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## BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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**Church Diary:** Thursday, June 5 at 7.30 pm, Health and Healing prayer group, 7 Windmill Close; Caring and Sharing Group, Monday June 9, 7.30 pm, 8 Green Court; Tuesday, June 10, Holy Communion, Churchill House, 2.30 pm; Patribourne with Bridge parochial church council meeting is at Patribourne Church at 7.30 pm; After Eights Group, Bridge, 8 pm.

**RNLI:** A house to house collection in Bridge raised £476 for the lifeboats. The overall collection for Canterbury and district was £9,402, an increase of more than £1000 on last year. John Hill, the village co-ordinator, thanks all who contributed.

**Fair:** The Woodpeckers Nursery has a fair at The Bridge and Patribourne Primary School, Conyngham Lane, Bridge, on Saturday June 7 from 11.30 am to 2 pm.

**Allotments:** Cleaning up work has at last been completed with water supply established. The site is just above the telephone exchange on the left hand side of Town Hill.

Anyone interested can phone Tony Walder on 01227 830057, Cllr Pam Dobson or the parish clerk on 01227 831085.

**Parish Council:** The new council has Cllr M Esdale as chairman and Cllr John Hill as vice-chairman, sub-committee appointments are: recreation ground and sports, Cllrs C Beesty, J Corfield and M Gulvin; Environment Cllrs A Edmonds and P Dobson; Planning Cllrs B Beinder, J Corfield and J Hill.

Two co-options were Maurice Smih for streets footways and lighting and, yet to be confirmed, Mrs Joan Monk for environment.

Appointments to outside bodies were: Bridge Village Sports Trust, Cllr M Gulvin; Village Hall Management Committee, Cllrs P Dobson, and B Beinder; Mill Centre Management Committee Cllrs A Edmonds and M Gulvin; Kent Association of Parish Councils, Cllrs C Beesty and S Lewis.

The next meeting of the council will be held in the Hunter Room of the Bridge Village Hall on Thursday June 12 at 7.30 pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

**Fish Scheme:** The organisers of this neighbourly help group thank all who helped with the fund-raising coffee morning in May. The next coffee pop-in will be in the village hall on Wednesday June 11. Everyone is welcome. Those requiring a lift should phone Ann Medhurst on 01227 830762.

**Hospital Friends:** The League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital's

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**Obituary:** Douglas Cartwright, well known local character, died last Friday after a long illness. Born in 1919 in the village where The Last of the Summer Wine was filmed, he joined the Territorial Army in 1938, later serving in The Duke of Wellington's Regiment and later transferred to the Royal Artillery. He fought in Burma and after being demobbed joined the Civil Service as a Customs Officer, working in the Pool of London.

On promotion he moved to Canterbury, where he started up an office in Whitstable Harbour, then on to Folkestone, ending his service in Dover. On his retirement he moved to Bridge and became a playground attendant at Bridge School.

Taking up voluntary work such as letting secretary for the village hall, he also helped with the reforming of the Royal British Legion branch in Bridge, served on the committee on the RNLI, and on the committee for the Protection of Rural England.

In the last few years, with his wife Ethel, he started day trips from the village to various places of interest. These will continue in his memory. His many friends send condolences to his widow.

The funeral service will be at Bridge Church at 2.15pm on Wednesday, June 11, followed by private cremation at Barham and later the scattering of ashes by the Dover Lifeboat. No flowers by request but instead donations may be made to the RNLI through

Lyons funeral directors, Military Road, Canterbury.

**Jumble Sale:** A sale will be held by the Bridge Village Playgroup in the village hall on Saturday, June 14 from 2-4 pm. Entrance fee is 20p, children free. Any jumble or unwanted items can be taken to the hall that morning from 10 am to noon.

**WI:** At the May meeting, arrangements were made for a visit to Belmont House to replace the monthly meeting on June 17. The resolutions were discussed and voted on. The competition was won by Pam Elgar.

**Church Services:** Sunday, June 8, Pentecost, 10 am Matins Chris Maclean, St Mary's Church, Patribourne; 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, Bekebourne; 9.30 am Holy Communion, Mr Filmer, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 6 pm Evensong, Mr Filmer, Mrs M Clarke, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 11 am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev D Marshall.

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**Click 4 Bridge:** The village school is to run a 10-week computer course in September for £75. Each session will last two hours and will be staffed by two tutors. The course is limited to 15 people and payment is required in advance. Contact the parish clerk Tina Burchell on 01227 831085.

**Royal British Legion:** Twelve members attended the June branch meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn was in the chair. In the Silence members remembered Doug Cartwright, of Bridge, who died recently. The chairman welcomed a long standing member, Jack Sands, and good wishes were sent to Heather Leaves, Ernie Goodhew and Cherry Kemp. The branch has placed a plaque in the Recreation Club to show that this is its regular venue for monthly meetings.

On the afternoon of Saturday, June 21, there will be strawberry tea for members and their guests at the Hay Wain. Details can be obtained from the secretary on 01227 472023 or the vice-chairman on 01227 721237. They also hope to have a cake stall, not a bring and buy as previously stated, at this event, so any contributions will be welcome.

