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BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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Parish meeting: A minute's silence was observed in honour of the late Lawrence Shirley, who was a parish city and county councillor.

Parish council chairman John Anderson reported that in May a number of the parish council will retire from office, to be replaced by a number of new faces. Cllr Anderson wished them all well in their new term of office. He also thanked the present council for their support, industry and integrity behind the scenes.

Cllr Anderson reported that the flood precaution work appears to have paid off. He thanked City Councillor Bill Oakey, Cllr Mervyn Gulvin and Chris Maclean for volunteering to be flood wardens and sandbag store key holders in emergencies. The City Council had provided the village with a new, stronger sandbag store, the previous one having been vandalised.

Negotiations were well in hand to have the land cleared and water laid on for the allotments on the lower site at Town Hill.

The parish council had applied for the free Kent County Council village warden scheme to cover the North Nailbourne Ward, covering the villages of Bridge, Bekesbourne and Patrixbourne and Bishopsbourne.

Mrs Janet Horsley, on behalf of the village hall management committee, said charges for the hall had increased this year and this reflected the increased financial outlays for repairs and improvements. The disabled access to the rear of the building was complete along with the low level lighting. New smoke and heat detectors had been installed in the kitchen.

After Easter a new yoga class will start on Fridays from 7.30-9.30pm in the hall.

Mrs Carol Stewart, a governor at Bridge and Patrixbourne School, reported on latest news at the school. The stolen laptops were being replaced by insurance. The fencing of the school premises was going ahead and the site will soon be completely secure. All local children who have applied for admission next September should have a place.

City Councillor Bill Oakey said the second pedestrian crossing was almost complete. He said the landlord of the Red Lion had persuaded the brewery to increase the car parking space outside the pub, and that during weekdays it would be available to shoppers to park free between 8am and 6pm. The landlord is to apply for planning permission.

Cllr Oakey reported that the changes in governance of the City Council had resulted in far less democracy. He reminded parishioners that everyone had the opportunity to do something about this on May 1.

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Maurice Rarity reported on behalf of the History Society that as there were increasingly large numbers of people attending the meetings, it might soon become necessary to find an alternative venue to the village hall.

For details on joining the society or forthcoming events, phone John Bishop on 01227 832596.

Billie Anderson said the Horticultural Society is in need of some younger, more active members.

Any elderly residents who are unable to carry glass to the Town Hill recycling bins should phone Rosie Green on 830204 or Maurice on 831075.

Cllr John Corfield reported on forthcoming events from the Art in Bridge Group. The autumn exhibition is to be held again during the Canterbury Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19.

Cllr Walder, for the Elham Valley Twinning Association, said that in order to involve younger people in the association, Barham and Bridge Schools were to be twinned with schools in France.

Sean Ayling said the Exiles at Bridge Cricket Club was seeking a sponsor and a place to meet for a drink before and after games, preferably in Bridge. The club plays about 13 home games on Sundays and another six or seven on Thursday evenings.

The club is also seeking new players who live in the village, as now it has none.

Angela Shepherd reported for Woodpeckers Nursery, which has a new building shared with Bridge After School Club and the Holiday Playscheme. The nursery is now able to offer five morning sessions and four afternoon sessions per week.

Frank Sochacki sent a written report on behalf of Neighbourhood Watch.

There have been reports of criminal activity in the parish in recent weeks, and most recent incidents have been thefts of garden tools, especially motorised

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A bus service will be provided by Stagecoach, which will run on a circular route between Bridge and Canterbury. There may be some problems with access to properties due to the size of the vehicles, and cars will need to park off the High Street while the work is being undertaken.

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Fish Scheme: Coffee pop-in will be held in the village hall on Wednesday, April 9, from 10-11.15am. Anyone requiring transport may phone Ann Medhurst on 01227 830762.

Church Diary: Monday, April 7, 7.30pm, Caring and Sharing Group, 8 Conyngham Lane, Bridge; Tuesday, April 8, 8pm After Eights Group, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane; Wednesday, April 9, 7pm Lent Lecture 5, St Peter's Church Bridge, What Has Happened Since, by Canon John Packer followed by the office of compline; Thursday, April 10, 7pm Health and Healing Group. The April meeting unfortunately needs to be transferred to this date. It is hoped that it will not inconvenience too many people as circumstances change. Feed-back shows the prayer group is vital and comforting to many people, so please feel free with your petitions for sickness, bereavement, anxiety, loneliness and many other situations you are concerned about. Come in person if you are able, you will be very welcome, alternatively phone Kath Pierce on 01227 830844.

