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BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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Neighbourhood Watch: Unsolicited phone calls are being received from a company called European Environmental Controls attempting to persuade residents to let them visit and check fire precautions. Kent Fire Brigade has not recommended or approved this company (or any other). It does not have the right to enter your home. If you do not wish to receive unsolicited phone calls from companies, you can register with the Telephone Preference Service on 020 7291 3320.

Kent Trading Standards has received enquiries about a mobile phone company based in Cardiff. The company advertises in national newspapers and requests money be paid direct into its bank account but apparently some consumers have not received the phones and have been refused refunds. If this has happened to you contact Rebecca Webb at KCC Trading Standards on 08457 585497.

Police are interested in sightings of 4x4 vehicles possibly used in crime in the Canterbury Rural South area in the evenings and overnight. Pass any information about registration numbers, time, place, direction of travel, descriptions of occupants on to your local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator but if you see any obvious suspicious activity, call the police immediately on 762055.

History Society: The next meeting on Tuesday, March 11, at 7.30pm will now be held in the school hall at Bridge Primary School, where Dr Paul Wilkinson, of the Kent Archaeological Field School, will talk about the finds uncovered at the dig on Star Hill in 2002, and at other sites in East Kent. Admission is £2 for members, £3 for non-members.

Recycling: Sacks are now available from Cllr Pam Dobson at Dover Lodge, 48 High Street, Bridge, phone 01227 832369. These are

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intended for supplying those within the village, who have not received their delivery and to save them having to travel into Canterbury.

Home Guard: Adrian Westwood is researching a book on the Kent Home Guard from 1940-1941, and is appealing for photographs of individuals and units with names, who were involved in specialist branches of the Home Guard during that period. He would like to copy and use them in a forthcoming book on the XII Corps Observation unit. Anyone with any suitable material is asked to contact him at Hawksdene, The Street, Hastingleigh, Kent TN25 5HU, phone 01233 750563.

PARISH COUNCIL: Members meet in the Hunter Room of Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, March 13. All residents are welcome to attend. On Thursday, March 27, at 7.30pm in the village hall, the annual meeting will be followed by a talk by Nick Shirley on the water table and the causes of potential flooding to our area. It is hoped that as many organisations in the village as possible will send a representative to report on their activities during the past year.

Surgery: City Councillor for North Nailbourne Ward Bill Oakey will hold this month's surgery at Bekesbourne Village Hall on Saturday, March 15, from 10am-noon. All who live in the ward are welcome to take their problems for discussion. No appointment is required.

Twinning: The annual meeting of the Elham Valley Twinning Association will be held in the Barn, Kingston, on Tuesday, March 11, at 7.30pm.

In addition to the business, there will be a speaker and debate on the recent ruling for it to be no longer compulsory to learn a foreign

language at school beyond the age of 14. There will also be a chance to chat with members, old and new, over a glass of wine. You do not have to be an expert in French to be a member, just have an interest in meeting and joining in with other like-minded people.

The association organises a variety of events throughout the year, both in Elham Valley and with its twin, the Vallee de la Course (near Desvres/Montreuil) in North France.

British Legion: At a meeting in February of the local Royal British Legion branch, 17 members were at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the chair. He welcomed Mr Wigmore from Grove, a proposed new member. Good wishes were recorded to Jim Mount, Maurice Stephens and Ernie Goodhew, three members who were unwell.

Tony Bevan, the Welfare Officer, gave his report. The branch will be entering a team in the Group 4 Quiz in April in Canterbury.

The next two meetings are at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, at 8pm on Tuesday, March 11 and April 8. This active branch would welcome any ex-service persons who support the cause can also be eligible to join.

Gardeners: So that members can start nurturing their bulbs now, the Nailbourne Horticultural Society is giving advance notice that this year's spring show will be on Tuesday, April 8, in Bridge Village Hall. It is hoping for more exhibits and exhibitors than ever before to make a colourful show.

