

Council in April 2003 for a four-year term. How many vacancies that may occur at that time is unknown for now. It would, however, be a good idea for anyone interested in serving their local community to attend one of the monthly meetings before that date, to make themselves acquainted with what goes on. These meetings are held at 7.30pm on the second Thursday of the month. To be a member of the Parish Council can be a very rewarding experience, as well as giving a good insight into the workings required to support village life.

Neighbourhood Watch: In the last week there have been burglaries in villages near Bridge. The intruders entered through windows. As the evenings get darker thieves take advantage. Window locks help to keep your property secure and are readily available at DIY stores. Security lights are a good deterrent as well. Items were stolen from a car parked in Safeway's car park at St Georges Street.

Police advice is to keep valuables out of sight, locked in the boot, when you park your car.

History Society: The History Society of Bridge and District held their annual meeting in a packed Bridge Village Hall.

The chairman John Bishop welcomed everyone and reported that another successful season of talks and outings had taken place. The membership numbers were increasing all the time and it would probably become necessary to find a larger venue such as the Bridge Primary School Hall for the lectures and other indoor events. He also warned members to book early for outings, as for various reasons it may be necessary to limit numbers. After this meeting there would be a further 15 events throughout the season before the next annual meeting, covering a wide variety of historical subjects. He also went on to thank all the members of his committee for all their hard work over the last 12 months and introduced Maurice Raraty, the society's treasurer, who provided a healthy statement of accounts for the previous year, and also thanked the Independent examiner Mr L.F. Nicholls for confirming the accounts. The Treasurer went on to announce that there would be no increase in the annual subscriptions, but there

would be a slight increase in the charges of admission to compensate for the increase in fees for providing quality speakers. After business, Maurice Raraty gave an illustrated talk on Bridge - The First 2000 Years, with the aid of material from the village archive. Membership is annual, starting from now. Rates are £6 single, £10 double and £4 for each additional person residing at the same address. For details ring 01227 830508 or 832596.

The FISH Scheme: The scheme, covering the villages of Bridge, Patricxbourne, Bekesbourne and Bishopsbourne, will be holding its annual meeting in conjunction with the monthly coffee pop-in on Wednesday, October 9, from 10 to 11.15am in the Bridge Village Hall. If you require a lift please contact Ann Medhurst on 830762.

Art in Bridge: Art in Bridge, in conjunction with the Canterbury Festival - two art exhibitions are to be held in the village this month.

First, The Pub is the Hub - an exhibition of works by artists in the Plough and Harrow pub, High Street, Bridge, from October 16 to 26, during normal pub hours. For further information, please contact Elisa Darcy Mortimer on 832885.

Secondly, the open exhibition in the Bridge Village Hall on October 19 and 20, 11am to 5pm. Entrance free, refreshments available. Anyone working in or near Bridge is invited to exhibit up to three works of art. They can be hung on the wall or pinned to one of the display boards. Children and young people are especially encouraged to exhibit. We hope that you will submit new work but we will be happy to show the same work as last year. Exhibits should be brought to the village hall between 7.30pm and 9pm on Friday, October 18.

For adults there will be a charge of £1 per exhibit. You are welcome to sell your work, but we ask you to make a donation of 20 per cent of any sale to Art in Bridge. All proceeds will go to meet the exhibition costs and the promotion of Art in Bridge. If you require any further information, please contact John Corfield on 830976, Pam Dobson or Emily Shirley.

Chemist: Congratulations to Ian Barrie, of the Bridge Pharmacy, for being one of the first three pharmacies in Kent to obtain accreditation for Clinical Governance in

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Parish Council: The Parish Council meets in the Hunter Room of The Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, October 10, and all parishioners are welcome. The chairman John Anderson would like to remind all those named on the Bridge Electoral Register that they are eligible to stand for election to the Parish

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Neighbourhood Watch: The good news is that crime figures in Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay showed a reduction in July, August and September compared with the same period last year. Figures for all crimes fell by five per cent and burglaries were 45 per cent lower. Nevertheless, there are still regular reports of burglaries and of car thefts, so you should continue to be vigilant and review your home security arrangements.

Drains: Residents of Bridge and the surrounding area will be pleased to hear that the work carried out to upgrade and enlarge the drainage system in the High Street over most of this year, has now been virtually completed. Apart from the inconvenience caused to motorists while the work was going on. It is now hoped that this will go a long way to avoid further flooding in any future emergency.

