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Millennium Walk: The walk to commemorate the bicentennial of the birth of Dr Charles Tilstone Beke will take place on Saturday. Mike Barker and the Essentially Hops farm trailer will be at the village hall at 1.45pm to transport walkers to Seaton. To be sure of a seat phone Joan Atkins on 8311271.

The walk begins at 2.30pm from the bridge over the Little Stour in Seaton. Anyone not wishing to walk the whole route can join the party at Well Chapel at 3.30pm.

Unveiling ceremony: The heritage boards and footpath map will be unveiled at 4.30pm in the pavilion at Bekesbourne Recreation Ground, on Saturday. The bar will be open from 4pm and there will be other refreshments for sale.

Neighbourhood Watch: The annual meeting will take place on Monday, October 16 at 7.30pm, in the village hall. As Malcolm Howells is standing down, the watch needs a new co-ordinator. The scheme will close at the end of October if no one comes forward.

Road closure: Kent County Council has issued a traffic order giving notice that Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury will be closed to all vehicles from the junction with Littlebourne Road, by the golf course, for 300 metres in a southerly direction.

The order will come into force on Monday, November 6. The closure is to enable a new water main to be constructed and the work is expected to take 28 days.

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FISH scheme: The annual meeting and coffee pop-in will be held in the village hall on Wednesday, October 11, at 10.15am. All are welcome. If anyone would like transport, phone Ann Medhurst, on 830762.

Council: The parish council will meet in the Hunter Room of the village hall, on Thursday, October 12, at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome.

Wine and wisdom: A fun evening with ploughman's supper, is to be held in the village hall at 7 for 7.30pm, on Saturday, October 14. Tickets are £5 inclusive; please take liquid refreshments and glasses. Proceeds go to the North Nailbourne Ward Conservatives.

Sale: The village playgroup jumble sale will be held at the village hall, 2pm, on Saturday; entry fee 20p.

Gig: On Friday evening, October 13, Alistair Atkin acoustic duo are at the Red Lion, Bridge.

Church services: On Sunday, 8am BCP Communion is at St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne; 10am harvest festival, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 6pm Evensong, St Peter's Church, Bridge and 11am Bridge Methodist Church, Holy Communion led by the Rev David Marshall.

School: Bridge school PFA is holding a boot fair/table top sale, on Saturday, October 14 from 10am to noon, set up at 9am, at the school.

Pitches bought in advance from school office are £6 and on the day £8. Refreshments will be available but there will be no outside caterers or traders.

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Friends: Organisers of the Friends of Bekesbourne Church boot fair last month thank John Ash for the use of his field and all whose hard work raised £250 for funds.

The bazaar will be held in the village hall on Saturday, November 25 from 10am. The Brownies will be there to make their contribution to what is always an enjoyable morning.

Service: On Sunday, Holy Communion at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne is at 10am.

Conkers: The annual conkers competition will be held at the Unicorn next Sunday, at noon. All ages are welcome.

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BISHOPSBOURNE

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Thanksgiving: A wide cross-section of the community was represented at a service of thanksgiving at St Mary the Virgin Church on Friday for Jim Reid, a former governor of Canterbury Prison, who lived in The Street.

The congregation reflected the many interests throughout his career and social life, ranging from Canterbury's MP, Mr Julian Brazier – Mr Reid had been chairman of Bridge Conservative Association – to members of the prison service, representatives of Canterbury Golf Club, of which he was a long standing member, Canterbury Citizens Advice Bureau and Bishopsbourne Parish Council, of which he had been a member.

Mr Reid, who was 72 and suffered from dementia, vanished from his home on September 7 and his body was discovered three weeks later in woods near Stelling Minnis. An inquest has been opened and adjourned until November 6.

The thanksgiving service was conducted by the former Rector, Canon Alan Duke, who is now chaplain to the Bishop in Canterbury, the Rt Rev Stephen Venner.

In his eulogy Mr Duke recalled that Mr Reid, who was born in Fife, had left home at the age of 13 to work on a farm, eventually joining the Army as a physical training instructor before continuing the same sort of work at Borstal young offenders' institution in Kent and in Usk.

After gaining A-levels at Harlech he served in the prison service in the Home Office and became involved in the training of police dogs. He was then appointed assistant governor of Eastchurch Open Prison, on the Isle of Sheppey, where Mr Duke first met him.

