

May 1st 2002

BRIDGE

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Fish scheme: The Cornelia Slavin blossom tour takes place on Wednesday, May 7. For details phone Mavis Parsons on 01227 832298 or Ann Rook on 01227 830298.

Indian Clinic: The Health Centre's charity Health for All has issued its fourth annual report.

Last year's report concluded that what the clinic at Kanjiar really needed was a full-time nurse, and brought news of fund-raising for a vehicle to transport the village health workers and to carry food to Dadpur.

This year's report gives news that Neelam Verma has joined the team and the vehicle arrived and went into service in the middle of last year. Neelam Verma is a fully qualified nurse with lots of experience of working in Bihar. She joined Mamta and Alpana in July and has been running nurse-led clinics since that time.

She is able to diagnose and treat patients herself and is regularly treating common infections and problems that affect villagers. She and the rest of the team have also been setting up women's groups in the villages and these have focused on health education.

As well as providing transport for the weekly food programme at Dadpur, the vehicle provides essential transport for the health care team to their increasing number of clinics and village women's groups.

Kanjiar, and the clinic, are like most of rural Bihar, without electricity. One supporter from Wales proposed a project to raise funds to install solar power to provide lighting and a fridge for the health centre. By completing a sponsored triathlon, enough money was raised to complete this project and installation began in December.

The feeding programme in Dadpur has continued and the serious problem of malnutrition, seen only a few years ago is no longer evident. The villagers, however, remain desperately poor.

Most of the income comes from individuals, regular or one-off donations. Fund-raising events have included coffee mornings, wine and wisdom and musical events. Dr Mark Jones thanks everybody here and in India for their interest and continued support.

Church diary: Thursday, May 1 7pm Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close; Tuesday, May 6 8pm After Eights Group, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane.

Neighbourhood Watch: Burglars were reported to be in Bridge on Monday, April 28. A woman in her early 20s was knocking on doors asking to borrow a pen. A male

accomplice then entered the property unseen to steal.

In the first incident at Bridge Hill, the woman engaged the victim in conversation until a man appeared from the rear of the premises and wandered off. The victim then found a rear door and window open and a purse containing £50 missing.

In Mansfield Close, the woman asked to borrow a pen to write a note to a friend then entered the property uninvited. A man was discovered in the bedroom and both were asked to leave. The couple then went to a neighbour's flat and told the same story.

The man is white, aged about 20, and 5ft 8in. He has short brown hair and what is described as slurred speech. He wore a brown-blue windcheater and blue jeans. The woman is also white, aged about 20 and the same height as the man. She had shoulder-length dark hair and wore dark clothing.

Anyone who sees an incident involving the couple should phone 999 immediately. If you have any information about them, tell the police on 762055.

Fund-raising: The parish of Patricxbourne with Bridge is holding a book and puzzle fair in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday, May 10 from 10am to 2pm. Coffee and teas will be available.

Donations of books to either Pat Dunderdale phone 01227 830668 or Andrea Nicholson on 01227 830947.

Church services: Sunday May 4, Easter 3, 8am BCP Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne; 9.30am Holy Communion, Mr 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 St Mary's Nackington; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by Mr R. Chadwick.

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Election: Results for Bridge Parish Council are as follows. C Beesty 231, B Beinder 231, J Corfield 248, P Dobson 332, A Edmonds 254, M Esdale 248, M Gulvin 357, J Hill 287, S Lewis 245. The first meeting of the newly-elected council will be in the Hunter Room of the village hall on Thursday May 8 at 7.30 pm.

The City Councillor for North Nailbourne Ward, Bill Oakey was re-elected.

Tennis Club: There are a few places left on the adult beginners' coaching, which started on Friday, May 2, fee £20 for a six-weeks course.

The course is open to non-members initially, and for those wishing to continue for the second follow-on six-weeks, the committee would expect any beginners to become club members.

For coaching, contact Hilary Whiting on 01227 830506, for Club Membership forms, phone Karen Furley, Secretary on 01227 832239.

Puzzles: A book and puzzle fair in aid of church funds is on Saturday, May 10, 10 am to 2 pm at the village hall.

Fish News: A coffee pop-in is at the village hall from 10 to 11.15 am on Wednesday, May 14. Anyone requiring a lift, phone Ann Medhurst on 01227 830762. Also in the village hall on Saturday May 17 this neighbourly help group has its annual fund-raising event with bring and buy, cakes and pies, plants, bric-a-brac.

Also more knitting wool is required. If you have any leftovers, take them to the Pop-In or phone Rosy Green on 01227 830204.

