

**History:** Bridge and District History Society holds its Christmas buffet on Saturday, December 15.

It will start at 12.30pm in the village hall to view photos of Canterbury for the quiz and enjoy a welcoming drink with mince pies.

Then members cross the road to the White Horse Inn, open exclusively to society members, for the buffet, during which the general knowledge quiz and a raffle will take place.

At the time of going to press there were still a few tickets left, members £10, children £8, non-members £12, phone John Bishop on 01227 832596.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Advice on avoiding problems this Christmas is in the November newsletter.

If you intend to be away ensure that all windows and doors are securely fastened.

Let your neighbours know of your intentions so they can keep a lookout for any unwanted visitors during your absence.

If you plan to go away on a holiday, remember to cancel milk and newspaper deliveries and arrange for a friend or neighbour to move free newspapers and post from your front door rather than prominently advertise your absence.

Bogus callers (two young men in a red car) saying that they are from the Water Board have been reported operating in this area.

You can arrange with local Water Boards to have a password which only genuine callers will know. In the meantime, don't admit anyone to your home unless you are sure they are genuine.

**Coach trips:** There are still a few seats left for the outing on January 8 to the Imperial War Museum to visit the 1940s House, the re-creation of the pre-war suburban semi which featured in the Channel 4 series, and followed with a visit to Whitehall for the Cabinet War Rooms.

The outings to the ballet Cinderella and the show Kiss Me Kate are now fully booked. For inquiries ring Mrs E. Cartwright on 01227 831095.

**British Legion:** Bridge members are reminded that the next two Royal British Legion branch meetings will be at 8pm on Tuesday, December 11, and on January 8, at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

**Trees:** The parish council is still awaiting the arrival of 11 free trees of mixed variety under The Stour Countryside Project.

This scheme is open to landowners, farmers, parish councils, schools

hoped that many trees will be planted in the Canterbury area. Volunteers may be called upon for help when they arrive.

**Gig:** On Friday, December 7, Rosie's Dumplings produce Celtic and traditional music at the White Horse, Bridge.

**Church News:** St Peter's Church Bridge is appealing for flower arrangers over Christmas and throughout the coming year on a rota basis.

If you would like to offer your services or to find out what is involved, phone Viv Brasier on 830981.

Occasional cleaners are also needed at St Peter's for a new rota, giving the faithful few a well deserved rest.

More volunteers means less work, and saves the church from spending your money on hired cleaners. Volunteers please phone Kathy Eynon on 830284.

A Health and Healing meeting at 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, at 7pm on Thursday, December 6, and the caring and sharing group will meet at the Vicarage on Monday, December 10, at 7.30pm, for a Christmas social, favourite recipes and dishes to share.

The After Eight Group meets at 10 Union Road, Bridge, at 8pm on Tuesday, December 11.

Ears and Beers at the Plough and Harrow, Bridge, on Wednesday evening December 12.

This year's carol service at St Peter's, Bridge, is at 6pm, on Sunday, December 23. Volunteers are being sought to form a strong choir for this service.

There will be three rehearsals all in Bridge Church on December 14, 7pm to 8.30pm, December 18, 7pm to 8.30pm, December 23, during the afternoon before the service, time to be announced.

Contact Emma Medhurst for more details on 830762, e-mail ecm2@cant.ac.uk or just turn up for the first rehearsal.

Also at St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne, there is to be a carol service on Friday, December 21, at 7pm.

Anyone who wishes to join the choir for this service can contact Rosalie Stacey on 01227 830205 for rehearsal times.

**Services:** Sunday, December 9, Advent 2, 10am Matins Dr A. Nicholson St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne.

11am Family Service with Baptism, the Rev P. Filmer, Canon C. Bradbury, 6pm Evensong the Rev P.

Church, Bridge.

Other churches in the Bridge Group 8am BCP Communion, the Rev J. Shorrocks, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 9.30am Holy Communion the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Nackington.

No services at Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church Holy Communion, the Rev G. Bush.

