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## **BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE**

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**Red Lion: Customer Robert Moon  
volunteered to have his hair shaved  
off on Boxing Day in aid of the  
Demelza House childrens hospice  
and raised £135.**

**On Tuesday January 13 at 7.30pm  
Bobby George, former world darts  
champion, will give an exhibition to  
which all are welcome.**

**On Friday January 16 at 9pm the  
group A Bit on the Side will  
entertain.**

**History society: The History  
Society of Bridge and District will  
hold its next meeting in the School**



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Hall on Tuesday January 13 at 7.30pm. Marjorie Lyle will talk about Canterbury's own great playwright, poet and secret agent Christopher Marlowe. The price of admission is £2 to members and £3 to non-members, including coffee and biscuits.

**FISH Scheme:** This neighbourly help group's next Pop-In will be on Wednesday January 14 in the village hall from 10-11.15am.

There will be a special lunch at the village hall on Wednesday January 21 to honour the retirement of its founder Mrs Joan Warren.

**Church news:** Caring and Sharing Group meets at 7.30pm on January 12 at 8a Conyngham Lane for a Sri Lanka Evening; January 13, 2.30pm Holy Communion Churchill House.

**Church services:** Sunday January 11 Epiphany 1, 10am Matins, Chris McLean, St Mary's Church, Patribourne; 11am Family Service and Baptism, the Rev Paul Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge group, 8am BCP communion, the Rev John Shorrocks, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 9.30am holy communion, Canon Humphriss, St Mary's Church Nackington; 6pm evensong, Mrs M. Clarke, St. Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by John Ellis.

**Christingle:** This service in St Peter's Church, Bridge on Christmas Eve was an outstanding success. It should have been conducted by the Rev John Thackray but his commitments unfortunately did not allow him to attend. Instead, it was conducted by Pat Dunderdale, wife of the Churchwarden and Mrs Margaret Clarke, the lay reader, before a packed congregation. Children read the lessons and David Leach organised the music with his group of singers. Thanks were given to the group of helpers who made this possible and a warm welcome was given to the Vicar Paul Filmer who after a long illness, gave the blessing. The collection raised £372 for the Children's Society for which the local organiser Mrs Kathy Eynon is particularly grateful.

**Tug of war:** The usual popular annual event took place on Boxing Day on the water meadow off Mill Lane. The Red Lion team were hoping to avenge last year's defeat against the stalwarts of the Plough and Harrow. The umpire Bill Oakey was there to see that fair play prevailed. Alas after three pulls the score was the Plough and Harrow 3 and the Red Lion 0.

**Parish Council:** The next meeting will be held in the Bridge Village Hall on Thursday January 8, at 7.30pm after the planning committee meeting if required at 7pm. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



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**WI:** Bridge and Patribourne  
branch meets in Bridge Village  
Hall on Tuesday January 20 at  
7.30pm when Anne Catoor will talk  
about The Life of the Amish. The  
competition will be for an article  
beginning with F.

**Correction:** Robert Moon, a  
customer of the Red Lion who had  
his hair shaved off in aid of charity,  
was not helping Demelza House as  
reported last week but the Hospice  
Movement. Apologies

**Allotment:** The Allotments  
Association of Bridge has one plot  
available, either for sole use or to  
share. Anyone interested may  
phone J. Morgan, the secretary, on  
01227 831481.

**Witness Service:** Victim Support  
and the Witness Service is looking  
for volunteers to provide emotional  
and practical support to people in  
the community either by visiting  
them at home following a crime or  
by supporting witnesses attending  
a local court. Office support and  
fund-raisers are also welcome. Full  
training is given and expenses paid.  
For more details phone 01233  
647253. If you have further queries  
phone senior co-ordinator Ms L.  
Bramley on 01622 685789.

**Writers Group:** Covering the whole  
of the Elham Valley and now well  
into its second year, the Elham  
Valley Writers Group continues to  
concentrate on the short story,  
articles, poetry and  
autobiographical accounts, as well  
as on members' own work.  
Guidance on how to submit or  
publish work will be given.  
Members do in-class exercises and  
voluntary homework. There is time  
for refreshments and a chat among  
writers. Classes, run by Marianne  
MacKinnon, the author of several  
published books and a creative  
writing tutor for many years, are  
free of charge. They are held  
fortnightly on Wednesdays from 2-  
4.15pm in St Mary's Hall, Elham  
(opposite the estate agents). The  
next meeting will be on January 21.

