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## BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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**Jumble sale:** A jumble sale is to be held at Bridge and Patribourne School on Saturday November 15 at 11am. Take jumble to the school during the week before or on the morning of the sale, or phone 01227 830276 during school hours to arrange collection.

**History Society:** The visit to Bourne House in October was fully subscribed and much enjoyed by all who attended.

This was a members only meeting with a donation to the Pilgrims Hospice. The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 11 in the school hall, Conyngham Lane, at 7pm. This is a film presentation with rare historic films on Canterbury of 1914 and hop picking in Kent followed, after a break for refreshment, by the film Adventure in the Hopfields starring Melvyn Hayes, Antony Valentine and Jane Asher. The whole programme will last for two hours. Members pay £3 if booked in advance, £4 at the door and non-members pay £4. All proceeds will be donated to the Weald Hospice.

**FISH Scheme:** The Coffee Pop-In will be held in the village hall on Wednesday November 12 from 10-11.15am. Anyone requiring a lift can phone Ann Medhurst on 01227 830762.

**Parish council:** The next meeting will be in the village hall on Thursday November 13 at 7.30pm, after a planning committee meeting at 7. All residents are welcome to attend.

**Traidcraft Sale:** The sale will be on



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Saturday November 15  
from 10.30am-noon at 25 The Close,  
Union Road, Bridge. There will be  
Christmas cards, Fairly traded  
goods that make perfect presents  
and you can enjoy free coffee and  
cakes while you browse!

**Children's Society:** Representative  
in Bridge Mrs Kathy Eynon says  
the society's Christmas Cards are  
now on sale at its shop at 6 Palace  
Street, Canterbury. For those who  
find it difficult to get around, she  
has a brochure showing designs  
and can be contacted on 830466.

**Bridge Scouts:** It has become a  
tradition for the Scouts to deliver  
Christmas mail in Bridge and this  
year will be no exception. They  
regret, however, that the price of  
stamps has to be increased to 15p  
each to help to raise much needed  
funds for equipment.

The Christmas Collection boxes  
and special stamps will be at the  
following venues from the first  
week of December; the Plough and  
Harrow, the White Horse Inn, the  
Red Lion, Bridgeway Stores, Laurie  
Wakeham, Butcher and Nicholas  
James, Hairdresser.

Correctly addressed and stamped  
mail for Bridge addresses only will  
be collected on Thursdays  
December 11 and 18 for delivery.  
Unfortunately the Scout Troop is  
unable to collect and deliver after  
December 18.

**Reminders:** A wine and wisdom  
evening in aid of the Patricxbourne  
and Bridge Parochial Church  
Council is on Saturday November 8  
in the village hall at 7 for 7.30pm.  
There is still some room available.  
Tables of eight can be reserved or  
organisers can help you to join a  
table. Phone Pat Dunderdale on  
830668 or Andrea Nicholson on  
830947.

A fireworks display and bonfire  
organised by the Parents and  
Friends Association of the Primary  
School, will be held on Brewery  
Lane Meadow on Saturday  
November 8. Gates open at 5.30pm.  
Adults £3, children £1.50, family  
ticket £8.



ticket 20.  
**Surgery:** Cllr Bill Oakey, city councillor for the North Nailbourne Ward will be holding his surgery on Saturday November 15 from 10am-noon in Bekesbourne Village Hall. All those living in the ward who are experiencing any problems are invited to attend. Owing to the Christmas season there will no surgery in December.

**Church news:** The children of St Mary the Virgin Church Lower Hardres, one of the Bridge Group of Churches, have decided to produce jars of mincemeat for sale in aid of the Church Restoration Fund. Donations of dried fruit, cooking apples, soft dark brown sugar, beef suet and empty jam jars would be gratefully received. They will be making mincemeat, producing their own labels and recipe cards and selling it at St Mary's Family Services, the crib service, at a Lower Hardres Christmas fair on Saturday November 29. Phone 01227 830653.