The hall will be open from 6pm so that members can stage their exhibits ready for judging at 7.15pm. You have to be a paid-up member to show, but you can renew your membership on the night, £2.50 for single and £4 for family membership. Show schedules are available from Billie Anderson,

phone 01227 830260, Ann Edmonds 830795 or Kathy Walder 830057, or any other committee member.

Fish Scheme: Coffee Pop-In is on Wednesday, March 12, 10-11.15am, in Bridge Village Hall. Anyone requiring transport can phone Ann Medhurst on 01227 830762.

Emergencies: An appeal has come from local ambulance paramedics. One problem associated with their job is the difficulty in finding house names and numbers, especially when it is dark. This can be caused by a number of things, such as overgrown foliage covering numbers and names. They are having to look at every house name, numbers painted in the same colour as the front door, or a total absence of both.

Make sure you display names and numbers clearly, preferably on a wall or fence at the bottom of the garden or drive. Your front door may be some distance from the road making them difficult to see. If you call an ambulance, try to get someone to stand in the road looking out for it to arrive. If not, point out a prominent landmark to the call taker at the control. The call takers will stay on the phone and help while you wait for its arrival. Remember, the faster they arrive at the scene the quicker treatment will start.

Church News: If anyone in the village wishes to confirm the promises made on their behalf by their parents and godparents when they were baptised, it is not too late to join the spring 2003 confirmation course. For details phone the Rev Paul Filmer on 01227 830250.

Lent Course: Following his successful Advent series of lectures on the Bible, Canon John Packer will present a meditation on the Passion over the five weeks of Lent. Each talk will be at 7pm in Bridge Church on Wednesday, starting on March 12, with coffee before and compline afterwards.

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Neighbourhood Watch: Kent Trading Standards advise that some burglar alarm and fire alarm companies target elderly or vulnerable consumers. They have been known to charge excessive sums to install smoke detectors and the like, which can be bought for a fraction of the price from local DIY stores.

Do not to be pressured into agreeing anything on the doorstep, better still, have the confidence to just say NO. However, if you do buy goods costing more than £35 you may be entitled to a cooling off period. If you are, and the company fails to give you notice of these rights, then they may be committing a criminal offence.

Kent Trading Standards would like to hear of any instances where consumers feel they have been subject to dubious sales techniques on 08457 585497 or by logging on to its website at www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent

Music: A concert by young musicians at Bridge and Patribourne School, will take place at 7pm on Wednesday, March 19. The programme includes music by J.S. Bach, Beethoven and Mozart as well as modern composers for the piano, flute, clarinet and violin. Tickets cost £2.50 on the night at the door.

WI: Bridge and Patribourne branch next meets in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, March 18. Mrs Barbara Wilson will talk on Working as a Prison Governor and the competition will be for an article beginning with D.

The competition in April will be for a limerick on smuggling, the winning entry to go to the group meeting.

Guides: The 1st Bridge Guides spring term started by saying goodbye to the senior patrol Gaby Conradie, Cait Jefferson, Abbey Blackwell and Sarah Higson. They have all contributed greatly to the Guides, each offering her own particular strengths and gifts.

Over the past few months, Lydia Maclean has taken on the Senior Guide Leadership role and will be invested as a young leader in June. The group continues to be thankful to Katherine Beaumont, the other young leader who juggles demands of schoolwork to spend time with 1st Bridge Guides.

This term there is a welcome for new guides Rebecca Handley, Bobbi Pottman, Ellen Simmonds and

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Despite the exodus of Dolphin Patrol, there is still pressure on the waiting list and potential guides are being referred to Bossingham. Parents are asked to let the group know if a Guide is unable to attend several consecutive meetings.

Guides are reminded that Girlguiding UK is a uniformed organisation and the uniform top must be worn at all meetings.

