

Barabas man on Saturday, October 11, from 7.30pm.

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## BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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**Warnings:** Lorries packed full of furniture are arriving from Poland at Dover and Ramsgate. Many of the items, including suites and sofas, do not comply with UK safety legislation and are fire hazards. They are being sold in Kent supermarket car parks, motorway service stations, door-to-door and at other dubious locations.

Trading Standards warn that this furniture is extremely dangerous and strongly urge consumers not to be tempted to buy it. If anybody has information on sellers, including vehicle details, Trading Standards

would like to hear from you on 08457 585497 or by logging on to [www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent](http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent)

Trading Standards has also warned of a company which claims to collect clothes for charity but is in fact a business. Only give to recognised charities.

**Health boost:** A concert has been organised, as part of the Canterbury Festival, to raise funds for Health for All. On Wednesday, October 22 Angeline Kanagasooriam and Robert Scott will perform at The Old Synagogue in Canterbury. Tickets are available through the Festival Box Office, phone 01227 378188. Although it states in the Festival programme that this event is to raise funds for The Barefoot Hospital, this is an error, and all proceeds will go to Health for All.

**Broadband:** Nick Robinson who is running the Broadband4Bridge campaign for ADSL broadband for all villages connected to the Bridge telephone exchange, Adisham,

Barham, Bridge, Bekesbourne, Bishopsbourne, Kingston, Lower Hardres, Nackington and Street End, wishes to contact all those who are interested in the idea, to clarify the situation in the area and the best course of action to take.

Broadband internet is not available in the area because the exchange at Bridge has not been upgraded to support ADSL broadband and BT has shown no interest in doing so. If sufficient people register interest for broadband internet on his campaign website, it will be possible to convince BT to upgrade the exchange. At present there are 216 people with registered interest, so BT has taken note and is evaluating the exchange's upgrade feasibility. More registrations will convince it and mean less work when it has been evaluated and a target [trigger] level has been set.

The campaign's website can be found at  
[www.broadband4bridge.cjb.net/](http://www.broadband4bridge.cjb.net/)

Nick can be contacted through the website, by e-mail at [webmaster@Broadband4Bridge.freerve.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@Broadband4Bridge.freerve.co.uk) or by phone on 01227 832 142. If phoning state the purpose of your call and leave a name and number so he can get back to you.

**Parish council:** The next meeting will be in the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday October 9. All those living in the village are welcome to attend.

There will also be an extra public meeting at the same time and venue on October 23 to discuss the Parish Plan.

**Harvest Lunch:** This is being organised by Patribourne with Bridge parochial church council on behalf of the Bridge Group of Parishes, to raise funds for Christian Aid. It will be held in Bridge School hall at 12.30pm on Sunday October 12. Tickets cost £1 per person to cover costs plus a voluntary donation for Christian Aid. Book your seat by phoning Pat Dunderdale on 01227 830668 or Andrea Nicholson on 01227 830947 by October 8. Take your own soup bowl, plate, glasses and drinks.

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**Fish Scheme:** There are many newcomers to the village and indeed others who are unaware what this scheme is about. It is a small collection of local volunteers, who offer neighbourly assistance in time of need or emergency. They offer help to anyone in need but this has tended to be the elderly.

Many families live far away from each other these days and it is not always possible to give the help needed, and indeed some people do not have families to call upon.

A small group of volunteer drivers give some time each month to take people to hospital or doctors' appointments, to the Post Office to pick up pensions, or visits to the dentist or opticians. A mileage allowance is paid.

On the second Wednesday of each month at 10.15am there is a coffee-morning in the village hall, open to anyone who wants to pop in for coffee and a chat. There is a lending library of paperback books and magazines. There is a supply of knitting wool for anyone who would like to make garments for local children in need.

There is a library service for those who are unable to get out, organized in conjunction with the Canterbury Library Service.

Once a year there is a coach outing to enjoy the spring blossoms, a tour of the countryside, tea and a visit to Thompson's Garden Centre.

A Saturday morning in May is set aside for the only fund-raising event of the year, a coffee morning with plant stall, cakes and raffle.

Transport is provided for all these when required.

A Zimmer frame and a commode are available to borrow. If required phone the co-ordinator.

The Fish Scheme has been in operation since 1980 and some of the founder volunteers are still giving generously of their time but would welcome new helpers. Perhaps you would consider volunteering in some way?