Following a point raised at the annual parish meeting, it was felt that under the umbrella of the Fish Scheme, members would like to offer to help anyone who is unable to get up the hill to put glass in the recycling containers. If you need help also, phone Rosy, when you have saved enough in boxes or bags. If you are able to take your own, then maybe you have a neighbour who can't and you could do them a favour?

Health For All: Dr Mark Jones of the Bridge Health Centre, will be

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presenting a talk and slide show in the village hall on Thursday May 15 at 7.30 pm to provide further information for anyone who is interested.

Church News: Christian Aid Week begins on Sunday May 11. Anyone who is prepared to collect envelopes can phone Christine Hoare on 01227 832447; Saturday May 10, Deanery confirmation service, Nonington; Monday May 12, Caring and Sharing Group, 7.30 pm The Vicarage; Tuesday May 13; Holy Communion Churchill House; After Eights Group, The Vicarage; Wednesday May 14, Ears and Beers, the Plough and Harrow, Bridge, from 6 pm.

On Sunday June 1, there will be a special service of Evensong at 6 pm in St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne when the new altar frontals bought with recent donations will be dedicated. The preacher will be The Ven Patrick Evans, Archdeacon of Canterbury. All are welcome to stay for a drink after the service.

Workshop: Mrs Margaret Clark, the Parish Lay Reader thanks all the children who took part in this year's Good Friday Workshop. They had a great time making puppets, painting crosses and writing prayers. And afterwards many of them went on to Bridge Church to take part in a special Good Friday service, performing a play of the Easter story with their puppets. Thanks also to the adult helpers who ensured that the morning was enjoyable for all.

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Smartie Collections: For the past two years at Christmas, Easter and Harvest Festival, children have been issued with tubes of Smarties to encourage them to save their loose change for charity. Although they have raised a lot of money, less than half the tubes have been returned each time, so the rules are to be changed.

From now on, if you would like to participate, simply buy a tube of smarties, eat them, save some cash in the tube, and bring it to church where it will be exchanged for a new tube of Smarties.

Camera Club: Have you got a digital camera? If so, and you would be interested in forming a new local club for digital photography, Paul Filmer would be interestd to hear from you. Plans are in early stages, but he is thinking of monthly meetings to share ideas, run themed competitions, look at equipment, run practical workshops on photographic techniques and editing software, learn from professionals eg achieving studio lighting with available domestic lighting equipment. Contact him on 01227 830250 or revpfilmer@btinternet.com to register your interest.

Church Services: Sunday May 11, Easter 3, 10 am Matins Chris Maclean, St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne, 11 am Family Service, the Rev P Filmer, St. Peter's Church, Bridge. Other Churches in the Bridge Group: 8 am BCP Communion Mr Filmer, St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 9.30 am Holy Communion, Canon A Duke, St. Mary's Church, Nackington, 6 pm Evenson, Mr Filmer and Mrs M Clarke St. Mary the Virgin Lower Hardres; 11 am Bridge Methodist Church Service by Mr J Ellis.

Neighbourhood Watch: The police have given information on a number of daytime burglaries in the Waltham and Patrixbourne areas over the last few days. Be cautious of doorstep sellers and callers at all times and to take sensible precautions. 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.

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Spectacles: Vision aid overseas is a charity which recycles used spectacles for dispensing to needy people in the Third World countries where, it is estimated, some 200 million are in need of them.

If you have any unused or redundant spectacles which you would like to give to this charity, please pass them on to John Hill, Renville Oast, Bridge, phone 01227 830215 or leave them labelled at the back of Bridge Church.

W.I.: Bridge and Patribourne branch meets at Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday May 20.

Resolutions will be voted on and the competition will be for an article beginning with R.

Church Diary: Tuesday, May 20,

2.30 pm Holy Communion Saxon Lodge, Western Avenue, Bridge. After Eights Group, Fairview, Bekesbourne, 8 pm; Wednesday May 21, Caring and Sharing Group visit to Eastbridge Hospital.

Church Services: Sunday May 18, Easter 5 10 am Holy Communion, Canon G Manley, St Peter's Church, Bridge; no service at St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne. Other Churches in the Bridge Group, 8 am BCP Communion, the Rev P Filmer 10 am Holy Communion, Mr Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 10 am Family Service, Mrs M Clarke, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 11 am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev David Marshall.

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**Church Services: Sunday May 25,
Easter 6, 8 am BCP Communion,
the Rev P Filmer and 6 pm
Evensong, Mr Filmer and Mrs M
Clarke, St Peter's Church, Bridge;
10 am Holy Communion, Mr Filmer
and 4 pm Family Service, Martin
Legatt, St Mary's Church,
Patribourne.**

**Other Churches in the Bridge
Group, 9.30 am Holy Communion,**

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Canon R Diss, St Mary's Church, Nackington; no services this Sunday at St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres, or St Peter's, Bekesbourne; 11 am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev D Lugg.

