

BRIDGE

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

Wisdom: The wine and wisdom in aid of Demelza House Children's Hospice, held last Saturday in the village hall, raised £405. Glynnis Austin thanks all who helped and supported.

Council: The parish council will meet in the Hunter Room of the village hall at 7.30pm, on Thursday, May 10. All parishioners are

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welcome.

Visit: The annual visit to the Etaples War Cemetery, by the Royal British Legion's Littlebourne and District Branch will take place on Sunday, June 24. Anyone interested should contact the branch treasurer, on 01304 812292. The next branch meeting will be at the Anchor, Littlebourne, on Tuesday, at 8pm.

FISH scheme: Coffee pop-in will be in the village hall on Wednesday, from 10 to 11.15am. Visitors are welcome.

Fair: A spring fair is to be held by the Woodpeckers Nursery in the school grounds, on Saturday, between 11am and 2pm.

Surgery: The practice manager for the Bridge and Littlebourne surgeries announces that the ground is now suitable for development of the new building project. The contractors have moved in, and the work should be completed by the late autumn.

This means that superior primary health care facilities will be available to all patients living in Bridge, South Canterbury and the villages within a surrounding radius of approximately five miles.

Dance: Bridge PFA barn dance is to be held in the John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres, on Friday, May 18, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50, to include supper and are now available from the school.

Church services: 8am, BCP Communion (Rev John Shorrocks), St Mary's Church, Patricbourne; 10am, Communion (Rev Paul Filmer) St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Other churches in the area: 10am, family service (Mrs P. Kusel) St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 10am extended Communion (Mrs M. Clarke and Ian Taylor) St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres; 11am, Bridge Methodist Church Service (Rev George Baugh).

are intended for immediate use in an emergency before further supplies can be obtained. The council have filled the container, the remainder will be removed from the village at the same time.

Anyone wishing to retain their own supply, should collect them from the street now as this will be their last opportunity.

WI: The next meeting will be in the village hall on Tuesday, at 7.30pm. As the annual resolutions will be discussed, there will be no speaker. The competition will be an unusual pottery dish.

Coffee: FISH scheme's only fund-raising event of the year, will take place in the village hall on Saturday, May 19, from 9.30 to 10.30am. This will be a coffee morning and bring and buy. The emphasis will be on plants and cakes and members would welcome more support.

The FISH scheme helps with transport for older citizens in the four villages of Bishopsbourne, Bekesbourne, Patricxbourne and Bridge, enhancing the quality of village life. The next chiropody clinic will be from June 4, to 6; phone Joan Warren for more information, on 830233.

Woodpeckers: The nursery's spring fair, held in the school grounds, raised more than £875 for its funds. The fancy dress parade was judged by the Rev Paul Filmer. The winners were Rebecca Wright, Cameron Adam, Tommy Dent, and Daisy Carter. Angela Sheppard thanks all who helped, and supported the event.

The New Close: A planning application has been registered to extend the residential care home on Conygham Lane Bridge. The home has been managed by the charity Kent Community Housing Trust for the past 10 years and provides 24-hour care to frail, elderly people who also have mental infirmity.

The New Close is currently home to 40 residents, but there is a waiting list and the trust is proposing to extend the home so that up to 53 can be cared for.

The plans also include the improvement of the home and the provision of en-suite bathrooms. If planning permission is successful, the trust hopes that building work will start this autumn. For further information contact Tracey Jones, head of development on 01634 869880 or Beryl Richards, the home manager on 01227 780070.

Gig: Tomorrow (Friday) evening, Rosie's Dumplings (Celtic and

traditional music) at the White Horse, Bridge.

Caring and Sharing: The ladies' group meeting at the vicarage, on Monday at 7.30pm, will discuss "Is it OK to put your aged mother in the local residential home?" with the added bonus of input from Betty Richards, owner of Saxon Lodge Residential Home.

Choir: Children's choir practice is at the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres, at 10.15am, on Saturday.

Church services: Sunday: 10a, Matins, Mr I. Taylor and Mrs M. Clarke, at St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne; 11am family service, the Rev Paul Filmer, and 6pm evensong, the Rev Paul Filmer and Mrs Clarke, St Peter's Church Bridge.

Other services in the Bridge group: 8am BCP Communion, the Rev Paul Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 9.30am Communion, the Rev Paul Filmer, St Mary's Church Nackington.

The 11am Bridge Methodist Church service will be led by Mr J. Whalan.

