

# BEKESBOURNE

**Correspondent:** Jill Thomas,  
Cobham Courts, Bekesbourne CT4  
5ET, phone 01227 832573.

**Nailbourne:** The Environment Agency is reshaping the river bed in Patrixbourne with a view to improving the flow of water. Some piles of the natural river bed silt will be left on the banks for replacement back into the river when the water levels drop.

KCC Highways Unit has raised the level of the footbridge across the recreation ground ford by about 250cm. The road through Patrixbourne will continue to be closed until further notice.

**Winners:** The February draw for Bekesbourne 100 Club took place in the Unicorn on Saturday. Congratulations go to the winners who are: £50, Brian Skinner; £25, Sarah Whetherell; £15, Mrs C. Earle.

The organisers are delighted to report that the club now has its full quota of 100 members. They thank everyone for their support.

**Footpaths:** Villagers who use the network of footpaths across the local fields to walk their dogs, and footpath walkers, are requested to avoid using these routes across farmland during the present foot-and-mouth epidemic.

Although foot and mouth is not contagious to humans, the virus is easily spread on boots and paws. The Ramblers' Association is requesting that walkers divert away from land where there may be a risk of introducing the virus to livestock.

**Church:** Pat Kusel will lead family service, at 10am, on Sunday.

**Forthcoming meetings:** The next parish council meeting will be on Monday, March 12. The annual village meeting will take place on Monday, April 2. The village hall annual meeting has been arranged for Monday, April 9.

All these will take place in the village hall at 7.30pm.

March 1<sup>st</sup> 2001

March 1<sup>st</sup> 2001

## BISHOPSBOURNE

**Correspondent:** Malcolm Mitchell,  
The Old Cottage, Bishopsbourne  
CT4 5HT, phone 01227 830645.

**Burglar alert:** Villagers are urged by police to be especially alert following a bid to break into a large house in the centre of the village on Thursday.

The men were foiled when disturbed while trying to force their way in through a window just before midnight.

Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator Rodney Chew says there have been reports of people "lurking in the vicinity" of other big houses in the area.

He advises everyone to be on the lookout for any suspicious people or vehicles, both day or night, which should be reported directly to the police.

For further information about how you can help in the village Neighbourhood Watch scheme contact Mr Chew on 01227 830812.

**Church services:** Communion will be celebrated on Sunday (the first Sunday of Lent) at St Mary the Virgin Church at 9.30am.

Otherwise parishioners are invited to attend any of the following services in the Barham Downs united benefice: 8am, Communion, St John's, Barham; 11am, family service, St Giles's, Kingston; 6pm, evening prayer, St John's, Barham. There is also morning service at Barham Methodist Church at 9.45am.

In addition, there is Communion at St John's at 10.30am on Wednesday and 8am on Friday.

The rector, the Rev David Roper, invites all churchgoers to Lenten events at St John's at 7.30pm on Thursdays to examine the development of the English liturgy since the pre-reformation 16th century, each accompanied by contemporary music.

**Weather report:** Local weather expert Charles Fagg reports that it rained on 12 days of the 31 days of January, the total rainfall being 154mm (six-plus inches), about 60mm above average.

The month included the longest period (10 days) without rain since mid-September.

**Deadline:** Copy for the April edition of the parish magazine should be delivered to the editor, Carol Arter, by Thursday, March 15, at 5 Greenacre, Kingston (phone 01227 830068).

**Visit:** A party of Kent County Council members will be in the village today (Thursday) at about 3pm to investigate the flooding situation and to discover what lessons can be learnt for the future.

**Village quiz:** The wine and wisdom evening cancelled earlier in February because of flooding is now being scheduled for May, the exact date to be announced soon.

Proceeds will be for Conrad Hall funds and the organisers, the hall trustees, hope that all the teams entered for the cancelled event will

parish council will be at 7.30pm on  
March 14 at 7.30, in the Conrad  
Hall. All villagers are invited.

Marion (st 2001)

at the meeting.  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 2001

## BRIDGE

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

**WI:** At the February meeting, Jean Ambers kindly offered to be a last minute stand-in for the advertised speaker who was unable to attend.

