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Parish Church: The traditional
Matins service was held at St Mary
the Virgin Church on Sunday, May
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On Sunday, May 9, Holy
Communion will be celebrated at
Bishopsbourne at 8am.

Other services in the united
Barham Downs benefice, include a
celebration of the Eucharist at St
John the Baptist, Barham, and an
all age worship at St Giles's,

Kingston, both at 10am. At the
same time there is morning
worship at Barham Baptist Chapel.

On Thursday, May 6, there will be a
pudding party in support of
Christian Aid Week at The Barn,
Kingston, at 7pm. A donation of
£2.50 is sought at the door, in
return for which there will be some
scrumptious puddings available for
tasting.

The evening will also include a
musical quiz, Traidcraft goods and
a raffle. The organisers are also
inviting guests to take along any
unwanted foreign coins, which can
be sold and donated to the cause.

Also as part of Christian Aid Week
activities there will be a lunch at
Barham Village Hall from noon-
2pm, on Wednesday, May 12, for
which a donation of £3 is being
invited. There will be a bring and
buy stall and raffle.

St Mary's Church, Bishopsbourne,
will be holding a coffee morning
and bring and buy in aid of church
funds at the Conrad Hall on
Saturday, May 8, from 10am to
noon. Apart from coffee and cakes,
there will also be a number of stalls
selling bric-a-brac, books, home-
made produce and other goods.

The Rector, the Rev David Roper,
who is also Area Dean, is urging
churchgoers to support the West
Bridge Deanery Confirmation
service at 7pm on Saturday, May 15,
at Bishopsbourne church. Among
those being confirmed by Bishop
Graham will be three candidates
from the Barham Downs benefice.

Also in this month's calendar is a
Rogation Walk and service on
Rogation Sunday, May 16. Those
intending to take part should
gather at St Margaret of Antioch
Church, Womenswold, at 4pm for a
walk to Woolage Green, blessing
the crops and those involved in

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farming on the way.

A service will be held on the Green at Woolage Green and refreshments will follow at the Two Sawyers public house. The organisers say all are welcome, "including dogs and their well-behaved owners."

For further information about 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, on 01227 830856.

Conrad Hall: The annual meeting of the Conrad Hall trustees will be held on Thursday, May 6, in the hall. All are welcome to attend and help elect new officers to succeed those who are retiring, including the chairman, Mrs Sheila Castle. The meeting will reveal details of the village fete the trustees are planning to hold in the summer and will also provide an opportunity to see the new windows and curtains for which fund-raising has been going on for many months.

Cricket Club: The club's annual wine and wisdom evening, with teams of eight competing, will be held in the Conrad Hall on Saturday, May 8.

Bishopsbourne had a mixed weekend for their opening matches of the season at their Charlton Park ground. On Sunday they beat Herne Bay who could manage to score only 59 on a dampish pitch, a total which Bishopsbourne passed shortly after the break for tea. On Bank Holiday Monday, play against Elham Valley was abandoned due to torrential rain which fell just as the match was about to start.

On Sunday, May 9, Bishopsbourne are away to Chilham, with a 2.30pm start.

start.
PARISH COUNCIL: The monthly meeting, under the chairmanship of Cllr Colin Baker, was held in the Conrad Hall on Wednesday, April 28.

The major item under consideration was the draft report of the housing needs survey for the parish undertaken by the Kent Rural Community Council to discover if there was need for affordable housing to be built in the village. A questionnaire was delivered to every household in the parish during February and of 98 sent out, 53 were returned, representing a 54 per cent response rate. The survey revealed that high property prices coupled with no local authority or housing association property resulted in many local people being unable to find a home in the village. For a first time buyer an income in excess of £50,000 would be needed to buy a home on the open market and over £25,000 to rent in a nearby village.

From the analysis of the responses, the survey revealed a need for three or four affordable homes, all of them rentable properties, for local people. The council is to tell the KRCC that it has no adverse comment to make on the draft report and is asking housing enabler Jennifer Shaw to produce a definitive version.

Copies of the report can be had for £2 by contacting any parish councillor or the chairman (phone 01227 830715).

The matter will again be discussed at the meeting on Wednesday, June 16, to which Miss Shaw will be invited to comment on the final report. All villagers are urged to attend to find out more details about the scheme, should the council continue to pursue it.

In light of an increase in concurrent function grant money from Canterbury City Council a revised budget for the present financial year was approved. As a result the council was able to increase to £500 the grant to the Conrad Hall and to £275 the grant towards the upkeep of St Mary's Churchyard, which was considerable more than last year.