Neighbourhood Watch: You will probably have already heard about the mindless vandalism at Bridge School where new play equipment was smashed last week. Also last week, the rear window of blue Ford Fiesta in Union Road was smashed. Vehicle excise licence and vehicle documents were stolen. No one was seen or heard, apparently. If you have any information which might help the police, contact them on 762055.

Programme: The Bridge group of parishes' Caring and Sharing Group's coming events include:
Monday June 2, 7.30 pm. Coffee and chat, 20 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown; Monday June 9, 7.30 pm, cloning, 8 Green Court, Bridge; Monday June 16, 7.30 pm coffee and chat, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge; Monday June 23, 7.30 pm fish and chips, seaside or 8 Kitchener Close, Barham; Monday, June 30, 7.30 pm coffee and chat, 37 High Street, Bridge; Monday July 7, 7.30 pm Can You be a Christian Without going to Church, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge; Monday, July 14, coffee and chat, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge; Monday July 21 barbecue, 8 Conyngham Lane, Bridge. For more details phone 01227 830250 or 765598.

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BEKESBOURNE

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Church: On Sunday, May 25, Easter 6, the Rev Paul Filmer will lead Holy Communion at 10am in St Mary's and at 4pm Martin Leggatt will lead Family service also in St Mary's. There is no service in St Peter's this week.

Rogation Walk: This year, once again, all parishioners are invited to join the Friends of Bekesbourne Church in a walk along some of the footpaths in the parish to celebrate Rogation Sunday on May 25. Traditionally the priest, accompanied by all the villagers went around the boundaries on Rogation Sunday "beating the bounds". A small boy would be bumped so that he would always remember the boundaries of the parish. The Friends intend to revive this tradition if there is a willing volunteer. The Rev John Shorrocks will lead the walkers in prayers at one or two points on the route. Meet at the village hall at 10am. Well-behaved dogs are welcome on the walk, which will last about two hours and will finish at the Unicorn. Clive and Cheryl ask anyone intending to lunch at the pub to book in advance on 01227 830210.

Parish council: At the statutory annual meeting, Cllr John Ash was elected chairman with Cllr Andrea Nicholson vice-chairman. Payment

of the annual grants to the village hall, recreation ground and parochial church councils were agreed. It was agreed that Superintendent Gary Beautridge would be invited to the next parish council meeting to discuss rural policing. It was agreed that the clerk would put forward some solutions to the Highways Officer on how the problem of traffic on Bekesbourne Road might be addressed.

Play area: Thanks go to Cllr Toni Wright who has volunteered to carry out the weekly checking of the children's play area at the Recreation Ground.

Telecommunications mast: Cllr Oakey, local residents and a parish councillor will be speaking against the application to place a mast at the bottom of Bekesbourne Hill when it comes before the Development Control Committee on Tuesday May, 27.

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BISHOPSBOURNE

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Parish Church: The Eucharist will
be celebrated at St Mary the Virgin
Church on Sunday, May 25, at 10
am.

Those unable to attend will find a
welcome at any of the following
services being held in churches
forming the Barham Downs united
benefice, of which Bishopsbourne
is a member. There will be Holy
Communion at 8 am at St. John the
Baptist, Barham, and Holy
Communion at St Giles's, Kingston,
at 6 pm. There will also be morning
worship at Barham Methodist
Chapel at 10 am.

For more details on the above or
any other church matter, contact
any of the following members of
the parish ministry team: Rector,
the Rev David Roper, The Rectory,
Barham, phone 01227 831340; the
curate, the Rev Lindsay Llewellyn-
MacDuff, phone 01227 454704, or the
reader, Miss Mary Ambrose, phone
01227 830856.

Village Hall: Teas served at the
home of Conrad Hall trustees
chairman Mrs Sheila Castle during
the opening to the public of Flint
Cottage, Bourne Park, home of Mr
and Mrs Peter Sinnock, on Sunday,