She related her experiences from first joining the WI as an opportunity to meet other people when moving into a new area, then serving on her local committee and progressing to the county federation committee, eventually serving a term of office as county chairman.

After the thanks to the speaker, the joint winners of the competition were announced as Eileen Piggott and Mary Lanaway. The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 20, when Mrs Lepiniere will be speaking on her 40 years of nursing. The competition will be a four line rhyme.

**Gardeners:** At the February meeting of the Nailbourne Horticultural Society, the chairman Roger Austin gave a talk and demonstration on pruning. He recommended that members should not start theirs until the present cold weather was over.

It was also announced that the schedules for entering the spring show on Tuesday, April 3, in Bridge Village Hall were now available from the show secretary Joan Stingemore, at 5 Dering Road, Bridge, on 830763.

The next event will be a full-day outing to Leeds Castle on Sunday, March 25. For booking and details ring Ethel Cartwright, on 831095.

**Coffee morning:** A bring and buy sale and raffle will be held at the coffee morning at Saxon Lodge, 30 Western Avenue, Bridge, on Tuesday, from 10.15am.

**Council:** The parish council will meet in the Hunter Room of the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, March 8.

All parishioners are welcome to attend. A leaflet concerning the development of a Communication, Learning and Information Centre for Bridge (CLIC4 BRIDGE) had been distributed to every household in the village.

If for reasons of health or holidays, anyone has missed the deadline of February 28 and is still interested, he or she may contact Cllr Joe Connor at Bourne Lodge, Bridge Hill on 830976.

WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR PROBLEMS 'TOO BIG FOR CANTERBURY OR THE KCC'

# Flooding team view prospect for the future

A PARTY of county councillors heard complaints about the response to the floods when they toured stricken areas.

They were told of the problems residents faced.

The delegation, led by Cllr Terence Pears, visited Littlebourne, Nailbourne, Barham, Bishopsbourne and Wickhambreaux. They also looked at the sea defences at Whitstable and new housing at Chestfield.

The flooding committee, chaired by Cllr Pears, has been hearing evidence since the first floods in October and will report back to KCC's scrutiny committee.

They have taken evidence from local authorities and from statutory authorities such as the police, fire brigade and the Army to see what improvements can be made.

The final report has yet to be made, but Cllr Pears said he was shocked by what he had seen.

"People are still suffering

by Jeremy Dunning

quite a bit from this," he said. "It's a typically British attitude. They take it on the chin and get on with it."

He added: "I believe we should be paying more attention to the advice we are getting from scientists about earth warming and the likelihood that more events will occur.

"We are advised that sea levels will rise and we have to take account of what we have to do in places like Whitstable," he said.

It also had to be recognised that the problem was bigger than Canterbury council or Kent County Council could deal with. It was a national problem and needed national solutions.

Another issue was building on flood plains. A firm stand had to be taken and the Environment Agency needed to have a greater say over where new houses were built, he said.

Bishopsbourne Parish Coun-

cil chairman Cllr Malcolm Mitchell said the councillors listened, took down all the points that were made and looked at all the weak points in the village.

They were told of the need for concerted action from all the agencies concerned.

## Parish draws up action plan

LITTLEBOURNE Parish Council has prepared a wide-ranging flood action plan.

The report, which has been sent to various agencies including Canterbury City Council, does not seek to apportion blame.

But it questions whether the agencies were prepared and calls on the Canterbury council emergency flood unit to co-ordinate more effectively with other agencies.

It plans to hold a meeting next month to draw up an action plan for future floods.

Mick Giles, one of the report's



RECURRING PROBLEM: The swollen Nailbourne deluged Barham during the recent flooding kg1774n1 09-02-01

authors and vice-chairman of the parish council, said: "It's a fair assumption it will happen again and we have to give people the means to defend their properties."

The immediate cause of the flooding last month was high rainfall, which led to high flow rates in the Nailbourne and the Well Chapel springs.

This was exacerbated by increased run-off from agricultural land caused by the replacement of orchards by cereal crops.

Also, road drains were either inadequate or poorly maintained. The report

to fields, which was then flowing back into the Lesser Stour.

