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## BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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**Neighbourhood Watch:** When using a cash machine, be careful if someone tries to distract your attention by, for example, telling you that you have dropped some money. They are trying to steal your card while your attention is elsewhere. Following last week's storm there is likely to be an increase in

doorstep callers offering to repair roofs and chimneys. Police advice is never to employ doorstep callers but to get at least three quotes from reputable firms. Car thefts continue to be reported in villages around Canterbury. You can obtain steering wheel immobilisers and other household security devices from the online shop at [www.ucanpreventcrime.co.uk](http://www.ucanpreventcrime.co.uk). Also on this website you can get the latest local crime news and advice about crime prevention.

**Fish Scheme:** November Coffee Pop-In will be in the Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, November 13, between 10 and 11.15am. If you need transport, contact Ann Medhurst on 01227 830762. New faces are very welcome.

**Church News:** Stewardship Appeal. The church as an organisation relies mainly on volunteers to keep its various functions active. Apart from the obvious work of maintaining the church buildings and providing regular opportunities for worship, we also work in our communities, through the school, residential homes, hospital and local voluntary groups.

If you consider yourself to be a member or friend of your local church, or simply appreciate the work it does in the community, as little as one hour each month or your spare time could make all the

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difference to us and the people who benefit from our work. There is a variety of activities in and around the church which can be very rewarding. In the first instance contact the Rev Paul Filmer, Priest in Charge of the Bridge Group on 01227 830250 or churchwarden Lawrence Dunderdale, on 01227 830668, to obtain details, without obligation.

Remembrance Sunday, November 10. This year there will be two Remembrance day services in the benefice. At Nackington, parishioners will walk down to the memorial on Nackington Road, after the 9.30am Communion Service. Matins at Patricxbourne will be moved to 10.50am and all uniformed groups are invited to attend for a full parade.

Monday, November 11. Caring and Sharing Group at the Vicarage High Street, Bridge, 7.30pm.

Tuesday, November 12. Deanery Prayer Group, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7.30pm and After Eights Group, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8pm.

Wednesday, November 13. Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow, High Street, Bridge 6pm onwards.

**Church Services:** Remembrance Sunday, November 10, 3rd before advent. 10.50am Remembrance Parade Service Rev J. Thackray St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne. 11am Family Service Martin Leggatt St Peter's Church Bridge. Other Churches in the Bridge Group. 8am BCP Communion Rev J. Shorrock St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. 9.30am Holy Communion Rev P. Filmer, 10.50am Remembrance service at the War Memorial, St Mary's Church, Nackington. No service at Lower Hardres. 11am Bridge Methodist Church, Remembrance Service led by the Rev Howard Skinner.

**Talk:** At the Bridge and District History Society meeting in the Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday, November 12, at 7.30pm, a talk by Douglas Chapman, entitled John Tom of Bossingham Wood, will take place. This is a little known, but fascinating aspect of Kent's history. John Tom also known as Mad Tom, rode around Kent on a white horse pretending to be a Messiah, gathered 100 disciples, and shot a policeman who came to arrest him. The subsequent riot in which he was killed, is known as the battle of Bossingham Wood. Members £2, non-members £3, including refreshments.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 14, at 7.30pm, in the Hunter Room of the Bridge Village Hall. All those on the electoral roll for the village are welcome to attend, particularly those who are considering standing for election in April 2003.

**Reminder:** Would all residents in the High Street who have not yet ordered their illuminated Christmas tree, as part of the village decorations, contact Cllr Tony Walder on 01227 830057 or Cllr Mervyn Gulvin on 01227 830881 as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

**Jumble Sale:** This takes place at the Bridge and Patricxbourne CEP School on Saturday, November 9, 11am, admission 20p, ample parking in the school grounds. Future events at the school. The Salvation Army Carol Concert on Monday, December 2, at 7.30pm. Enjoy an evening of singing carols. Tickets available, at £1.50 at the school office, phone 830276. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Also there is a invitation to all senior citizens to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment provided by the children, during which afternoon tea will be served. This will be on Friday, December 13, between 1.30 and 3pm. Please contact the school office to reserve a place. Phone 01227 830276. Transport can be arranged.

**Internet Appeal:** BT is advertising the benefits of Broadband High Speed Internet access and say on their website that 66 per cent of the UK is covered by Broadband. The same site also says that there are no plans for Bridge to be included. Coverage is provided when local demand reaches an unknown and unspecified level. The site says that 23 people in Bridge have registered an interest.