Foot and mouth: For the duration of the epidemic, visitors to St Mary's Church, Lower Hardres are requested to leave their cars at the farm shop, and walk down the lane to the church. This applies to individual visits as well as Sunday worship.

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Sandbags: The city council is to provide the village with a lock up container to store sandbags. These

number of plants.

Dance: The school PFA barn dance is tomorrow (Friday) at the John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres, at 7.30pm. Tickets at £7.50, including supper, are available from the school.

Children's line dancing evening is on Friday, May 25, at the school, for infants and juniors.

Coffee: The FISH scheme has revised the time of the coffee morning and fund-raising event on Saturday, to between 10 and noon in the village hall.

Sale: A boot sale in aid of the Pilgrim's Hospice will be held in the car park of The White Horse, on Saturday, June 2, from 9am to noon. To book your pitch apply within or phone 01227 830249.

Gig: Tomorrow (Friday) evening Keith James, vocalist/guitarist is at the White Horse.

Church news: The newly-appointed Bishop of Maidstone, the Rt Rev Graham Cray, will visit the Bridge School Deanery Synod and also meet PCC members, on Tuesday, at 7pm.

It is also confirmed that the deanery confirmation service will take place in Bridge church, to include 14 parishioners of the Bridge group and one reception into the Church of England on Wednesday, September 12, at 7pm.

Services on Sunday are 10am Communion, the Rev Gordon Manley, St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge group: 9am BCP Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church Nackington; 10am Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 10am family service, Mrs M. Clarke, St Mary the Virgin Lower Hardres; 11 Bridge Methodist Church service, led by the Rev Donald Lugg.

PARISH COUNCIL

Election: Cllr Anderson was elected unanimously as chairman and Cllr Beer unanimously as vice-chairman.

Neighbourhood watch: Cllr Corfield reported that 12 to 15 volunteers had come forward following PC Bradshaw's distribution of the notice of closure and that the scheme could now be re-launched. Three Neighbourhood Watch areas are planned - Bridge Down, west side of the High Street and the Patricxbourne side of the High Street.

Cllr Corfield said there would be minimal set-up costs and it was

unanimously agreed that £100 would be set aside for this purpose. Cllr Corfield also advised that there could be a requirement for more Neighbourhood Watch signs and he would investigate whether or not this was the case and councillors agreed to offer support should they be required.

Sign: A quote has been received for repainting the village sign and reproofing the parish council notice board and it was agreed to accept it.

Newsletter: Cllr Dobson proposed that the parish council produce a newsletter to raise its awareness to the parish. She proposed that the newsletter be issued twice a year and should include input from all councillors.

Cllr Dobson also proposed that a village directory be produced providing information of all the facilities and activities available within the parish. Although both proposals were greeted enthusiastically it was unanimously agreed to produce the newsletter in the first instance and Cllr Dobson agreed to act as editor.

Use of recreation ground: It was agreed to allow the school to use the recreation ground for the occasional games lesson, which would be supervised by a teacher, while its own field space is limited due to building work now being carried out.

Street light repair: A vandalised street light in Riverside Close had been reported by the clerk to Seaboard and a quote for its repair had been received. It was agreed that the repair be carried out.

Planning: No new planning applications had been received. The following have been granted: Glazed roof to courtyard and re-position of fire escape staircase at The Plough and Harrow, 86 High Street, Bridge.

A notice of intention has been received for the transfer of licence at Skippers Restaurant.

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Gardeners: The Nailbourne Horticultural Society has arranged a visit to Canterbury council's nurseries at Eddington Lane, Herne Bay, on Thursday, May 24.

The visit will start at 7pm and members should make their own way to the nurseries which are beyond the village of Herne close to the junction of the A291 and the A299 Thanet Way.

Anyone requiring help with directions or transport can contact Kathy Walder on 830057, or any other member of the committee. The city council's contractors Serco, have agreed to provide refreshments and to give visitors the opportunity to buy a limited

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Flowers: The parish council is thinking of reviving what was known as the annual village hanging basket/planter display. This competition was open to all parishioners in Bridge and separate from the shield awarded to commercial premises.

The displays therefore need to be at the front of the building, to enable a panel of judges to select the winners. Judging is anticipated to take place about the middle of July. Further details will be published shortly; for more details ring Cllr Joan Monk on 830425.

Talk: The Health for All charity

project set up in 1999 by the Bridge and Littlebourne surgeries is now providing a health centre in the impoverished area of Bihar and surrounding villages in India.