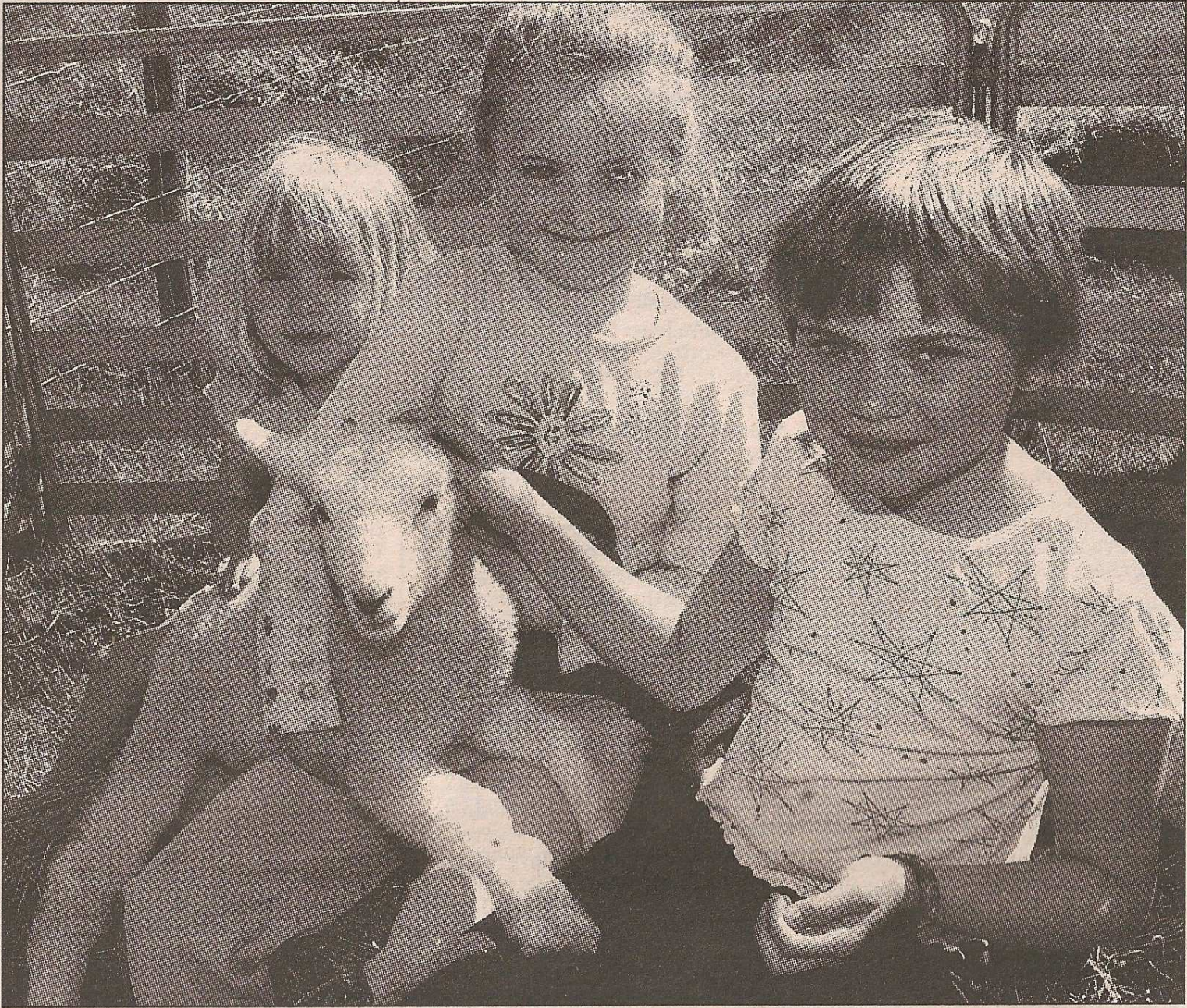
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May 11, raised nearly £100 for hall funds.

Cricket Club: A wine and wisdom evening in the Conrad Hall on Saturday, May 17, to raise funds for Bishopsbourne Cricket Club ended in high drama, with two teams tying and having to undergo a tie-breaker.

Narrow winner was treasurer Colin Relf's team, which also included Buntly Relf, Garry Barker, Claire Stevens, Andy and Caroline Candy, Jan Knott and Sandy. The losing team in the tie-break and, therefore, runners-up, was that of Adrian Gilson. Questionmaster was club secretary Steve Clerk.

On Sunday, May 26, the club is at home to Walmer at 2.30 pm and on Bank Holiday Monday, May 27, it entertains Saltwood, also at 2.30 pm. Spectators at the Club's Charlton Park Ground will be welcome on both days.

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Bekie Atkinson, five, Beth Fairfax, seven, and Louise Elvey, nine, with lamb *Ref: pd 412090*

Young flock to pat a lamb

FAMILIES flocked in their droves to Mount Ephraim Gardens at Hernhill for the annual Pat-a-Lamb Day.

The centre of attraction for the myriad children were six

lambs that had been penned on the edge of the gardens on grazing land. The creatures were cuddled and stroked all day long.

Visitor numbers to the

attraction are thought to have topped 1,000.

Owner Lesley Dawes said: "We served a lot of teas - we were barely coping."

Picture: DEREK STINGEMORE