There are two outdoor activities scheduled this term, on both occasions should heavy rain be forecast they will meet in the hall. Guides are asked to be suitably dressed and to take a torch, sifter and their own drink. Please observe the unofficial one way systems, and ask Gill for directions if necessary.

Camping opportunities were few last year, partly due to so many Jubilee functions and a disappointing number of Guides attended the two camps offered. This summer, there are three camps on offer and Bridge leaders will attend all three. Parents are asked to confirm by March 19 which camps their Guides will be attending. These camps will be in great demand and places are limited.

Leaders Joan and Lyn and Guides Suzannah Rubin and Lauren Wood have indicated a particular interest in a Blue Peter bring and buy sale, scheduled for March 19. They are interested in selling crafts, toiletries or cakes etc.

Anyone is welcome, bring family and friends and refreshments will be available. During the sale, Mary Maclean has taken up the challenge of a sponsored silence for the whole meeting! You will be able to sponsor her on the night.

Camp dates are: Camp 1. Saturday to Sunday, May 3-4. Cost £6. Patrol camp permit and camp training weekend for all Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders. Take a patrol for experience or run a permit camp; Camp 2, Friday to Sunday June 13-15, Cost £20. Murder mystery Guide camp. Attend as a patrol or join a patrol to solve a mystery in the Caribbean Islands!

Camp 3, Friday to Sunday July 11-13, about £15. Camp with an international theme for Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders. Closing date for the receipt of forms, Wednesday, March 19. Contact Gill Perks on 01227 830333.

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Quiz: A wine and wisdom in aid of Nailbourne Scout Group will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 7.30 for 8pm at the Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne. Refreshments and food provided and tickets cost £5 from Jane McCreadie phone 01227 711279 or via Peggy. They will cost £6 if you just want to turn up on the night.

Church Diary: Parish Links Day in the Cathedral at the invitation of the Dean on Saturday, March 22 from 9.30am to 3pm. Call in and share the experiences of links with parishes overseas or join the group focusing on issues concerning links with other parishes. Canon Marck Oxbrow, International Mission Director, CMS, will speak on 20-20 links Vision and Clarity for Parish Links.

The Bridge group will be exhibiting information on its developing link with the Lutherine Church of Marburg, Germany. Everyone is invited and admission is free.

Saturday, March 15, 10.15am Lower Hardres Junior Choir, St Mary the Virgin Church; Monday, March 17, 7.30pm, Caring and Sharing Group, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge; Tuesday, March 18 8pm After Eights Group, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge; Wednesday March 19, 7pm Lent Lecture the Messiah, Canon J. Packer, followed by Compline, St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Church Services: Sunday, March 16 Lent 2, 10am Holy Communion, Canon G. Manley, St Peter's Church, Bridge. No service at St Mary's Church Patixbourne. Other churches in the Bridge group: 8am BCP Communion, the

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Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church,
Nackington; 10am Holy
Communion, Mr Filmer, St Peter's
Church, Bekesbourne; 10am
Family service, Mrs M. Clarke, St
Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres;
11am Bridge Methodist Church
service led by Miss J. Hall.

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There will be no service at St Mary's on Sunday, March 16, the second Sunday of Lent. Instead parishioners are invited to any of the services being held in other churches making up the Barham Downs united benefice, of which Bishopsbourne is a member. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8am at St John the Baptist, Barham, and there will be further Communion services at St Giles's Church, Kingston, and the Methodist Chapel, Barham, both at 10am. There will also be evening prayer at St John the Baptist at 6pm.

The Communion service at Kingston will be followed by the presentation of a cheque for about £20,000 to the Rector, the Rev David Roper, on behalf of Brett's as part of the land reclamation scheme. The money will go towards repairs to the church tower.

Lent courses have begun this week, with a lunch being held at the Methodist Chapel on Wednesday, March 12, and a meeting at St Giles's, Kingston at 7.30 on Thursday, March 13. There will also be a coffee morning at the Methodist Chapel on Saturday, March 15. Proceeds from the lunch, as well as collections made during evening meetings, will be given to the new link with the church school in The Gambia.

