

# BRIDGE

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**Bring and buy:** The Methodist's  
coffee morning and bring and buy  
will be held in the Methodist  
Church, Patricbourne Road, on  
Thursday, October 11, from 10am.

**Hospital friends:** The Nailbourne  
branch of the League of Friends of  
Canterbury Hospitals, raises  
money for the purchase of  
equipment, as well as providing  
volunteers to maintain services  
such as shops and tea bars.

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Its current policy is to buy only items that will continue to benefit residents of the Canterbury area.

In 2000 the local group raised £2,357. The Nailbourne Group has had a successful year and appreciates all the support it has received.

In addition to £841 in subscriptions and donations, selling draw tickets and the coffee morning at the annual meeting in February, money has been raised at two well-supported charity lunches.

This has enabled the group to purchase a laptop computer for use in Dr Stuart Field's breast screening clinic and a pulse oxymeter for Dr Andy Johnson's chest clinic.

Residents are asked to continue to support the hospital by making a donation and, or becoming a friend of the group at a minimum donation of £5 for the year to September 30, 2002.

Cheques should be made payable to The League of Friends Nailbourne Branch.

Application forms are available from any member of the committee, but preferably from those whose addresses are given below: Current committee members are: Elizabeth Stewart (chairman); Rosy Green (vice chairman); Maggie Fairweather (treasurer), 62 Bridge Down, Bridge CT4 5BA; Christine Heap (secretary).

Committee: Wendy Durell, Madeleine Franklin, Ann Medhurst, Jane Millyard, School House, School Lane, Bekesbourne, CT4 5ER and Kate Whitten, 29 High Street Bridge CT4 5JZ.

**Royal British Legion:** The next three branch meetings will all be: 8pm on Tuesday, October 9; annual meeting on Tuesday, November 6, at the Recreation Club Littlebourne; Tuesday, November 13, at the Plough and Harrow, Bridge.

There are still a few beef pudding supper tickets available for November 27.

Anyone interested should contact Fred Bennett, on 721237 or Barbara Hunt, on 472023.

**Bogus callers:** Neighbourhood Watch informs that most callers to homes are genuine, but it makes sense to be sure before admitting a stranger.

A genuine caller from the gas supply company will know your account number.

In the case of electricity the caller will know the meter number (printed on the front of your meter). You will not get a call from BT unless you have requested one.

A large proportion of bogus callers say they have come from the water board to check your supply.

You can arrange with the water companies to have a password which only genuine callers know.

**Church news:** The Caring and Sharing women's group meet at the Vicarage on Monday, October 8, at 7.30pm.

The subject is Both Ends of The Candle, exploring church tradition, with the Rev Paul Filmer and the Rev John Thackery.

On Wednesday, October 10, the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Ven John Pritchard, will be making an all-day visit to the Bridge group benefice, followed by a meeting with members of the parochial church council in the evening.

**Services:** Sunday, October 7, 8am BCP communion, the Rev Paul Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patricbourne.

10am, harvest festival, the Rev J. Shorrocks, St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Other churches in the Bridge Group: 10am harvest festival, Pat Kusel, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 10am, communion, the Rev Paul Filmer, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service, led by Mr M. Baybutt.

**Coffee:** A coffee morning at Mansfield Court in aid of the Macmillan cancer fund raised £177.

Kate Welsh and Tweedie Hills, the organisers, thank all who helped and supported the event.

**History society:** The first meeting for the new season was held in Bridge Village Hall, on September 25, starting with a short annual at

which members of the committee were reappointed.

The chairman, John Bishop, thanked Bill Dawson for his hard work on behalf of the society.

The meeting was followed by a talk by Derek Bulter, who presented images of intriguing and unnoticed views of Canterbury, many taken from old postcards.

The next event, a guided walk of Canterbury, on October 20, is likely to be over-subscribed.

For further information about the society or its events, phone 01227 832596 or 830487.

**FISH scheme:** A coffee pop-in and annual meeting will be held in the village hall, on Wednesday, October 10, at 10am. Residents' comments are needed to shape what they may be done in the future.

**Council:** The parish council will meet in the Hunter Room of the village hall, on Thursday, October 11, at 7.30pm. All parishioners are welcome.

**Reminders:** Nailbourne Horticultural Society will meet in the Methodist Church, at 7.30pm, on October 4. Bridge Village Playgroup's jumble sale is in the village hall at 2pm on October 6.

The Bridge and Patricbourne with Bekesbourne harvest lunch is at Bridge Village Hall on Sunday, October 7, at 12.30pm.