It is hoped to publish a group  
anthology this year. Members  
share the cost of the hall hire, teas,  
photocopying and overheads  
totalling £5 per month, visitors pay  
£3 per session. Inquiries to  
Marianne MacKinnon on 01303



**By-election:** The by-election for the vacancy on the North Nailbourne Ward of Canterbury City Council will be on Thursday January 22, covering the villages of Bridge, Bekesbourne, Bishopbourne and Patrixbourne. Polling stations are at Bridge Village Hall, Bekesbourne Village Hall and the Conrad Hall, Bishopbourne. Voting starts at 8am and closes at 9pm. Check your polling card to see at which station you should be voting. There is a choice of four candidates.

**Gardeners:** The annual meeting of Nailbourne Horticultural Society will be held on Tuesday January 27 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. After the business, John Shorrocks will give a talk on the growing of delphiniums and distribute seeds. Annual subscriptions are also payable at the meeting at £2.50 for individual members and £4 for a family. Members paying their subscription on the night will be entered in the draw for free tickets for the Chelsea Flower Show.

The society would also welcome new faces on the committee. Now that the allotments in Bridge are operating, it would be a good opportunity for the allotment holders to join in and let the society know how it can cater for them as well. Phone Kathy Walder on 01227 830057 (evenings) for more details.

**Church diary:** Monday January 19 at 7.30pm Caring and Sharing Group visits 25 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown for coffee and a chat.

**Church services:** Sunday January 18 Epiphany 2, 10am Holy Communion, Canon G. Manley, St Peter's Church, Bridge. No service at St Mary's, Patrixbourne, this week. Other churches in the Bridge Group: 8am BCP Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 10am Holy Communion, Mr Filmer, 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 the Rev. D. Marshall.

Villagers are pleased that after a prolonged and serious illness, Mr Filmer is now gently easing himself back into his parish duties and wish him well.



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**PARISH COUNCIL:** A meeting was held on Thursday, January 8.

**Parking:** C.A. Metcalfe and Bob Pollard, representatives from the parking services department at Canterbury City Council have agreed to attend the next meeting on February 12 between 7.30 and 8pm to discuss parking issues in Bridge.

**Broadband:** Cllr Esdale reported that BT has set a target for broadband in Bridge by Easter and that Shepherd Neame has installed a broadband system in the Plough and Harrow as a test site. Tests should start in mid-January and last until the end of March.

**Christmas trees:** The council thanks all the volunteers that helped erect and take down the Christmas trees along the High Street.

The council will meet next at 7.30pm on February 12. Members of the public are invited to address the council between 8 and 8.15pm.

**Planning:** The planning committee had no objections to the planning applications listed below:

CAL/03/00147/BRI Lynton House, High Street, installation of satellite dish.

CA/03/01792/BRI 88 High Street, change of use of part of ground floor flat to estate agents office.

The committee objected to the following planning applications:

CA/03/01679/BRI 80 High Street, demolition of existing shop and erection of dwelling.

CAC/03/00024/BRI 80 High Street, demolition of existing shop.

Liz Kerr of development services has agreed to investigate the possible breach of planning control at the Old Hairdressers, 45 High Street, Bridge.

The planning committee will meet next at 7.15pm on February 12 in the village hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

**Public meeting:** Bridge Parish Council is holding a public meeting to discuss the Parish Plan in the Hunter Room of the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday January 29.

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## BISHOPSBOURNE

**Correspondent:** Malcolm Mitchell,  
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**Church news:** Holy Communion was celebrated at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday, January 11.

There will be no services at Bishopsbourne on Sunday, January 18, but members of the congregation will be assured of a welcome at any of the following services being held in churches forming the Barham Downs united benefice, of which St Mary's is part:

Early morning Communion will be celebrated at 8am at St Margaret of Antioch, Womenswold, and there will be a benefice united Communion service at St John the Baptist, Barham at 10am.

Evening prayer will be held at St John's at 6pm. Additionally, there will be the celebration of the Eucharist at St Giles's, Kingston, at 10am.

For details of any of the above or any other church matter contact the Rector, the Rev David Roper, at The Rectory, Barham phone 01227 831340, or the lay reader, Miss Mary Ambrose, phone 01227 830845.