The curate, the Rev Lindsay Llewellyn-MacDuff, has thanked the congregations for their wedding gift of more than £500 and says she and her husband Douglas will use the money to help pay for furniture.

The annual meeting the Parochial Church Council will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, March 19, in the Conrad Hall, when reports on the various church activities will be given. Elections of officers for the coming year will also be held.

The meeting is open to all villagers whose names are on the civil electoral register and they may vote for churchwardens. But only those on the church's own register of electors can vote or contribute to the remainder of the meeting. Application forms to have your name included in the electoral roll for St Mary's can be obtained from the churchwardens or any parochial church council members.

For further information about any of the above or any other church matters contact any of the following members of the clergy

BISHOPSBOURNE

Correspondent: Malcolm Mitchell,
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Parish church: Holy Communion was celebrated at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday, March 9, the first Sunday of Lent.

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BISHOPSBOURNE

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Church news: There were no services at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday, March 16, but on Sunday, March 23, the third of Lent, the Eucharist will be celebrated there at 10am.

For those unable to attend, a welcome awaits them at any of the services being held in the other churches making up the Barham Downs united benefice, of which Bishopsbourne is a member:

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8am at St Margaret of Antioch, Womenswold, a united family service will be held at 10am at St John the Baptist, Barham, and Holy Communion will be held at St Giles's Church, Kingston, at 6pm.

For details of any of the above or any other church matter contact any of the following members of the parish ministry team: The Rector, the Rev Dave Roper, phone 01227 831340, the curate, the Rev Lindsay Llewellyn-MacDuff, 01227 454704, or the Reader, Miss Mary Ambrose, 01227 830656.

Village hall: A jumble sale in aid of the Conrad Hall new curtains fund was well supported in the hall on Saturday, March 15, with a queue forming long before the doors were due to open for business. The village had responded with bumper gifts of jumble, books and bric-a-brac.

The sale made a profit of about £145 and trustees chairman Sheila Castle said she was grateful to all those villagers who had helped at the sale itself, as well as turning out their lofts and wardrobes for things that could be sold and then becoming customers themselves.

"It was a magnificent response all round and the trustees thank everyone who gave their support to the sale in whatever capacity."

The wine and wisdom evening held

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in the hall, again in aid of funds, on Saturday, February 21, made £388, which Mrs Castle thought was a magnificent result.

Such was the success of the events that another jumble sale and a further quiz evening are to be held later, dates and times to be announced here in due course. The appeal for new curtains now stands at £650 and work is to start this week on replacing rotting window frames.

E-Day: Time is running out for anyone wishing to become a candidate in the parish council elections on Thursday, May 1, in which five seats require filling. Three of the existing five candidates are unlikely to seek re-election, so it is hoped a number of villagers will come forward to fill their places.

Nomination papers will have to be lodged with the returning officer, Colin Carmichael, at the City Council offices, Military Road, Canterbury, by noon on Tuesday, April 1, at the latest.

Nomination papers may be obtained from the same office on Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays).

The present chairman of the parish council, Malcolm Mitchell, of The Old Cottage, The Street, has a limited number of nomination papers available.

There will also be an election the same day for the one seat representing the North Nailbourne ward of Canterbury City Council now held by Cllr Bill Oakey (Con).

PARISH COUNCIL: The monthly meeting of Bishopsbourne Parish Council was held in the Conrad Hall on March 12, Cllr Malcolm Mitchell presiding. Apologies were received from the vice-chairman, Cllr Terry Wilmshurst.

Planning: The City Council notified that planning consent had been given for the conversion to residential use and the erection of a garage block, subject to certain conditions, at The Oast House, Middle Pett Farm, Pett Bottom Road, to which the parish council had had no objections.

Finance: Revised budget figures for the coming financial year were circulated to members.