■ A halt to house building until drains and the sewage system have been upgraded.

■ The Environment Agency and the other responsible authorities need to set up a management plan for the Lesser Stour.

■ The Environment Agency needs to take over responsibility for managing river levels at the constriction points at Littlebourne, Wickhambreaux and Seaton.

The report stated the holders of millers' rights might find

## Bridge will bring relief

PEOPLE in Barham are to be consulted about a temporary bridge that could be built over the ford.

Letters have been sent to properties that will be most directly affected.

The bridge will bring much-needed relief to about 100 people who have been cut off from the main road and face a journey on a deteriorating single lane road. It is expected to cost about £30,000 for a 12-week period.

About 55 properties are

proposes a series of remedies, including:

■ Frequent cleaning of the drains and more monitoring of the contractors. Drains need upgrading in The Hill, High Street, Court Hill, Church Road and Nargate Street.

■ The Nargate Street pumping system was overworked and discharging sewage water on

the cost of repairs to sluices beyond their capacity.

But it says one lesson had been learned. Lines of communication had been improved with the help of Canterbury council and the Environment Agency.

This had allowed sandbags and a pump to be distributed to priority areas.

expected to benefit but there will be disadvantages to seven houses in Derringstone Street and Railway Hill. Residents are likely to find car access blocked off.

The four houses in South Barham Road could be at risk of flooding because of possible increased water levels with the bridge building.

Officers have warned Canterbury council this could lead to claims under the Land Compensation Act.

Chairman of Barham Parish Council, Linda Davies, said the bridge could not have come soon enough. She said: "The waters have started to recede now, but there's still water there. It's better late than never."

The issue will be discussed by Canterbury council's executive sub-committee of the policy committee on March 21.

## Drain clearing urged

BLOCKED or partly obstructed drains may have made the situation worse, says Sturry's Cllr Marion Attwood.

"If every drain in the district had been clear, would the flooding have been so bad?" she said. "Years ago there was a rolling programme, but not now.

"Even when there is no flood alert there is ponding on the main A28 at the Milner Memorial Ground and by Perry's Garage on the way to Hersden."

Cllr Attwood said she was in favour of Canterbury council's decision to put £100,000 in the budget for 2002-03, but said drains needed cleaning immediately.

Canterbury council senior engineer Steve Rivers said no amount of drain maintenance would have prevented flooding. He added: "This has been the wettest winter on record and no drainage is designed to cope with that excessive volume of water."

March 8<sup>th</sup> 2001

## BRIDGE

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

**Flooding:** A party of Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council councillors and officers, accompanied by the parish council chairman toured the affected areas of the village last Wednesday.

This was part of a survey being conducted at villages along the Nailbourne, to evaluate what could be done to alleviate problems should such a catastrophe occur again.

**Magazine:** The deadline for entries in the April On The Nail parish magazine should reach Lawrence Dunderdale on 01227 830668, or dropped in the letterbox at 37 High Street, Bridge, by March 15.

Anyone wishing to place an advertisement should contact Mr H.P.M. Lawrence, at 21 Windmill Close, Bridge, 01227 830472.

**Fun:** A house race and fun evening is being organised by the North Nailbourne Ward of the Conservative Association (live jockeys and wooden horses!) on Saturday, in the John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres at 7.15pm.

Tickets are £5 from Bill Oakey on 01227 832397 or John Anderson on 01227 830260, to include bookies' and punters' supper. Please take own liquid refreshment and glasses.

**Concert:** Flowers Familiar and Less Familiar, music and the spoken word mainly for Passiontide and Easter will be sung by Canzonet, on Wednesday, April 4, at 8pm, in St Peter's Church Bridge.

Admission by programme is £4 available from John Anderson on 830260, or the Canterbury Tourist Office, St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, or on the door if available.

**FISH news:** The next coffee pop-in will be on Wednesday, March 14, in the village hall from 10 to 11.15am. There is a new gentle exercise class for the over 60s in the Methodist Church each Thursday from 10 to 11.30am, at £2.50 a session.

**Trip:** A coach trip to Leeds Castle, Maidstone, starts from Bridge on March 25. For details of further excursions, contact 01227 831095.

