

Irish accent.

Parish council: The next meeting is in the Hunter Room of the Village Hall on Thursday, July 11, at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome.

CHEK: A bring and buy sale at Mansfield Court raised £400 for the fund. Kate Welsh, the organiser, thanks all those who supported it.

Primary School: The dedication and opening of the new school building by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, took place on Friday. The school hall was packed to capacity with children, teachers, staff, governors and all those involved with its development, from Kent County Council, architects, builders and local councillors and officers.

Acknowledgements were given by the head mistress, Mrs Anna Newton, to everyone involved in the whole project reaching fruition. Readings were given by groups of children, with their thoughts on the school.

A reply was given by Cllr P. Carter, cabinet member for education standards and pupil services for the County Council.

After the Archbishop's dedication and blessing, presentations of paintings of the new school by pupils were made to the Archbishop and to Mr Carter. A celebration cake was cut and a short musical interlude was performed by a group of pupils. Visitors were invited to tour the school.

Fish News: The committee thanks everyone who made the annual coffee morning and sale such a success.

The next coffee pop-in will be on Wednesday, July 10 from 10-11.15am in the village hall. If you would like to attend but have no transport, phone Ann Medhurst on 830762.

Summer show: The Nailbourne Horticultural Society has its summer show at Bridge School on Saturday, July 27. Contributions of surplus plants would be welcome for the plant stall nearer the time. Anyone requiring show schedules can phone one of the following members, Mrs Billie Anderson on 01227 830260, Mrs Ann Edmonds on 830795 or Kathy Walder on 830057. You must be a paid-up member of the society to

record was set for the house to house collection for Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne when £1,446.96 was banked as the result of residents' generosity and the efforts of the collectors. More than £400 of the total sum was gift aided and therefore the true total after the tax allowances are applied, is nearer £1,600.

Chris Hoare the organiser, thanks all for their part in achieving this result, to enable Christian Aid to continue and develop its programme for fair trade and the relief of poverty.

Royal British Legion: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9, at 8pm, in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. The branch dinner will be on Friday, September 27, at the Littlebourne Hall, further details later.

Benefice barbecue: This will be on Saturday, July 13, from 5.30pm, at Patricxbourne Cottage, Patricxbourne, with parking next to the Recreation Ground. Cost is £3 per adult, £8 per family. To book phone Pat Dunderdale on 830668 or Andrea Nicholson 830947. Take your own plates, cutlery, glasses and drink. All are welcome, names by Thursday, July 11.

Church news: Patricxbourne with Bridge Parochial Church Council has decided to move the Bridge Evensong from the second Sunday in the month to the first Sunday of each month. This change follows the shift to the first Sunday for June Evensong, and will be reviewed at the end of the year.

The German church visit to Patricxbourne with Bridge Harvest Lunch will be on September 29. Preparation continues and the parish is looking for families across the group to host one or more of the guests. An understanding of German is not necessary as the German party have been selected for their ability to speak reasonable English. If you are interested phone Paul Filmer on 01227 830250.

Aylesham Church will host a Taize-style service for all the churches in East Bridge Deanery at 6pm on Sunday, July 14, followed by a barbecue, take your own meat and drinks. All are welcome and if you would like a lift, phone Mr Filmer on 830250.

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BRIDGE

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Neighbourhood Watch: Two burglars struck in Whitstable and Blean last week. One knocks on the door and asks permission to look for a ball in the garden.

While the householder is distracted, the other enters the house and steals valuables. One is in his late teens with (possibly) bleached hair, the other early 20s

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Diary dates: Monday, July 8, 7.30pm Caring and Sharing Group social evening at 34 Western Avenue; 8pm Senior Confirmation, The Vicarage; Wednesday July 10, 10am, NADFAS Bridge Church, 6pm Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow, Bridge.

Other parishes in the Bridge Group, Saturday, July 6, 9am Friends of Bekesbourne Church boot fair at Parsonage Farm, Bekesbourne, pitches £6, phone 768925 or 832134 to book a space; Sunday, July 14, 7.30pm St Mary's Church, Lower Hardres, Music for a Summer Evening, The Highworth School Chamber Choir presents madrigals, part-songs, barbershop and songs from the shows. Admission £6.

Church services: Sunday, July 7, Trinity 6: 8am BCP Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne; 10am Holy Communion, Mr Filmer; 6pm Evensong, Mrs M. Clarke and Mr Filmer, St Peter's Church Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge Group, 10am, Holy Communion, Canon R. Humphries, St Mary The Virgin, Lower Hardres; 10am Family Service, Mrs P. Kusel, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev George Baugh.

coffee pop-in will be on Wednesday, August 14, in the village hall from 10-11.15am.

Joyce Rose: The death is announced of Joyce Rose, last Saturday, aged 90. She was a well known figure in the village and church communities and condolences go to her husband Bill and their family. They were both to celebrate their 90th birthdays later this year.