Councillors agreed to offer no objection to an application for the retention of a stable block at Bourne Park Stud, Bourne Park. It was reported that planning consent had been given by the City Council to a replacement conservatory

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behind Grove Cottage, The Street, subject to the retention of trees and shrubs on the north and west boundaries.

Vice-chairman Malcolm Mitchell reported that he had attended a meeting of the City Council's development control committee at The Guildhall on Tuesday, April 27, when the application for the replacement of the gale damaged old Scout hut at The Manor House, with a single-storey studio/annexe building, came forward for consideration. He said that City Council planning officers had recommended approval, with the proviso that the structure should never be used as a dwelling, which was in line with the parish council's recommendation. The application was approved.

The next meeting will be in the Conrad Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, May 19. All villagers are welcome to attend.

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Jumble sale: A jumble sale in aid of the village Playgroup will be held on Saturday May 15 from 2-4pm in the village hall. Jumble may be delivered from 10am-noon that day.

Fish Scheme: This Neighbourly Help group will be holding its Coffee Pop-In on Wednesday May 12 from 10-11.15am in the village hall. Lifts are available from Ann Medhurst phone 01227 830762.

Also at the same venue the important annual fund-raising

coffee morning will be on Saturday May 22 from 10am. Please support this worthwhile scheme.

NADFAS: NADFAS Church Records are working in St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne, and would be grateful for any information about Bertha Money who died on May 4 1946. Phone Elizabeth Stewart on 01227 830344.

Treasure Hunt: A Treasure Hunt in aid of the parish of Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC will be held on Saturday May 22 at 4.30pm, starting from Bridge Village Hall. Tickets are £4 for adults, £1 children to include a ploughman's supper and are available from Pat Dunderdale phone 01227 830668 or Andrea Nicholson on 01227 830947.

Royal British Legion: Sixteen members were at the April district branch meeting with Doug Fenn in the chair. Branch Group 4 Representative Geoff Welch said that though they had come fifth out of six teams at the recent Group 4 Quiz Night, they had an enjoyable evening. They are making their usual trip to Etaples war cemetery again this year and still have a few places available for anyone wishing to go. Phone the secretary on 01227 472023.

Members are already turning their attention to this years Poppy Appeal Campaign. Their previous Poppy Appeal Organiser has had to give up for personal reasons and they are keen to find someone to step into his shoes. Or they would like to hear from anyone prepared to help them form a committee to run a branch campaign together. Anyone interested in helping can phone 01227 472023.

The next two monthly meetings are on Tuesdays May 11 and June 8 at 8pm.

Church news: The Health and Healing Group's next meeting is on Thursday May 6 at 7pm and will return to its original venue at 7 Windmill Close. There is no need to feel alone in your troubles and you are always welcome to join members and discover the loving and caring and spiritual support to be found there. The group usually meets on the first Thursday of the month.

Parish council: The next meeting is in the village hall on Thursday May 13 at 7.30pm preceded by the planning committee at 7.15pm. All residents of the village are welcome.

City councillor for The North Nailbourne Ward John Anderson will be holding his monthly surgery at Bekesbourne Village Hall on Saturday May 15 between 10am and noon. All residents in the ward are welcome to attend and there is no need to book.

Church services: Sunday May 9, Easter 5, 10am Matins Chris Maclean, St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne; 11am Family Service and Baptism, Tony Washington and the Rev Paul Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge group: 8am BCP Communion, Mr Filmer St Peter's Church Bekesbourne; 9.30am Holy Communion Mr Filmer St. Mary's Church, Nackington; 6pm Evensong Mrs. M. Clarke St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by John Ellis.

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Spring fair: The Woodpecker's Nursery spring fair held in the school grounds last Saturday, in spite of bad weather managed to raise £950 for their funds. Angela Sheppard the manager thanks all those who helped and supported the event.

Pharmacy: The Bridge Pharmacy has now been accredited by the Kent and Medway Health Authority as achieving high standards for a community pharmacy.

The staff thank all those who participated in the Easter raffle, which raised £51 for the McMillan Cancer Relief Fund.

Fair: Highfield Care Home, Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury is holding a spring fair and fete on Saturday May 15 at 2pm. All are welcome.

The home is also intending to hold the first Out Reach Clinic for the Older Person, devised especially for people living in the North Nailbourne Area who have difficulty in reaching local services and would like to get away for the day from the pressures of running your own home. Hairdressing and chiropody services are available. Some transport is also available, but it is hoped to recruit more helpers to assist with this scheme in the near future. The first trial day of the scheme will take place on Thursday May 27 at 10am and will be opened by Cllr John Anderson of the North Nailbourne Ward. It is hoped it will become a monthly event. For details phone 01227 831941.

