

Hall 10 to 11.15am. In future the mobile chiropody patients will be treated at the Bridge Medical Centre in Patrixbourne Road. If you do not receive a new appointment or need any further information, please contact the centre on 01227 831900. Requests for transport to the clinic should be made to Ann Medhurst on 01227 830762.

**Parish Council:** The September meeting will be on Thursday, September 12, at 7.30pm in the Hunter Room of the Bridge Village Hall. All residents of Bridge are welcome to attend.

**Auction of Promises:** An auction is arranged to raise money for the Raleigh International Costa Rica Expedition in February 2003. Please come along to this family fun event on Saturday, September 14, at 6pm in the Bridge and Patrixbourne Primary School Hall. Entrance is adults £2, children 50p, including refreshments. All proceeds go directly towards the work of Raleigh International Youth Development Charity, which is a registered UK charity (1047653). If you have any skills to offer such as gardening, hampers, dog walking or any items please phone Amy Filmer on 01227 8340917. Lots range from a nights babysitting to an hour's helicopter ride from Invicta FM. More lots are required to raise the £3,200 required before December to fund Amy's position on the three-month expedition.

**Sponsored Bike Ride:** Bicycle or walk around local churches and chapels on September 14 to raise money for the restoration and maintenance of these buildings. Sponsorship forms are available from Melanie Maclean on 01227 830455, Muriel Cullen, on 01227 832694, for Bridge or Pauline Pritchard, on 01227 830685, for Patrixbourne.

**Luncheon:** At a special occasion held in the Bridge and Patrixbourne School Hall, Bill Rose and his family held a private luncheon at the end of August, to not only celebrate his 90th birthday, but to celebrate 64 years of happy marriage to his late wife Joyce who was also 90 this year before her recent death. It was her wish that the celebration should go ahead. Afterwards the opportunity was taken to launch his book of extracts from the diaries of Sergeant William C. Rose R.A.F.V.R. Japanese POW entitled *You Shook My Hand*, copies price £10 are available from booksellers or directly from Bill Rose on 01227

830560.

**Church dates:** Monday, September 9, 7.30pm at Bridge Vicarage Caring and Sharing Group. Coffee and Chat, bring something from the summer holidays. On Wednesday, September 11, NADFAS at St Peter's Church, Bridge at 10am. Ears and beers at the Plough and Harrow, Bridge at 6pm.

**Church Services:** On Sunday, September 8, Trinity 15, 10am Matins with Chris Maclean at St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne. At 11am Family service and Baptism with Rev P. Filmer and Martin Leggatt at St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge Group: 8am BCP Communion with Rev J. Shorrock at St Peter's Church, Bekesourne, 9.30am Holy Communion with Rev P. Filmer at St Mary's Church, Nackington, 11am Bridge Methodist Church Service led by Miss J. Hall.

## BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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FISH news: The September Coffee  
Pop-In will be on Wednesday,  
September 11, in Bridge Village

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**WI:** Bridge with Patribourne branch will meet on Tuesday, September 17, at 7.30pm, in the Bridge Village Hall. The speaker will be Radio Kent presenter Paul Harris who will talk about the History of Seaside Entertainment. The competition will be a Seaside Photograph. New members and visitors will be made very welcome. The WI are holding a quiz night on Saturday, October 26, in Bridge Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm. Admission is £4 and tables are for 6 to 8 players. Bring your own drinks but a ploughmans supper is included in the price. To book tables, ring 01227 830235 or 01227 832042.

**New Hall:** The Bridge Village Hall Management Committee are to hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 19, at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall, to get as much village opinion as possible as to whether residents would like a new village hall. If so, where would it be and what facilities would they like?. Please come along with ideas or visit: [www.bridgehall.co.uk](http://www.bridgehall.co.uk)

**Coffee Morning:** A coffee morning in aid of the Patribourne and Bridge PCC will be held on Saturday, September 21, 10am to noon in the Bridge Village Hall. There will be a cake stall, jigsaw stall, books, bric-a-brac and a raffle.