**Diary dates:** Coffee morning and nearly new sale, in aid of the Kent Air Ambulance, Saturday, March 24, 10am, village hall, phone 01227 831654. Book sale in aid of the parish or Patricxbourne with Bridge, Saturday, April 7, 10am, village hall, phone 01227 830947.

Demelza House wine and wisdom evening, Saturday, April 28, 7 for 7.30pm, village hall, phone 01227 831654. Treasure hunt organised by the Bridge group of parishes, on Saturday, July 14, more details to follow.

**Church news:** The start of Lent was marked by a moving benefice Ash Wednesday Communion service with the anointing of ashes at St Peter's Church, Bridge.

The service was conducted by the Rev Paul Filmer, assisted by the lay reader Mrs Margaret Clarke, and supported by the full augmented choir, conducted by Dr Peter Giles, the musical director.

The next Benefice lent course session will be tonight (Thursday) at Bridge Primary School, 8 to 9.30pm.

On Tuesday there will be a lunchtime session at the Vicarage from noon to 1.30pm. Coffee or tea will be provided, but take your own lunch to the midday session.

**Services on Sunday are:** 10am, Matins, Dr A. Nicholson, St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne. 11am family service, the Rev Paul Filmer; 6pm, evensong, the Rev Paul Filmer and Mrs M. Clarke, St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Other Churches in the Bridge Group: St Mary's Church, Nackington, 9.30am, Holy Communion, the Rev Paul Filmer. St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, 8am BCP Communion, the Rev Paul Filmer. Bridge Methodist: 11am, Communion, the Rev David Marshall.

March 8<sup>th</sup> 2001



March 15<sup>th</sup> 2000

# BRIDGE

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

**Sale: The bring and buy coffee  
morning at Saxon Lodge  
Residential Home to raise funds for**

providing extra comforts, raised £49. Betty Richards thanks all those who supported the event. The next one is to be held on Tuesday, April 3.

**WI:** The March meeting will be in the village hall at 7.30pm, on Tuesday, when Mrs Lepiniere will speak about her 40 years' nursing.

The competition will be a five line rhyme. Visitors and friends will be made welcome.

**Hall:** The annual meeting of the village hall management committee, will be held in the Hunter Room of the hall at 7.30pm, on Thursday, March 22. Representatives of all organisations using the hall are invited.

**Nearly new:** There will be a coffee morning and nearly new sale in aid of The Kent Air Ambulance, with good quality goods and clothing, raffle, children's lucky dip, Easter gifts and novelties, in the village hall on Saturday, March 24, 10am to 12.30pm.

**Church news:** A small party representing the Bridge group of parishes will be attending (by invitation only) the consecration of the Rev Graham Cray as the new Bishop of Maidstone, in Canterbury Cathedral, on Tuesday, at 2.30pm.

Bridge Lent courses at the Vicarage are from noon to 1.30pm on Tuesday and at Bridge School, 8 to 9.30pm on Thursday. Coffee and tea will be provided, but take your own lunch to the midday session.

Services on Sunday are: 10am, Communion with the Rev Gordon Manley at St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Other churches in the Bridge group: 8am BCP Communion, with the Rev Paul Filmer, at St Mary's Church, Nackington; 10am family service with Mrs Margaret Clarke, at St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 10am Communion (with baptism) with the Rev Paul Filmer, at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev Barbara Heather.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

**Tele-cottage:** Cllr Connor reported that the response to the survey to establish interest in the village carried out during February was disappointing. The number of responses received totalled 45 of which 10 were not interested and 35 (representing 55 people) expressed some interest.

Cllr Corfield has received 10 e-mail responses, some offering help. As the response represented less than four per cent of electors it was agreed not to proceed with a communication, learning and information centre.

parishioners interested could be provided via a course using laptops or with volunteers using available equipment within the village and it was reported that a computer room is planned for the school and this could possibly provide a venue. It was agreed to review these options at a later date.

Cllr Connor thanked Cllr Vyè and MP Julian Brazier for investigating the opportunities for raising money for the project and the chairman thanked Cllr Connor for all the hard work he had done.

