

June 7th 2001

BRIDGE

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

FISH scheme: The coffee pop-in will be on Wednesday, June 13, in the village hall from 10 to 11.15am. All are welcome.

Lunch: A charity lunch is to be held by the Nailbourne group of the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals on Thursday, June 14, at 12.30pm, in the Canterbury Hospitals, on Thursday, June 14, at 12.30pm in the John Baker White Memorial Hall, Lower Hardres.

Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a pulse oxymeter to be used in Dr Andy Johnson's chest clinic. Two-course lunches with wine or soft drinks are £10. For tickets contact 01227 830204 or 830762.

Council: The parish council will meet in the Hunter Room of the village hall on Thursday, June 14 at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome.

Flooding: The Kent County Council Flood Scrutiny Committee led by the leader of the KCC Cllr Sandy-Lockhart, Cllr Sarah Hohler (chairman of Strategic Planning) and Cllr Mike Harrison,

accompanied by city Cllr Bill Oakey and the Bridge Parish Council chairman, Cllr John Anderson, toured the Nailbourne village affected by the recent floods.

They wanted to see what action can be taken in the immediate future, to alleviate any emergency should it occur again this year, plus any long-term solutions to what has become a serious concern to many living along the Nailbourne's course.

Poll: For the Parliamentary and KCC elections today (Thursday) the polling station in Bridge is at the village hall and for Patricxbourne residents the Beksebourne Village Hall.

Gig: Tomorrow (Friday) evening Little Rock guitar and vocal duo is at the White Horse, Bridge.

Concert: On Saturday, at 7.30pm, Lees Court Singers will be at St Peter's Church, Bridge. Tickets on the door, £5, include refreshment.

Services: On Sunday, 10am Matins with Dr A. Nicholson is at St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne; and 11am family service, the Rev Paul Filmer, and 6pm Evensong, the Rev P. Filmer and Mr I. Taylor, at St Peter's Church Bridge.

Other Churches 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; 11am Bridge Methodist Church, Communion, the Rev Maurice Weatherup.

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Cycle ride: On Sunday, cyclists from the Plough and Harrow are taking part in the London to Brighton cycle ride. The ride is for the benefit of the British Heart Foundation and the riders are raising sponsorship.

To avoid Plough and Harrow customers being besieged with sponsorship forms they have decided to have one, central, sponsorship form in the pub. If you would like to be included please

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ask for the form from behind the bar, or ring 830455.

WI: At the birthday meeting in the village hall on Tuesday, at 7.30pm, a talk will be given by Avril Austin on Monet's Garden. The competition will be any garden photograph.

Members are asked to take a plate of food and a glass.

Gardeners: At the meeting of the Nailbourne Horticultural Society, in the Methodist Church, Patrixbourne Road, Bridge on Thursday, June 21 at 7.30pm, a talk will be given by Lou Round on Textile Art.

This is an ideal opportunity to get ideas for entries in the handcraft section of the summer show. Members and visitors will be welcomed.

Fair: Bridge School PFA's event is on the front playground (or inside if it rains) on Friday, June 22 from 1.30 to 3.30pm.

Donations of bottles, toys, class books, stationery would be very welcome. If collection is required ring either 832084 or 831027. All funds raised will go to the school, and all are welcome to join in the fun.

School news: All groups will be going on summer outings, ranging from visitors to the coast to a week in Weston-Super-Mare for the year sixes.

The school has gained two awards. The School Achievement Award is an award to schools that have achieved a high standard compared with other similar schools.

Secondly, an assessor came to interview several of the teachers and was delighted with what he saw and heard.

Consequently on the last day of term the school was officially informed that it had been awarded Investor in People status.

This is a worrying time for all parents who have children starting school in September as to whether they have a place at their local school. All the local children who applied for a place have been accepted.

accepted.

In total 151 children will start in September although some will be part time until Christmas.

The new building is still ahead of schedule. Mr Hills, the site manager has taken groups of six pupils at a time around the building site and explained what is happening.

The roof is almost on and the new building is going to look impressive.

Library: The mobile library is available as a free service to anyone living or working in the area. Places and times of the visits are Bridge, Green Court each Thursday from 4 to 5pm; Patricxbourne, St Mary's Road, alternate Tuesdays (June 26 to July 10), 9.30 to 9.50am. The van carries about 2,500 items.