Monday November 10 Caring and Sharing Group will meet at Bridge Vicarage at 7.30pm for a talk on Romania illustrated with slides.

Tuesday November 11 Holy Communion Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm .

**Church services:** Sunday November 9 Remembrance Sunday 10am Matins, Chris Maclean, St Mary's Church, Patixbourne; 10.50am Act of Remembrance at Bridge War Memorial; 11am Family Service the Rev J. Thackray St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other Churches in the Bridge Group; 8am BCP Communion Canon A. Duke and 10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, 9.30am Holy Communion the Rev Bretherton, St Mary's Church, Nackington. 10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial Mrs M. Clarke, 6pm Evensong Mrs M. Clark St Mary the Virgin Lower Hardres. 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev H. Skinner.

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**Bonfire Night:** The evening bonfire and fireworks party organised by the PFA of Bridge and Patribourne C.E.P School was an outstanding success. Held on Saturday on the Church Meadow, Brewery Lane, it was estimated that there were at least 2,500 spectators. The size of the bonfire combined with a spectacular display demonstrated the effectiveness of holding such an occasion in a controlled environment.

**Wine and wisdom:** The quiz on Saturday in the village hall, in aid of the parish of Patribourne with Bridge, raised £275 as well as



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providing a good evening's entertainment for all those who attended. The organisers thank all those who helped with running the event, as well as those who participated.

**Bridge Pharmacy:** Mrs Sara Preston, the pharmacist who took over the running of the business on behalf of the Paydens Group, earlier in the year from Ian Barry, thanks all those in the village that were so helpful and made her feel so welcome during her time in Bridge. She and her husband are returning to their native North Island of New Zealand. At present it is not known who will replace her.

**History Society:** Twenty-five members of The History Society of Bridge and District got off to a good start one Saturday on the Nailbourne Church Trail, with a tour of Bekesbourne church by David Millyard who gave a detailed explanation of the various features of the church both inside and outside.

This was followed by Patrixbourne Church and a talk by Dr. Andrea Nicholson. She told them of the history of the unusual stained glass brought to Patrixbourne from Switzerland and Germany. After her talk they had a wander around the outside of the church to see in detail the Norman doorway and the mass clocks at Patrixbourne as there is also at Barfreston.

The party had a buffet lunch at the Red Lion in Bridge and made their way to Bishopsbourne to visit the church there. They had not been able to find anyone from Bishopsbourne who could give them a tour of the church so David Gilmore did it himself.

The slightly depleted party then returned to Bridge for the final visit to Bridge Church. The tour was given by Dr Maurice Raraty who as a result of his detailed research into the fabric of the building was able to give a full and detailed explanation of the history of the church.

As a result of these visits the Society has given a donation to The Parochial Church Council of each church of £25 to thank them.

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**Jumble sale on Saturday** November 15 at 11am. Please take jumble to the school on the morning of the sale or phone 01227 830276 during school hours to arrange collection.

**Salvation Army carol concert** Monday December 1 at 7.30pm. Enjoy a evening singing carols with the Salvation Army Band. Tickets available at the school office £1.50; phone 01227 830276.

**Invitation to all senior citizens** to an afternoon of entertainment on Tuesday 16th December 16 from 1.30-3pm. Refreshments will be served; phone Mrs Andrews on 01227 830276

**Jumble sale:** A sale in aid of the Village Playgroup will be held in the village hall on Saturday November 15 from 2-4pm. Entrance fee 20p, children free. Any jumble or unwanted items can be taken to the hall that morning from 10-noon.

**German:** Lively conversation classes to polish up your German, basic knowledge expected, are on Thursday lunchtimes from noon-1.30pm and Thursday evenings 7.30 to 9 at the Plough and Harrow, Bridge. Join anytime call Gertie on 01227 832594.