The next meeting on Tuesday, July 8, will include a games evening when they will be joined by members of the Staple branch. This will begin at 7.30pm, with a short business meeting and afterwards there will be darts, crib, dominoes and billiards. Anyone not wishing to play is welcome to have just a drink and a chat.

The Branch is hosting the Group 4 meeting at the Hay Wain, Bramling, on Monday, July 14. The next two branch meetings are on Tuesday, July 8, at 7.30pm, a games night, and Tuesday, August 12, at 8pm.

**Fete:** The parish fete will be on the Primary School grounds in

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Conyngham Lane from noon-4pm on Saturday, June 21. Sideshows, stalls and attractions include Punch and Judy, fancy dress parade, dance displays, refreshments, barbecue and a beer tent.

**Church Diary:** Monday, June 23, School Service for juniors at St Peter's Church, Bridge, 9.30am and Caring and Sharing Group, 8 Kitchener Close, Barham, 7.30pm; Tuesday, June 24, School Services for seniors, St Peter's Church, 9.30am; Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm.

**Road Closure:** On the evening of Sunday, June 22, anti-skid surfacing will be applied to the new zebra crossing works in the High Street. The High Street will be temporarily closed between Brewery Lane and Union Road after 7pm. The junction of Western Avenue and High Street will be temporarily closed and the main access to/from Western Avenue will be via Mill Lane. Motorists are asked not to park in the High Street between the bus stop on the bridge (next to the dentist's) and Rogers Garage, 36 High Street, after 5pm on Sunday June 22. To minimise inconvenience, the last buses on Sunday to Canterbury and Folkestone will run as normal. Diversion signs will be put out for through traffic, as will Shops and Businesses Open as Usual signs. Pedestrians access will be available at all times.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** At the June meeting it was agreed that Cllrs Esdale, Beinder, Corfield and Dobson would form a working group to produce a Parish Appraisal and Plan. Ray Ellis, Vivienne Argent and Richard Taylor would also be willing to stand on this working group.

Andy Phillips talked about plans to improve the use of the Canterbury by-pass and to take traffic off the ring road in Canterbury, saying that plans involved improving the use of all three slip roads around Canterbury.

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Planning: The following planning applications are under consideration: Ca/03/00664/Bri, 34 Conynham Lane - two storey side extension, single storey side and front extensions and roof extension to incorporate three dormer windows; Ca/03/006578/Bri, 18 Bridge Down, two storey extension including garage to side of dwelling; Ca/03/00748/Bri, The Purlins, Meadow Close, replacement greenhouse.

The following application had been notified as being granted: Ca/01/00557/Bri, Renville Farm, Bridge, conversion on three agricultural buildings to four dwellings and erection of garage store and erection of two additional dwellings.

The following notice of proposed work has been received: fell three Leyland Cypress at the Dell, Bridge; fell one young ash tree from corner of garage and one young ash from rear boundary and remove three smallest stems from multi-stem walnut to rear of garage, 3 Meadow Close.

Scouts: John Thackerey has resigned as village Scout leader. It is anticipated that the Scouts will start again after Christmas.

Football: Cllr Gulvin reported that an application had been received from Bridge Village football team (16 to 19-year-olds) to use the recreation ground on Sunday mornings.

Tree Wardens: Cllr Dobson reported that Andrew Pearson had been recruited as a new tree warden.

Bridge Hill lay-by: Maurice Smith, street monitor, received a letter from Canterbury City Council stating that the lay by is now classified as a zone 1 cleaning area, which means it should be kept to the same standard as the busy high street. Serco should be visiting the area three times a week but if this fails to keep the area clean, it can be increased to daily visits.

Venue change: Parish meetings will be held in the main village hall from September, for a six-month

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trial period.

**Next meeting:** The date of the next meeting was confirmed as July 10, at 7.30pm, in the Hunter Room.

**School's day:** A fund-raising event at the Red Lion, High Street, on Saturday, June 21, in aid of the Bridge and Patricxbourne School starts at 5pm with a children's talent competition, childrens disco, barbecue at 7pm, live music from 8pm.

**Art In Bridge:** An Autumn Exhibition is being held in October and anyone working in or near Bridge is invited to exhibit up to three works of art. All abilities are welcomed and children and young people are especially encouraged to take part. Now is the time to plan what you will exhibit this year. Further details will be announced in September, but if you require information phone John Corfield on 01227 830976 or visit [www.artinbridge.org.uk](http://www.artinbridge.org.uk).

**Church Services:** Sunday, June 22, Trinity 1 8am BCP Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, Phr J.D. Dohling, St Peter's Church, Bridge, and 6pm Evensong Mr Filmer and Phr H. Hentschel; 10am Holy Communion Mr Filmer and Phr H. Hentschel, 2-5pm barbecue and Family Service, Mr Filmer, 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 at St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres, or St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. 11am Bridge Methodist Church Service led by Mr M. Baybutt.