**Post office bench:** The parish council has agreed on the design of the replacement bench and an order has been placed.

**Red Lion public house:** It was reported by the chairman that the Red Lion has suffered flooding problems and loss of business and is now unable to trade. The parish council will be writing to Southern Water and Ofwat expressing concern over the loss of the amenity to the community.

**Recreation ground:** Treatment of mole infestation has been carried out and the springer units in the playground are to be repaired free of charge by the supplier.

**Streets and footways:** Several matters have been reported to the city council including an SEGB sunken metal cover in Union Road, broken grille near the bridge, repeated litter gathering around the paper and bottle banks in Town Hill, blocked drains in Patricxbourne Road and Union Road and a burnt out car in Brewery Lane.

**Memorial bench:** The memorial bench in memory of Mr and Mrs P. E. Worsley, formerly of 11 Ford Close, has now been installed adjacent to Ford Close.

**Vandalism:** The seat east of the bridge has been removed and put in the stream and the Environment Agency removed it on the same day it was reported. The seat is to be repaired and resited.

**Planning applications:** The following planning application has been received and commented upon by the planning sub-committee. First floor side extension to dwelling and single storey extension to rear of garage at 65 Riverside Close, Bridge.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2001

## BRIDGE

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

**Dog walking:** Because of the closure of the rural public footpaths in the Bridge area, due to the foot and mouth outbreak, parishioners are walking their dogs by day and night around the village environs.

They are reminded of the bylaw Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 that it is an offence not to clear up on any land in the open air, on the fixed penalty of £25, or on being reported to a magistrate.

**Coffee morning:** This will be held by the village playgroup in the village hall at 11am on Tuesday. The playgroup children will be having an Easter bonnet parade and free refreshments will be served.

All are welcome; contact Joanne Watt (secretary) on 01227 832343.

**Parish meeting:** The parish council parish meeting will take place in the village hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, March 28. All parishioners are welcome.

Apart from the business of the evening, the council is keen to revitalise the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme throughout the village. With this in mind, Ken Bradshaw, the area crime reduction officer, is to give a talk on the subject. Refreshments will be served.

**Outings:** D and E travel announce that they are running two outings from Bridge in April, the first on April 10 to the Battle of Britain memorial, Capel-le-Ferne; Sampire Hoe; and Crabble Mill, River, and the second on April 24, to the Body Shop Factory at Littlehampton. For details ring 01227 831095.

**Petanque:** There is now a petanque terrain in Elham.

There is also an annual triples tournament between all villages in the Elham Valley for The Millennium Shield and that the present holder of this trophy in Lyminge. The 2001 tournament will be held in Elham on Sunday, June 17, probably starting at 10.30am and with a barbecue, but details have yet to be completed.

On Saturday, June 16, there will be a melee which means the name of everyone who turns up will be put in a hat and drawn to make teams

an Elham Valley petanque club to teach newcomers how to play, to develop the skills of those who have played before and to arrange matches against other clubs. Eventually, there may be sufficient expertise to enter a league.

Everyone interested should register with Tony Walder at 17 Union Road, Bridge (01227 830057) and a meeting will be arranged in Elham as soon as possible.

**Gig:** Tomorrow (Friday) evening The Odd Couple are at The White Horse, Bridge.

**Church services:** On Sunday (Mothering Sunday), 8am BCP Communion with the Rev Paul Filmer is at St Peter's Church, Bridge; 10am Communion (with Baptism) with Mr Filmer is at St Mary's Church, Patricbourne.

Other services in the Bridge group: 9.30am Communion with the Rev R. Diss, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 10am family service at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 10am family service with Mrs M. Clarke and 3pm Evensong with Mr Filmer and Mrs Clarke, at St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church Service, with Mrs M. Beckwith.

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

**School news:** Building work on the new teaching block at Bridge and Patricbourne Primary School began three weeks ago and good progress is being made.

Children in the lower juniors are keeping a log of the building progress. This can be seen in the entrance hall, together with photographs of each stage of the work. A temporary hard playing surface has been laid so that outdoor activities can continue.