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Finance: Revise budget figures for the coming financial year were circulated to members, incorporating agreed sums for Neame Meadow maintenance work, as a result of which the precept would be set at £2,480, requiring an amount of £21.06 (up 27p, or 1.3 per cent) from Band D properties.

The council agreed to defer decisions on grants totalling £504 usually made to such organisations as the parish church and the village hall until after the May 1 elections.

Approval was given to the payment of £58 audit fee to the Audit Commission and £92 annual subscription to the Kent Association of Parish Councils.

Earth dumping: The council was angry at the dilatory service being received from the City Council's planning committee regarding the dumping of earth at Gorsely Wood. The City Council had replied promptly in December when the parish council first made a complaint, saying the matter would be looked into.

But nothing further had been heard, even though the parish council had written twice, in January and February, asking to be informed what action the City Council would take.

Councillors expressed their dismay at the way the matter was being handled and resolved to pursue it more vigorously with the planning officials.

Paths: As the result of a request from the parish church asking for the access path from Station Hill to the church to be repaired, Cllr Colin Baker had undertaken to look into the position. He had been told that as the path had been tarred it would not have been the Kent County Council which had carried out the work.

However, the area public rights of way officer had promised to look into the situation if the church contacted her.

Flood measures: Reporting on a meeting of the Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group, Cllr Ian Burniston said that the Kent sewerage team manager for Southern Water, Martin Banks,

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had attended and while not admitting liability for anything did offer apologies to people who had been troubled with sewage in their gardens and homes.

Mr Banks said that at the end of March work was going to start on trying to identify how water was getting into the sewer system along the Elham Valley; any work that was required to be done as a result of the investigations would, he hoped, be incorporated into the budget for 2005.

Refuse collection: Cllr Mitchell referred to the fact that the last two collections had not been made on the due day and people living in Station Hill had complained they had had nothing collected for five weeks. He had contacted the City Council which had promised to look into the matter.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16, in the Conrad Hall, at the earlier time of 7pm, to be followed at about 7.30pm by the annual parish assembly, before which refreshments would be available.

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Church Services: Sunday March 23
Lent 3.8 am BCP Communion, the
Rev P Filmer, St Peter's Church,
Bridge; 10 am Holy Communion Mr
Filmer and 5 pm Family Service,
Martin Leggatt. Other churches in
the Bridge Group, 9.30 am Holy
Communion, Canon R Diss, St
Mary's Church, Nackington; 3 pm
Evensong, Mr Filmer, Mrs M
Clarke, St Mary the Virgin, Lower
Hardres; 11 am Bridge Methodist
Holy Communion led by the Rev D
Marshall.

Parish Council: At the March
meeting, it was reported CLIC 4
Bridge is on hold following the
break-in at the school and the theft
of the laptops.

Triangle Youth Awards: It was
agreed that any local people wou
would like an application form for
the Try Angle Youth Awards could
contact the clerk on 01227 831085.

Elections: Election notes were due
to go up March 17. Nomination
papers are available from the clerk
and Colin Carmichael at
Canterbury City Council.

SERCO: SERCO has issued the
following Freephone number to
report problems and defects, to use
from April 1, 0800 031 9091.

Plea: New members are needed for
Canterbury branch meetings of the
Council for the Protection of Rural
England. If you are interested
phone 01304 840310 for information
of the next meeting.

Planning: The following
applications have been received
and are under consideration:
CA/03/00210/BRI erection of
dwelling with associated parking
adjacent to The Willows,
Patribourne Road, Bridge;
CA/03/00262/BRI single storey
extension to rear of 49, Union
Road, Bridge; CA/03/00275/BRI
single storey rear extension to 36,
Western Avenue, Bridge.

The following application has been
notified as granted:
CAM03/00001/BRI installation of 15
metres high telecommunications
monopole with 3 antennas, two
dishes and associated equipment
cabinet at Renville Farm, New
Dover Road, High Street, Bridge.