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Black Spot: A site meeting was recently held between Michael Heath and Ruth Gaudie of Kent Highways, City Cllr Bill Oakey, and Cllr John Anderson chairman of Bridge Parish Council with Pat Gibb the proprietor of Higham Park and a group of interested local residents. This was to evaluate the lack of suitable road markings to warn motorists of the danger of accessing and exiting both Higham Lane and the Higham Court courtyard. The meeting have arrived at a satisfactory conclusion, the work is to be implemented in the very near future.

WI: Bridge with Patricbourne branch meeting will be held in Bridge village hall on Tuesday, October 15, at 7.30pm. Mrs A. Austin will be making a Christmas Decoration. The competition is Ghosts, Goblins and Ghouls made of paper, the winning entry going to the group meeting. There is still time to book your table for the quiz night on Saturday, October 26. Admission is £4 including a ploughman's supper. Please bring your own drinks. To book tables phone 01227 830235 or 01227 832042.

WEA: Workers of Educational Association, who are holding a course on The Best of Booker in the Plough and Harrow, Bridge one morning a week, are looking for a voluntary secretary for the Bridge branch. This is not a very time demanding task, but can be of great interest, helping to organise future events. Anybody interested should phone the duty organiser, Pearl Bostock, on 01227 721069.

History Society: An outing to Wye and Wye College will take place on Saturday, October 19. Members will be using their own cars starting from Bridge Recreation Ground car park at 1.30pm. Members £10, non-members £12.50 including tea. There will be a guided walk conducted by Muriel Connor. They will also visit the medieval Wye College for a tour and tea. For details phone John Bishop on 01227 832596.

League of Friends: The League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital's Nailbourne Group has had a very

League of Friends: The League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital's Nailbourne Group has had a very successful year and greatly appreciates all the support it has received. In addition to £823 subscriptions and donations and selling grand draw tickets, money has been raised at the coffee morning at the annual meeting in February and a very successful concert organised by Dr Stuart Field raised £872. This has enabled the group to contribute to the purchase of an ultrasound machine and a second pulse oxymeter and nebuliser for the chest clinic.

The group are very grateful to the donations made in memory of Pat Wilmhurst, Sidney Perrin and Joyce Rose.

Please help us to continue to support our hospital by making a donation and/or becoming a Friend of the Nailbourne Group at a minimal donation of £5 for the year to September 30, 2003. Cheques should be made payable to League of Friends Nailbourne Group.

Please post your contribution to The Treasurer, The League of Friends Nailbourne Group (Maggie Fairweather), 62 Bridge Down, Bridge, Kent CT4 5BA.

Alternatively envelopes may be left in Bridge at Frank Whitten's office, 29 High Street, Bridge. Please mark the envelopes League of Friends. The group raises money for the purchase of medical equipment and other items that benefit patients and their visitors, as well as providing volunteers to maintain services such as shops and tea bars. Its current policy is to buy only items that will contribute to benefit residents of the Canterbury area. In 2001 the local group raised a total of £2,823.75.

The current members of the Nailbourne Group Committee are: Elizabeth Stewart (chairman), Rosy Green (vice-chairman), Maggie Fairweather (treasurer), Christine Heap (secretary), Wendy Durell, Madeleine Franklin, Ann Medhurst, Madeline Phillips, Jane Millyard, Jackie Thackray, Judy West, Kate Whitton. Please contact any committee member if you would like to join or are prepared to help in any way at future events. Donations of cakes and goods are always appreciated.

Gig: On Friday evening, October 18, Rosies Dumplings, traditional celtic music at the White Horse,

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Church News: On Monday, October 14, Caring and Sharing Group meet at The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge at 7.30pm. On Tuesday, October 15, After Eights Group, 10 Union Road, Bridge, 8pm. On Saturday, October 19, Lower Hardres Junior Choir at St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres, 10.15am.

Church services: Sunday, October 13 Trinity 20, 10am Matins with Mr C. Maclean at St Mary's Church, Patricbourne. At 11am Harvest Family Service, with Rev P. Filmer at St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge Group 8am BCP Communion with Rev P. Filmer at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. 9.30am Holy Communion with Canon R. Diss at St Mary's Church, Nackington. No service at Lower Hardres. 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev P. Cornish.