If you have a small amount of time to spare every month for visiting, driving or helping out, phone co-ordinator Jean Johnson on 01227 766181.

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If you require transport or if you can offer a little of your time to drive, phone 01227 830762 and leave a message if necessary.

If you have a friend, relative, neighbour or indeed yourself, who may need assistance regularly or in an emergency contact the co-ordinator

The scheme also has a small amount of money available in an unusual emergency situation. If you would like the committee to consider a suggestion, please contact one of the above numbers.

The next Coffee Pop-In and the annual meeting is on October 8.

**WI:** At the Bridge and Patrixbourne branch September meeting, Peter Warr gave a talk on glass engraving, which originated in Egypt in 6000 B.C.

Pamela Elgar won the competition.

On Tuesday October 21 Mr. J.Dunkley will take members "Around the World in 50 minutes". There will be two competitions beginning in I and an Autumn Scene in any medium on a nine-inch plate, the winning entry to go to the group meeting.

**History Society:** Members visit four churches along the Nailbourne, Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne, with a guided visit to each church. Visit two churches in the morning, stop for a buffet lunch at the Red Lion in Bridge and then visit two more churches in the afternoon. Meet at 10am at Bridge recreation ground car park, members £10 non-members £12.50 including buffet lunch.

**Art In Bridge:** Have your exhibits ready for the Art in Bridge exhibition to be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19. Time is now getting short.

**Church diary:** Health and Healing Group meets on Thursday, October 2, at 7 Windmill Close, Bridge at 7pm.

**Church services:** Sunday October 5 Trinity 16. 8am BCP Communion, St Mary's Church Patrixbourne; 9.30am Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Other churches in the Bridge Group, 10am Family Service St Peter's Church Bekesbourne; 11am Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres.

Owing to the continued indisposition of The Rev Paul Filmer, officiating ministers are liable to last minute changes. Please continue to pray for his return to good health.

11am. Bridge Methodist Church, Patrixbourne Road, Service led by the Rev B. Heather.

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**Surgery:** Cllr Bill Oakey, representing the City Council's North Nailbourne Ward, will hold his monthly surgery on Saturday, October 18, in the Methodist Church, Patribourne Road, between 10am and noon. Anyone living in the area with a matter to discuss is welcome to attend.

**Art in Bridge:** Parishioners are invited to an exhibition entitled Further Close Encounters, Fine Art and Ceramics by Annie Begley from October 13 to 19 at the White Horse Inn, High Street, Bridge, open Monday 6-9pm Tuesday-Sunday 3-6pm. This exhibition is a sequel to Close Encounters held during May at the White Horse. Paintings and hand-painted ceramics will be available for sale or work can be commissioned.

**League of Friends:** The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital Nailbourne Branch, raises money to buy medical equipment and other items that benefit patients and their visitors, as well as providing volunteers to maintain services such as shops and tea bars. Its policy is to buy only items that will continue to be used in Canterbury.

In 2002-3 the local group raised a total of more than £4,800. It appreciates all the support it has received last year and £500 has been claimed from the Inland Revenue over the last two years as many people have completed Gift Aid income tax forms. It has raised money selling draw tickets at the coffee morning at the annual meeting in February, and a talk about Sark by Dr Tony Beaumont raised £578. This has enabled the group to buy a nebulizer system, oximeter finger probe, spirometer, vital care monitor and pictures. It is grateful for the donation made in memory of Mary Steed.

Villagers can help the group to continue to support the hospital by making a donation and/or becoming a friend of the Nailbourne Group at a minimum annual donation of £5 for the year to September 30, 2004. Cheques should be made payable to The League of Friends Nailbourne Branch. If you have not already received an application form with a Gift Aid Declaration, contact treasurer Mrs Maggie Fairweather, 62 Bridge Down, Bridge CT4 5BA or

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any member of the committee..

Members of the committee are Elizabeth Stewart, chairman; Rosy Green, vice-chairman; Maggie Fairweather, treasurer; Christine Heap, secretary; Wendy Durrell; Ann Medhurst; Jane Millyard; Jackie Thackray; Judy West; Kate Whitten. Contact any of these if you would like to join or are prepared to help in any way at future events. Donations of cakes and goods are always appreciated.

**Church news:** Margaret Clark, Lay Reader to the Bridge Group of Churches writes that the Bishop of Dover has authorised her to take an extended Communion service in church on a Sunday, as well as what she is able to do now, conduct Communion in people's homes and in residential homes.