British Legion: Seventeen members of the district branch attended the March meeting in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn was in the chair. He welcomed six members of the Staple branch and Jim Mount back after illness. The First World War talk by Tony Swift and Curry Night were enjoyed. It is proposed that

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the branch will hold the July Group 4 meeting at the Hay Wain, when the branch will be host.

Mr Sear, of the Staple branch, gave an outline of its activities and it was suggested that the two branches might hold a games night and possibly a quiz night against each other. There is also a proposal to run a coach trip to La Coupole in St Omer in France in July. This was originally a bunker built to launch V2 rockets and is now a museum and historic monument. Any member or friend interested in going can contact either the branch chairman on 01304 812594 or secretary on 01227 472023 for more details. The next two meetings are on Tuesdays, April 8, and May 13.

Poetry Course: The WEA Bridge branch is holding a spring poetry course at The Plough and Harrow, High Street, from April 23. Entitled Poet's Choice from Ben Johnson to Benjamin Zephaniah, it is based on a new anthology of poems called Here to Eternity and chosen by the Poet Laureate, Andre Motion. Course tutor is Jane Ireson. The timetable is Wednesday from 10am to noon. There will be six meetings with no background knowledge required, just an interest in poetry. The fee is £23, with concessions available. For bookings and details phone Jane Ireson on 01304 840721.

Morris Dancers: Oyster Morris with their guests Bill Nose Morris will be dancing outside the White Horse Inn, High Street, between 11.30am and 12.15pm on Saturday, April 5.

Outing: On Saturday, April 26, Bridge and District History Society has organised a visit by coach to the museum at Woolwich, showing the development of weapons and artillery from the earliest times. The coach will leave Bridge Post Office, at 9.30am, members paying £18, non-members £20. To book phone David Gilmore on 01227 832450.

SERCO: As from the beginning of April, Canterbury City Council will change the way you can report problems and comments on many of its services. Phone contract partners Serco on freephone 0800 031 9091 between the hours of 8.30am and 6pm, Mondays to Fridays except bank holidays.

This will be dealing with dog waste, litter, wheelie and garden waste bins, bus shelters, car park maintenance, cleaning streets and toilets, clinical waste collections, flower beds, fly posting, fly tipping, graffiti removal, grass cutting, litter in car parks, streets and open spaces, parks and open spaces, play areas, recycling collections, refuse collection, rubbish dumping, sack delivery, sports pitch maintenance, street name plates, public toilets, trees and trollies.

Coffee: The parish spring coffee morning is in the village hall from 10am to noon on Saturday, April 5.

Church Services: Sunday, April 6, Lent 5, 8am BCP Communion, the Rev J. Shorrocks, St Mary's Church, Patricbourne; 9.30am Holy Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge group. 10am Family Service, Mrs P. Kusel, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 11am Holy Communion, Mr Filmer, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres. No service at Nackington. 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by Mrs M. Backwith.

Neighbourhood Watch: There have been reports of more tarmac gangs working in the county. They appear to be operating from London addresses which may be accommodation addresses using an answer service. Descriptions given were of a ginger haired/bearded man with three young labourers all wearing ear rings. Both gangs are using the excuse of vandalism to either their own vans or the road surfaces as a reason why the 'spare' tarmac they have needs using. Company names being used are Highway Maintenance and/or County Roads and each has presented the consumers with bills in excess of £4,000. Any

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information is of interest to KCC Trading Standards. Descriptions of workers, registration numbers, sign writing on vehicles and even the areas would be of help.

To report such instances contact the Advice Service on 08457 585497 or via the Trading Standards website at

www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent

In Waltham a victim disturbed offenders trying to steal his trailer. They drove their vehicle at the victim causing injuries. Part of the registration number of the vehicle, a Daihatsu 4Trak is: H953 —. Beaware of this vehicle. Do not approach it but dial 999.

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Parish Council: The last meeting of the council in its present form before the May elections will take place in the Hunter Room of the village hall on Thursday, April 10. There will be 11 candidates standing for nine places in the poll, ensuring that there will be a democratically elected body for the

next four years.