BT might be suprised into considering Bridge and other villages for including us in the

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Broadband rollout. Residents can have a look at the BT Openworld site, check the information on Broadband and register an interest.

**Gig:** Friday, November 8, 8.30pm, there is live music at the White Horse Inn, Bridge by Flex Saxophone and Keyboard Jazz Duo.

**Wine and Wisdom:** This event will be held in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday, November 16, at 7pm, for a 7.30pm start. £5 per ticket

including a ploughmans supper. Bring your own plates, glass and drink. Tables of eight, we welcome all and can assist in making up teams. Tickets from Pat

Dunderdale on 01227 830668 and Andrea Nicholson on 01227 830947.

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## BRIDGE

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**PARISH COUNCIL:** Street Lighting - Bifrons Path: Cllr Anderson reported that matters were progressing and that he would be attending a meeting on November 19, to discuss the possibility of positioning the light on land in the garden of The White Horse as the two locations along the footpath previously thought suitable are privately owned.

**Sandbag Store and Flood Wardens:** The two keyholders for the sandbag store are Cllr Mervyn Gulvin at 92 High Street and Chris MacLean of The Plough & Harrow and the Flood Wardens are Cllr Mervyn Gulvin, Cllr Bill Oakey and Chris MacLean. Cllr Gulvin reported that a meeting is to be held to allocate each warden with the properties they are to be responsible for notifying in the event of a flood warning.

**Christmas Trees:** Cllr Walder reported that requests for Christmas Trees had been very successful and had exceeded those of last year. In all 34 trees are to be erected and this will be carried out on Saturday, December 7. Cllr Walder advised that he had two or three volunteers already but anyone else willing to offer their services should contact him.

**Appointment Of New Clerk:** Cllr Anderson welcomed the newly appointed clerk, Tina Burchell of Bekesbourne, to the meeting. Ms Burchell is to take up her appointment with immediate effect, acting as assistant to the present clerk until December 31

2002, and assuming the appointment of clerk from January 1, 2003.

**Planning applications received:** The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

Ca/02/01252/Bri - Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling at 38 High Street, Bridge. Cal02/00131/Bri - Two-storey extension to rear of dwelling at 38 High Street, Bridge. Ca/02/01239/Bri - Erection of bungalow on land adjacent to Trees, Bridge Hill, Bridge. Ca/02/Temp/0016 - Proposed new fencing and gates at Bridge and Patricbourne Primary School, Bridge. Cal02/00148/Bri - Re-siting of satellite dish at 21 The Close, Union Road, Bridge.

**Planning applications granted:** The following planning applications have been notified as granted:

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. Cal02/00117/Bri - Internal and external alterations at Sunnyside, Dering Road, Bridge. Ca/02/01178/Bri - Installation of dormer window to front and roof lights to side of dwelling at 2a High Street. Bridge.

**Applications rejected:** No planning applications have been notified as rejected.

**Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area:** The following notices of proposed work have been received:

Fell a Macrocarpa tree situated by the front gate at The Dacha, Patricbourne Road, Bridge.

**Work for which a Tree Preservation Order is not being served is as follows:**

Reduce Willow to previous cutting points, lift Ash and lightly thin crown at 6 Bridgefords Way, Bridge. Fell Laburnum and decayed Almond, reduce crown of Holly and Beech at 18 High Street, Bridge.

**Art In Bridge And Art In The Pub:** The clerk reported that several congratulations had been received for both the Art in Bridge and the Art in the Pub exhibitions and Councillors would like to thank all the organisers of both events for their efforts in making them so successful. The clerk was requested to write a letter of thanks to the organisers.

**Gig:** Friday evening, November 22, Three Blind Mice Cool Fizzing Jazz at the White Horse Inn, High Street, Bridge.

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**Christmas Fayre:** The fayre is for the village playgroup in the village hall on Saturday, November 23, between 10am and 12.30pm.

**History Society:** The meeting was held in Bridge Village Hall last week. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the advertised speaker was unable to attend however, at short notice they were fortunate to obtain the services of Col Dick Bolton who also was an authority on John Tom and what was known at the time as the battle of Bosenden Wood. The speaker gave an entertaining account, before an enthralled audience of 70 members and friends.