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**Fish News:** The Christmas coffee Pop-In will be in the village hall on Wednesday, December 12, from 10am to 11.15am. Lifts can be arranged by phoning Ann Medhurst on 830762.

**Parish council:** Members meet in the Hunter Room of the village hall on Thursday, December 13, at 7.30pm. All parishioners are wel-

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Carols: The Ad Hoc carol singers  
will be singing around the village  
in aid of the charity L'Arche on  
Wednesday, December 19. They will  
start at the Plough and Harrow at  
8pm, followed by a visit to Skippers  
Restaurant, then on to the White

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Horse.

The Works, a group of young people aged from five, with their parents, will meet outside the Bridgeway Stores on December 20 at 6pm, for an hour's carol singing, followed by hot drinks and mince pies.

**Gig:** On Friday evening, December 14, Carmine, up tempo Celtic music, will be featured at the White Horse, Bridge.

**Church services:** Sunday, December 16, Advent 3, 10am Holy Communion with Baptism, Canon G. Manley, the Rev H. Connell St Peter's Church Bridge. No service this week at St Mary's Church Patricxbourne. Other churches in the Bridge Group: 9am BCP Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 10am Holy Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 3pm Crib Service, Mrs M. Clarke, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres. 11am Bridge Methodist Church Service led by Mrs M. Beckwith.

**History Society:** An illustrated talk was given by Anthea Bryant on Nelson and his life and career, starting with his introduction to the Navy at Chatham.

The next meeting will be in Bridge Village Hall on January 22, at 7.30pm when Brian Fagg will talk on Old Ramsgate.

**Carols:** The festive season began in the recently-extended Bridge Primary School hall, which can now comfortably accommodate the large numbers who attend the Salvation Army carol concert, now established as one of the village's most popular events.

An innovation this year was the attendance of the school choir, who performed a number of solo carols. A humorous interlude was provided when children from the audience were invited to accompany the band on a variety of percussion instruments.

Afterwards the head teacher, Anna Newton, thanked the band and the choir.

**Golden Jubilee:** The inaugural meeting of those organisations interested in forming the Bridge Golden Jubilee Committee, met at the White Horse on Wednesday, December 5, to elect their officers, details of which will be published later. Meanwhile any organisations or individuals interested in supporting this project can contact Alan Walton on 01227 830249.

**Gardeners:** At the Nailbourne Horticultural Society's Christmas social in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday, December 4, Jill Snashell showed how to make seasonal arrangements, and also help mem-

bers to make their own. This was followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

**Anti-Skid:** The new surface that was supposed to be laid overnight on Town Hill earlier in the month has had to be postponed because it can only be laid in dry conditions.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** As Christmas approaches, burglaries and thefts from cars increase as thieves try to get their hands on expensive presents. Be extra careful about locking up when you leave the house or your car. Look out for suspicious loiterers in car parks. Don't leave presents where they can be seen from the outside.

There have been more acts of vandalism in the village. Report any relevant information to the police on 762055.

**Bazaar:** The primary school's fundraiser was successful. Not only was there a visit from Father Christmas, but a great variety of stalls and a raffle, while refreshments were served throughout the afternoon. Anna Newton, the Head Teacher, thanks all who organised and supported the event.

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**WI:** At the December meeting of the Bridge and Patrixbourne group members enjoyed a buffet supper. In a talk by Mrs C. Wade they heard that smugglers were not the romantic characters that they read about in fiction.

Mrs Watson won the competition for a Christmas table decoration and Jean Foster the cup for most competition points in the last year.

On Tuesday, January 15, Mrs Jan Clover's talk is on basket making and the competition for photograph of a winter scene. Visitors and new members will be welcome.

**History Society:** Forty-one members held their Christmas buffet lunch at the White Horse, preceded by a photo quiz of old and new Canterbury in the village hall.

After the lunch, members were invited to complete both a general knowledge and a cryptic quiz. Cllr Martin Vye won the photo quiz, Ann Gilmore the general knowledge and Peter Lawrence the lucky number competition.