History Society: On Saturday May 22 members will be making a coach visit to the picturesque riverside village of Shoreham, where there will be a guided walk followed by lunch. In the afternoon they will go on to Lullingstone Castle, followed by tea. The visit costs £15 to members and £20 to non-members, including entry charges and meals.

Parish Plan: At the May committee meeting of the steering group, Ian McNeil and Pam Dobson brought the committee up to date on the

progress of the sub-committee. It was agreed to use next week to brief the various parish groups and organisations on the purpose of visual display and to give these bodies until May 31 to take photographs and return the cameras for photo developing.

It has been confirmed that the fete committee has allocated the group a stall and members are able to borrow display equipment from the City Council.

The chairman thanked the sub-committee for its work and was looking forward to see the results in early June.

Church diary: Saturday May 15, Deanery Children's Fun Day, Bridge Primary School, 9am; Christian Aid Coffee Pop-In, 25 The Close, Union Road, Bridge 10.30am-noon; Deanery Confirmation, Bishopsbourne Church 7pm.

Monday May 17 Caring and Sharing Group, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge, 7.30pm.

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

Wednesday May 18 After Eights Group Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne,

8pm; Thursday May 19 Confirmation Class, Bridge Primary School, 7pm.

Church services: Sunday May 16, Easter 6, 10am Holy Communion Canon Gordon Manley, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 6pm Prayer and Praise, the Rev Paul Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patribourne. Other churches in the Bridge Group; 8am BCP Communion, Mr Filmer, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 9.45am Family Service and Baptism, Mrs Margaret Clarke and Mr Filmer, St. Mary the Virgin Lower Hardres; 10am Holy Communion Mr Filmer, St Peter's Church Bekesbourne; 11am Bridge Methodist Church Holy Communion the Rev David Marshall.

Musical Nostalgia: An Evening of Musical Nostalgia is to be held in the garden of The Paddock, Higham Lane, on Friday June 4 at 7 for 7.30pm. This date has been chosen to celebrate and remember the two most important dates in the early part of the month, but not to clash with any other activities, the 60th anniversary of D-Day and the Queen's official birthday. The first half of the evening will be well known songs from the shows sung by Veronica

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Timms The second half will consist of a Bridge mini Night of the Proms led by the same artist and it is hoped that the audience will take part, as copies of the words will be available. Tickets will be £6 each including refreshments. There will also be a raffle for the Pilgrims Hospice. For further details or to book tickets phone 01227 830417 or 01227 830260.

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PARISH COUNCIL: At the meeting in the village hall on Thursday May 13, Cllr Lewis accepted the post of chairman, with Cllr Hill as vice-chairman.

Cllr Beinder, Edmonds and Hill were appointed to the planning committee.

Don't dump your car: People who no longer want their car can get it scrapped for free under a special scheme running for two months until the end of June. To arrange collections, phone Ling Metals on 01227 788188, 7am-5pm, Monday to Friday, or 7am to noon Saturday.

Laurie's Way: After consultation with John Shirley and Canterbury City Council, it was agreed to name the alleyway between Union and Filmer Road 'Laurie's Way'.

Maternity leave: The council welcomed Carol Baker, the clerk to Kingston and Womenswold, to the meeting. She has agreed to cover Tina Burchell's maternity leave from July 1.

Tree work: Notice of proposed work in a conservation area, for which a tree preservation order has been served, The Willows, Patricxbourne Lane, remove three pollarded lime trees causing structural damage to adjoining neighbour's wall.

A2 overbridge: Interroute anticipates that remedial work on the expansion joint at the A2 overbridge will take place at the beginning of July.

Meetings: The council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30 (with the exception of August) in the village hall. Parishioners are invited to speak between 7.30 and 7.45pm. The June meeting will be held in the Hunter Room.

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Planning: At a meeting of the parish council's planning committee held in the village hall on Thursday May 13, members considered the following agenda. The committee agreed that it had no objections to the planning applications listed below:

Ca/04/00468/Bri single storey extension to rear of 12a Windmill Close, Ca/04/00465/Bri Sharnwood Bridge Hill, single story extension to side of dwelling, Ca/04/00483/Bri erection of three replacement garages, 9 Dering Road; Ca/04/00549/Bri 1 Brewery Lane, single storey extension to side/rear of dwelling.