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YOGA: Classes are to be held in the village hall on Fridays, from 7.30-9pm. Everyone is welcome and the first class will be held on Friday, April 25. For more details phone Cath on 01227 831676, or just turn up on the night.

Surgery: City Councillor for the North Nailbourne Ward Cllr Bill Oakey will hold his surgery on Saturday, April 19, in Bridge Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road, from 10am to noon. A parish councillor will also be in attendance. All are welcome.

Neighbourhood Watch: There was a burglary and attempted theft at Bourne Park. The offenders were disturbed by return of victim; they then made off unseen. A red saloon with registration number similar to P205 MKL was seen driving slowly in the area and is thought to be suspicious. Please be aware of similar registration numbers. The driver may have been a female. Be careful about

leaving your front door unlocked.

In Littlebourne an offender walked through an insecure front door and stole a handbag from the stairway, which could be seen through window. The elderly victim was watching TV.

Reports have been coming through of people receiving leaflets through the door asking for unwanted clothes and paired shoes to be left in a bag on their doorstep. Many people are placing goods to be collected not realising they are not being given to people but are sold for "affordable prices." Messages can vary from the "your donation will go to poor families in Eastern Europe" to "all proceeds will go to help the needy," but the commercial nature of the enterprise is the same. Kent Trading Standards advise consumers to carefully read any leaflets posing or giving the impression of being a charity before giving any belongings away.

Mobile phone users are warned to be aware of a new text messaging scam, say Kent Trading Standards officers.

Phone users are receiving text messages that read:

"Congratulations! The New Year's prize draw notified us that you have won a £1000 prize! This is the second attempt to contact you. To claim call 0906 344 ****."

Consumers are warned that if they call the number, which is a premium rate line believed to be charged at £1.50 per minute, the message they hear is a long one costing the user a lot of money! It is understood that the prize is not £1000 cash, but is a £1000 voucher toward the cost of a holiday.

For parish: A coffee morning in aid of the parish of Patricxbourne with Bridge raised £235 for funds. The organisers thank all those who helped with, or attended the event.

WI: Bridge and Patricxbourne branch will meet in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, April 15, when Martin Newcombe will talk on Folklore of the Countryside. The competition is for an article beginning with E.

Church news: There is a full programme of services during Holy Week. The Tenebrae/meal service is on Maundy Thursday in Bridge Primary School at 7.30pm. The Walk of Witness on Good Friday starts at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, at 10am proceeding to St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne, at about 11am, then on to St Peter's Church, Bridge, at noon, when walkers will be joined by the children from Margaret Clarke's workshop. This Good Friday workshop will be a children's Easter arts and crafts session from 9.30-11.30am, in the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres. Those children who are able to, will take their products to Bridge Church where they will join those from the walk of witness for a short benefice service.

Book your workshop places now with Margaret Clarke on 01227 765598, Julie Cox 788316 or Sue Leggatt 830251. Margaret asks if all pre-school children could be accompanied by an adult, and suggests a 50p donation per child to

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cover costs of materials.

The annual youth pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral will be on Easter Monday, April 21. Groups will converge on the Cathedral from all directions, and will be walking from Bekesbourne, Bridge, and Nackington, meeting at 9.45 for prayer before setting off at 10am. The programme is: Noon, service in Cathedral led by the Soul Survivor band and talk by Archbishop Rowan; 1pm lunch in the Chapter House or Cloisters (take a packed lunch); 2pm range of activities for all ages (including concert, Bible study and drama workshop, 3.30pm finale, balloon release.

Last year an enjoyable Easter Day Benefice lunch was held and all who attended took a casserole and pudding to feed their family, plus a little for the unexpected visitor. As it was so enjoyable, it is being repeated this year at the school hall in Bridge. So that the organisers can have numbers for the jacket potatoes and bread that will be provided, phone the Rev Paul Filmer on 01227 830250 if you would like to attend. You will need to take your casserole, a pudding, drink, plates and cutlery.

Diary: Monday, April 14, 7.30pm, Caring and Sharing Group meets at 7 Windmill Close; April 16, Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow Inn, High street, from 6pm.

Church services: Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday, 10am Matins, Chris Maclean, St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne; 11am Family Service, the Rev P. Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other Churches in the Bridge Group: 8am BCP Communion, Mr Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 9.30am Holy Communion, Mr Filmer, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 6pm Evensong, Mr Filmer and Mrs Margaret Clarke, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church, service led by the Rev D. Marshall.