Parish Clerk: It is with regret that the Parish Council has received the resignation of Geraldine McCombe, the much respected and valued parish clerk, to take effect from the end of the year. Now that family commitments have decreased the family intends to spent more time sailing in the new year, and we wish them well. The council will now be looking for someone locally to replace her, preferably living in the Bridge area. Details of the appointment will be published shortly.

Surgery: City Cllr for the North Nailbourne Ward Bill Oakey will be holding his monthly surgery at the Bekesbourne Village Hall this month on Saturday, October 19, from 10am to noon.

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Art Exhibition: In Bridge The Pub is the Hub an exhibition of work by artists in the Plough and Harrow until October 26, during pub hours. Open exhibition in the village hall, October 19 and 20, 11am to 5pm, entrance free.

Woodpeckers: The children and staff have now settled into their new term and the wonderful new

building. Over the last few weeks they have been learning about the autumn and the harvest, and are looking forward to making their autumn exhibit for the forthcoming art exhibition. They have had a fun-packed rest of term planned, learning about topics such as Bonfire Night. In the Garden, Musical Instruments, and Winter.

There will be a few spaces after the half term holiday for children aged between two-and-a-half and five to start at the nursery for morning sessions, 8.45 to 11.45am and afternoon session, noon to 2.45pm. Ring Angie Sheppard on 01227 831159 for more details.

Church Services: Sunday, October 20, Trinity 21, 10am, Holy Communion Canon G. Manley, St Peter's Church, Bridge. No service at St Mary's Patricxbourne. Other churches in the Bridge Group, 8am BCP Communion Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Nackington. 10am Holy Communion, Rev P. Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. 10am Harvest Family Service, Mrs M. Clarke, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres. 11am Bridge Methodist Church Service led by the Rev D. Marshall.

Fireworks: A Grand Firework Display and Bonfire organised by the Parents and Friends of Bridge Primary School will be held on The Meadow, Brewery Lane, Bridge, on Saturday, November 2. Gates open at 5.30pm, Hot Dog stall etc. Tickets £5 adult, £2 child, £10 Family two adults and up to four children. Available from Bridge School 01227 830276 up to October 25, or at the gate. This is usually a spectacular display.

Fish Scheme: The annual meeting was held in conjunction with the October coffee Pop-In. The meeting was chaired by the chairman of Bridge Parish Council, Cllr John Anderson, who expressed a vote of thanks to all the officers and committee members for all the hard work that they had put in over the last 12 months. Secretary Anne Rooke read the minutes of the last annual meeting. The co-ordinator Jean Johnson said it been a good year with all events running smoothly. This was said advisedly as when Ann and Rosie arrived at the village hall for the August coffee pop-in, only to find that the hall had been double booked by a lady running a children's dance class. They transferred across the road to the White Horse, this must be the first time that the event was held in a pub. Many thanks go to the staff of the White Horse for their hospitality and of course to Ann and Rosy for their organisation. The meetings are well supported with more men attending recently.

The paperback book swap continues to be popular, but there are fewer knitters to keep the Canterbury Health Centre supplied with baby clothes resulting in a bit of a glut of knitting wool at present. The transport service is running along nicely, 189 journeys were undertaken last year. There are 12 regular drivers on the books but new drivers would be welcome.

The Chiropody Mobile Clinic is no longer in operation as there is now a service at the health centre in Bridge. Joan Warren has organised appointments and transport for a number of years and has been much appreciated by many. The new service is open to everyone, but it is necessary to make an appointment. If transport is required phone Ann Medhurst.

The library exchange service has 15 people making use of it. Sheila Knox and Sheila Fenn report that they could accommodate more if there is a need.

A zimmer frame and a lightweight wheel chair will be continued to be based at Saxon Lodge, courtesy of Betty Richards. The wheelchair has recently been serviced by Barry Brazier. Both these items are available to borrow. Due to refurbishment at Saxon Lodge, there will be no longer room to house the commode. It has been suggested that it be given to the Red Cross.

Highlights of the year was the Blossom Tour, the annual fund-raising coffee morning, and the Golden Jubilee lunch.

The treasurer Bill McCarthy presented the accounts and reported that they were in a very healthy state, he also thanked the Independent Examiner Clive Medhurst for his report.