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**School:** After 20 years of dedicated service as a governor at Bridge and Patricxbourne Primary School, Grace Goodman has retired.

For the past 12 years she has been chairman and seen many changes, the most recent the new building to replace the mobile classrooms into which the pupils moved this term.

The new chairman is Ailsa Williamson and the vice chairman is Gill Crone.

**Flooding:** Those at risk of possible flood damage in Bridge will be pleased to hear that there is now a supply of filled sandbags in a container under lock and key, for use if such an emergency should occur.

Telephone numbers are listed in order of proximity to the sites most likely to be flooded.

City Cllr Bill Oakey 832397, parish councillors Mervyn Gulvin 830881, John Anderson 830260 and Joan Monk 830425. These numbers will also be available from the city

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council.

**Gardeners:** An interesting and entertaining talk accompanied by slides, was given by Barry Ridsdale and Janine Doulton on the subject of the history and growing of daffodils, at a meeting of the Nailbourne Horticultural Society.

**Institute:** The next meeting of Bridge WI will be held in the Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday, October 16, at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Mrs Lambert talking on the joys and perils of homesitting.

The competition will be an autumn arrangement in a wineglass.

New members and visitors will be made very welcome.

**Gig:** Friday evening, October 12, Rosies Dumplings. Celtic and traditional music at the White Horse, Bridge.

**Burglaries:** Neighbourhood Watch report that there have been a few burglaries in the villages around Canterbury in the last few weeks.

The police like to hear about suspicious callers. Phone 762055 if you have concerns or information.

The following measures help to deter burglars: electric timers to switch lights on or off when the building is unoccupied, burglar alarm systems, security lights, securely locked doors, windows, sheds and garages.

Postcoded property-marker pens are available from neighbourhood watch.

Secure locks on bicycles, also on ladders, so they cannot be used to gain entry to property.

**Autumn fair:** The fair organised by Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC will be held in the Bridge Village Hall on Saturday, October 27.

Please start to collect your donations for the bric-a-brac, books, tombola stalls and grand draw prizes now.

Home-made cakes on the day would be appreciated.

Also on November 10 they will be holding a wine and wisdom evening in the village hall at 7pm.

The cost will be £5 per person or £40 for a table of eight.

A light supper will be provided but you are asked to bring your own plates, cutlery, drinks and glasses.

Book early to avoid disappointment. For details of either event, ring Pat Dunderdale on 830668 or Andrew Nicholson on 830947.

**Church services:** Sunday, October 14, trinity 18. 10am harvest festival, Mrs M. Clarke, St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne.

At 11am a family service will be

conducted by Rev Paul Filmer with evensong at 6pm conducted by Rev Paul Filmer and Mrs M. Clarke, St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Other churches in the Bridge Group, 8am BCP communion, Rev John Shorrocks, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne.

9.30am, Holy Communion, Rev Paul Filmer, St Mary's Church, Nackington.

Bridge Methodist Church, 11am Holy Communion, Rev David Marshall.

**Church news:** The After Eight group meets at 10 Union Road, 8pm, Tuesday, October 16.

Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow, Wednesday, October 17, from 6pm.

Bridge and Patricxbourne PCC Methodist Church, 7.30pm, Thursday, October 18.

The parish harvest lunch was held in the village hall last Sunday, following the harvest festival services at St Peter's Church, Bridge, conducted by the Rev John Shorrocks.

Forty parishioners enjoyed an excellent spread, provided by a group of dedicated volunteers.

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**Commuters:** Anyone living locally who is regularly commuting by rail, is invited to attend an open meeting organised by the Rail Passengers Committee.

This is the statutory watchdog body for rail passengers in Southern England.

The meeting gives rail-users the chance to ask questions and to tell train companies what they want to see.

The meeting will be held at the Russell Hotel Conference Centre, 136 Boxley Road, Maidstone, on Tuesday, October 30, from 10am to 3.30pm.

Further details are available on 020 7240 8923.

**FISH scheme:** The annual meeting was held at last week's coffee pop-in in the village hall.

The chairman of the parish council Cllr John Anderson presided.

He welcomed all who attended and thanked on their behalf, all committee members and volunteer drivers whose hard work over the last year was so necessary to the operation of the scheme.

Jean Johnson, the co-ordinator, gave her report on the various successful events held over the past year.

Requests for transport were still in great demand, and although they would appreciate a few more vol-

unteer drivers, they were managing to cope at present.