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Home Guard: An author researching a book on the Kent Home Guard between 1940 and 1941 is appealing to villagers for help.

Adrian Westwood is seeking photographs of individuals and units to copy and use in a forthcoming book focussing on the activities of a specialist unit, XII Corps Observation Unit, active in those years. Mr Westwood can be contacted at Hawksdene, The Street, Hastingleigh, Kent, TN25 5HU, phone 01233 750563.

Parish council: There will be two new faces on the parish council for the next five years, even though there will be no election on Thursday, May 1.

Despite considerable publicity only two new villagers put their names forward as candidates; two retiring members of the council, chairman Malcolm Mitchell and Colin Baker only standing reluctantly, hoping to ensure there would be sufficient nominees to force an election.

As there were only five candidates for the five vacant seats there will be no election and, thus, Bishopsbourne has through its own neglect been deprived of choosing who will run their affairs for the next five years.

The new council, which will assume powers at the first meeting in May, will comprise former members Cllrs Mitchell, Baker and Peter Sinnock, Cllrs Terry Wilmshurst, the vice-chairman, and Ian Burniston having chosen not to seek re-election. The new members are Rodney Chew, the area's Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, of Rose Lane, and Nick Rooke, of Strutt and Parker estate agents, who lives in Park Lane.

Although there will be no election for the parish council, there will however still be an election for the North Nailbourne ward of the city council on May 1.

The annual parish meeting, at

which reports on the year's parish council activities will be given and villagers will be able to air their own opinions, if they have any, will be held on Wednesday, April 16, at about 7.30pm. It will be preceded by the monthly meeting of the council at 7pm, after which there will be wine, soft drinks and snacks, before the annual parish assembly. Both meetings will be held in the Conrad Hall.

Parish Church: The once-a-month traditional Matins service was held at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday, April 6, the fifth Sunday of Lent, during which there were special prayers for those killed or injured in the war in Iraq (during the period of the conflict there will be a short prayer service at 9.30am every Saturday in St Giles's Church, Kingston).

On Palm Sunday, April 13, the big event will be the devotional performance to mark the start of Holy Week of Stainer's oratorio, The Crucifixion, in Bishopsbourne Church at 6pm by a special choir drawn from all four churches making up the Barham Downs united benefice and beyond. Admission is free, but there will be a retirement collection.

There will also be the celebration of holy Communion in St Mary's at 8am. For those members of the congregation unable to attend either event, there will be a welcome at any of the following services in other churches in the united benefice that day:

There will be a family service at 10am in St John the Baptist Church, Barham, and, at the same time, there will be the celebration of Communion in St Giles's, Kingston.

As part of the Easter celebrations, there will be a dawn vigil at 6am at St Mary's, Bishopsbourne, followed by a cooked breakfast in the Conrad Hall.

All those who wish to attend what the Rector, the Rev David Roper, describes as a very moving service starting with a bonfire to light the new Easter candle and which includes Communion, are asked to let the churchwardens know in advance in order to provide sufficient food. The churchwardens are Sheila Castle, phone 01227

01104, and Gill Appin, 01227 700693.

Otherwise at Easter there will be services at 10am in the other three churches in the Barham Downs benefice.

For details of any of the above activities or any other church matter contact any of the following members of the Barham Downs ministry team: The Rector, the Rev David Roper, The Rectory, Barham, phone 01304 831340; the curate, the Rev Lindsay Llewellyn-MacDuff, phone 01227 454704, or the reader, Miss Mary Ambrose, phone 01227 830656.

Conrad Hall: The annual meeting of the village hall will be held in the hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, May 7, when the trustees hope that their pleas will meet a better response than the parish council's in finding new volunteers to fill vacancies caused by members retiring after many years' service.

The trustees are particularly concerned at the loss of their treasurer Colin Baker and appeal for any villager with a knowledge of accounting to come forward to fill the breach.

Chairman Sheila Castle says in an appeal to all villagers: "Please come along to the annual meeting to show an interest in your village and, perhaps, be part of a team trying to keep alive a rural tradition. There are several vacancies coming up on our committee this year, so please help us to fill them so that we will have a full committee dedicated to keeping the Conrad Hall running."

Cricket Club: The annual meeting of Bishopsbourne Cricket Club will be held at 8pm tomorrow, Friday, April 11, in the Mermaid Inn. All members are urged to attend.