The election of officers. They and all the members of the committee were all willing to serve for a further year. This being the case they were collectively returned.

PARISH COUNCIL: Sandbag Store: The replacement is now completed and Canterbury City Council has provided the parish council with the keys.

Moles: Bounty Pest Control have confirmed that their monthly visits are controlling a very large mole problem at the recreation ground and, although they could increase visits to the site at a higher cost, they feel that the contract the parish council has at present will cure the problem given more time.

Vacancy - Parish Clerk: Councillors noted the clerk's resignation. Anyone interested in the vacancy should contact the clerk on 01303 862814 for information or write to 14 St Mary's Close, Etchinghill, Kent CT18 8NX. The closing date

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for applications is November 7.

Newsletter: Cllr Dobson provided councillors with the proof of the next newsletter which was unanimously agreed with a few minor alterations.

Christmas trees: Cllr Walder agreed to distribute the letter to the occupiers of the High Street to establish how many residents are prepared to have a Christmas tree sited outside their household/premises. Following its success last Christmas it is possible that more requests will be received this year and if this is the case it was agreed that requests will be treated on a first-come first-served basis.

Planning applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration: Ca/02/01178/Bri, installation of dormer window to front and roof lights to side of dwelling at 2a High Street, Bridge. **Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area:** The following notices of proposed work have been received: Various works to laurel, elder, yew, walnut, horse chestnut, apple and ash trees plus reduce two may trees and remove elder tree at Bourne Lodge, Bridge Hill, Bridge. Work for which a Tree Preservation Order is not being served is as follows: Fell one dead lime tree at Beechmount, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

Neighbourhood Watch: In the last week there have been several reports of car thefts and of damage to parked vehicles in villages around Canterbury. Steering wheel locks are an inexpensive way of deterring car thieves and police advise motorists not to leave anything valuable on view in your car. Parking in brightly lit areas may also help deter would-be thieves and vandals.

Unwanted Shrubs: Cllr Bill Oakey and his wife Liz are looking after the maintenance of one of the extended pavement areas, at the gated entrance to the village. They are appealing for any unwanted cuttings or low growing evergreen shrubs that can be easily maintained. Any offers please ring 01227 832397.

Church News: Monday, October 21, Caring and Sharing Group 7.30pm, Bridge Vicarage. Wednesday, October 23, NADFAS 10am, St Peter's Church Bridge. Charity Collections money raised at the Harvest Festivals in all five churches in the group, either through the plate or Smarties tubes will be given to overseas charities chosen by them. New Smarties tubes will be distributed to children for the Christmas collection, which will be the Childrens Society as usual.

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Neighbourhood Watch: Attempts have been made by bogus telephone callers to get personal financial information from householders. Do not provide any information about yourself over the phone to persons or organisations you do not know. In particular, never give your personal identification number (PIN) to anyone. Even your bank and the police will never ask you for these. There have been some burglaries in villages around Canterbury: If you mark your property with your postcode thieves will find it difficult to sell and you have more chance of having it recovered. If you own computer game consoles and games you should mark these with your postcode as well because thieves find these items attractive.

WI: At the October meeting of the

Bridge with Patricbourne WI Avril Austin demonstrated some traditional and some more modern Christmas decorations. The paper-made ghosts, goblins and ghouls competition was won by Jean Foster, whose exhibit will go on to the group meeting. The quiz night on Saturday, October 26, at Bridge Village Hall has unfortunately had to be cancelled.

Long-term Bridge resident Richard Beinder has died. Before retirement he was a senior master at St Antony's School in Thanet. He was also a very competent marine artist, and will be remembered in the village for his wrought iron design of the clock in the village hall, celebrating the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

Village Playgroup: Secretary Louise King would like to thank everyone for their help and for the jumble donations they were given. This enabled the sale to be a tremendous success, raising £244. This will enable them to spend money on equipment, materials, outings and the Christmas party.

Fish News: Everyone living alone is afraid of having an accident and being unable to summon help. The answer may be the Canterbury City Council's Lifeline service. For a charge of £2.25 per week, you will be fitted with an alarm pendant which summons help. There is no installation charge and a warden comes to your home to demonstrate it. For further details telephone 01227 862000 and ask for Lifeline.