The treasurer Bill Macarthy said in his report that the finances were in a healthy state.

This was partly due to a windfall of £295 received by the winding up of the proceeds of the Mary Gregory Trust, and gifted to them. There was therefore no occasion to call on the parish council for funds on this occasion.

The officers and members of the committee were then re-elected unanimously. Cllr Anderson was thanked by Jean Johnson.

**Flooding:** Heavy storms in Bridge on Monday of last week caused some flash flooding in the area of the White Horse Inn and in the centre of the village.

The drains were unable to cope with the volume of water.

It gave an opportunity to test the city and the parish councils' preparedness to cope with an emergency.

Sandbags were not only supplied from Canterbury, but from Bridge's own store in the village.

For those who are interested in The Nailbourne in Flood a video will be shown at the Pavilion, Bekesbourne Recreation Ground on Friday, October 26, at 7.30pm.

Admission is free and refreshments and a bar are available.

**Art on show:** An open exhibition of the work of artists living or working in Bridge will be held in the village hall from 10am to 6pm on Saturday, October 20.

Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

**Poppy Appeal:** Barry Whiting, Poppy Appeal organiser for the area, urgently requires more collectors.

Unfortunately, due to advancing years and failing health, the group has lost a number of vital supporters in certain areas, such as Bridge Down, Riverside Close and Bishopsbourne.

Sadly, if this trend continues as it undoubtedly will, the branch will be finding itself relying solely upon the goodwill of shops and pubs.

**Funeral:** A service of thanksgiving was held for the life of Roy Starling, well known throughout East Kent and in particularly Bridge, where he had lived for some while, with his late wife Wendy and daughter Louise.

He was much respected by his many associates in the insurance world, and he was a very active member of the North Nailbourne Conservative Committee, and a

keen cricketer and golfer.

Among his other interests were aeroplanes, he having once served as a rear gunner in the Royal Air Force.

The service was conducted in St Peter's Church, Bridge, by lay reader Margaret Clark before a packed congregation.

The tribute was read by Graham Marks, a work colleague and friend, and was followed by a moving personal tribute written by his daughter.

**Gig:** On Friday, October 19, the Three Blind Mice jazz trio will be playing at the White Horse, Bridge.

**Church services:** At St Peter's Church, Bridge, at 10am on Sunday, October 21, there will be choral eucharist with the Rev Gordon Manley.

Other churches in the Bridge Group: 8am BCP communion, the Rev Paul Filmer, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 10am family service, Mrs M. Clarke, St Mary's, Lower Hardres; 10am communion the Rev Paul Filmer St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 11am Bridge Methodist Church, service led by the Rev Howard Skinner.

**Parish council:** Cllr Dobson thanked councillors for their contributions to the newsletter which is now ready for distribution.

It was unanimously agreed that the newsletter will be distributed in the village during this week and Cllr Anderson agreed to arrange this.

Cllr Anderson also thanked Cllr Dobson for her hard work in producing the newsletter.

Cllr Anderson reported that although the areas of land created by the traffic calming had initially been planted by Cllr Oakey and his wife, a decision as to sponsorship for future planting was required if these areas are to remain in good order.

It was agreed that Cllr Anderson would discuss the matter with Cllr Oakey and his wife for suggestions and ideas for planting.

The clerk reported that no reply had been received regarding the request for a priority sign and it was agreed that she should write to Andy Phillips regarding this and also about the textured surfacing which has not yet been laid.

Cllr Monk advised that the storage container had now been installed and filled with sandbags and the keys had now been issued to the keyholders.

Canterbury council will be advised of the names and addresses of the keyholders should a resident contact the city council during any

future flooding incident.

Cllr Dobson reported that a request for sponsorship had been made in the newsletter and asked councillors to let her have any information and sponsorship ideas they had for the village directory.

Cllr Monk reported that the Kentish Stour Countryside project will provide up to 20 trees free for planting in Bridge and requested suggestions for the siting of the trees.

It was unanimously agreed that 10 trees would be requested and that sites would be decided upon in detail at a later stage.

Cllr Walder agreed that he and Cllr Gulvin would arrange for the supply and installation of the Christmas trees in the High Street this year.

The clerk is to write to all residents in the High Street to ask if they wish to have a tree and also to request a donation towards the cost.

Following the police meeting in September, which was well supported, Ch Insp P. West has reported the highway issues raised at the meeting to Mr A. Phillips at the highways department of Canterbury council.

These include the pedestrian crossing, traffic calming and parking infringements.