**Fish Scheme:** It is worth knowing that if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit, the Government will pay for insulation work to your home up to £1500 and heating systems up to £2500. If you think you might qualify, telephone The Warm Front Team on freephone 0800 3162813. The next Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, December 11.

**Gardeners:** The Nailbourne Horticultural Society, in honour of their 25 years since they were reformed and the Queen's Golden Jubilee, have organised an evening of celebration to be held on Tuesday, December 3, in the Bridge Village Hall, to which all members have already received a personal invitation. There will be a welcoming glass of mulled wine prior to the Gardeners Question Time at 7pm which will be followed by a buffet supper.

**Talk:** The Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital announce a date for next year's diary. On January 31, 2003, at 7.30pm in the Bridge Village Hall, Dr Tony Beaumont will be giving a fascinating talk on The History and Constitution of Sark. A light supper with wine will be served and there will be a raffle. For tickets, at £7.50 for a single or £14 for a double, please phone Elizabeth Stewart on 01227 830344 or Rosy Green on 01227 830204.

**Church News:** The wine and

**Church News:** The wine and wisdom evening held last Saturday in the Bridge Village Hall, raised about £200 for the parish of Patricxbourne with Bridge. The organisers Pat and Lawrence Dunderdale and Andrea Nicholson would like to thank all those who assisted and supported the event.

The sponsored bike ride for Patricxbourne Church and the Friends of Kent Churches raised £175. The organisers would like to thank all those who contributed their time, money and muscle power, and in particular David Morgan and Viv Pritchard.

The Children's Society, Bridge, representative Kathy Eynon, will not be taking orders for Christmas cards this year as they are available from The Children's Society Shop, 6 Palace Street, Canterbury, and the charity will benefit to the extent of 64p in every £1 worth purchased. This helps fund the many projects undertaken by the society for more than 40,000 children. For more information ring her on 01227 830466.

Sunday, November 24, 10am, The Works, St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Monday, November 25, 9.30am, Bridge School Infant Advent Service, St Peter's Church Bridge.

Also 7.30pm Caring and Sharing Group, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge.

Tuesday, November 26, 9.30am Bridge School Junior Advent Service. St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Also 8pm After Eights Group, 10 Union Road, Bridge.

**Advent Addresses:** Canon John Packer has very kindly offered to share his expertise, through a series of four lectures, on the Bible. His theme will be The Word of God - Its Meaning Today. Each lecture will take place at St Peter's Bridge at 6pm, on Sunday evenings, incorporating either his office of Compline or Sung Evensong, November 24 The Lord Our God, The Lord is One (Adam, Abraham, Moses, David). December 1, Prophecy, Wisdom and Song. December 8, Paul and his Friends. December 15, The Revelation In Christ.

**Church Services:** Sunday, November 24, first before Advent, 8am BCP Communion Rev P. Filmer and 6pm Advent Lecture 1. Canon John Packer. St Peter's Church Bridge. 10am Holy Communion Rev J. Shorrocks St

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Mary's Church Patricxbourne.  
Other churches in the Bridge  
Group 9.30am Holy Communion  
Canon R. Diss St Mary's Church  
Nackington. 11am Friends  
Thanksgiving Rev P. Filmer, St  
Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. 6pm  
Evensong Rev P. Filmer, Mrs M.  
Clarke. St Mary the Virgin Church  
Lower Hardres. 11am Bridge  
Methodist Church Holy  
Communion Rev David Marshall.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** As  
reported both last week and the  
week before, thefts of and damage  
to cars and motorcycles continue to  
be reported in villages round  
Canterbury. A car was stolen from  
the car park at the Kent and  
Canterbury hospital, so use a  
steering wheel immobiliser or  
other security device if you park  
there.

Two men in a silver Toyota Avensis  
estate, registration HVO2 YCD  
conned someone into buying what  
was supposed to be new electrical  
equipment and wasn't. If you spot  
this car, report the sighting to the  
police. You can check local crime  
news at  
[www.ucanpreventcrime.co.uk](http://www.ucanpreventcrime.co.uk)



## 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, November 24.

Later that evening, at St Giles's Church, Kingston, a number of couples renewed their wedding vows as the Rector and wife Chris celebrated their silver wedding anniversary with a special service presided over by the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Stephen Venner.

This was followed by a reception in The Barn, Kingston.

This Sunday, December 1, is Advent Sunday, when there will be traditional matins at St Mary's at 10am. Those unable to attend will be made welcome at any of the following services being held in churches at other parishes 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 a 10am morning service at the Barham Methodist Chapel.

