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## BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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**History Society:** The History Society of Bridge and District outing to Lullingston Castle and Shoreham (Kent) last month, was enjoyed by both members and friends. The interesting trip had been organized with the help of the Women's Institute in Shoreham who arranged lunch and tea, with a visit to the Castle in the afternoon.

The society thanks them for their hospitality.

**Fish Scheme:** The next Coffee Pop-In will be in the village hall on Wednesday June 9 from 10-11.15am. All are welcome, anyone requiring a lift can phone Ann Medhurst on 01227 830763.

**Surgery:** Owing to holidays, John Anderson, city councillor for the North Nailbourne Ward will be holding his surgery in Bridge Methodist Church from 10am-noon on Saturday June 5. Any residents of the ward are welcome to attend, no appointment is required.

**Church news:** Over the last weekend in April a group travelled to Marburg in Germany to represent our parishes at a confirmation and ordination service. Chris Maclean and Paul Filmer took three youngsters, Scott Shirley, Simon McCreadie from last year's confirmation course and Henry Day from this year's, to renew old friendships and make new ones between the English and German confirmation groups.

The Works is taking place in the village hall on every fourth Sunday of the month except August and is designed for children of primary school age but younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. The sessions run from 9.45-11.15am. and offer craft activities, games, stories, songs and more. Just turn up, or phone Ruth Washington on 01227 831156 or Emma Haynes on 01227 830558 for information or to register.

Health and Healing's next meeting is on Thursday June 3 at 7pm at 7 Windmill Close, Bridge. Please keep your requests coming in, whether for help with illness, bereavement, anxiety or any other circumstances.

Monday June 7, Caring and Sharing Group meets at 8 Riverside Close, Bridge, 7.30pm Tuesday June 8 .After Eights Group meets at 58 Western Avenue Bridge at 8pm.

**Church services:** Sunday June 6 Trinity Sunday, 8am BCP Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St. Mary's Church, Patribourne;

9.30am Holy Communion Mr Filmer, St Peter's Church Bridge. Other Churches in the Bridge Group 10am Family Service Mrs Pat. Kusel, St Peter's Church, 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.

On Monday June 7 at 7.30pm the 110th anniversary will be led by the Rev. David Marshall with the St. John's (Whitstable) Worship Group.

**League of Friends:** The League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital's supper evening in April, with a talk on Pakistan by John Harris, was a great success and not only much enjoyed by all those who attended, but raised £310.50 for its funds. Elizabeth Stewart thanks all who assisted with the event, as well as those who supported it.

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**WI:** The Bridge and Patribourne branch June meeting will be held at Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday June 15 at 7.30pm, when the guest speaker will be Mr B. Doome talking about windmills. The competition will be for an article beginning with the letter D.

Visitors will be made welcome.

**Elham Valley Writers:** At members' request fortnightly classes in St Mary's Hall, Elham, will continue after the summer holidays. The final meeting this season is on Wednesday June 30 from 2-4pm.

Apart from literary analysis and writing exercises, future sessions will dwell less on the basic rules of creative writing, on which the teaching has so far concentrated, but on members' own work to be read out for constructive criticism and authorial assessment. The writing of poetry will again be encouraged, and the group hopes to publish an Anthology in time for Christmas.

The first autumn meeting is on October 6 in St Mary's Hall. Tuition is free, but members share the cost of hall hire, photocopying, teas and overheads, totalling £5 per month. Places are limited.

Anyone interested in joining this friendly group is welcome to sit in either on June 16 or October 6. For further details phone 01303 840311 before 6pm.

**School and Church Fete:** The annual Bridge School and Church fete will be held in the primary school grounds, Conyngham Road, on Saturday June 19 from noon-4pm. The children's fancy dress parade will assemble at 11.45am on the recreation ground next to the tennis courts. There will be swing boats, Bat the Rat, Punch and Judy show, lucky dip, face painting, dance displays, candy floss, refreshments, barbecue and a beer tent.

**Folk Festival:** The first Bridge Folk Festival, presented by Positive Arts and The Red Lion, Bridge, celebrates a wealth of traditional roots music and dance. There will be free concerts and Barn Dances on Friday and Saturday June 18 and 19. On Friday the Barn Dance will be with the Chris Taylor All Stars in the village hall, caller Chris Rose. Tickets £5 in advance from Positive Arts phone 01227 361248 or on the door. Doors open 8.30pm with a bar available. It promises to be a fun-packed night from four top musicians with melodeon, banjo, fiddle, guitar, percussion and harmonica.

On the Saturday there will be a music session in the Red Lion Inn, from about 1pm, with traditional music in the bar. This will be followed by a free evening concert on the stage in the garden at 8.30pm and featuring the duo Camine with fiddle, harp, whistles, guitars and vocals providing acoustic-driven Celtic music. Also featured will be Brendan Power and Tim Edey. Brendan has worked with Riverdance and Van Morrison and is a fine harmonica player. Tim has toured with Sharon Shannon, and Mick McGoldrick.

All this plus Morris dancing from Oyster Morris, boarder from Maendas and clog from Old Palace Street entertainments, as well as stalls.

For more details phone 01227 361248 or the Red Lion on 01227 830281.

**History Society:** History Society of Bridge and District are taking an evening walk in Fordwich on

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Thursday June 17. This will be a guided walk around the smallest town in England and the site of the port for Canterbury, finishing at one of the local pubs for an optional drink or meal. Meet at Bridge Recreation Ground at 6pm to travel by car. Members pay £3 non-members £4; for details phone Merriel Conner on 01227 830487.

Members are asked to tell the membership secretary if they have changed their address in the last year. Newsletters and programmes will be sent to the last known address.

**Veteran cars:** A veteran car run organised by the Kent Messenger Group will be passing through Bridge on Saturday June 19 between 9.15 and 10am. There will be about 40 cars dating from 1899 to 1918. Your correspondent as a retired executive of The Royal Automobile Club, recommends that this is an event not to be missed. The organisers hope that you will enjoy this free cavalcade of motoring history.

**Church news:** Open Day on Saturday June 12 from 10am to 6pm at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, is to launch the Bell and Organ Restoration Fund. Teas, coffee and cakes will be served all day. The bells will be rung between 11am and noon and between 2 and 3pm. If you can play the organ take your music and have a go!

Monday June 14 7.30pm Caring and Sharing Group meets, 25 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown.

Tuesday June 15 8pm After Eights Group, Fairview Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne.

**Church services:** Sunday June 13 Trinity 1, 10am Matins Chris Maclean, St Mary's Church, Patricbourne; 11am Family Service, Martin Leggatt, St Peter's Church Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge group; 8am BCP Communion Canon Dr G. Walker, St Peter's Church Bekesbourne; 9.30am Holy Communion Canon Gordon Manley, St Mary's Church Nackington; 6pm Evensong Mrs M. Clarke St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev David Marshall.