The Parochial Church Council of Patrixbourne and Bridge has accepted this and she feels thrilled at the prospect of being able to do so, when the regular priests are not available.

She has taken an extended Communion at St Mary's, Lower Hardres on several occasions. It is a beautiful service, almost the same as a Eucharist with hymns, readings, sermon and prayers.

Monday October 13 7.30pm Caring and Sharing Group coffee and chat at The Purlins, Meadow Close;  
Tuesday October 14 2.30pm Holy Communion, Churchill House.

**Art exhibition:** Details have now been confirmed that the autumn exhibition will be held in the village hall on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19, from 11am-5pm. Entrance is free, with refreshments available.

Anyone living or working in or near Bridge is invited to exhibit up to three works of art. All abilities are welcome and children and young people are especially encouraged to exhibit. Exhibits should be taken to the hall between 5 and 7pm on Friday October 17.

The information/registration form for exhibitors is available from Colebrook Sturrock & Co, estate agents, High Street, Bridge, and [www.artinbridge.org.uk](http://www.artinbridge.org.uk). Further information on the website or from John Corfield on 01227 830976.

**Christmas puddings:** The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company is even now making those exquisite puddings for L'Arche homes for the disabled. Reserve some for yourself or to give as a most acceptable present by phoning 830298 for home delivery.

**Church services:** Sunday October 12, Pentecost 19, 10am Matins Chris Maclean, St Mary's Church Patrixbourne; 11am Family Service Tony Washington, St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge Group, 8am BCP Communion, the Rev.J.Shorrocks, St Peter's Church Bekesbourne; 9.30am Holy Communion, the Rev.Bretherton, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 6pm Evensong Mrs M.Clarke; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev D.Marshall.

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**Parish Plan:** The parish council is holding a public meeting to discuss the Plan in the village hall on Thursday, October 23 at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity for parishioners to state their views and not just complain about any decisions taken in retrospect.

**WI:** Bridge and Patribourne branch members will meet in the village hall on Tuesday October 21 at 7.30pm. The guest speaker will be Mrs J. Dunkley who will take them Round the World in 50 Minutes and the competition is an article beginning with I.

**Annual meeting:** The Fish Scheme for neighbourly help met in the village hall last week when co-ordinator Jean Johnson reported that every house in the parishes of Bridge, Patribourne, Bekesbourne and Bishopsbourne had received full information on the scheme's activities as quite a few people were unaware of what it had to offer. During the year 199 journeys taking those who needed transport to various appointments were made. However new volunteer drivers would be most welcome. The Housebound Library Service could take on more borrowers. Jean also expressed her thanks to Barry Whiting for his help with the Cornelia Slavin Blossom Tour in May.

A lunch in the hall is planned for the new year, details to be announced. Sadly it was announced that Mrs Joan Warren, founder member, is retiring after 23 years as is Bill McCarthy, treasurer for 12 years. Both are thanked for the work. Cllr Ann Edmonds has volunteered to replace Mr McCarthy.

**Church Diary:** Last Sunday Bridge

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with Patricxbourne Parochial Church Council held a Harvest Lunch in the Primary School hall to raise funds for Christian Aid.

Fifty parishioners attended for a basic meal and were asked to donate what they estimated they would have spent on their Sunday Dinner. Apart from being an enjoyable event, it raised £150.

Monday, October 20, 7.30pm, Caring and Sharing Group meets at 37 High Street.

Tuesday, October 21, Holy Communion at Saxon Lodge, 2.30pm.

**Church services:** Sunday, October 19. Pentecost 19. 10am Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Bridge. St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne no service this week. Other churches in the Bridge Group 8am BCP Communion, the Rev Bretherton, St Mary's Church Nackington; 10am Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 10am Harvest Family service Mrs M. Clarke, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres. Bridge Methodist Church Service led by Mr M. Baybutt.

**Health for All:** The Bridge Health Centre's registered charity for Bihar, one of the poorest regions in India, is sponsoring a concert as part of the Canterbury Festival.

Song for India with Angeline Kanagasooriam and pianist Robert Scott is on Wednesday October 22 at The Old Synagogue, King's Street, Canterbury at 7.45pm.

Tickets are available from the Festival Box Office at £8.50. All proceeds will be donated to Health for All.

**Gardeners:** Members and visitors met in the village hall last week to hear about Sissinghurst Gardens. Janine Doulton, a long standing volunteer there, gave the history of the buildings and the gardens, illustrated with slides taken over all seasons.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** It was agreed that the next planning committee meeting would be November 13 at 7pm in the village hall.