Tuesday, September 17, 8pm, After Eights Group, at 10 Union Road, Bridge.

**Church Services:** Sunday, September 15, Trinity 15. 10am Holy Communion Canon G. Manley, St Peter's Church, Bridge. No service at St Mary's Church

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Patricxbourne today, other Churches in the Bridge Group 8am BCP Communion Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church Nackington. 10am Family Service Mrs M. Clarke, St Mary the Virgin Lower Hardres. 10am Holy Communion Rev P. Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. 1am Bridge Methodist Church Service led by Mrs M. Beckwith.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** There has been yet another act of vandalism at Bridge Primary School. Nothing was seen but local youths are thought to be responsible. Also two forged Scottish £20 have been found. They were passed on by a white man, about 20 years old, short, with short ginger hair and a local accent.



# BISHOPSBOURNE

**Correspondent: Malcolm Mitchell,  
The Old Cottage, , Bishopsbourne,  
CT4 5HT**

**Church news:** Holy Communion was celebrated at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday morning, September 8.

This Sunday, September 15, there are no services at Bishopsbourne or St Margaret of Antioch, Womenswold. Instead, parishioners are invited to attend any of the following services in churches in the Barham Downs united benefice, of which Bishopsbourne is a member:

Holy Communion, 8am, St John the Baptist, Barham; the Eucharist, 10am, St Giles's, Kingston; evening prayer, 6pm, St John the Baptist. There is also Communion at the Methodist Chapel, Barham, at 10am.

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**Ordination:** Parishioners are invited to attend the ordination service for Lizzie Hophrow, for many years a chorister and reader in the Barham Downs benefice, which is being held in Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday, September 28, at 3pm.

**Bike ride:** Bishopsbourne's organiser for the Friends of Kent Churches sponsored walk/ride on Saturday, September 14, would still be grateful to hear from anyone willing to take part or to man the church on Sunday to provide a welcome and refreshment for riders from other parishes.

The annual ride helps raise cash for the Friends, who help meet the cost of maintenance and repairs in the county's ancient churches. Riders or walkers taking part donate half their sponsorship to the Friends and half to the church of their choice.

Mr Rooke can be contacted at 2 Park Lane, Bishopsbourne, telephone 01227 832654.

**Harvest supper:** Bishopsbourne's traditional harvest supper will be held in the Conrad Hall on Saturday, October 5, at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Tickets at £5 adults, £3 children, can be had from Sheila Castle, telephone 01227 831184, or Phillipa Burniston, telephone 01227 830341.

**For youth:** The holiday activity sessions organised by Anglicans and Methodists in Barham proved so successful that monthly sessions are to be held on Saturday mornings from 10am until noon, in the Methodist Chapel for children aged four to 11.

To be known as the King's Club, the first will be on September 21, with a harvest theme. Further sessions will be held on October 26, November 23 and December 21.

Each session will feature a Bible story, with lots of craft, music and drama, with the intention that the children will share their activities with the congregation during the united family Sunday service in St John's Church at 10am the following morning.

For details of any of the above church activities or any others contact the Rector, the Rev David Roper, phone 01227 831340, e-mail david.roper@clara.co.uk or the curate, the Rev Lindsay Llewellyn, phone 01227 454704, e-mail lindsay@hercomputer.fsworld.co.uk

**Magazine:** Articles for publication in the October edition of the

Bishopsbourne and Kingston parish magazine should be delivered to the editor, Carol Arter by Sunday, September 15. She can be contacted at 5 Greenacre, Kingston, telephone 01227 830068.

**Cricket:** Bishopsbourne travelled to Kennington, Ashford, on Sunday, September 8, but this Sunday, September 15, they return to their Charlton Park ground where they entertain Boughton and Eastwell with a 1.30pm start.