**Come and join us:** A Christmas coffee morning in aid of St Mary's Church funds is being held on Saturday between 10 and noon in the Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne.

Attractions will include a warming glass of mulled cider, other refreshments, tombola, gift stall, cakes, produce, lucky dip and other stalls.

Parishioners are invited to a special East Bridge Deanery service to mark the beginning of Advent at Ickham church on Wednesday, December 4, at 7.30.

The service is designed as a follow on from the recent deanery prayer groups based on the theme Growing Forward Together.

**Parish panto:** Rehearsals begin tonight, Thursday, November 28, for the ecumenical pantomime being presented in St Mary's, Bishopsbourne, on Sunday, December 15.

For further information about any church activities contact: The Rector, the Rev David Roper, telephone 01227 831340, e-mail david.roper@clara.co.uk mailto:david.roper@clara.co.uk

the curate, the Rev Lyndsay Llewellyn, telephone 01227 454704, e-mail lindsay@hercomputer.fsworld.co.uk or the reader, Miss Mary Ambrose, telephone 01227 830856. The Methodist Minister, the Rev Philip Barker, can be contacted at 01227 463180, e-mail philipbarker@tinyworld.co.uk

**Road works:** The road works in Frog Lane started on Monday, November 25.

KCC contractors Babtye will be installing a 1200mm pipe running parallel to the Nailbourne in order to speed up the flow of water should the river flow this winter.

It is expected to take three to four weeks. The road will be closed to traffic (except pedestrians). Access to the Mermaid Inn will be maintained at all times during the work.

**Parish Council:** The chairman, Cllr Malcolm Mitchell, presided over the November meeting in the Conrad Hall last Wednesday, November 20, welcoming Mr Rodney Chew, Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for the area.

**Unruly dogs:** A complaint had been received at a previous meeting about unruly dogs at Bourne Park and had been reported to the police.

The council was told that the nuisance was persisting and it was agreed that the council would again approach the police to find

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out what action, if any, had been taken.

The clerk, Gerald Wenham, reported that the accounts for 2000 and 2001 had been satisfactorily audited.

It was agreed to refund to the City Council the balance of the grant received of £15,000 to buy the new playground equipment as the city was about to pay the invoice for £14,720, plus Vat.

It was agreed to ask the City Council to confirm that it was giving the new equipment in Neame Meadow recreation field to the parish council.

The council also agreed to pay £60 for the repairs which had been carried out to the wrought iron fence around Neame Meadow, damaged when a dead cherry tree was felled.

Tenders had been sought for strimming and other maintenance work around Neame Meadow, including clearance of weed growth and other obstructions from the Nailbourne bed. Several had been received. All tenders will be considered at the January council meeting.

**Precept:** The finance officer, Cllr Colin Baker, submitted a comprehensive survey of the options open to the council in fixing the parish rate demand for the coming year, the council accepting the lowest at £2,480, an increase of 3.76 per cent over the current financial year. The other options involved possible increase of five per cent and 12 per cent.

The council also seeking a concurrent function grant of £742 from the City Council, the same as last year, plus three per cent.

In order to obtain proper public liability cover for the new play equipment in Neame Meadow the insurers will require an annual inspection by a qualified engineer and the maintenance by the council of a record of weekly inspections carried out by a council member of someone specifically appointed to ensure there were no obvious hazards.

It was agreed to approach the RoSPA to carry out the inspection

**Flood prevention:** The chairman said he and Cllr Ian Burniston had attended a meeting of the River Nailbourne and Lesser Stour River Management Group where concern had been expressed about the effect of the proposed airport at Cliffe.

Because of the displacement of wildlife from the internationally important bird sanctuary measures would have to be taken which might be to convert the Wantsum channel area back to marshland.

The group is writing to the Civil Aviation Authority objecting to the airport proposal, particularly as it could mean that flooding the marshland might mean the flow of the Stour could be held up.

It was also reported that the ground had reached saturation point following the above average rainfall in November so that further rainfall would raise the water table.

However current levels did not give cause for concern but they will continue to be monitored at Bekesbourne and Lyminge by the Environment Agency's telemetry equipment and warnings would be issued if considered necessary.

The chairman also reported that he had received an offer, which he had accepted, to plant a tree in Neame Meadow in memory of the late Richard Neame who had given the land to the council two years previously.