The next coffee pop-in will be on Wednesday, November 13, in the Bridge Village Hall from 10 to 11.15am. New faces are very welcome.

Gig: On Friday, October 25, singer and guitarist Keith James is at The White Horse, Bridge. They have also announced their Christmas menu. For details phone 01227 830249.

Church News: Bridge Group Saturday, October 26, Lower Hardres and Nackington Autumn Fayre, John Baker White Hall.

Sunday October 27, The Works, St Peter's Church, Bridge 10am, wine and wisdom to be organised by the parish of Patricbourne with Bridge in the Bridge Village Hall on Saturday, November 17, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Book early to avoid disappointment. £5 per ticket to include ploughmans supper. Tables of eight or come along to make up a team on the night.

Church Services: Sunday 27, Last Sunday in Trinity. 8am BCP Communion Rev P. Filmer St Peter's Church Bridge, 10am Holy Communion Rev P. 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 Rev P. Filmer and Mrs M. Clarke St Mary the Virgin Lower Hardres. No service at Bekesbourne. 11am Bridge Methodist Church Service led by the Rev G. Baugh.

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BISHOPSBOURNE

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Church services: The Eucharist was celebrated by the Rector, the Rev David Roper, at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday, October 27.

Readings were by Audrey Fagg, Sheila Castle and Lorna Kenyon. Intercessions were led by Jane Tatum.

For All Saints Sunday, November 3, there will be Matins at 10am at St Mary's Church. Those members of the congregation unable to attend will be made welcome at any of the following services to be held at 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 Margaret of Antioch, Womenswold. There will also be Holy Communion at Barham Methodist Chapel at 10am.

Looking ahead to Remembrance

Sunday, November 10, there will be a service of Remembrance at St Mary's Bishopsbourne, with a wreath-laying ceremony at the village war memorial outside the church lychgate at 10.50am. The service will continue afterwards in church.

There will also be a Eucharist service at St John's, Barham, at 10am and at the same time, a family service at St Giles's, Kingston. Tomorrow, Friday, November 1, there will be a special All Souls service at St John's, Barham, at 7pm, to commemorate the departed. Anyone who would like the name of a loved one to be included in this service should contact a member of the parish clergy, details below, including the name and date of death, if possible.

The All Souls theme will continue at 9am on Saturday, November 2, with a special celebration of the Eucharist at St John's, Barham.

Musical evening: A parish musical evening in aid of church funds is being held at Charlton Park, by kind permission of Gubby Twigg, on Friday, November 8th.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and admission is by a minimum donation of £6. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the parochial church annual; names are available by contacting the council's acting secretary, Judith Mitchell, The Old Cottage, The Street, Bishopsbourne, telephone 01227 830645.

Book sale: The new Anglican-Methodist sponsored King's Club for young people of the Barham Downs parishes is flourishing, being held once a month on Saturday mornings at the Methodist Chapel, Barham.

To help finance its work, a book sale is being held in the Methodist Chapel, Barham, on Saturday, November 9, from 10am to noon. All welcome, for details contact Vicky Davis, telephone 01227 832782.

Harvest: All the produce gathered in at festival services across the united parish have now been delivered to Emmaus House, a charity working with the homeless at Dover.

For further information about future events or on any other church matters, contact any member of the ministry team: Rector, David Roper, telephone 01227 831340, email david.roper@clara.co.uk the curate, the Rev Lyndsay Llewellyn, telephone 01227 454704, e-mail Lindsay@hercomputer.fsworld.co.uk or the reader, Mary Ambrose, telephone 01227 830856. The Methodist minister the Rev Philip

Name plate: Villagers seem to have won the battle for the street name plate for the road leading out of the village from The Street towards Lower Hardres.

The parish council wanted it to be called Station Hill, the name by which it is known by villagers, especially those living there.

However, the city council insisted it should be called Crows Camp Road, after a settlement of a few Victorian houses about a mile out of the village.

The parish council suggested a compromise of Station Hill in large letters with 'leading to Crows Camp Road' in smaller ones, an idea which seems to have been approved after the City Council conducted a poll of people living at Station Hill.

Tree down: A beech tree in the garden of the Oswalds, reputed to have been more than 100 years old, was blown down in gales on Sunday, October 27, blocking Frog Lane, the road leading to the A2.

The road remained blocked until the tree was sawn up and removed.

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