After a private cremation, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving in St Peter's Church, Bridge to celebrate her life, in the church that they have served so well. The service will be on Thursday, July 25, at 3pm.

Holiday fun: Music for children aged three to 12 from August 12-15 from 9am to 12.30pm each day, will be provided at the village hall. Singing, recorders, movement, drama, keyboards, violins, cello will be provided. For details phone Margaret on 01227 275046.

Playgroup: The group meets at the village hall in the High Street on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 9am to noon. It is for children aged two and a half to school age and costs £4.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 to 11.30am is pre-school for elder children, with an emphasis on developing skills needed at school, £4.25.

It is registered to receive Government pre-school funding for three to four years olds, with fully qualified and experienced staff, and had an excellent OFSTED report. Phone Rosie Lawn on 01227 832920 or Playgroup mobile 07980425109 (am).

School News: The art and music evening at Bridge and Patricbourne Primary School on the Tuesday before the end of term was well supported by parents, family, friends and invited guests. The art exhibition filled the school hall and all the classrooms, and was impressive not only for its variety, but also for the versatility of the different media and techniques involved. It was interesting to see such development encouraged by the teaching staff from the early years up to school leaving age.

The open air concert in the grounds was blessed with a superb summer evening. The programme began with the woodwind group performing Trumpet Voluntary, and Give my Regards to Broadway, followed by Daisy Markes, cello, playing Elgar's Salut d'Amour. Year 2 children gave a rendering of Bumblesnouts, a story in words and song. Emily Renshaw sang

Vaughan Williams's Silent Noon and Gershwin's Nice Work If You Can Get It.

After the interval the guitar group played Riverbank, Clouds, Malaguena and 12 Bar Blues. Year 3 and 4 children sang from their show Swashbuckling. The Snowdown Colliery Welfare Band performed Rock around Clock and YMCA Year 5 and 6 Children songs were Take My Life, Siyahambe and A Man For All the People. Rayne Homewood sang When You Say Nothing At All, Overstreet. Mr Lockerby sang with his guitar accompaniment including Elation and Fields of Gold. The finale, Thank you for the Music, was sung with gusto by the staff choir.

The school also entered two Kwik Cricket teams in area matches at Polo Farm. The B team finished in fifth place and the A team won the competition. This success took the A team to the Kent tournament at the St Lawrence Ground, Canterbury, where they won. In the regional final at East Grinstead, the team finished in second place, after an exciting and close game. Congratulations to David van Rooyen (captain), Louis Conradie, Jessica Cutter, Elliot Denham, Richard Hartland, James Macey, David McKeever, Andrew Sutherland, Andrew Taylor and Charley Turnbull.

Gardeners: Nailbourne Horticultural Society's summer show is at Bridge School on Saturday, July 27. Doors open at 2.30pm and prizes will be presented at 4pm. Raffle, tea and plant stalls will be available during the afternoon.

Church Diary: Sunday, July 28, The Works, St Peter's Church, Bridge, 10am; Thursday, August 1, Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7pm; Saturday, August 3, Friends of Bekebourne Church concert.

Church services: Sunday, July 28 Trinity 9, 8am BCP Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 10am Holy Communion, Mr Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patricbourne. Other churches in the Bridge Group, 9.30am Holy Communion, Canon R. Diss, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 6pm Evensong, Mr Filmer and Mrs M. Clarke, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres; 11am, Bridge Methodist Church service led by Miss J. Hall.

Neighbourhood Watch: A warning has been received that a company concerned with environmental controls is cold calling on the phone seeking to set up appointments with residents in the Canterbury area.

Remember that no company is entitled to claim that it is approved by, recommended by or acting on behalf of the Police, the City or Kent County Council, or the European Union. Police advice is not to buy at the door. You have the right to decline to make an appointment, or even to talk to any trader, and to refuse them admittance into your home.

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BRIDGE

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Flood Warning: A letter from the flood warning officer of the Environmental Agency written on July 18 and posted on July 19 and arrived on the desk of the parish clerk on Saturday, July 20. It was to invite councillors and interested parishioners to a meeting regarding the agency's flood warning service covering the Nailbourne and Little Stour between Lyminge and Stourmouth. The aim of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for parishioners to discuss the warning service with the agency and to allow it to explain the process. There were two dates booked for this, one July 22, now past, and the other on Thursday, July 25, at 6pm. It will last for an hour at Littlebourne Village hall.

If anyone wishes to attend at this short notice they are asked to phone Lesley Mannini on 01732 223256 to confirm that they will be there. If there is a strong enough objection to the short notice given to advertise this event, the parish council will try to arrange for another in the future. Phone the parish clerk on 01303 862814.

FISH scheme: Organisers would like to know of anybody who would enjoy the housebound library services it provides. Phone Sheila Knox on 831915 for details. The next

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