At the parish council meeting in the village hall on Thursday October 9 at 7.30pm, members heard that Kent Wildlife Trust has designated Whitehill Wood, Lower Hardres as a site of nature conservation interest.

The council has agreed to contact the residents of Bridge High Street with regard to supplying Christmas trees again this year.

Kent County Council intends to reduce the speed limit at Mill Lane Bridge to 30mph.

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be November 13 at 7.30pm in the village hall.



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## BISHOPSBOURNE

**Correspondent:** Malcolm Mitchell,  
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**Parish church:** Holy Communion was celebrated at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday, October 12. There will be no service at Bishopsbourne on Sunday, October 19, but members of the congregation are invited to any of the following services being held in other churches making up the Barham Downs united benefice, of which Bishopsbourne is a member:

There will be Communion at 8am at St Margaret of Antioch, Womenswold, and at 10am at St Giles's, Kingston. At the same time, a united service is being held at St John the Baptist, Barham, where there will also be evening prayer at 6pm.

The annual service for all souls, commemorating the departed, will be held on Sunday, November 2, in St John's, Barham, at 6pm. The Rector, the Rev David Roper, asks anyone wanting to have the name of loved ones included in the service to contact him as soon as possible.

Gifts of educational materials bought from money raised in the four parishes to the link school in The Gambia have produced the following message of gratitude: "I was expecting to receive a few items from you but to receive 12 large boxes of very useful items was way beyond expectation.

"May God bless you and the wonderful parishioners who contributed in putting a smile on children's faces."

**Conrad Hall:** The Castle Theatre Company, from Deal, is bringing to Bishopsbourne's village hall its successful production of Alan Bennett's Talking Heads. The three monologues, said to be a tour de force for the actresses involved, will be staged at the hall on Saturday, November 8, at 7.45pm.

In *Soldiering on*, Muriel battles against adversity after her husband has died; in *Nights in a Spanish Garden*, Rosemary is locked in a loveless marriage only to find a brief release before falling back into her domestic prison, this time in a country she hates and *A Cream Cracker under the Settee* has Doris, an elderly widow who after a fall desperately needs help but is too proud and too frightened to ask for it.

The actresses involved are Lynda Borley, Claire Middleton and Christine Taylor, who are directed by Stephen Cresswell, the theatre company's artistic director.

Tickets at £5 can be had in advance from hall trustee Maureen Baker, phone 01227 830715, or at the door on the night.

This is one of a series of events which have so far raised £2,500 to help provide new curtains and windows for the Conrad Hall.

The trustees also organised a harvest supper, which was well supported and raised around £250 for hall funds.

Hall chairman Sheila Castle said she was delighted with the event and at the progress being made by the curtain fund appeal.

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**Warning:** The clocks go back next week and as burglars are more active in the long dark evenings, review your home security now. Make sure all accessible windows have locks and consider getting timers from a DIY store so that lights come on automatically to make your house look occupied.

Kent Trading Standards has received a report via Social Services Kent Home Care Service that a client, who lives in the Herne Bay area, has received several phone calls from a

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company stating that it is from the Fire Prevention Team and wishes to call and check fire/smoke alarms. Kent Fire Brigade is not aware of any such checks being made. Details of incidents can be reported to trading standards on 08457 585497 or via its website at [www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent](http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/kent)

There have been reports from Whitstable of similar calls from a company claiming to be working with the Fire Service. Treat any calls of this nature with caution. Do not make appointments for others to call, it may effect your rights to cancel.

**Art exhibition:** The exhibition in the village hall last weekend has now become one of the most outstanding annual village events. The variety and diversity of talent shown not only in the paintings, but also in the other creative art forms, demonstrated the great wealth of talent available in quite a restricted area. It is a shame that the catchment area could not be extended but space is limited to the size of the building. The contributors ranged not only from the professional artist to the amateur but also from the young to the old. To mark the success of this project entries submitted this year were increased to 189 over the 170 entered last year, with 180 of them being completely new.

Thanks go to members of the committee who launched this project, John Corefield, Pam Dobson and Emily Shirley, plus all e who helped In setting up and stewarding. Special thanks go to one of the most talented artists in the village, Barry Kirk who assisted by his wife Pleasance, undertook the hanging of the exhibits to great effect.

**Parish Plan:** The parish council is holding a public meeting in the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, October 23. All interested parties living in the area are invited to attend.