Alert: An appeal has been made by police for information about a red saloon car with a registration similar to P205 MKL which was seen to be being driven slowly, possibly by a female, in the area of Bourne Park, Bishopsbourne, towards the end of last month and which appeared to be behaving suspiciously. The appeal follows an attempted burglary of a house at Bourne Park, when offenders were disturbed by the return of the

residents at about 3.45pm on March 31.

Holy Week.

The large choir was drawn not only from the four parish churches making up the Barham Downs united benefice, but also from Bridge parish church and Canterbury Choral Society.

The performance was marked by fine singing from the principals, bass Chris Cox who swept all before him in his classes at the recent Kent Music Festival, including the Pfizer bursary for the best singer in the festival, and tenor Ian Williams, who has been musical director of a number of choirs in Faversham and Canterbury and is a member of the choral society.

John Atterbury took over as organist after regular organist Geoffrey Linnell was prevented from taking part due to illness.

The Rector, the Rev David Roper, as musical director brought out the best in soloists and the choir, even though some of the entrances by the choir were a little hesitant, and a large congregation, for whom Stainer also wrote parts, joined in enthusiastically.

The acoustics of the large nave also lent themselves to the overall feeling of misery which finally gave way to hope.

At the start of the performance, the congregation had been welcomed by the curate, the Rev Lindsay Llewellyn-MacDuff, who led it in prayer. Although there was no charge for admission, a retiring collection was taken.

Earlier in the day, Holy Communion was celebrated at St Mary's by the Rector who blessed palms distributed among the congregation.

Readings were by Lorna Kenyon, Gill Applin and Sheila Castle.

Holy Week continues on Wednesday, April 16, with morning prayer at St Giles's Church, Kingston, at 8.30, followed by Communion at St John the Baptist, Barham, at 10am. There will be a traditional Jewish Passover meal in Barham village hall at 7pm.

On Maundy Thursday, April 17, devotions continue with morning prayer, 8.30 at St Margaret of Antioch Church, Womenswold, and the Eucharist of the Last Supper at St Mary's, Bishopsbourne, at 7pm.

At Womenswold on Good Friday, April 18, at 11am there will be At the Foot of the Cross.

Easter Day, Sunday, April 20, will begin with a dawn Vigil at 6am in St Mary's, Bishopsbourne, and the first Communion of Easter, followed by a cooked breakfast in

the Conrad Hall (please let any of the churchwardens know if you intend to attend the breakfast).

Easter Day continues with a family service at Kingston at 10am and Communion at the same time at St John the Baptist, Barham, and St Margaret of Antioch, Womenswold. There will be evening prayer at Barham church at 6.

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Sudden death: Arthur Cope, a shepherd employed on the Neame Estate, died suddenly on Saturday afternoon, April 12. He had lived with his wife Betty for many years at Oswald's Lodge, Frog Lane.

Parish assembly: The annual parish meeting will be held in the Conrad Hall on Wednesday, April 16. It will be preceded at 7pm by the last meeting of the present parish council. After a pause for refreshments, provided by the parish council, the parish meeting will report on its activities for the year and answer any questions that villagers may have.

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Appeal: Five members of the committee of trustees of the Conrad Hall will not be seeking re-election this year. They include the treasurer.

The chairman of the trustees, Sheila Castle, is appealing to villagers to come forward to take the retiring trustees' places. Anyone with a working knowledge of accountancy would be particularly welcome. Anyone willing to service in any capacity on the committee is asked to contact Mrs Castle on 01227 831184.

Music: A moving devotional performance of John Stainer's oratorio The Crucifixion was given in St Mary's Church on Palm Sunday, April 13, the first day of

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Easter Sunday: April 20, 10 am
Holy Communion, Canon G Manley
St Peter's Church, Bridge; 5 pm
Holy Communion, the Rev P
Filmer, St Mary's Church,
Patribourne. Other Churches in
the Bridge Group, 8 am BCP
Communion, Mr Filmer, St Mary's
Church, Nackington 10 am Holy
Communion, Mr Filmer, St Peter's
Church, Bekesbourne; 10 am,
Family Service and Holy
Communion, the Rev D Bretherton
and Mrs M Clarke; St Mary the
Virgin, Lower Hardres, 11 am
Bridge Methodist Church service
led by the Rev George Baugh.