The following notices of proposed
work have been received: Fell one
large leylandii tree from left hand
side of front garden, as it is
overshadowing the adjacent
quince, at 100 High Street, Bridge.

Prizewinners: Chris and Melanie
Maclean of the Plough and Harrow,
Bridge, won an all-expenses paid
trip to New Orleans, Louisiana,
USA, courtesy of Big Tom Tomato
Juice. This was to coincide with the
Mardi Gras celebrations as Shrove
Tuesday, is called there. They were
able to visit the French quarter,
with its low houses with cast iron
balconies, the many posters
advertising jazz and courtyards
containing an abundance of good
restaurants service Creole cuisine
and seafood specialities.

On Bourbon Street, halfway
between the Mississippi and Louis
Armstrong Park, they watched the
colourful procession of decorated
trucks and Carnival Kings. They
also visited the mississippi, the
famous swamps and cemeteries,
packing a lot into their short break.
They were also moved to drink a
toast to the late Laurie Shirley, or
Bridge, in the spiritual home of the

jazz that he loved so much.

Children's Society: The Bridge representative, Kathy Eynon, says the 35 collection boxes in homes and shops in Bridge over the last year contained a total of £537.95p for the society's funds. The tax payees' gift aid and declarations allow them to claim a further tax benefit on their contributions. Kathy thanks all the box holders. Anyone else who wishes to have a box as a painless way of helping the charity, can phone Kathy on 01227 830466.

Reports: The annual parish meeting will be held in the village hall on Thursday, March 27 at 7.30 pm. After the business, local organisations have the opportunity to report on their activities during the previous year. There will also be a talk by Ian McKenzie, refuse collection and waste minimisation officer of Canterbury City Council. All residents in the village are invited to attend.

Neighbourhood Watch: There was a burglary on Monday, March 10 in Ford Close Bridge. The offender who is male, dark-skinned, aged about 25, 5 foot 10 inches tall with short black hair and dressed in dark clothing, entered the property by forcing windows. He struggled with the occupant and stole his wallet. If

you saw anything suspicious that evening call the police on 762055.

There have been reports of similar burglaries in the Canterbury area, where the offender entered by forcing a window. It is worth considering fitting window locks to ground floor windows.

There have been reports of bogus callers in the Canterbury area who say they are seeking sponsorship for a good cause, but then enter the property and steal money. They are young, about 12 to 17 years old.

New Venue: The History Society of Bridge and District held its first meeting at its new venue last week, and will in future be holding them in the newly-enlarged Bridge Primary School Hall. The meetings have become ever more popular, and with an attendance of over 75, there were not enough chairs to go round.

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The village hall has served them well over the years but for the more popular items on their programme, they now have to seek more suitable accommodation. The School Hall can seat up to 150 and also has facilities for audio-visual equipment which will make life more comfortable both for the speaker and the audience.

Villagers are asked to tell a committee member what they think of this change and whether it is an improvement or not.

There were 80 members there to hear Dr Paul Wilkinson, of the Kent Archaeological Field School, talk on conducting a dig on Star Hill above Bourne House with the aid of 20 enthusiastic volunteers.

He described what was found there, and in other digs he has conducted in East Kent, and what they add to the knowledge of the district.

He will be conducting a further dig on this site in May, as well as a dig on a previously unknown Anglo-Saxon site nearby, where members will be able to view.

A dig to be carried out at Syndale, near Faversham, will be shown on the TV Time Team programme in October.

There is an antiques valuation afternoon for members only on Saturday March 22 in the village hall, when Tony Pratt, from Canterbury Auction Galleries, will be holding an antiques quiz. This will also include a bygone exhibition and the society would appreciate the loan of any items which would be of interest to members. There will also be a display of the boards of the Millenium exhibition. On payment of £2 entrance, members will be given a numbered ticket for each item to be valued, maximum two. The valuer will take items in numerical order and those who

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have ordered in advance will be first in the queue.