**History Society:** A glorious late summer morning greeted some 25 members at Bekesbourne Church at the start of a tour round four local churches. David Millyard introduced them to the history and architecture of the church, and took toured the graveyard to meet a few past parishioners. On to Patrixbourne, where Andrea Nicholson pointed out some of the beauties of this local gem. After a buffet lunch at the Red Lion in Bridge, they went on to see the wall-paintings of Bishopsbourne with David Gilmour, and then back to Bridge with Maurice Raraty, who gave a little history, and a look at some of the fascinating inscriptions and tombstones, including the earliest recorded example of a churchyard brass of about 1450, now used as a paving stone.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 11, at 7pm in the school hall, when historic film of hop picking in Kent will be shown. For details phone membership secretary David Gilmour on 01227 832450.

**Pub:** The exhibition of contemporary painting and sculpture, all for sale, at the Plough and Harrow, High Street, continues until Saturday October 25. Art lovers are able to take a drink and peruse the various items around the bars at their leisure.

**Church services:** Sunday October 26, Pentecost 20, 8am BCP Communion Service, the Rev J. Packer and Mrs Margaret Clarke. 6pm Evensong Mrs Clarke. St Peter's Church Bridge, 10am. Holy Communion the Rev J. Shorrocks; 5pm Family Service Mrs. M. Clarke, St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne. Other churches in the Bridge Group: 9.30am Holy Communion, St Mary's Church Nackington. No services this Sunday at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, or at St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church led by the Rev B.Heather.

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**Wine and Wisdom:** To raise funds, Patribourne with Bridge Parochial Church Council is running a quiz night on Saturday November 8 at 7 for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £5 per head to include a ploughman's supper. Tables of eight can be reserved by phoning Pat Dunderdale on 01227 830668 or Andrea Nicholson on 01227 830947 or individuals can be formed into teams on the night.

**Fireworks display:** The annual fireworks display and bonfire night will be held in the Church Meadow, Brewery Lane on Saturday November 6. Gates open at 5.30pm. Adults £3, children £1.50, family ticket £8.

**WI:** Bridge and Patribourne branch held its October meeting in Bridge Village Hall last week when Mrs. Dunkley explained her holiday slides in her talk, Around the World in 50 Minutes. Jean Foster won the collage competition and Mary Murton the article beginning with I. Nominations were taken for next year's committee, ready for the annual meeting on Tuesday November 18 at 7.30pm in the village hall. The competition then is to be an article beginning O.

**Parish Plan:** A group of interested parishioners met last Thursday in the village hall to find out more about the plan. They were welcomed by the new parish council chairman Mark Esdale who after pointing out what the new council was hoping to achieve, introduced Kathy Bugden a representative of the Kent Rural Community Council a registered charity, to give a presentation on how to go about increasing the influence of the village in local and indeed national government. Initially this was by a community assessment to replace the old appraisal method, followed by an action plan formed from a Steering Committee to seek out the views of every age group in the village. The meeting was also told that there was possibility of funding from various sources to help with the cost of setting up the scheme. The audience during the refreshment break was asked to write down what they thought was good or bad about the village. Volunteers were also called upon to offer their services in the following areas: steering committee; collection of questionnaires; artwork, posters, design; collation; interviews; distribution of information, questionnaires etc; presentations; typing; catering. Anyone interested in helping with any of these tasks can initially contact Tina Burchell, the parish clerk on 01227 831085 or any member of the parish council.

**Jumble sale:** The Village Playgroup is holding a jumble sale in the village hall on Saturday November 15 from 2-4pm. Entrance fee is 20p children free. Any jumble or unwanted items can be taken to the hall that morning from 10am-noon.

**Church diary:** Monday November 3, 7.30pm Caring and Sharing Group meet for coffee and chat at 20

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Lanfranc Gardens, Canterbury.  
Thursday November 6, Health and  
Healing Group at Netherbury,  
Meadow Close, 7pm. Please keep  
your requests coming, whether for  
illness, bereavement, anxiety or  
any other circumstances. Call in  
person or phone Mrs Packer with  
your requests on 830364.

**Church services:** Sunday  
November 2 Pentecost 21, 8am BCP  
Communion the Rev J. Shorrock St  
Mary's Church Patricxbourne;  
9.30am Holy Communion Mr  
Shorrock, 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 Canon R. Diss, St  
Mary's Church, Nackington.