**Church news:** Bridge and Patrixbourne churches have received a letter from the Canterbury Open Centre for homeless people requesting support for their seasonal appeal. Last month the Harvest gifts were sent to them.

As Christmas approaches their requirements change, they specifically ask for toiletries including disposable razors, soap,

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shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste and warm clothing including socks. During the month leading up to Christmas they will be accepting gifts to be taken to the Canterbury Open Centre.

Please give generously, gifts do not need to be wrapped. Phone Laurence Dunderdale on 01227 830668 or Andrea Nicholson on 830947.

Traidcraft sale Saturday November 15 10.30am-noon, 25 The Close, Union Road, Bridge, with Christmas cards, Fairly traded goods that make perfect presents and enjoy free coffee and cakes while you browse.

**Diary:** Caring and Sharing Group meets Monday November 17 at 7.30pm, venue to be announced.

Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge. Tuesday November 18, 2.30pm.

**Church services:** Sunday November 16 Pentecost 23. 10am Holy Communion, Canon Gordon Manley. St. Peter's Church Bridge. No service this Sunday at St. Mary's

Church Patrixbourne. Other Churches in the Bridge Group; 8am BCP Communion the

Rev J. Shorrocks St Mary's Church Nackington. 10am Holy Communion Canon Humphriss St Peter's Church Bekesbourne. 10am Family Service Mrs. M. Clarke St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres. 11am Bridge Methodist Church Service led by Mrs M. Beckwith



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**Bridge Choir:** Sing carols at St  
Peter's Bridge on Sunday,  
December 21 and more  
particularly, join in the Bridge  
Choir, which will be specially  
augmented as usual for the service!

As in previous years, the choir will  
be supporting the congregational  
singing, and adding another  
dimension to the familiar  
Christmas Readings with a varied,  
but not unfamiliar selection of  
short carols of their own. They are  
looking for all voices, soprano, alto,  
tenor and baritone from all age  
groups and hope to welcome back  
many old friends, as well as  
gaining new enthusiasts.

Some experience and/or ability to  
read music is necessary for the  
harmony parts, but not vital for  
the top line.

Rehearsals will be kept to a  
minimum but for that reason it is  
crucial that most people can make  
both the main rehearsals as well as  
the Sunday. Rehearsals will almost  
certainly be in Bridge Church as  
follows: Friday December 12  
8.30pm, Wednesday December 17 7-  
8.30pm, Sunday December 21 4-  
5.30pm.

Music will be available in advance  
and for private study.

If you are available to join in tell  
Hilary Whiting as soon as possible  
on 01227 830506. As Bill Rose is  
going to be in Australia this  
Christmas, Martin Miles can assess  
the balance and viability of the  
programme. Phone him directly on  
01227 787994.



**Gardeners:** The Nailbourne Horticultural Society is holding a Cheese for Christmas Evening, with a presentation by Say Cheese 2 of Lewes, with a tasting and an opportunity to buy, on Tuesday December 2 at 7.30pm in the village hall. This will be followed by festive refreshments and a Christmas raffle. For tickets in advance at £2.50, or help with transport phone Ann on 01227 830795. Members and non-members are welcome.

**Click 4:** Last Tuesday the 10-week evening computer course for adult beginners was marked with a small celebration at the Bridge and Patrixbourne Primary School at the end of the last session. This was in appreciation for all the patient hard work and overtime put in by the school's computer expert Rob Sleight, assisted by Nicky Turner. Those of the 15 pupils, including your correspondent, also thank the Headmistress Mrs Anna Newton and all those who made the course possible. We will all go away from the class of 2003 if not exactly computer whiz-kids, but knowing enough to find our way around, it in itself an accomplishment. Further courses may well be considered for the future.

**Church diary:** Monday, November 24, Caring and Sharing Group meets, 8 Green Court, Bridge, 7.30pm. The Rev Paul Filmer is still off sick residents are pleased to hear that his health is improving. Please remember him in your prayers.