Sewage: It appears that the local water authority is pumping sewage into the river Nailbourne at Bishopsbourne. This is believed to be the result of the high water table affecting the sewers in that village. Although an assurance has been given that there is no imminent danger, it must be strongly advisable to keep all children and pets away from the river for the immediate future.

Church Diary: Saturday, March 22, 9.30 am to 3 pm, Diocesan Parish Links Day at Canterbury Cathedral. Monday, March 24, 7.30 pm, Caring and Sharing Group, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge. Tuesday, March 25, 8 pm, After Eights Group, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane. Wednesday, March 26, 7 pm, St Peter's Church, Bridge, Lent lecture 3 The Crucifixion by Canon John Packer, followed by compline. Saturday, March 29, 10.15 am, Lower Hardres Junior Choir at St Mary the Virgin Church.

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Art in Bridge: The annual meeting of the group will be held on Wednesday, April 2 at the Plough and Harrow, High Street, Bridge, at 7.30 pm.

Art in Bridge was constituted last year to promote community art in and around the village. This autumn an open exhibition will be staged on October 18 and 19 during the Canterbury Festival. Other projects are under consideration.

This is the formal meeting of Art in Bridge and all interested are welcome to attend.

For details contact the secretary, John Corfield, phone 01227 830976.

Gunpowder: Interested organisations and individuals in the village should know that there is a 400 year old history of gunpowder manufacture in the Faversham area. The Chart Mills Museum is open every Saturday, Sunday, and Bank Holiday from 2-5 pm, April to October and entrance is free. There is also a 45-minute guided walk which includes the Gunpowder Mills at 2.30 pm every Saturday. The walk can be booked by groups at other times. For bookings phone Jean Stables on 01795 535138 or John Breeze, curator, on 01795 534915.

Fish News: Are you a gardner? If you are growing seedlings or plants from cuttings, remember to put up some extra ones for the Fish Scheme annual coffee morning on Saturday May 17. Take them to Bridge Village Hall and find something interesting to buy in the great village plant exchange. At the same time, you can buy home-made cakes and pick up bric-a-brac.

The Cornelia Slavin Blossom Tour is on Wednesday, May 7 and the next coffee pop-in at the village hall is on Wednesday May 14.

Elections: Candidates wishing to stand for election can obtain nomination papers from either Bob Bennett or the parish clerk Tina Burchill on 01227 831085. The closing time and date for their receipt is noon on Tuesday April 1 at the City Council offices. In the event of there being more candidates than vacancies, the election will take place on the same day as the City Council elections on Thursday May 1 between 8 am and 9 pm.

Try Angle: These Awards by the County Council Youth and Community department and supported by a large number of community organisations, and businesses in Kent recognise the efforts and achievements of young people in our community. Categories include bravery and personal achievement in either the Arts, music, sport or outdoor activity, good friends and young carers or service to the community, citizenship and environment, personal development, enterprise and a special Lord Mayor's award.

Nominations are urgently required in this area and forms can be obtained from parish clerk, Tina Burchell on 01227 831085 or Simon Dolby on 01227 768181. Please return the completed form to the Try Angle Awards, c/o Kentish Gazette, 9 St George's Place, Canterbury, Kent CT1 1UU no later than April 11.

Finalists and their families will be invited to a presentation dinner at Rutherford College, University of Kent, Canterbury, on Friday June 20.

Football: Anyone who is thinking of starting up a Sunday afternoon junior football team and would like the use of a football ground free of charge in Bridge can contact Cllr

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Mervyn Gulvin on 01227 830881.

Cricket: The Exiles in Bridge CC are interested in recruiting younger members around the area, to train and build up the team for the future. They are also interested in adopting a pub in the village for their base, with possibly some sponsorship. For details contact Cllr Mervyn Gulvin as shown above.

WI: At the March meeting of Bridge and Patrixbourne branch in Bridge Village Hall, Mrs Barbara Wilson, a retired Prison Governor talked about her time as a prison officer when she met several famous people, including Cynthia Payne and the Yorkshire Ripper.