Neighbourhood Watch: A cigarette
lighter was used to set fire to paper
in a stolen gold Vauxhall
hatchback in the layby outside
Bridge Surgery, Patribourne
Road, Bridge.

A Neighbourhood Watch co-
ordinator in the West Cliff area of
Herne Bay reported that there was
a red or maroon van (big enough to
take rolls of carpet) in the area,
calling door-to-door and the driver
was very forcefully trying to flog
his wares. The man (tallish with
black hair) was offering to take
householder/s to the bank to collect
their money. He told people he was
from the Northampton area. If this
individual turns up in the area, try
to get the registration number of
the van and contact Kent Trading
Standards on 08457 585497 or by
logging on to their website at
www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent
. Kent Trading Standards would
like to hear of any instances where
consumers feel they have been
subject to dubious sales techniques
or pressured by doorstep sellers of
any type.

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Marathon Man: Fund-raising for the Bridge Health Centre charity Health for All, Dr Peter Sykes completed the Paris marathon in three hours, 40 minutes. This charity has now been running for five years and provides basic health care to a number of villages in Bihar, India.

On one of his visit to Bihar, Dr Sykes, was proud to be invited to open a new health centre in the village of Kanjior. The project continues to thrive and further funding is always needed. If anyone would like to make a donation, there are collection boxes in the surgeries or you can phone Sue or Sharon on 01227 832901. There will be a talk and slide show at the village hall on Thursday, May 15 at 7.30 pm. The full annual report will be published later.

Poetry Course: There is still time to book for the six week poetry course in Bridge, although spaces are dwindling fast. The course will start on Wednesday April 23 at the Plough and Harrow, High Street, from 10 am to noon.

Using Here to Eternity, a new anthology of poems by Poet Laureate Andrew Motion, the course will explore a variety of themes and ideas.

No background knowledge is required, just an interest in poetry. Everyone is welcome and for more details phone the secretary on 01304 840721.

Musical Evenings: Higham Park introduces Cameo Opera who will present A Celebration of Opera and Song, featuring costumed scenes from La Boheme, Marriage of Figaro, La Traviata, Die Fledermaus, Carmen, Rigoletto, The Gondoliers, the Mikado, Pirates of Penzance and showstoppers from the West End and Broadway Shows.

Bookings are now being taken for Friday and Saturday August 8 and 9, at 7.30 pm. Tickets at £13 are available from: Patricia Gibb or Amanda Harris-Deans on 01227 830830 or Peter and Evelyn Crouch on 01227 709301.

Also look out for "Something for Christmas" with Cameo Opera at the same venue on Thursday and Friday December 11 and 12, details to be announced later.

Gardeners: The spring show of Nailbourne Horticultural Society was held in the village hall on Tuesday April 8. In spite of an early morning frost, which put paid to what would have been some exhibits, members still managed to stage 67 spring flowers, pot plants and shrubs, plus cookery entries.

Mrs Joan Atkins won the cup for the best bloom in the show. A new member Mrs E Smith won the cup for the best pot plant. Refreshment were served throughout the evening and a raffle was drawn at the end.

Church Services: Holy Week, Good Friday April 18 Walk of Witness starting at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne at 10 am, reaching St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne 11 am and St Peter's Church Bridge at noon.

Parish Council: Allotments: It is anticipated that the clearance of allotments will start in the next few weeks.

Postman: Cllr Walder reported that the much loved postman in Bridge, Richard Dorkins, has resigned to join the police force.

Footbridge: It was reported that motorcycles have been speeding over the footbridge at Ford Close. It was suggested that concerned parishioners should contact Frank Sochacki, Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator for the Patrixbourne side of Bridge, who has started to log any reports of antisocial behaviour on motorbikes or mopeds.

Planning: The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration: CA/03/00324/BRI single storey extension to dwelling and alterations to roof including

installation or raised roof-light and chimney stack at Willows, Patricxbourne Road;

CA/03/00300/BRI (revised scheme)

Church Cottage, 104 High Street;

CA/03/00030/BRI two storey

extension to rear of dwelling

(revised scheme), 38 High Street.

The following application has been notified as granted:

CA/03/00262/BRI - single storey

extension to rear of dwelling at 49

Union Road.

The following notices of proposed work to trees have been received: 22

High Street, fell one middle

Norway spruce to rear of house,

cut back multi-stemmed laburnum

on rear boundary to one main

stem, coppice Cob nut near rear

boundary, cut back yew tree from

rear of house and reduce crown by

up to 10 per cent: The allotments,

Town Hill, fell all trees to enable

reintroduction of allotments to this site.

