

July 5th 2001

BRIDGE

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

FISH scheme: A coffee pop-in will be held in the village hall on Wednesday, July 11, between 10 and 11.15am. All are welcome.

Council: The parish council meets in the Hunter Room of the Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm, on Thursday, July 12. All parishioners are welcome.

Hunt: A car treasure hunt in aid of church funds will be held on Saturday, July 14, at 5pm; £2.50 adult, children free (includes a ploughman's on return). Tickets from Pat Dunderdale 830668 or Andrea Nicholson 830947. If interested but having no car, organisers can arrange transport.

Gig: Tomorrow (Friday) evening, The Odd Couple, will entertain at the White Horse.

Church services: Sunday: 10am Matins, Dr A. Nicholson, St Mary's Church, Patricbourne; 11am, family service, the Rev Paul Filmer; 6pm Evensong, the Rev

Paul Filmer and Margaret Clarke,
St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Other churches in the Bridge
Group: 8.30am, BCP Communion,
the Rev Paul Filmer, St Peter's
Church, Bekesbourne; 9.30am,
Communion, the Rev Paul Filmer,
St Mary's Church, Nackington;
Bridge Methodist Church 11am
service led by the Rev Howard
Skinner.

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Bat and trap ends year in office



AN EVENING of bat and trap rounded off the year of office for Joan Hill (pictured left) as president of the Inner Wheel of Canterbury.

Over the past year, the club has raised £4,534 for charities, half of which came from a charity evening at the Archbishop of Canterbury's Old Palace and went to Thanet MIND.

Donations

Other charities to benefit included Canterbury Open Centre, Headway, Kent Farmline and Footprints.

Donations also went to overseas projects including the Nepal Trust, Leprosy Mission and earthquake appeals in India and El Salvador.

Additionally the club sponsored three students working on projects in Venezuela, Honduras and Belize.

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Barbecue: The Caring and Sharing Group is to hold a Benefice barbecue on Monday, at 6.30pm, in the Vicarage grounds.

Flower show: The Nailbourne Horticultural Society is to hold its summer show, in Bridge Primary School hall, on Saturday, July 28. Entry forms for paid up members are available from the show secretary Joan Stingemore, at 5 Dering Road Bridge (830673).

The forms must be completed and returned to her by Thursday, July 26. The hall will be open for the staging of exhibits from 8.30 to 10.30am on the Saturday, after which the judging will commence.

The show will open at 2.30pm for viewing, during which there will be a raffle and teas will be available. Presentations will start at 4pm.

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

Church services: Sunday, 8am BCP Communion with Cannon J. Packer at St Peter's Church, Bridge; 10am Communion, the Rev Paul Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne. Other churches in the Bridge group: 9.30am, Communion, the Rev R. Diss, St Mary's, Nackington; 6pm Evensong, Mrs M. Clarke and the Rev Paul Filmer, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres.

PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter: The first newsletter has now been printed and delivered to all households and Cllr Dobson thanked everyone for their help in the distribution. In his absence, the clerk passed on Cllr Anderson's thanks to Cllr Dobson for her hard work in producing the newsletter. Several positive comments have also been received from parishioners who wish to see the newsletter continue.

Traffic calming: Following the completion of the traffic calming it was agreed that the clerk should write to Kent Highways to obtain their agreement to the planting of shrubs or trees to make these areas more attractive, especially as they are at the gateway to the village. It was also agreed to request the provision of priority signs to make the right of way clearer to traffic.

Sandbag storage: It was unanimously agreed that a suitable site for the proposed sandbag storage container would be on an area at the recreation ground where there is already a laid base which could be extended if necessary and the clerk was requested to contact Canterbury council to arrange a site visit by their engineer. Cllr Monk agreed to meet Peter Brooks from the council to sort out the details.

Allotments: Cllr Dobson reported that there are several parishioners who would like an allotment but had been advised that there would be none available until next year when the parish council had completed their work with regard to the water supply. It was agreed that the clerk would establish whether the land had now been cleared so that the parish council could go ahead with the installation of the water supply.

Vandalism: It was reported that there has been a greater police presence recently in the village following incidents involving vandalism and that parishioners are extremely concerned with the increase in acts of vandalism. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Beer would raise these concerns at the next police forum meeting in July and would invite the police to attend a meeting of villagers to address them on this problem.

Cllr Corfield agreed to contact the neighbourhood watch co-ordinators to ask them to be vigilant and make everyone aware of the problem and request that all acts of vandalism are reported to the police.

Applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are being considered: Replacement two-storey rear extension, internal and external alterations to Lynton House, High Street, Bridge; minor amendments to demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single-storey extension at 90 High Street, Bridge; replacement porch including pitched roof over garage at 55 Bridge Down, Bridge.

Planning applications granted:

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The following planning applications have been notified as granted: Relocation of walk-in freezer to rear of bakery at 96 High Street, Bridge; demolition of redundant chimney to rear of dwelling at 69 High Street, Bridge; replacement conservatory, garage, stone and rebuild 1.8 metres high boundary wall at Riverdale House, High Street, Bridge; erection of two-storey doctors' surgery with associated parking and formation of new access on land adjacent to the recreation ground, Patricxbourne Road, 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 approximately 50 leylandi around perimeter of garden at The Old Forge, 49 High Street, Bridge.

Application withdrawn: The following planning application has been notified as withdrawn: Illuminated and non-illuminated signs, floodlights and lanterns at the Red Lion, High Street, Bridge.

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10.30am.

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Art in Bridge: An open exhibition of the work of artists living or working in the village hall will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 10am to 6pm. Entrance is free, but donations to the village hall disabled access fund would be welcomed. Refreshments will be available.

An invitation is open to all in Bridge to exhibit their work. This includes young people, especially those studying art at school or college. Whether you are professional or very amateur, this is your opportunity to show your work to the village.

Only work mounted ready to hang on walls (from chains hooked on the picture rail) or can be pinned to free-standing display boards will

be accepted on this occasion.

Exhibits can include paintings, drawings, prints, collages, photographs or needlework. A maximum of three exhibits will be accepted, but in view of the limited display space, organisers reserve the right to limit the number of exhibits. A charge of 50p per exhibit will be made.

Exhibitors are welcome to sell work during the exhibition, but it is hoped they will want to make a donation to the disabled access fund of at least 10 per cent of the sale value. For details contact John Corfield on 01227 830976.

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

Church services: On Sunday, the benefice service will be conducted by the Rev Paul Filmer at 10am at St Peter's Church, Bridge. The Bridge group 8am BCP Communion with the Rev Paul Filmer is at St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres. The Bridge Methodist Church 11am service will be led by the Rev Barbara Heather.

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