

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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East meets West: This year brings an opportunity for residents to extend friendly relations with the villagers of Tenryu, Japan, where William Rose was held prisoner during the Second World War. While in captivity Mr. Rose kept a diary which is now in the Imperial War Museum, London.

His book *You Shook My Hand* tells of his experiences in the labour camp and what happened when almost 60 years later, he revisited Tenryu. Now a school occupies the former camp site, and the region of Nagao hosted the 1998 Winter Olympics.

Mr Rose is preparing to welcome 16 students and their teachers when they visit Bridge for the week of March 20-28. His book is an important part of the Japanese school's social studies curriculum and the visit is to promote cultural awareness and lay foundations for future exchanges between our two villages.

The educational programme for the Japanese visitors includes visiting local schools, and cultural sites in London and Kent. The students and teachers will be welcomed to the City by the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, and will demonstrate the ancient art of Origami at Bridge Village School.

Residents are invited to a special evensong at Canterbury Cathedral with the Japanese Ambassador at 3.15pm on Sunday March 21 when 150 seats have been reserved in the Presbytery for the residents of Bridge, and for Friends of East Meets West. RSVP to secure named reserved seats.

Japanese students and their teachers will be staying with local families and organisers are looking for host families willing to accommodate a student, or preferably a pair, for six nights. Remuneration is £110 per student.

For further details please contact: Valerie de Furrentes, director, East Meets West (U.K), phone 01227 832851 or e-mail vdf@supanet.com

Annual meeting: The annual meeting and coffee morning for the Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital will be held in Bridge Village Hall at 10am on Saturday February 7. There will be coffee, a raffle and cakes. Donations will be welcome.

FISH scheme: The FISH Scheme to provide neighbourly help has its coffee Pop-In in the village hall on Wednesday February 11 from 10-11.15am. Anyone requiring a lift phone Ann Medhurst on 01227

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Scouts' mail: The Scout Group committee thanks the proprietors of the following establishments who agreed to hold the Christmas mail collection boxes and sell the stamps: The Plough and Harrow, The Red Lion, The White Horse, Bridgeway Stores, Laurie Wakeham and Nicholas James. Thanks also go to Scout members who delivered the mail and everyone who used the service. They raised £85 which will enable them to replace old and damaged equipment.

Football: Bridge Juniors Football Club is looking for more members. The club is for children aged five-11 and meets on Sundays from 10.30am until noon on the village recreation ground. The children are placed into two groups based on age and have 45 minutes of skills training followed by a game of football for each group. They have great fun and enjoy the chance to play football with their friends in a safe environment. Parents can phone Simon Knights on 01227 832439 for more details or just drop in on Sunday mornings.

Change of venue: The parish Bangers, Beetle and Bingo evening advertised last week for February 7 at 5pm has moved from the school hall to the village hall. The organisers apologise for any inconvenience.

Parish council: The next meeting in the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday February 12 will be preceded by a short planning committee meeting at 7pm.

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Royal British Legion: Seventeen members attended the Littlebourne and district branch December meeting with Doug Fenn in the chair. Poppy organizer Geoff Welch said the Poppy Appeal collection had realised £2,709.14 and thanked in particular Jim Mount, the oldest member, who collected £143.56. The chairman thanked Geoff for his hard work in organising the collection.

The branch is hoping to hold a quiz and hot pot night at The Hay Wain on Monday April 19 (date to be confirmed). Anyone interested is asked to tell the branch.

The branch is always pleased to receive new members. Contact numbers are on the notice board outside the War Memorial Hall in Littlebourne, but the secretary can be contacted on 01227 472023. Members meet every second Tuesday of the month at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. The next monthly meeting is on Tuesday February 10 at 8pm. Any ex-Service person or their dependant who feels they may need help or advice is welcome to contact the branch.

Vacancy: Due to retirement after more than 20 years of Peter Lawrence as advertising manager of the Parish Magazine, the hunt is on for someone to take over this vital role.

The job consists of dealing with enquiries about advertising and once a year to contact all the existing advertisers with a view to them renewing their advertisement. If anyone is interested phone Laurence Dunderdale on 01227 830668 to find out more.

Church news: After the Christmas break, the Health and Healing Prayer Group will meet again on Thursday February 5 at 7pm at Netherbury, Meadow Close, the home of John and Muriel Packer. Phone 01227 830364 or Kath Pierce on 830844 with your requests, or I join them and find out for yourself the loving, caring and spiritual support to be found.

Tuesday February 10 Holy Communion, Churchill House, 2pm. Monday February 9 Caring and Sharing Group, 8 Riverside Close, 7.30pm.