The chairman John Bishop thanked those who supported the occasion, and Alan Walton, the landlord, for the buffet. He in turn was thanked by Jenny Vye for his work in making the event so successful. The next illustrated talk on Old Ramsgate will be given by Brian Fagg in the village hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, January 22.

**Church Services (Bridge Group):** Friday, December 21, 7pm, carol service St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne. Sunday, December 23, 8am BCP Communion, the Rev J. Packer, and 6pm carol service, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 10am Holy Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne; 9.30am Holy Communion, Canon R. Diss, St Mary's Church Nackington; 10am Nativity service, Mrs Pat Kusel, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 3pm carol service, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres.

**Christmas Eve:** 4pm Christingle service, the Rev P. Filmer and 11.30pm Holy Communion, the Rev

Bridge; 11.30pm, Holy Communion the Rev J. Shorrocks, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 11.30pm Holy Communion Canon R. Diss, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres.

**Christmas Day:** 8am BCP Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 9.30am Holy Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne; 10am Family Service, Mrs M. Clarke, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 11am carol service, the Rev P. Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne.

**Sunday, December 30,** one Benefice Service only for the whole group at 10am, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres.

**Bridge Methodist Church:** 11am Sunday, December 23, Christingle service conducted by the Rev David Marshall; Sunday, December 30, 11am service led by the Rev Donald Lugg.

**Parish council: Traffic calming:**

Kent Highways says the gully on the Canterbury side of the crossing will be adjusted by the contractor working on the footway to the surgery.

It confirms that the grating is standard and the closer-gridded type is not used unless it is in a pedestrian area. It says the outstanding work to the traffic calming, including anti-skid surfacing, is due to be completed within the next few weeks.

Cllr Anderson reported that two parking attendants were seen in the village on Monday evening issuing parking tickets.

**Christmas trees:**

Cllr Walder said the erection of Christmas trees had gone well with the help of Cllr Gulvin, four Venture Scouts and a few villagers. Cllr Anderson thanked Cllrs Walder and Gulvin and their helpers for their work and villagers in the High Street who made donations.

**Sandbags store:**

It was reported that the sandbag store door had been vandalised and it was agreed that the clerk should write to Canterbury City Council for details of the supplier so the door can be repaired or replaced. The clerk was also requested to see if a notice can be supplied for the outside of the store stating its contents to avoid any misconception of the value of goods held in it.

**Planning:**

The following application is being considered:

Cal01/1268/Bri, porch to front and conservatory to rear of 4 Filmer

cations had been notified as granted: Ca/01/temp/1, replacement building at Bridge After School Club and Woodpecker Nursery, Conyngham Lane, Ca/01/1116/Bri, change of use to garden and formation of new vehicular access adjacent to Field House, Station Road, Cal01/0095/Bri, replacement two-storey rear extension, internal and external alterations at Lynton House, High Street, Ca/01/0675/Bri, replacement two-storey rear extension at Lynton House, High Street.

The following notice is being considered: Fell two laburnum trees and one decaying crab apple tree at front, one to side and one to rear of 2A Meadow Close, Bridge.

A tree preservation order will be served to control proposed work at Coppice, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

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**Singers:** Carols around the village performed by the Ad Hoc singers raised £156 for the charity L'Arche. The organisers thank the Plough and Harrow, Skippers Restaurant and the White Horse for their hospitality and support, as well as the choir who' under the director of music Dr Peter Giles, gave so freely of their time.

**Opening:** The Red Lion in the High Street re-opened its doors for the first time in nearly 12 months on Christmas Eve. Landlord John Leeming will be pleased to welcome old and new customers. After extensive flood damage last January, the inn has undergone a total refit. Food service will not be available until the New Year.

**Surgery:** On Friday, January 25, Drs Jones, Sykes and Rafla will move into the New Bridge Health Centre in Patricbourne Road, before it opens on Monday, January 28. On Saturday, January 26, the public will have the chance to visit the new centre between 10am and noon.

**Church services:** Sunday, December 30, one Benefice service only in the Bridge Group; 10am Holy Communion, the Rev P Filmer, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres. 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev Donald Lugg. There are no New Year services, until January 6.