Their season will end with a final home match, against Northdown, on Sunday, September 22, again starting at 1pm.

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**Tennis Club:** There was a break in to an equipment store at Bridge Tennis Club and the door was smashed in. CCTV is in operation and it is hoped that the vandals will be identified when the film is processed.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Floral Competition: The winners were the White Horse, large frontage businesses, and Colebrook and Sturrock, small frontage businesses. Presentations of the trophies had taken place. Cllr Walder reported that the displays throughout the village have been outstanding and the quality stunning.

**Playground surface:** The clerk reported that Wicksteed were asked to carry out a repair to the surface at the log swing under guarantee, but they have inspected the site and report that as the area concerned has been removed they can only put this down to vandalism. It was agreed that the repair would be carried out along with another area recommended following the inspection and the clerk was requested to arrange this.

**Bulb planting:** It was agreed to ask David Waters to carry out the bulb planting behind the seat at the junction of Bridge Hill and Beech Hill following the donation to fund bulbs by Mrs J. Perrin of Bridge Down some while ago. The clerk volunteered to purchase the bulbs for planting.

**Village seats:** Cllr Monk requested that the supply of additional village seating be considered and it was agreed to look at the possibility of funding additional

seats when preparing the budget. Cllr Gulvin confirmed that the repair of the broken seat at the recreation ground was in hand.

**Planning applications:** The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration: Ca/02/01091/Bri, change of use from hotel to single dwelling at East Bridge Country Hotel, Bridge Hill, Bridge; Ca/02/01090/Bri, erection of single-storey rear extension and car port at 10 Brewery Lane, Bridge. **Planning applications granted:** The following planning application has been notified as granted: Ca/02/0508/Bri, two and single-storey extension to care home including alterations to existing buildings at Saxon Lodge, 30/32 Western Avenue, Bridge.

**Applications rejected:** The following planning applications have been notified as rejected: Ca/02/0738/Bri, replacement of 20 metre monopole and equipment cabinets in existing compound at Highlands Court Farm, Bekesbourne.

**Work to trees:** The following notices of proposed work have been received. Fell one conifer and cut back yew tree adjacent to shared driveway at Trees, Bridge Hill, Bridge. Fell 15 leylandi trees along part of one boundary of rear garden at 65 High Street, Bridge. Work for which a Tree Preservation Order is not being served is as follows: Fell one dead silver birch and remove small elder from yew hedge at Barberry Cottage, Patribourne Road, Bridge.

**German visit:** Guests from Trinity Church (Trinitatiskirche) in Marburg, Germany will be visiting Bridge over the weekend of September 27 to 30. Church families will host the group and activities have been arranged on Saturday and Sunday. Everyone is invited to a international game of Bingo on Saturday evening at Bridge School from 8pm. There will also be a special family service at St Peter's Church, Bridge at 11am on Sunday. The service will be followed by the parish harvest lunch at Bridge School, and a slide show about the church and the city of Marburg by the guests.

Please contact Pat Dunderdale on 01227 830668 or Andrea Nicholson on 01227 830947 to book your lunch. Tickets £4 adult £10 family. Please bring your own plate, glasses and drinks. Please book your places by September 24. This event is organised by the Patribourne with

Bridge PCC on behalf of the Bridge group of parishes.

**New Season:** The new season for the Bridge History Society starts on Tuesday, September 24, at 7.30pm in the Bridge Village Hall. The opening session will begin with a short annual meeting, to be followed by a talk called Bridge the first 2000 years. The talk will be given by the treasurer, Maurice Raraty. Coffee and tea will be served. New members are welcome. The annual subscription is £6 per year for individuals and £10 per couple. Further details about the annual programme are available from David Gilmour, phone 01227 832450.

**City Councillor:** City Councillor for the North Nailborne Ward Cllr Bill Oakey will be holding his monthly surgery at the Bridge Methodist Church, Patribourne Road, Bridge, on Saturday, September 21, from 10am to noon. He will be pleased to discuss any problems or concerns with the villagers within his ward.