The committee objected to the following planning application: Ca/04/00581/Bri 80 Riverside Close, replacement single storey pitched roof extension to rear of dwelling.

The following applications have been notified as being granted: Ca/04/004009/Bri 45a High Street, replacement access doors/gates to High Street, Ca/04/00372/Bri 14 Green Court, replacement conservatory to rear of dwelling, Ca/04/00263/Bri Coppice Bridge Hill, single and two storey extension to dwelling and relocation of dormer window (revised scheme), Ca/04/00200/Bri 72 Bridge Down, erection of detached double garage, Ca/04/00299/Bri 58 Western Avenue, dormer window to rear of dwelling.

The planning committee meets in the village hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7.15pm (excluding August). All parishioners are invited to attend. The June meeting will be held in the Hunter Room.

Fete: The total amount raised at the Woodpeckers Nursery fete is still rising as the sponsored treasure map, which was a great success, still has money to come in. The nursery also has a quantity of tea towels for sale at £4 each. The success will enable the nursery to keep up its standard of care for the children over the next year and to make a good start to fund the surface of the outside play area. Well done to the winners who produced the colourful treasure hunt maps on display at the Nursery, Aimee Easton who made the most unusual one having taken photographs of nearly all the items by herself, Will Dibiase who

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decorated his map most colourfully, also to Ella Ansell for collecting the most sponsorship at £52. Everyone who took part will get their maps back with a little something for taking part.

There was a great response to the fancy dress competition and the Jolly Pirate and the team took on the unenviable task of judging. They felt that everyone was a winner but chose three entries that were their favourites, Sol and Taylor Hollingsby as pirates, and Hamish, Hannah and Jacob Woolnough as the crocodile complete with the ticking clock and Ellie Knox as Tiger Lilly but as the decision was difficult all entrants received a consolation prize. The next event will be the summer party on the last day of term.

Church diary: Saturday May 22
Patixbourne with Bridge Treasure Hunt, Bridge Village Hall, 4.30pm.

Monday May 24 Caring and Sharing Group, 8 Green Court, Bridge 7.30pm.

Tuesday May 25 Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 8pm; After Eights Group 58 Western Avenue Bridge 8pm.

Wednesday May 26 Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm.

Church Services: Sunday May 23
Easter 7, 8am BCP Communion, Canon J. Packer and 6pm Evensong, the Rev P. Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge, 10am Holy Communion Mr I Filmer, St Mary's Church Patixbourne. Other Churches in the Bridge Group: 9.30am Holy Communion Canon R. Diss, St Mary's Church Nackington; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by Miss J.Hall.

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Gardeners: Members of Nailbourne Horticultural Society have been invited to join with Barham Horticultural Society for a coach outing to Groombridge Place, Tunbridge Wells on Saturday June 26. The cost is £15 per person, pick-up in Bridge. For booking or more details phone 01227 832397.

Light show: The History Society of Bridge and District has arranged a special night booking for members to the St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, Son et Lumiere on Thursday September 23 at 7.30pm. If you are unable to attend that evening there are other dates available on September 22, 24 and 25. Please note that disabled access is very poor and there are no toilet facilities. For members without cars transport can be arranged. For further details phone David Gilmore on 01227 832450

Fish Scheme: This neighbourly help group held its annual coffee morning and fund-raising event last Saturday morning in the village hall. As well as a raffle, there was a plant stall, home-made cakes and biscuit stall, books and bric a brac run by the committee and well supported by villagers. Chairman Mrs Jean Johnson thanks all who helped and supported the event.

Surgery: Owing to holidays Cllr John Anderson, City Councillor for the North Nailbourne Ward will be holding his monthly surgery at the earlier date of Saturday June 5 from 10am-noon in the Methodist Church Hall, Patribourne Road, Bridge. All those living in the ward are welcome; no appointment is required.

Concert: On Friday June 4 an

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Evening of Nostalgia, Songs from the Shows, followed by The Bridge Mini Proms Night will be held at The Paddock, Higham Lane, at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets at £6 include refreshments and there will be a raffle in aid of the Pilgrims Hospice. For information and tickets phone 01227 830260 or 830417.

Treasure Hunt: The parish of Patricbourne with Bridge Treasure Hunt, starting from the village hall last Saturday, was won by the Rev Paul Filmer. Eight of those who took part in the children's section tied for first place and all won prizes.

Church Services: Sunday May 30 Pentecost. There is only one service in the Bridge Group for Whit Sunday and that is a Benefice Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Bekesbourne at 10am. At 11am the Bridge Methodist Church service is led by the Rev Donald Lugg.