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Coffee: Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning session is on Friday September 28, 10.30am to noon at Mansfield Court, Riverside Close. Tweedie and Kate are taking part in Macmillan's biggest annual fund-raising event and residents are invited to join them for coffee with a raffle and quiz and support this worthwhile cause.

Flooding: In order to build up a complete dossier for future action in the prevention of sewage pollution in the village, all those affected with this problem over the last winter, are requested to write giving full details of times, dates, addresses and the degree of their pollution to the co-ordinator Mrs J. Thomas, Cobham Court, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, CT4 5ET.

It is also expected that a scheme for monitoring water levels in the Nailbourne Valley will enable the appropriate authority to give two weeks' warning of the possible danger of flooding in the future, giving time to take sensible precautions.

Reminders: There is a police meeting in the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, September 20 and a parish Victorian fete at Bekesbourne recreation ground on Saturday, September 22, from 2pm to 4.30pm.

Gig: Magenta, a jazz group with lady vocalist, are at the White Horse, Bridge, on Friday evening, September 21.

Methodist Church: On Sunday, September 23, 11am harvest festival will be conducted by Mrs M. Packer. On Monday, September 24 at 7.30pm there will be an evening service led by the Rev David Marshall with an address given by Miss R. Walters. This will be followed by an auction of the harvest produce.

On Thursday, October 11 at 10am there will be coffee and a bring and buy sale at the church.

Services: Sunday, September 23:
8am BCP Communion, the Rev P.

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applications have been notified as granted: replacement porch including pitched roof over gaage at 55 Bridge Down; two single-storey extensions and external alterations at The new Close residential home, Conyngham Lane; access ramp to rear of village hall at Bridge Village Hall, 28 High Street; demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single-storey extension at 90 High Street; single-storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory at 90 High Street; slab reinstatement to basement floor at 67 High Street.

History society: This group is for anyone living locally who is interested in aspects of the village's past, and that of the locality in general.

The new season activities begin on Tuesday, September 25 with a brief annual meeting, followed by a talk entitled Unknown Canterbury. New members will be most welcome. Meetings begin at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

In addition to organising monthly talks and outings, the society has also a lively research group. It is planning to produce a brief history of the village, with further publications in the pipeline for the future, and is keen to receive any material concerning the history of Bridge, whether of the more distant past or individual memories or recent times.

For further information, contact John Bishop, chairman (01227 832596) or Meriel Connor, publicity (830487).

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Institute: Last month 11 WI members met a group from Otford, their twin institute in West Kent.

They all had an enjoyable day, visiting Tenterden and a vineyard.

At the September meeting, they were entertained by Lt Col Bolton's talk on 2000 years of visitors to Canterbury.

The competition was jointly won by Eileen Piggott and Jean Foster.

At the October 16 meeting, Mrs Lambert will describe The Joys and Perils of Homesitting.

The competition will be for an autumn arrangement in a wine-glass.

Police meeting: The meeting arranged by the parish council in the village hall last Thursday, to allow local residents to air their views and worries about local policing matters, attracted a large audience.

The chairman, John Anderson, welcomed all present for their attendance and interest. Apologies were received from Cllr Bill Oakey who had his mother's funeral on that same day and from PC Paul Whitehead the local police officer unavoidably engaged in other matters.

The chairman thanked Cllr Christine Beer for setting up the meeting and introduced members of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, followed by Chief Inspector Peter West.

After outlining the recent crime statistics, and their improvement in certain areas, he went on to describe the new centralisation at Maidstone that should result in an increased improvement in the response time to emergency calls.

The meeting was then thrown open for a vigorous question-and-answer session.

Cllr Anderson thanked the Ch Insp for putting himself in the firing line.

The chairman said it may well be that not everyone was happy with the answers they received, but all should now be aware of the problems facing a modern police force which was undeniably under strength, and not always supported by sensible legislation, it would appear.

Cancellation: It was with regret that the organisers of the Victorian Fete, a badly-needed fund-raising event in aid of the parish of Patricxbourne and Bridge, had to be cancelled at the last minute owing to the overrun of the eight-week period by contractors working in Patricxbourne.

Access to the recreation ground was made impossible to traffic. The event was expected to have raised in the region of £2,000.

Jumble sale: A sale in aid of the village playgroup will be held in the village hall, on Saturday, October 6 between 2pm and 4pm. Admission is 20p (no charge for children).

Anyone who has bric-a-brac, books, toys or jumble can take it to the hall on the day between 10am and noon.

Lunch: A lunch organised by the parish of Patricxbourne with Bridge for the Bridge group of parishes is to be held in Bridge village hall, on Sunday, October 7 at 12.30pm.

Tickets are available from Pat Dunderdale (830668) or Andrea Nicholson (830947). The cost is £3 for adults and £1 for children. Please book by Friday, October 5 and note the change of venue, because the school hall extension is not yet completed.

Gig: On Friday evening, September 28 Keith James, vocalist and guitarist is at the White Horse, Bridge

Church services: On Sunday, September 30 there are only two services throughout the Bridge group: 8am BCP Communion with

The Bridge Methodist Church 11am service will be led by the Rev B. Heather.

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