The following new applications have been received and are being considered: Internal alterations, The Red Lion, High Street, Bridge; Erection of conservatory at Dover Lodge, 48 High Street, Bridge.

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booking is advised.

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**Neighbourhood watch:** Again there have been a few burglaries in villages around Canterbury.

Police are interested in any sighting of a white saloon car, possibly Ford Escort, part registration H459.

Report any information to the police on 762055. Also there have been some thefts of cars.

Do you know about the 25 scheme?

The 25 scheme sticker on the bumper indicates to the police that the driver should be over 25.

Further details are available from your neighbourhood watch co-ordinator.

**Bonfire night:** The firework display and bonfire event - cancelled last year owing to the flooding - has had to be cancelled again this year because the fireworks kept in storage at the firework suppliers, have been stolen.

**FISH news:** The next coffee pop-in will be on Wednesday, November 14, between 10 and 11.15am in the village hall.

They would also like to announce that Canterbury City Council has launched a new service called Homestay, to help older or disabled who need help with repairs, maintenance or adaptations to their home.

If asked, they will make home visits to advise on what needs to be done, help to obtain estimates from reliable tradesmen, help them to take advantage of any loans or grants available, and support people until the work is satisfactorily completed.

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If you would like to contact Homestay telephone 01227 742731.

Also, in conjunction with the Kent County Council, it has introduced services for people who cannot use the normal bus service.

These services will link the surrounding villages and urban areas around Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay with destinations in the town centres.

Depending where you live the fare is £1.10 or £2.20, depending whether a journey is one way or a return trip.

These services are designed for people effectively 'housebound' as far as existing public transport facilities are concerned.

To identify those passengers who cannot genuinely use conventional buses, it is necessary for an application form to be completed.

The vehicle is specially designed, with the principle feature being that it has a low floor and is wheelchair accessible.

Travellers can be accompanied by their escort and he/she will be able to travel at the normal fare.

Depending on circumstances, the route can be adjusted to suit requirements, for example, on a Canterbury day the route could be altered to include the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

If you need to know more, or wish to join the scheme, contact Jan Uden on 01227 862436 or write to Jan Uden, Department of Development and Planning, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW.

Bridge is on Fridays providing transport into Gravel Walk and ASDA Canterbury.

You will need to complete an application form, have a note from your doctor to say that you cannot reasonably use public transport, and then ring to book a place.

**Christmas lights:** The parish council is looking for volunteers living on the High Street to allow an illuminated Christmas tree to be erect-



**Christmas lights:** The parish council is looking for volunteers living on the High Street to allow an illuminated Christmas tree to be erected outside their premises.

Anyone interested should apply to Tony Walder on 830057, or Mervyn Gulvin on 830881.

**Autumn fair:** Organised by the parish of Patricxbourne with Bridge, and autumn fair will be held in the Bridge Village Hall on Saturday, October 27, from 10am to 12.30pm.

There will be a cake stall, bric-a-brac, books, tombola and raffle and many other stalls, coffee and teas.

**After Eights:** The club's next meeting at 10 Union Road, Bridge, is at 8pm on Tuesday, October 30.

**Institute:** At the October WI meeting Mrs Lambert kept members amused with her experiences of house minding and looking after a variety of pets.

The competition was won jointly by Pamela Elgar and Jean Foster. The annual meeting on November 20 will be followed by a quiz. There will be no competition on this occasion.

**Gig:** Friday evening, October 26, Carmine, up tempo Celtic music, at the White Horse Bridge.

**Church services:** Sunday, October 28, Trinity 20 at 8am BCP communion, Rev John Shorrocks in St Peter's Church, Bridge.

At 10am Holy Communion with Rev John Shorrocks in St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne.

Other churches in the Bridge group: 9.30am Holy Communion, Rev R Diss, St Mary's Church, Nackington.

Bridge Methodist Church, 11am service led by the Rev David Marshall.

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# Art show in village hall



**ART EXHIBITION: Emily Shirley, Wendy Corfield and Simon Hopkins hang some of the paintings in Bridge village hall**

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**THE** open exhibition to display the work of artists living and working in Bridge was held in the village hall and declared a success.

There were 144 entries from 66 artists, all demonstrating a high degree of ability.

Some of those involved hope it will become an annual event, not only by increasing the catchment area to include other villages but also to include other skills such as handicrafts.

This event was organised for the Bridge Village Hall disabled access

fund.

The final amount raised will be announced later on the receipt of donations from the sales of work.

Cllr John Corfield and his team of workers helped make it a success for the village.