**Parish magazine:** All reports of village activities or any other articles or correspondence for the magazine for February should be submitted to the editor, Carol Arter, 5 Greenacre, Kingston, by Thursday, January 15. Mrs Arter can also be contacted on 01227 830068.

**Testing time:** Tables of eight are invited for the next wine and wisdom evening (take you own wine, food and wisdom) in aid of Conrad Hall funds. It will be held in the hall on Saturday, February 28, at 7pm; tickets costing £3 per head.

For details contact trustees chairman Sheila Castle on 01227 831184, or Phillipa Burniston 01227 830341.

**Parish council:** The monthly meeting will be in the Conrad Hall on Wednesday, January 21, at 7.30pm. All are welcome and time will be allowed at the start of the meeting for questions from the public or other matters raised by villagers; advance notice would be welcome, phone chairman Cllr Colin Baker on 01227 830715.

**Election:** A by-election is being held to elect a successor to Canterbury City Council Nailbourne North ward member Bill Oakey, who has resigned for personal reasons.

The election will be held on Thursday, January 22, and polling will be from 8am to 9pm in the Conrad Hall.

**Newspapers:** Home delivery of newspapers in the village has started again, a new person having been found to take over the round following the resignation of the previous delivery girl.



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**Correspondent:** Malcolm Mitchell,  
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**Polling day:** Bishopsbourne goes to the polls on Thursday, January 22, to help elect a new Canterbury City Council member for North Nailbourne Ward to replace Cllr Bill Oakey who has resigned for personal reasons.

The Conrad Hall will be the polling station and electors will be able to cast their votes between 8am and 9pm. Other polling stations will be at Bekesbourne village hall and Bridge village hall.

The candidates are John Anderson, Conservative; Janet Horsley, Liberal Democrat; John Moore, UK Independence Party and Paul Todd, Labour.

**Parish church:** There was no service at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday, January 18, but this Sunday, January 25, the Eucharist will be celebrated at St Mary's at 10am.

Those members of the congregation unable to attend will find a welcome at any of the services being held in other churches making up the Barham Downs united benefice, of which Bishopsbourne is a member:

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

For details of any of the above or any other church matter contact the Rector, the Rev David Roper, at The Rectory, Barham, phone 01227 831340, or the reader, Miss Mary Ambrose, 01227 830845.

**Panto:** Villagers are invited to the Kingsbourne Players' pantomime version of Robinson Crusoe and The Pirates, by Paul Reakes, s being presented at Barham Village Hall from Thursday to Saturday, January 22-24.

Performances are at 7.30pm with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets at £4 (concessions £3) can be had by phoning the box office on 01227 830120 or 01227 831630.

**Newspapers:** The village is once again without a house to house newspaper delivery service. Papers are again being left in a box outside the Mermaid public house, from which customers may collect them.

Anyone wishing to take over the newspaper round is asked to phone 01227 830323 as soon as possible.



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**Auction:** Challenge 2003, held at the Plough and Harrow towards the end of last year was to buy the most ridiculous thing on the internet for under £10. This has produced some interesting results. There were 23 entries, and at a special presentation held there on Saturday January 10, the following winners were: 1 A. McFall with his Terry Wogan cross stitch; 2 Chris Maclean with his autographed photo, 3 the Rev Paul Filmer with his log fire DVD. The customers found the event so humorous and imaginative that it might be repeated at some future date.

**Bridge Pharmacy:** Des the manager of the local chemist would like to clarify the situation as far as their customers are concerned. It is a legal requirement that a pharmacist must be on the premises to supply prescriptions and pharmacy drugs to the public. As there is only one pharmacist at the business now he will be taking his lunch hour between 1-2pm daily and will not be able to supply drugs and prescriptions during this period. They are however open from 9am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays and 9am to 12.30pm Saturdays.

**Gig:** At the White Horse, Bridge, on Friday, January 23, at 8.30pm Carmine will provide Celtic folk music.

**Exercise group:** If you want to shed extra pounds gained over the Christmas period and at the same time learn gentle exercises to help with weight loss, go to the village hall on Wednesdays from 7.30-9pm for the Bridge Slimming and Exercise Group. For further details phone 01227 832058 or 832477 or e-mail [bridgesandgroup@hotmail.com](mailto:bridgesandgroup@hotmail.com)

**Coffee morning:** The Nailbourne branch of the League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital annual meeting and coffee morning will be on Saturday, February 7, in the village hall, starting at 10am with coffee, cakes and a raffle followed by the annual meeting at 10.30am. Donations will be welcome.