**Church services:** Sunday, November 23, Pentecost 23, 8am BCP Communion the Rev J. Packer, Mrs M. Clarke and 6pm Evensong, Mrs M. Clarke, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 10am Holy Communion, the Rev Bretherton; 5pm Family Service, Martin Leggatt, St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne. Other Churches in the Bridge Group: 9.30am Holy Communion and Baptism Canon R. Diss. No services at St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres or St Peter's Bekesbourne. 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev G. Baugh.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** At the meeting on Thursday, November 13, thanks

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were expressed to everyone that has made a donation towards the Christmas trees in the High Street this year. The trees are due to be erected on Saturday December 6.

Budget 2004/5: The council has agreed to ask the City Council for a Concurrent Functions funding grant of £8,264 for 2004/5 and has agreed to set the precept at £10,258. Anyone interested in having a copy of the budget should contact the clerk.

Notice of proposed work to trees in a conservation area for which a tree preservation order has been served: April Cottage, 1 Meadow Close; re-pollard sycamore trees, hawthorn and ash trees on boundary of property and Bourne Lodge to previous cutting points. Comments required by November 27. 23a Union Road, remove large limb of walnut tree over neighbour's building and to lift low growth all round. Remove dead wood, tidy growth of group of conifers, remove upright limb of apple tree and prune, reduce willow by 50 per cent and reshape.

The council will meet next at 7pm on December 11. Members of the public can address the council between 7 and 7.15pm.

The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CA/03/01427/BRI Coppice, Bridge Hill, two storey side/front extension; CA/03/01496/BRI The Dell, Bridge Hill, single storey rear extension.

The following applications have been notified as being granted:

CA/03/01247/BRI 26, Conyngham Lane, roll up garage;  
CA/03/01301/BRI 34 Conyngham Lane, two storey front and single storey rear/side extension;  
CA/03/01297/BRI 26a High Street, two storey rear extension to provide retail and storage space.

The following revised planning application has been received:  
CA/03/01073 16 Union Road, first floor extension, replacement of flat roof with pitched and replacement conservatory to rear

The parish council's planning committee will meet next at 6.45pm on December 11 in the village hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.



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**Poppy Appeal:** Barry Whiting, local Poppy Appeal organiser, says a total of £1346.49 is the result of this year's appeal but this should rise significantly once church offerings are received.

Thanks go to all that gave time to collect and contributed so generously.

**Jumble sale:** The sale run by the Village Playgroup last Saturday in the village hall raised £159 for its funds, an excellent result as it was the group's second event this year. The organisers thank those who helped, who donated jumble and supported the sale.

**Tasting:** Tickets are still available for The Nailbourne Horticultural Society's Cheese is for Christmas, a presentation by Say Cheese of Lewes with a tasting and an opportunity to buy, followed by festive refreshments and Christmas raffle. Members and non-members are welcome, for details, tickets or help with transport phone Ann on 01227 830795. To reserve your booking quote reference number 1216.

**WI:** Bridge with Patrixbourne branch held its annual meeting at the November meeting in Bridge Village Hall. Beryl Heap remains as secretary, Avril Austin was elected as new president and Evelyn Oxlade as treasurer. The joint winners of the competition were Daisy Watson and Joyce Hopkins. The December meeting will also be in the village hall at 7.30pm on the earlier date of Tuesday December 9, when they will be entertained by Doug Inkpen. Members are asked to take a plate of food and a glass. The competition is for an article beginning with N.

**Outing:** An afternoon and evening coach trip to London has been organised for those living in the area, and will take place on Tuesday December 16. This will include a trip up the Thames, the London Eye at night and a tour of the West End Christmas lights. The cost is £30 inclusive, and the coach will leave Barham Village Hall at 3pm, Bishopsbourne Church 3.10pm, Bridge centre village bus shelter 3.20pm, and the New Dover Road Park and Ride 3.30pm. For details and booking phone E. Cartwright on 01227 831095.