Correspondent above.
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BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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WI: Bridge and Patribourne branch held its April meeting last week in the Village Hall. Curing warts, using toads and the reason why horses wear brasses were two of Martin Newcombe's stories of the English countryside. He was thanked by Dorothy King. Jean Foster won the first prize in the competition for an article beginning with E and Joyce Hopkins for the best limerick. The resolutions will be voted on at the next meeting on May 20 and the competition will be for an article beginning with R.

Fish Scheme: The Cornelia Slawin blossom tour is on Wednesday, May 7, the coffee Pop-In on Wednesday May 14 from 10-11.15am and the annual bring and buy sale will be on Saturday, May 17. Residents are urged to bring and buy cakes, pies, plants and bric-a-brac. This is the only fund-raising event this year.

The neighbourly help scheme also needs more knitting wool.. If you have any left overs either take them to the Pop-In or phone Rosy Green on 01227 830204.

Conference: The Kent History Federation conference is at Cranbrook on Saturday, May 10. More members of the Bridge and District History Society are encourage to attend this event. The format will be various topics of discussion in the morning followed by visits to places of interest in the afternoon. For details phone the chairman John Bishop on 01227 832596.

Church Diary: Patribourne with Bridge annual parochial church council meeting, Monday April 28, 7.30pm, Primary School; Caring and Sharing Group, Monday April 28, 7.30pm, 20 Riverside Close Bridge; After Eights Group, Tuesday, April 29 8pm, 20 Riverside Close; Health and Healing Group, Thursday May 1 7pm 7 Windmill Close.

Church services: Sunday April 27
Easter 2, 8am BCP Communion
Canon J. Packer and 6pm
Evensong, Canon J. Packer and Mrs
M. Clarke, St Peter's Church,
Bridge; 10am Holy Communion, the
Rev D. Bretherton, and 4pm Family
Service, Mrs M. Clarke, St Mary's
Church, Patricxbourne. Other
Churches in the Bridge group;
9.30am Holy Communion, Canon R.
Diss, St Mary's Church,
Nackington; no services this
Sunday at St Peter's Bekesbourne,
or St Mary the Virgin Church,
Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge
Methodist Church service led by
Mr M. Baybutt.

End of Term: At a dinner at the
Red Lion last week, the outgoing
parish council celebrated the end of
its term of four years service to the
local community. Although a
diverse group of individuals both
in opinion and politically, they have
worked well together, which
demonstrates the benefit of a non-
political structure at this level of
local government. Those standing
for re-election are John Corfield,
Pamela Dobson, Mervyn Gulvin,
and John Hill. Also standing for
election is Ann Edmonds, who
served on the council under the
surname of King, prior to leaving
the village, and has now returned
to live here. New contenders for
election are Colin Beesty, Barbara
Beiner, Raymond Ellis, Selwyn
Lewis and Gertrud Thiemann.
Bridge is one of the few councils in
the area able to hold a democratic
election by having 11 candidates for
nine vacancies.

Neighbourhood Watch: A gang of
rogue tarmac workers took
thousands of pounds in cash from
an elderly couple in north
Canterbury. They had called at the
door, offered an amazingly low
price, did the job and then
presented an enormous bill. They
said the victim had misheard their
original offer, saying the price
quoted was per square meter.

Do not let any stranger who calls at
your door tarmac your driveway,
prune your trees or mend your roof
(especially if you didn't know it
needed mending!). Go to a
reputable firm, preferably local,

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with a name, address and a proper phone number, not one beginning "07", which is a mobile.

And if anyone does try to sell you such services, phone Kent Trading Standards right away telling them the time and place, description of people and vehicles involved, any signwriting on the vehicles and any phone or registration numbers.

Contact Trading Standards on 08457 585497 or via the Trading Standards website at www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent.

If you have evidence of intimidation, deception or fraud, ring 999 for the police while the offenders are still nearby.

Now that summer is approaching, opportunist thieves will take advantage of windows or doors left open. Don't leave purses, wallets and keys lying around in view and in easy reach.

Polling: Voting is on May 1 for city council and parish council candidates. The polling stations are open from 8am to 9pm and are, for Bridge, at Bridge Village Hall and Patricbourne at Bekesbourne Village Hall.