A competition to design a poster advertising safety near a building site has been judged by the site manager Mr R. Hills. Prizes were awarded to Anna Nicholls-Pike and Jake Jones in Key Stage 1, Harriet Bates and William Walsh Lower Key Stage 2 and Meg Shirley and Sofie Pritchard in Upper Key Stage 2.

A time capsule, containing a variety of items to represent the school in the 21st century will be buried under the new building.

A group was invited to Methven's bookshop to mark World Book Day. Katherine Beeching won a signed copy of a book by Nick Allen. Children from The Junior Art Club visited the Cathedral to gain ideas for their entry into a national competition to be judged by representative of the Tate Modern.

Recently, Years 5 and 6 spent an enjoyable time listening to a variety of guitar music performed by a group from Christ Church University College.

Red Nose Day was marked as a non-uniform day, when children contributed to the appeal for the privilege of coming to school wearing red clothes. There were also cake sales and games to play, organised by the children themselves. A total of £350 was collected.

Pupils in Year 4 took part in a sponsored swim. It is hoped to have raised more than £200.

Matthew Townsend and Luke Samarasinghe, both in year 6, won silver medals for playing for Canterbury Hockey Club Under 11s A team after the final went to a penalty shootout.

Rehearsals are in full swing for *The Rocky Monster Show*, a musical comedy to be performed in the first week in April. Details available from the school.

Despite advertising, the school is still having difficulty in finding a cleaner to work 3-5pm term time only, at £4.50 an hour. Anyone interested or requiring further details is asked to ring Mrs Andrews on 01227 830276.

**Gardeners:** The Nailbourne Horticultural Society's spring show will be held in the village hall, Bridge. The hall will be open from 6pm to allow for entries to be staged. Judging will take place at 7.30pm.

Refreshments will be available while the judging is taking place. The society will be delighted to welcome parishioners on the evening to enjoy what is always a colourful display of spring flowers.

To exhibit in the show, you must be a paid-up member of the society, but it is possible to join or renew membership on the night. If you would like a show schedule, contact show secretary Joan Stingemore on 831763.

**Concert:** In St Peter's Church, Bridge, at 8pm on Wednesday, April 4, there will be a concert by Canzonet, including the smaller ensembles Madrigal and Quodlibet, directed by Dr Peter Giles and accompanied by Robert Scott.

Admission by programme is £4.

from The Canterbury Information Centre, John Anderson, on 01227 830260 or at the door.

**Book fair:** In aid of the parish of Patrixbourne with Bridge, this event will be held in Bridge Village Hall, on Saturday, April 7, 10am-4pm. Please bring unwanted books. Entrance is 20p. Coffees and teas available all day.

Please take your donations to Pat in Bridge (830668) or Andrea in Patrixbourne (830947). All donations of books are welcomed after April 1 or can be taken on the day.

**Flooding:** The chairman of the parish council, Cllr John Anderson, attended a meeting on behalf of Bridge, at Littlebourne, where representatives of the villages affected by flooding along the Nailbourne and Little Stour joined together to form an action plan aimed at preventing future disasters.

The following Monday, accompanied by Cllr Christine Beer, he made a presentation on behalf of the village at the city council flood scrutiny committee, at the Guildhall, Canterbury.

A further meeting will be held at Littlebourne on Saturday, April 21. One of the items discussed was the disposal of sandbags and/or their storage. It has been suggested that some villagers in the front line, if they had any suitable dry storage space, might like to retain some for immediate use in any future emergency.

The parish council would also be grateful to hear from anyone in the area who might have some dry storage facility available, providing a back-up until such time as the local authorities could swing into action. Please contact the parish clerk on 01303 862814.W.I.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** At the parish annual meeting last Wednesday, PC Ken Bradshaw, area crime reduction officer and Neighbourhood Watch liaison officer, announced that Bridge is about to be removed from the list of recognised watchers.

The watch cannot function without a co-ordinator and public participation and unless someone is prepared to undertake the role of co-ordinator, the scheme will officially end on the last day of April.

The duties are not onerous and can be extremely worthwhile. If the scheme closes, residents are advised to inform their insurance companies of the change of

March 29<sup>th</sup> 2007