**GIG:** On Friday November 28 at 8.30pm. Three Blind Mice are at the White Horse, High Street, Bridge.

The Salvation Army carol concert is at the Primary School hall on Monday. Tickets available at the school office at £1.50, phone 01227 830276 or pay on the night.

**Church diary:** Caring and Sharing Group's coffee and chat at the Coach House, Highland Court. Monday December 1, 7.30pm; Health and Healing Group, Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge Hill, Thursday December 4, 7pm.

**Church services:** Sunday November 30. Advent 1. Benefice Service for the whole of the Bridge Group at St Mary's Church, Nackington 10am Holy Communion the Rev. Bretherton; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev David Marshall (Toy Service).

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# BISHOPSBOURNE

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**PARISH COUNCIL:** Several villagers attended the monthly meeting in the Conrad Hall on Wednesday, November 19, to express concern about a planning application for change of use of part of Charlton Park to allow parties, conferences and other activities to be held there.

Charlton Park owner Mrs Gubby Twigg outlined her plans and said



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that she was concerned that she should pursue some sort of commercial activities in order to keep the mansion going, although she said she had gone off the idea of civil weddings. She said she did not envisage "any big events", although she was committed to holding the Canterbury Cricket Week ball at Charlton Park. In addition to pilates classes and a clinic which already take place, she wanted to attract lectures, concerts, smaller conferences and parties for such family occasions as birthdays and anniversaries.

Mrs Lorna Kenyon, who lives beside the private drive leading to the mansion, said that she and her husband would be most affected as every car going to or from the house would have to pass their home. She feared they would suffer "light, noise and car pollution."

Residents of The Street, Eric Gaskill and Ian Burniston also voiced their concerns about increased traffic passing through the main village street.

Mrs Twigg said she did not want to make anybody's life a misery in the village and would move the drive further away from the Kenyons' home, or perhaps put in more passing bays in Rose Lane.

City Councillor for the area Bill Oakey said the question of access and traffic would be the big planning issue. When parish council members came to discuss the application, they too expressed concerns about the increase in traffic, although they were not against the application for change of use.

A one-way system involving Rose Lane and Frog Lane was one idea. But Cllr Rodney Chew said he would vehemently oppose any scheme which would allow the speed of traffic using the narrow Rose Lane to increase.

Councillors decided they would not oppose the change of use application but would ask the City Council to take a careful look at the traffic aspect and to restrict the change of use to the applicant and not to any subsequent owner.

Among other planning matters was the ongoing question of the alleged illegal tipping of waste material at Mill House, Woodgate, the City Council having ordered the owner to remove the material from the site.



site.

City Council planning officer David Sime had written to tell the council that in his view the breach of planning control had been remedied and that a significant portion of the material had been removed. As a result it had been decided that no further action would be taken. However, the parish council is still unhappy with the situation, feeling that the spoil has not been removed from the site but merely redistributed in order to provide a level field out of the hillside.

Council chairman Colin Baker said: "If this is how planning and enforcement goes, you might as well not have any."

Cllr Oakey said he was very concerned about the whole issue of enforcement and planning and agreed that he would take the matter further.

He also reported that the Section of 106 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 agreement over the storage of seasonal workers' caravans in Pett Bottom had at last been signed. He said that when the agreement was being negotiated two and a half years ago it was agreed that the yard would be screened by fast growing conifers. The owner, Mr Mansfield, now said that landscaping will be completed by the end of the year and a barn would be put up to replace the present asbestos one which would house tractors locked away overnight.

Permission had been granted for new stables at Bourne Park Stud in June, 2002, subject to the existing haystore and stable block being demolished. That work has still not been done and Cllr Nick Rooke said he understood the owner would be instructing land agents to ensure the demolition took place. The council will keep the matter under review.