Church services: Sunday February 8 3rd before Lent, 10am Matins, Chris Maclean St Mary's Church, Patricbourne; 11am Family Service and Baptism, Tony Washington and the Rev P. Filmer, 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, Mr

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Filmer, St. Mary's Church

Nackington; 6pm Evensong, Mr

Filmer, St. Mary the Virgin, Lower

Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist

Church service led by the Rev

J.Ward.

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BEKESBOURNE

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Church: The Rev Paul Filmer will lead the 10am Holy Communion Service at St Peter's. The service will give thanks through words and song for the life of Pam Farbrace who died last month aged 74. Latterly, because of illness, Pam wasn't often seen in church, but for more than 30 years she took her turn cleaning the church, arranging flowers, and serving on the Parochial Church Council, as treasurer for many years. She made toys to

sell in aid of church funds and her professionally-baked cakes were always snapped up at church bazaars. She and David provided a Christmas tree each year. Pam worked as a solicitors' secretary for more than 40 years before retiring 14 years ago. Her ability was such that she was invited to become articulated and so qualify as a solicitor herself, but she never would. David and the family would be pleased if all their friends and neighbours would join them for this special service.

Mr Filmer will also lead the 6pm service of prayer and praise at St Mary's.

Wine and wisdom: Tickets for the Friends wine and wisdom evening to be held on Friday, March 5, in the village hall, are available on 01227 832134; 831029 or 832133. Tickets cost £3 a head and it is a take your own food and drink event.

Margaret Clarke and her friends who were on the winning table last year will be posing the questions.

Lych Gate: During the week, probably in the early hours of Friday, about 300 roofing tiles were stolen from St Peter's lych gate roof. Theft of these tiles is not unusual in the district and residents are advised to check whether any of their own could be vulnerable.

Rural crime: Julian Brazier MP has arranged an open meeting with Chief Superintendent

Gary Beutridge to look at the problems of rural crime and burglary. The meeting is on

Saturday, March 13 from 10am in Petham Village Hall and all local people are invited to attend.

Patricxbourne Trees: The parish council has received notice of proposed work to trees at Bifrons Cottage, The Street. The works are: cut back and lift crowns of trees along the roadside to achieve a highway clearance of 5.2m; additional work to shape up the line of

predominantly yew trees and to reduce the height of the tallest by a maximum of 20 per cent; remove elder and climbing plants; cut back yew from the side of 7 St Mary's Road.

New Dwelling: The parish council has been consulted by the City Council over a planning

application to build a new three-bedroom house attached to 1 Bifrons Road.

Spring flowers: Goodnestone Park is open on Sunday, March 15, for a Snowdrop and Hellebore

extravaganza. The gates open at 10.30am. There will be specialist nurseries and a talk on the crocus. Entry is £3.50.

Scrutiny Review: The City Council's Scrutiny Review team has published its interim report and discussion paper on funding for the parishes from the district

council tax. Two consultation meetings have been arranged in March when parish councillors will have the opportunity to discuss the document and its recommendations with the Scrutiny team.

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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, February 8.

On Sunday, February 15, there will be no services at Bishopsbourne. However, members of the congregation will be welcome at any of the following services being held in churches forming the Barham Downs united benefice of which St Mary's is a member:

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St Margaret of Antioch, Womenswold, at 8am; the Eucharist at St Giles's, Kingston, at 10am and evening prayer at St John the Baptist at 6pm. There will also be united Communion celebrated at Barham Methodist Chapel at 10am.

Everyone from Bishopsbourne is invited to join in a pancake party to mark Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent at Kingston Barn on February 24 at 6pm; come prepared for pancakes and silly games, says the Rector, the Rev David Roper.

A series of Lent meetings will be run in a similar way to last year for all five churches in the united benefice. They will be held on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings. Wednesday meetings will be held in the Barham Methodist Chapel at 1.30pm, preceded by a Lent lunch, and Thursdays in the Conrad Hall at Bishopsbourne at 7.30pm. More information later.

St Valentine, marriage and family life will jointly be celebrated on

Friday, February 13, at 6pm, at St John the Baptist, Barham. Any couples wishing to renew their wedding day vows, give thanks for their own marriage or pray for those about to be married this year are welcome to attend.

Alterations at St John's, Barham, are about to get under way. Part of the work includes the sale of a few church pews. These are in good condition and are of various lengths.

Anyone interested in buying them is asked to contact the Rector, details below, or the churchwardens as soon as possible.