A programme has also begun to provide a nutritious meal each week to the children of one of the villages. In addition, the links between the village schools in Kent and Bihar have also grown, with the schools of Bridge, Barham, Littlebourne and, most recent, Adisham.

Dr Mark Jones and Dr Peter Sykes will be talking about the project on Tuesday, at 7.30pm, in the village hall and all are welcome.

Sport for all: On Saturday, June 2 there will be an opportunity to find out more about the village sporting activities.

From 10am to noon, on the village recreation ground, the Exiles Cricket Club, Bridge Tennis Club and Bridge Junior Football invite boys and girls of all ages who would like to try Kwik Cricket, tennis or five-a-side football to join in activities – absolutely free, with something to eat and drink and coaching if you want it.

Parents can also attend! For more details ring Denis Atkinson, on 01227 761064.

WI: At the May meeting, having discussed and voted upon this years resolution's, the members had a beetle drive, which was won by Joyce Hopkins. The competition for an unusual pottery dish was won jointly by Pat Hulyer and Jean Foster.

At the birthday meeting, on Tuesday, June 19, at 7.30pm, in the village hall, Avril Austin will give a talk on Monet's Garden. The competition will be any garden photograph. Members are asked to take a plate of food and a glass.

FISH scheme: A fund-raising coffee morning and bring and buy raised £339 for FISH funds. The organisers thank all stallholders and those who contributed to, and supported the event.

Gig: Tomorrow (Friday) evening, Three Blind Mice will play jazz at the White Horse.

Ride: The bike ride sponsored for the Friends of Kent Churches will take place on Saturday, September 8. Thanks to Christine Beer they have been able to keep Bridge church open on every ride in the past.

She is now too busy to continue and the friends are looking for a new recruit to "man" the church.

If you can be of service on this date, please contact the vicar as soon as possible. If you are interested in getting a group to cycle, contact Chris Maclean at the Plough and Harrow as soon as possible.

Services: On Sunday, 8am, BCP Communion with the Rev John Thackery, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 10am, Communion with the Rev John Shorrocks, St Mary's

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Church, Patrixbourne.

Other churches in the Bridge group: 9.30am, Communion, the Rev R. Diss, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 6pm Evensong, Mrs M. Clarke, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by Mr A. Barwick.

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Concert: A concert is to be given by Lees Court Music under their director Chris Carden-Price, at St Peter's Church, Bridge on Saturday, June 9, at 7.30pm. They will be providing an evening of music including William Byrd's Mass for Four Voices.

Tickets are £5 (including refreshments) available from 01227 830260 or at the door. Proceeds go to the church restoration fund.

Lifeboats: The house-to-house collection in Bridge for the RNLI amounted to £350. Joan Hill thanks all collectors and contributors. The overall collection for the Canterbury district was almost £7,500 which is £400 up on last year.

Gig: The Odd Couple will be singing at the White Horse, Bridge tomorrow (Friday).

Reminders: There will be a boot fair in aid of the Pilgrims' Hospice from 9am to noon on Saturday, at the White Horse car park.

Sport for All, at the recreation ground on Saturday is from 10am to noon.

Church news: The Caring and Sharing Group is to visit the Dominican Priory, Canterbury on Monday, June 11 at 7.30pm (or meet at the Vicarage at 7pm to share cars). Ring 01227 830250 if you are interested or need a lift, open to all.

Ears and Beers meet at the Plough and Harrow on Wednesday, June 13, at 8pm. The Trio Campaign cheese and wine evening is on Friday, June 15, 6.30pm at St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Services on Sunday are: 8am BCP Communion, with the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne; 10am, Communion, the Rev J. Thackery, St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge group: 10am family service, Mrs P. Kusel, St Peter's Church Bekesbourne; 10am Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; Bridge Methodist Church, 11am service led by Mrs M. Beckwith.



Gran is our lucky winner

GRANDMOTHER Doreen McMullen is the proud new owner of a three wheel pushchair.

Mrs McMullen, of Reedland Crescent, Faversham, won the £200 prize in a competition run jointly by this paper and Nippers of Bekesbourne.

As well as winning a British racing green Libra all terrain pushchair, Mrs McMullen also took home a matching fleece footmuff worth an extra £27.99.

But the delighted Faversham gran is not keeping her win to herself – she will be giving it to her grand-daughter Eloise.

LEFT: Helen Watson, of Nippers, presents the pushchair to winner Doreen McMullen

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