Gig: Tomorrow (Friday) evening Rosie's Dumplings offer Celtic and traditional music at the White Horse.

Car boot fair: On Saturday, June 30 at 9am on the recreation ground (entrance via school in Conyngham Lane) there is a chance to sell unwanted items.

Book your pitch in advance for £5 by phoning Pat Dunderdale 01227 830668, or Andrea Nicholson 830947.

The event is in aid of Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC, a member of the Bridge group of parishes.

Church news: Trio campaign for planned giving operates in the parish of Patricxbourne with Bridge. If you are reconsidering your giving and wish to join the new gift aid scheme, come to the cheese and wine in Bridge Church tomorrow (Friday) at 6.30pm and hear all about it.

The benefice barbecue is on Saturday, June 23, at 5.30pm, at Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne, tickets £5 adults, family ticket £12. Last date for tickets is Thursday, June 21, available from Pat Dunderdale 830668, or Andrea Nicholson 830947. Bring your own cutlery, glasses, plates and drink.

Services on Sunday: 10am Communion with the Rev Gordon Manley at St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge group: 8am BCP Communion, the Rev Paul Filmer,

St Mary's Church Nackington;
10am family service, Mrs M. Cark,
St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres;
10am Communion, Mr Filmer, St
Peter's Bekesbourne; Bridge
Methodist Church, 11am service
led by Mr M. Baybutt (and Tuesday,
June 19 at 7.30pm church
anniversary evening led by the Rev
Maurice Weatherup).

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Lunch: A lunch held by the Nailbourne Group of the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals, raised £700 to purchase a pulse oximeter for the chest clinic. The organisers thank all who supported this enjoyable event.

Primary school: There was an error in last week's report, which should have stated that there would be an intake of 51 new pupils and not 151 as was reported.

With the end of Key Stage 2 SATs completed. Some pupils spent the week before half term in Weston-Super-Mare. They visited Bath, Bristol, Cheddar and Wookey Hole carrying out activities which covered work across the curriculum.

Children in reception visited Tyland Barn and years 3 / 4 spent a full day in Canterbury visiting the Canterbury Tales and the Big Dig. The school has sponsored a square at the dig and children were shown the artefacts recovered so far in the area.

Years 1 and 2 spent a day in Folkestone.

The school was visited by the Puppeteers Company, who performed a Medley for Strings. Following the excellent performance the audience was shown how some of the puppets were made and operated.

Children in Year 1 and 2 took part

in an African Music Day. They listened to drums and learned songs and dances from Ghana. During the day they also made their own instruments, made bead necklaces and painted pictures.

Football and High Five teams took part in a tournament organised as part of Barham school fete. The school's own fair will be held tomorrow (Friday) from 1.30 to 3.30pm at the school; all welcome.

Gig: Tomorrow evening, Mike Lettley Magenta (lively mainstream jazz) is at the White Horse, Bridge.

Church services: On Sunday, at 8am BCP Communion with the Rev P. Filmer is at St Peter's Church, Bridge; 10am, Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, at St Mary's Church, Patricbourne.

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's, Lower Hardres; Bridge Methodist Church, 11am service led by the Rev Donald Lugg.

PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter: Cllr Dobson provided councillors with proofs of the first newsletter which is to be circulated in the near future to all households in Bridge. It was agreed by the council with some minor amendments. The chairman thanked Cllr Dobson for the work she had done in producing the newsletter.

Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Corfield provided the names of the co-ordinators in Bridge who are Frank Sochachi (Bridge East), Selwyn Lewis (Bridge West) and Ann Clewer (Bridge Down). He also reported that the scheme was now fully operational and had already dealt with several reports.

Cllr Corfield advised that PC Bradshaw could supply Bridge with 10 new Neighbourhood Watch

signs at a cost of £10 per sign and it was unanimously agreed that the council would pay for these.

Art exhibition: Cllr Corfield reported that an art exhibition is to be held on October 20, with profits going to the disabled access fund for the village hall.

Entries to the exhibition will be open to people living or working in Bridge. A leaflet is currently being produced and it was agreed that this would be distributed at the same time as the newsletter.

Alterations to village hall: Cllr Gulvin provided councillors with copies of the proposed plans for the disabled access to the village hall and it was agreed that the parish council as owner would make the planning application to the city council.

Applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are being considered:

Single-storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory at 90 High Street, Bridge; relocation of walk-in freezer to rear of bakery at 96 High Street, Bridge; demolition of redundant chimney to rear of 69 High Street, Bridge; replacement conservatory, garage, store and rebuild 1.8 metre high boundary wall at Riverdale House, High Street, Bridge;

slab reinstatement to basement floor at 67 High Street, Bridge; conversion of three agricultural buildings to four dwellings and erection of garage/store (revised scheme) and erection of two additional dwellings at Renville Farm, Renville, Bridge.

Planning applications granted: The following planning applications have been notified as granted: Erection of boundary walls to front of 21 The Close, Union Road, Bridge; internal

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alterations at The Plough & Harrow, 86 High Street, Bridge; Replacement single-storey extension to rear of 5 Ford Close, Bridge.

Notice of intention: The following notice of intention has been received and will not have a tree preservation order served by Canterbury council: fell one leylandi and reduce leylandi at Dearnley, Bekesbourne Road, Bridge.

showing, some of the clothing worn by The Caged Lady in times gone by. Members are reminded to bring agreed food items.

Last month Steve Dungay explained the resolutions for discussion, one regarding the provision of school nurses and the second the recognised training of staff caring for the elderly.

There was a birthday posy for Marjorie Purkess, and the competition winners were as follows. Flower of the month: 1 Miriam Hobden, 2 Gladys Bennett,

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BISHOPSBOURNE

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Village hall: A jumble sale for hall funds will be held in the Conrad Hall, on Saturday, from 10am to noon, admission 20p.

Items of jumble can be delivered to the hall tomorrow (Friday) between 7 and 8pm.

For further information please contact hall trustees Sheila Castle, phone 01227 831184, or Phillipa Burniston, phone 01227 830341.

Mrs Castle, chairman of the trustees, who reported a profit of £360-plus on the recent wine and wisdom evening, said she was hoping for a good response in donations to the sale and a big attendance from villagers.

Collections: A house-to-house collection for Help the Aged realised £65, for which organiser Malcolm Mitchell thanks all who contributed.

A house-to-house collection for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution raised almost £70, for which organisers Mike and Jean Talbot thank everyone.

A collection is being held this week for Barnardo's and organiser Jan Hutton would be grateful for donations in the envelopes she is delivering.

Church: Communion will be celebrated at St Mary the Virgin Church, on Sunday, at 9.30am.

Parishioners unable to attend are invited to the following services at other churches within the Barham Downs united benefice: 8am, Communion, St John the Baptist Church, Barham; 11am, family service, St Giles's Church, Kingston; 6pm, evening prayer, St John the Baptist, Barham.

Conference: The Rector, the Rev David Roper, reminds parishioners of the Barham Downs benefice conference, which involves all four parishes, Bishopsbourne, Barham, Kingston and Womenswold, and which will be held on Saturday, July 21, at Christ Church University College, Canterbury.

Everyone on the church electoral rolls of all four parishes has been invited.

Mr Roper says: "This will be an important and enjoyable day when

we will have an opportunity to shape the future of our benefice and set the agenda for our churches to enable us to grow in strength and in number we cannot look to the past glories of a church which no longer exists, but face up to what it means to be the church in the 21st Century."

The conference is entitled A 21st Century Adventure and will examine, among other things, One benefice, or four parishes? streamlining administration, publicity, other uses of church buildings, minibus transport, plus what parishioners want from the church, the types and frequency of services and meeting the needs of those unable to attend church.

Cost of the conference is £7.50 (including lunch, under 16s free) and reservations can be made with Mr Roper at the Rectory, The Street, Barham, CT4 6PA, phone 01227 831340, mobile 0771 3204660 or email david.roper@clara.co.uk

Dumping: Villagers are asked to be alert to irresponsible dumping of waste material in the village.

The parish council has had to ask the city council to remove an mattress abandoned in Bourne Park, a refrigerator dumped in Frog Lane and a pile of builder's refuse hurled into the picturesque picnic site at Bridge Hill, overlooking Bourne Park.

Anyone seeing any such tipping is asked to contact the parish council chairman, Malcolm Mitchell, on 01227 830645 as soon as possible after witnessing the event, taking note of the vehicle number if possible.

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