Looking ahead, the Rector is leading a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostella, in northern Spain next year, following in the footsteps of thousands of pilgrims over the centuries who have visited the shrine of St James at the cathedral there.

The trip will be by air and will include the services of a local guide on the four excursions planned; there will be a stay of seven nights in a three star hotel on half board basis. The cost, inclusive of insurance and travel to and from Barham will be £659. For details pick up a brochure in the church or phone the Rector by March 31.

A nearer date is a short holiday with the Rector in October this year in Norfolk, in October this year, staying Monday to Friday, full board at about £140, in a Lutyens house on the sea a mile or so from the seaside resorts of Sheringham and Cromer. Again, contact the Rector as soon as possible.

For details of any of the above, or any other church matter, contact the Rector, the Rev David Roper, The Rectory, Barham, phone 01227 831340, or the Reader, Miss Mary Ambrose, 01227 830856.

Parish council: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 18, at 7.30pm in the Conrad Hall, when it is hoped there will be further discussion on affordable housing in the village. Questionnaires for villagers to complete should be

available for all those attending, and villagers are urged to attend to join in this important discussion on the future of the community. It is also hoped that Jennifer Shaw, the KRCC housing enabler, will attend to explain the procedure and bring with her a display on the subject.

Planning: The parish council is considering an application for planning consent for a replacement conservatory at Grove Cottage, The Street. The application seeks to remove previous conditions, refusing the use of UpVC imposed by the Canterbury city council on application CA/03/00752BIS.

The new application has the reference number CA/04/00098/BIS and can be seen during normal office hours at the city council's development control office in Military Road, Canterbury.

Any observations should be submitted to the development control department at the same address by February 27.

Parish magazine: Copy for the March edition of the parish magazine serving Bishopsbourne and Kingston should be submitted to the editor, Carol Arter, by Sunday, February 15. Contact Mrs Arter at 5 Greenacre, Kingston, phone 01227 830068.

Quiz time: Villagers are invited to take their own food and wine (plus intellect) to the annual wine and wisdom evening at the Conrad Hall on Saturday, February 28, in aid of hall funds.

Tickets at £3 per head can be had from trustees Sheila Castle (chairman), phone 01227 831184, or Phillippa Burniston, 01227 830341.

Healthy lifestyle: Activities to promote a healthy life being held at Charlton Park include aerotone, aromatherapy, ballet workout, body conditioning workout, counselling, India head massage, pilates, nutritional therapy, reflexology, Swedish body massage, swimming lessons, Tai Chi Chuan, tennis coaching and yoga.

For more information contact Gubby Twigg on 01227 831355.

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For Friends: The annual meeting and coffee morning held by the Nailbourne Branch of The League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital in the the village hall last Saturday was a great success raising £147 for funds. The whole committee was re-elected, with Elizabeth Stewart

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ROUNDUP

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remaining as chairman, Rosy Green vice-chairman, Christine Heap secretary and Maggie Fairweather treasurer.

WI: Bridge with Patrixbourne branch announces a change of speaker for the meeting at 7.30pm in the village hall on Tuesday February 17. There will now be a talk by Mrs Ley Liberson entitled Life on a Life Raft. The competition is an article beginning with R.

Gardeners: The North Nailbourne Horticultural Society is holding a meeting to brighten up the month of February. Member Una Stubbs has put together a presentation of slides of Italian and English gardens. So escape from the cold winter evening at the village hall on Thursday February 19 at 7.30pm.

Schedules are now available for the spring show on Tuesday March 30 and the summer show on Saturday July 24. Contact Kathy Walder on 830057 (evenings) or any other committee member.

The annual meeting was well attended last month, when the chairman and committee were returned en bloc. Member John Shorrocks presented a video on delphiniums, and then presented seeds to members.

Surgery: John Anderson, newly elected city councillor for the North Nailbourne Ward, will hold the first of his monthly surgeries in the Methodist Church, Patrixbourne Road, Bridge, on Saturday February 21 from 10am-noon.

He also hopes to have a representative from the parish council with him. There is no need to book, just call in.

He also intends to hold surgeries in Bekesbourne Village Hall on alternate months at the same time, the next on Saturday March 20.

Church diary: Monday February 16
Caring and Sharing Group, Bridge
Vicarage, 7.30pm. Tuesday
February 17, Holy Communion,
Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm; After
Eights Group, Fairview,
Bekesbourne Lane. 8pm.