Mr Reid retired in 1988 after eight years as governor of Canterbury Prison, becoming involved with the Citizens Advice Bureau in Canterbury, as well as pursuing his other interests in golf and politics.

Mr Duke said it was a tribute to the affection in which Mr Reid was held that so many people attended the thanksgiving service.

A lesson was read by former manager of Canterbury CAB Judith Dimond. The service, followed by cremation at Barham, was also attended by Mr Reid's widow, Dora, and family members.

A collection was taken to be shared between the Alzheimer's Research Trust and St Mary's Church.

Further donations in Mr Reid's memory may be sent to the Alzheimer's Research Trust, G.J. Livanos House, Granham Road, Cambridge CB2 5LQ, or to the treasurer, St Mary's Parochial Church Council, Mrs Pat Austin, 94 The Street, Kingston.

Harvest festival: St Mary's Church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce for the harvest festival service on Sunday, led by united benefice ministry team members Mary Ambrose, who gave the address, and Pat Austin.

Lessons were read by Malcolm Mitchell and Sheila Castle and after the service perishable goods were given to the Simon Community at Sole Street and non-perishable gifts were to be sent to the needy abroad.

Tonight a large congregation is expected for a united service of Compline for the benefice, which includes Barham, Kingston and Womenswold. The service, to be led by the ministry team, is at 7.45pm

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8.30pm.

This Sunday there will be Communion at Bishopsbourne at 8am, conducted by the Rev John Tyler. Otherwise, parishioners may attend any of the following services in other churches within the benefice: 9.45am, united service at Barham Methodist Chapel; 10.30am, morning worship at Womenswold, conducted by the ministry team, 11am family Eucharist at St Giles's, Kingston, celebrated by the Rev Alan Le Grys, principal of the South East Institute of Theological Education, or 6pm Evensong at St John's, Barham, conducted by the ministry team.

Council: Bishopsbourne's monthly parish council meeting will be held in the Conrad Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, when a progress report will be given on the negotiations to transfer ownership of the recreation ground – to be known as Neame's Meadow – in The Street, from Richard Neame to the parish council.

As usual there will be the opportunity for members of the public to raise problems at the start of the meeting.

Planning inquiry: A public inquiry will be held on Tuesday at The Guildhall, Westgate, Canterbury at 10am into an appeal by Miss K. Hort, of the Bourne Park Riding Establishment, Bishopsbourne, against an enforcement notice issued by Canterbury council in connection with the use of the site of a caravan which the council says has no planning consent. The city council has the support of the parish council.

Diary dates: The village's harvest supper is being held on Saturday at 7.30pm in the Conrad Hall. A few places are still available. Tickets at £5 (children under 16 £3.50) can be had from Sheila Castle (phone 01227 831184) or Phillipa Burniston (01227 830341). Proceeds from the event are for village hall funds.

A jumble sale will be held in the Conrad Hall on Saturday, November 11, 10am-noon, admission 20p, with proceeds going to hall funds. Jumble should be delivered to the hall the previous evening, 7-8pm. For information phone Gill Applin on 01227 700693 or Phillip Burniston on 830341.

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Appeal: The George Maben Appeal coffee morning raised £582 in two hours. The final total sent to Jill, his mother, was £737.

Kath Pierce, the organiser, thanks all the helpers and those who supported the event for this worthwhile cause. She also asks for all to remember the little boy in their prayers. He is to be operated on in Melbourne Hospital on November 24.

Health For All: The Bridge Surgery charity supporting health

and educational projects in one of the poorest parts of India, is holding a wine and wisdom evening at 7.30pm next Friday, in Lower Hardres Village Hall. For details phone Sue or Sharon on 01227 720522.

Playgroup: The jumble sale in the village hall last Saturday raised about £200 for group funds. The organisers thank all who helped and supported.

Boots: Bridge School PFA boot fair/table top sale is on Saturday from 10am-noon.

Inn: The White Horse Inn is closed for refurbishment and hopes to re-open early in November.

WI: The WI will meet on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the village hall. The subject for the evening will be Tesco - Home Shopping and the competition will be for five homemade biscuits.

Church news: The benefice harvest lunch was held at Bridge School last Sunday, when 45 parishioners joined in what has become a successful annual social occasion.

The organisers thank all who contributed to and supported the event. As a bonus the Traidcraft stall raised £123.

Services on Sunday are: 10am, harvest festival, St Peter's, Bridge; 11am Methodist church service led by Beryl Skinner.

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