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## BISHOPSBOURNE

**Correspondent: Malcolm Mitchell,  
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**Brainstorm:** Bishopsbourne is beginning to wonder if it isn't time for the Mermaid team to retire from entering village quizzes.

For the umpteenth time in succession landlord Colin Relf's wizards stormed to success in a wine and wisdom evening at the Conrad Hall on Saturday, June 14, despite an attempt being made to nobble them by locking two of the more knowledgeable members out of the hall when they went out for a breath of fresh air.

For the record, the winning team was Colin and Bunty Relf, Garry Barker, Claire Stevens, Steve Clerk, Joanne Boraston, Jan Knott and Geoff Street.

A spirited challenge was put in by the team captained by hall trustees treasurer Eric Gaskell and which led for the first three rounds of questions. But in the end they had to settle for second best. The team was Mr Gaskell, his wife Carol, daughter Claire, Tom Davies, Lesley Humphreys, Martyn Barr, Malcolm and Judith Mitchell.

During the evening, members of the village hall committee served a ploughman's supper, including pate and cheese.

The committee chairman, Mrs Sheila Castle, thanked everyone for contributing to the success of the event, one of a series to help raise funds for the hall, for which new curtains and window frames are being provided.

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**Jumble sale:** The trustees' next fund-raiser is a jumble sale in the hall on Saturday, June 21, from 10am to noon. Admission is 20p.

Gifts of jumble and other items for sale will be gratefully received and can be delivered to the hall between 7 and 8 on Friday evening, June 20.

For further information phone Mrs Castle on 01227 831184, or Phillipa Burniston, on 01227 830341.

Details of further fund-raising events in the pipeline will be published as soon as they are known.

**Cricket:** The Mermaid Marauders invaded West Sussex on Wednesday, June 11, with a coachload of players and supporters.

Although the team lost narrowly, by all accounts a good time was had by all.

On a more sober note, Bishopsbourne Cricket Club will entertain Wickham and Stodmarsh at their Charlton Park ground on Sunday, June 22. The match is due to start at 2.30pm and spectators will be welcome.

On Sunday June 15 Bishopsbourne pulled off a home win against Elham Valley.

**Parish church:** There were no services at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday, June 15, but on Sunday, June 22, the Eucharist will be celebrated at the church at 10am.

Those members of the congregation unable to attend will be afforded a warm welcome at any of the following services being held in other churches making up the Barham Downs united benefice:

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St John the Baptist, Barham, at 8am and at St Giles's, Kingston, at 6pm. There is also morning worship at 10 at the Baptist Chapel in Barham.

The Friends of St Giles will be officially launched with a fund-raising event on Saturday, July 5, at 3pm on the recreation ground beside The Barn. There will be an array of stalls and games, including crockery smashing, and

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a balloon launch at 5pm.

The friends have been formed to help pay for £40,000 repairs needed at the church.

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



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**Neighbourhood Watch:** Rogue tarmac gangs are reported to be operating in the Kent area. Workmen offering cheap tarmac, like those who call about (allegedly) loose roof tiles, tree surgery, alleged new window regulations, burglar alarms, fire alarms, are not to be trusted, especially by the elderly and vulnerable. At best they do unregulated shoddy, overpriced work. At worst they swindle, extort, intimidate, threaten.

There was report from a village near Bridge about a doorstep caller who asked for money for charity. When the householder returned to front door, the offender snatched her purse and ran off. The offender is described as a dark European female, 5ft 4ins tall, with dark brown hair tied up, of slim build, wearing sunglasses, with red baseball cap, light coloured thin jacket and trousers, striped top and trainers. She was driving a green car, possibly a Fiesta.

Owners of fishponds stocked with valuable fish, be on your guard. Eighteen Koi carp were stolen from a garden pond in Riverside Close.

**Fete Success:** The village fete last Saturday in the Primary School grounds was a particularly outstanding success. Not only did the excellent weather combined with the great variety of stalls and events, draw record crowds but also the variety of food and refreshment available, plus the many activities continuously taking place, made it a great day out for all the family.

Another bonus was the dry weather which made for easy parking on the recreation ground.

The competition prizes, including the grand draw, were presented by Pastor Hans Hentschel from Marburg in Germany, who with his colleague Pastor Dohling were returning a visit to the local benefice that weekend.

More than £5,000 was raised in aid of the Bridge and Patribourne School and the parishes of St. Peter's Church, Bridge, and St. Mary's Church, Patribourne.

The organisers thank all who backed the fete by sponsorship and the donation or prizes, as well as all the parents, villagers and friends for supporting this event.

**Talent Competition:** Following in the spirit of the fete, in the evening, the Red Lion Inn held a

**Church Services:** Sunday June 29, Trinity 2, one Benefice service only in the Bridge Group. 10 am Holy Communion, the Rev P Filmer, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres; 11 am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev D Lugg.

**Duck Race:** The results of the annual Grand Nailbourne Duck Race held on Saturday were 1. Mel Dasan (duck number 2276), 2. D Esdale (22). 3. Mrs Smith (2281).

The going was described as wet.

A total of £364 was raised for the Nailbourne Scout Group. Many thanks go to all who participated.

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