There was no over-all winner of the competition. On Tuesday April 15 Folklore of the Countryside is the theme for Martin Newcombe's talk. The competitions for next month are an object beginning with E and a limerick about smuggling. The meeting will be in the village hall at 7.30 pm. New members and visitors will be very welcome.

Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting in the village hall is at 7.30 pm on Thursday March 27. The parish council hopes to have as many people as possible from the various organisations in the village to report on their activities. Also there will be a number of speakers to talk about several subjects which are concerns of the village, after which refreshments will be served.

Neighbourhood Watch: There was a break-in and theft from the garage of a house in Patrixbourne. The lock was forced and the garage alarm wires pulled out. A red Mountfield SP470 petrol lawnmower, yellow Karcher pressure washer, a toolbox containing power and hand tools and a Sony Hifi stacked music center were stolen. No one was seen or heard.

Remember you can check the daily updates on Local Crime News at www.ucanpreventcrime.co.uk

Health for All: This registered charity, founded by the doctors of the Bridge Health Centre to support one of the poorest areas of India, has just published its fourth annual report.

It thanks everyone who has supported the cause both from individuals with one-off or regular donations, organisations and donations from sponsored events such as raffles, coffee mornings etc, as well as the contributions from the yellow collection boxes that are to be found in various locations around the area.

A couple of fund-raising events are already organised for this year. Dr Peter Sykes is running in the Parish Marathon in April and there will be a concert on October 21 in Canterbury as part of the Canterbury Festival.

There will also be a talk and slide show in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday May 15 at 7.30 pm to provide further news and information for anybody who is interested.

For copies of the report or any other enquiries contact Sue Blacker or Sharon at Health for All, Bridge Health Centre, Patricxbourne Road, Bridge, Canterbury CT4 5BL, 01227 832901.

Road Works: The Parish Council has been told that the road surface in the High Street will need to be resurfaced in the next few months.

It is not yet decided whether this will be done at night or during the day. The council hopes to have the information available shortly.

Presentation: At a special assembly on Friday March 21 at the Bridge and Patricxbourne C of E Primary School, Mrs Billie Anderson was presented with a bouquet by the Head of School, Mrs Anna Newton, and a certificate by Mrs Ailsa Williamson, chairman of the school governors on behalf of the Kent County Council Education and Libraries Directorate, in recognition of her 12 years service as a dedicated school governor.

The children sang a song especially composed for her, and apart from cards and drawings and a painting from one of the infant class, she was presented with a book signed by all the pupils.

Wine and Wisdom: The quiz by Elham Valley Twinning

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Association will be held in Barham Village Hall on Saturday April 5 at 7 pm for 7.15 pm start. Tables of six can be booked, and lesser numbers can be accommodated to make up a table. Take your own food as well as cutlery, crockery and glassess. Refreshments and nibbles will be provided on each table. The cost is £3 per person. For details or to book contact the Bridge representatives, Bob Horgan on 830672 or Kathy Walder on 830057.

Coffee: A spring coffee morning in aid of the parish of Patricbourne and Bridge will be held in Bridge Village Hall from 10 am to noon on Saturday, April 5, with cakes, gifts and a raffle.

Church Diary: Monday March 31, 7.30 pm, Caring and Sharing Group, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge; Wednesday, April 2, 7 pm Lent lecture by Canon John Packer entitled Afterwards at St Peter's Church, Bridge, followed by Compline.

Church Services: Sunday March 30, Lent 4, Mothering Sunday, 9.30 am Holy Communion, the Rev P Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge. No service at St Mary's Church, Patricbourne. Other churches in the Bridge group, 9.30 am Mothering Day Service, Chris Maclean, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 10 am Mothering Day Service, Mrs M Clarke, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres; 11 am, Mothering Day Service, the Rev J Shorrocks, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 11 am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev B Heather.