The clerk, Gerald Wenham, reported that the City Council had given consent for the erection of a stable block and tackroom at The

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Paddock, The Street, subject to four conditions. The parish council had offered no objection to the plan.

The council is pressing ahead with a housing needs survey to determine whether or not the village wanted it to pursue the possible provision of affordable housing in the village. A questionnaire is being prepared and it is hoped that it would be officially launched at the February meeting of the council, two which the Kent Rural Communities Council housing enabler Jennifer Shaw would be invited to explain the process to villagers.

The council approved its budget for 2004/05 and agreed to raise a precept of £2,555, an increase of about three per cent. The council will also submit a bid for concurrent function revenue grant of £1,705.

Following an inspection by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, Wicksteed Leisure, who provided the new children's play equipment, has agreed to put right deficiencies, including fitting a new crawler tunnel to replace the existing one which did not properly fit. The council will continue to pursue the possibility of updating safety precautions on the old slide and providing a safety surface beneath it. A decision will be made when costs are known.

The vice-chairman, Malcolm Mitchell, reported on a meeting of the Little Stour and Nailbourne River Management Group he had attended and said there was a delay in the Environment Department taking over responsibility for the Nailbourne.

He reported that ground water level were low following the long, dry, summer, and were about the same as at this time in 1999. The river management group is asking all member parish councils for a £25 a year subscription to help with administration costs.

The committee was hoping to hear the results of Southern Water's survey of the main Nailbourne Valley sewer in the New Year.

Cllr Chew reported on the annual meeting of the Kent Association of Parish Councils and on a City Council street monitors meeting. The chairman is to attend a meeting of the Parish Remuneration Panel at the Guildhall, Canterbury, at 4pm on December 11.

The council had already indicated that it would be paying attendance allowances to members but it was not understood that such allowances as travelling and subsistence expenses could not be paid to members without authority from the remuneration panel.

The litter bin which vanished from

the Neame Meadow playing field has still not been found, despite an appeal to villagers. The council will ask the city council about a replacement.

A poplar hedge in Pett Bottom was said by Cllr Chew to be in need of cutting back. The matter will be taken up with Kent Highways.

A "friendly word" is to be had with the owners of cars who park them on the pavement in Station Hill, causing pedestrians to have to walk in the road around them.

There will be no meeting of the council in December; the next will be on Wednesday, January 21, at 7.30pm.

**Parish church:** The Eucharist was celebrated at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday, November 23.

On Sunday, November 30, there will be no service at St Mary's. The only service to be held in the Barham Downs united benefice, of which Bishopsbourne is a member, will be joint benefice Eucharist at St John the Baptist Church, Barham, at 10am. There will also be morning worship at Barham Methodist Chapel at the same time.

A Christmas bazaar in aid of church funds will be held in the Conrad Hall on Saturday, November 29, from 10am to noon. This will provide an opportunity for Christmas present buying, with stalls including cakes and produce, gifts, bran tub, coffee and mince pies.

A special choir is being created to lead the worship at the benefice carol service on Monday, December 22, at St Margaret of Antioch Church, Womenswold. Anyone interested in joining the choir is invited to attend rehearsals, being held in St Giles's Church, Kingston, at 11.15am on Sundays, December 14 and December 21.

The parish has a new church administrator, Brian Davis, who will be assisting the Rector the Rev David Roper, with his parish and deanery duties.

For more details on any of the above or any other church matter contact the Rector at The Recotry, Barham, phone 01227 831340 or the reader, Miss Mary Ambrose on 01227 830856.

**Wine and wisdom:** Tickets are available at £3 each for the wine and wisdom evening at the Conrad Hall on Saturday, December 6. Contestants are invited by the hall trustees to make up tables of eight.

The quiz will take the format of the popular Who Wants to be a Millionaire? television show, offering those taking part for options for the answer. Quizgoers are asked to take their own wine and food, although mince pies and nibbles will be available.

Tickets can be obtained from