Church services: Sunday February
15, 2nd before Lent, 10am Holy
Communion Canon G. Manley, St
Peter's Church, Bridge; 6pm Prayer
and Praise, the Rev P. Filmer, St.
Mary's Church Patrixbourne.
Other Churches in the Bridge
Group: 8am BCP Communion, Mr
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 P. Cornish.

Streetworker at Youth Group: A
new group began in the village in
October last year, led by Tricha
Coker, Helen Daley, Andrew Rogers
and Gemma Wood. It has been a
huge success and regularly has up
to 30 young people attending. Now
after months of planning, a new
mobile youth facility - the Rural
Streetworker - is to be launched in
nine parishes, including Bridge.
Funding for this has come from
The Countryside Agency, Kent
County Council, Canterbury City
Council and through Parish
Council contributions.

A vehicle equipped with
PlayStation 2 computer games, arts
and crafts equipment etc will park
and unload outside the Mill Centre
for the youth group session. Two
youth workers will staff the
sessions in addition to the Bridge
youth leaders. The Streetworker
will start its journey on March 2 at
7.30pm. and continue on the first
and third Tuesday of the month.

Pick up a leaflet at the youth group
or from Pam Dobson 01227 832369.

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PATRIXBOURNE

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PARISH COUNCIL: The village hall was full on February 12 when parishioners met Bob Pollard from Parking Services and councillors prior to the council meeting to discuss parking problems in the village. A number of issues were highlighted including the problems caused by commuters parking in the village, by people parking on double yellow lines to visit local shops and in particular parents parking on zigzag lines to drop off and collect their children from school.

Mr Pollard reported that parking attendants are not able to enforce illegal parking on zigzag lines at present and that he will refer this matter to the Police. Villagers have requested that parking attendants visit the village during the time of the school runs as problems are considerably worse at this time.

The majority of local residents attended the meeting because of their concerns that the area around Green Court was earmarked for a parking scheme. Cllr Esdale said he was not aware of any development plans for the area and he had visited the Green Court on February 11 with Ruth Goudie of Kent Highways to explain clearly where the parish council would like further double yellow lines to discourage dangerous parking.

The Parish Contributions Scrutiny Panel is meeting on March 23 in Bridge Village Hall to discuss future funding to parish councils. It was agreed that Cllrs Esdale and Gulvin would attend with the clerk.

Concurrent Functions Funding Grant: The council is still waiting for a decision about the level of grant it will receive from the City Council. It is known that street lighting costs are no longer considered eligible for funding.

Parish Plan Steering Group: The group now has a committee of nine. Cllrs Dobson and Hill have agreed to represent the council. The steering group will meet next in the Hunter Room on February 19 at 7.30pm.

Notice of proposed work to trees in a conservation area for which a tree preservation order has been served: 1 High Street, repollard hazel tree in rear of garden.

Allotments: It was agreed that the council would apply for a grant from the Kentish Stour Project to plant a hedge around the allotments. The sheds are to be erected on February 25.

Bifrons Street light: Kent Highways have confirmed that it is acceptable to leave the Bifron's streetlight in its present position. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Seeboard about wiring up the Bifron's street light as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be in the village hall on Thursday March 11 at 7.30pm. Parishioners are invited to speak between 7.30 and 7.45pm.

Planning applications received: the planning committee agreed that they had no objections to the planning applications listed below:

CA/03/01790/BRI, La Dacha, Patricbourne Road, single storey extension to side of dwelling

CA/04/00073/BRI, 6 Bridgeford Way pitched roof with living accommodation to replace flat roof to rear of dwelling

CA/04/00127/BRI, 3 Park View, Mill Lane, single storey extension and conservatory to rear of dwelling.

The planning committee objected to the following planning applications:

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CA/04/00013/BRI, erection of bungalow adjacent to trees at Bridge Hill.

CA/04/00020/BRi 2 Park View, Mill Lane, two storey extension to front and rear of dwelling.

The planning committee will meet next at 7.15pm on March 11 in the village hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Fish Scheme: The annual Cornelia Slavin Blossom Tour will be on Wednesday May 5 and the bring and buy coffee morning is on Saturday May 22. When sowing seeds and taking cuttings remember to raise some for the plant stall which is always a great success.

The next Coffee Pop-In is on Wednesday March 10 in the village hall. Knitting wool is running out fast. If you have any tucked away take it to the Pop-In or phone Rosy Green on 01227 830204.

Church Services: Sunday February 22,. 1st Sunday before Lent, 8am BCP Communion Canon J. Packer and 6pm Evensong, Mrs. M. Clarke St Peter's Church, Bridge, 10am Holy Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St. Mary's Church, Patricbourne. 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 the Rev H. Skinner.