**History Society:** The Bridge and District History Society is holding a members' evening on Tuesday, February 10, at the Bridge Place Country Club, which will be exclusively open for them. They will meet in the upstairs bar, which will have two open log fires in the medieval fireplaces. The group is trying to develop members' participation and the format of the evening will be two short talks by members, one by Alan Walton on *Railways* and the other by Roger Mardon on *The Fire Service*. Members who have not already booked are asked to complete the slips and send them to David Gilmore, St Quentin, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne, Kent CT4 5DY.

**Church diary:** Monday, January 26, 7.30pm, Caring and Sharing Group, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge. The topic is: Everyone does it, is it all right to be ambitious?

**Church services:** Sunday, January 25, Epiphany 3. 8am BCP Communion Canon J. Packer and 6pm Evensong Rev. P. Filmer St Peter's Church, Bridge. 10am. Holy Communion Rev. P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patribourne. Other churches in the Bridge Group; 9.30am Holy Communion Canon R. Diss, St Mary's Church, Nackington. No services at Bekesbourne or Lower Hardres this week. 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by Mr R. Chadwick



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**Parish church:** The Eucharist was celebrated at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday, January 25.

Sunday, February 1, is Candlemas, and a Mattins service will be held in St Mary's at 10am.

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**Parish council:** A full report of the meeting in the Conrad Hall on Wednesday, January 21, will appear in next week's issue.



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**Warning:** It has been reported to the parish council that a sheep has been attacked and killed by a dog in the field next to the children's playground and leased by Mrs McKeever. This has been confirmed by a veterinary surgeon. Parents are warned to keep watch when their children are playing in the area in case the dog should still be in the vicinity.

**Fish Scheme:** A celebration lunch was held in the village hall on Wednesday January 21 to mark the retirement of founder member Joan Warren.

More than 50 people sat down to a hot lunch followed by a array of puddings, coffee and chocolates before parish councillor and long time supporter of the scheme, John Hill paid tribute to her single-minded devotion to helping others in the villages of Bridge, Patribourne, Bishopsbourne and Bekesbourne. He told how, together with a small group of helpers, she started the scheme in 1980 to provide help and support to the elderly, and indeed anyone in need.

Her extensive knowledge of social services and the benefits system was invaluable, and her vision in setting up a lunch club at the Old Close Home for the elderly was a great success, fulfilling a real need in the village. He praised her drive and enthusiasm, which carried the scheme through the years to meet present day needs, and said she should feel proud and happy that she had established such a valuable and lasting service to the community.

The scheme provides transport for doctors' appointments, trips to the optician, dentist and the like. Social needs are met by a regular Coffee Pop-In in the village hall and a library service for the housebound. Regular outings are arranged and an annual fund-



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raising coffee morning held in May.

In her response she thanked everyone for their support and mentioned many who had been involved over the years, some no longer with us. She thanked her husband Dr. Michael Warren for his constant support, and particularly thanked Muriel Packer for her untiring work for and local knowledge of those in the community.

A presentation was made to Joan to remind her of her friends in the scheme.

**WI:** At the Bridge and Patrixbourne branch January meeting, Mrs Catoor held the attention of her audience with her account of the life of the Amish. Avril Austin won the competition.

On Tuesday February 17 there is a chance to see Mrs H. Carters cooking after her talk Guess Who's Coming to Dinner. The competition is for an article beginning with the letter R.

**Church diary:** Monday February 2 at 7.30pm, 18 Riverside Close, Bridge, Caring and Sharing Group's coffee and a chat.

Saturday February 7 at 5pm at the school hall, back by popular request, Bangers, Beetle and Bingo in aid of the parish of Patrixbourne with Bridge. Tickets at £10 for a family, £4 per person are available from Pat Dunderdale on 01227 830668 or Andrea Nicholson 830947.

**Church services:** Sunday February 1 Epiphany 4. 8am BCP Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne; 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, Bekesbourne; 11am Holy Communion, the Rev D. Bretherton, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev G. Baugh.