**Church Diary:** On Saturday, September 21, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres Junior choir, 10.15am. Sunday, September 22, The Works, St Peter's Church, Bridge, 10am. Wednesday, September 25, 10am NADFAS St Peter's Church, Bridge.

**Church services:** On Sunday, September 22, Trinity 17, 8am BCP Communion, with the Rev P. Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge. 10am Harvest Communion with the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patribourne. Other churches in the Bridge group: 9.30am Harvest Communion with Canon R. Diss, St Mary's Church, Nackington. No service at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on Thursday, September 19. 11am, Bridge Methodist Church led by Mr K. Adams.

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what facilities they would be looking for.

**Jumble sale:** A jumble sale in aid of Bridge Village Playgroup will be held in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday, October 5, between 2 and 4pm. Entrance 20p, no charge for children. Anyone who has any bric-a-brac, books, toys, jumble can take it to the hall on the day between 10am and noon.

**Church services:** On Sunday, September 29, Trinity 18. Two services only in the Bridge Group of Parishes this week due to the visitation of the German guests from the Trinitatiskirche in Marburg Germany, 9.30pm Holy Communion with the Rev P. Filmer and Professor H. Hentschal at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne.

11am Family service Rev P. Filmer and Pfr H. Hentschal at St Peter's Church, Bridge. 11am Bridge Methodist Church Harvest Festival Service led by Dr C. Pilkington.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** There have been several thefts of cycles and motorcycles in Bridge recently. Please try to make sure your vehicles are secure when parked. There was also a burglary at a large country house near the village in which several valuable ornaments were stolen. As the evenings get darker it is worth reviewing your home security.

**WI:** Bridge with Patribourne branch were entertained at their September meeting by comedian Paul Harris. He gave a witty account of the origins of seaside entertainment. The competition for a seaside photograph was jointly won by Dorothy King and Pamela Elgar. At the October meeting Mrs A. Austin will be making a Christmas decoration. The competition will be Ghosts, Ghouls and Goblins made from paper, the winning entry to go to the group meeting. There is still time to book a table for the quiz night on Saturday, October 26, at 7.30pm in the Bridge Village Hall. Admission is £4 each a ploughman's supper included but please bring your own drinks. To book please phone 01227 830253 or 01227 832042.

**Coffee morning:** A coffee morning in aid of the parish of Patribourne with Bridge last Saturday raised £302. The organisers would like to thank the helpers for all their hard work and all those who supported the event to make it such a success.

**Church News:** It is suspected that many families who do not attend church feel that it would be hypocritical to request a church

funeral for their loved ones. Parish churches welcome the opportunity to help anyone looking for a Christian ceremony regardless of previous association. For all inquiries phone Rev Paul Filmer on 01227 830250.

Parish Harvest Lunch will be at Bridge School at 12.30pm on Sunday, September 29.

Caring and Sharing group coffee and chat at 7.30pm on Monday, September 30, at 20 Riverside Close.

Health and Healing Prayer Group meets at 7pm on Thursday, October 3, at 7 Windmill Close, Bridge.

Fund, on Thursday, September 26, 10 to 11.30am at Chartham Mill Social Club. All are welcome.

**Ladies Group:** Thursday, September 5, was the visit to Brogdale Horticultural Trust. Brogdale is the central gene bank for any nursery in the world to call on with regard to fruit growing and was now run on a tripartite system involving DEFRA, Imperial College Wye and the Brogdale Trust. The tour was followed by a lovely tea and a visit to the gift shop.

Thursday, October 3, is the Harvest Supper in the hall at 7.30pm. Members who are intending to

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**Village Hall:** Before an audience of 54 residents Janet Horsley of the Bridge Village Hall Management Committee introduced Mark Esdale, who intends to research the viability of building, siting and funding a new village hall for Bridge. He wanted to obtain feedback from those present about

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