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BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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School: For Bridge school and church fete on June 19, the weather remained warm and fair and a full and varied programme of events took place together with a large variety of stalls.

Thanks go to all who helped make it a success and those who visited. The final figure raised is yet to be confirmed is likely to be another

record year. This amount will be divided between Patrixbourne and Bridge Parochial Church Council and the Primary School.

Bridge in Bloom: The organizers of this competition thank those parishioners who have made the effort to make the village look so attractive. Judging will take place in late July and early August when the results will be announced.

WI: At the Bridge and Patrixbourne branch June meeting the difference between Post, Smock, and Tower windmills was explained by guest speaker Brian Doorne. He illustrated his talk with slides of mills, many of which had been restored in recent years. Mrs Dorothy King won the competition.

New members and visitors will be welcome on Tuesday July 20 in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm, to hear Mr D. Wilk's talk entitled Larger than Life. The competition will be for an article beginning with S.

Royal British Legion: Seventeen members were at the June meeting in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne with Doug Fenn in the chair. In the Silence the chairman asked them to remember those who lost their lives in the Normandy Campaign. Jim Mount was congratulated on having recently celebrated his 95th birthday. The Legion Coffee Morning will be held on September 11. Members have organised another Beef Pudding Supper at The Unicorn, Bekesbourne on Tuesday October 19.

They are always happy to welcome new members to the branch. Meetings are informal and take place in comfortable surroundings. Anyone wishing to find out more can contact the secretary on 01227 472023. The next two meetings are on Tuesdays July 13 and August 10 both at 8pm.

On the Nail: The parish magazine for Patrixbourne and Bridge is normally published monthly but on this occasion, it has been decided to publish a combined August and September 2004 edition.

Contributors are asked to let the editor Lawrence Dunderdale phone 01227 830668, have any items for publication during that period by Thursday July 15 at the Latest.

Parish council: The next meeting will be in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday July 8 at 7.30pm. This will be preceded by a planning sub committee meeting at 7.15pm. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Church News: Christian Aid Week organisers are grateful for all the support given to the house to house collection for Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne when £1,416.36 was banked. Almost half the total was gift aided and therefore the true total, after tax allowances are applied, is over £1,650.

Christine Barnett sends thanks to those who played a part.

Health and Healing: The group's next meeting is on Thursday July 1 at 7pm at Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge, the home of John and Muriel Packer. They will be pleased to receive requests for prayers, whether for someone ill, or a bereavement, or any other situation. They can be contacted on 01227 830364.

The group will not meet during August but this does not mean the cycle of prayer and intercessions is broken. The members will continue to pray for those on the prayer list until they meet again.

Monday July 5 7.30pm Caring and Sharing Group, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge.

Tuesday July 6 8pm After Eights Group, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne.

Church services: Sunday July 4
Trinity 4, 8am BCP Communion the Rev John Shorrocks, St Mary's Church Patrixbourne; 9.30am Holy Communion Canon R. Humphriss, St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge Group:
10am Family Service and Baptism Mrs. P. Kusel and the Rev Paul Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. 11am Holy Communion Mr Filmer St Mary the Virgin Church Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church

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**Service led by the Rev George
Baugh and Daniel Bishop.**

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Fish Scheme: The next Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday July 14 from 10-11.15am in the village hall. Everyone is welcome and anyone requiring a lift is asked to phone Ann Medhurst on 01227 830762.

The annual bring and buy in May raised £300.

Concert: A concert by the Canterbury Chamber Choir, Music at St Mary's Chartham, is on Sunday August 8 at 7.30pm. The proceeds to be equally divided between the Pilgrims Hospice and Saxon Lodge, Bridge. Admission by programme on the door is £3, including refreshments. For more details phone 01227 731293.

Barbecue: A summer barbecue in aid of Patribourne with Bridge Parochial Church Council will be held on Sunday July 18 at Riverside Cottage, Patribourne at noon. Everyone in the Bridge Benefice is invited to join in the fun. Tickets cost £5 per adult, £12 for a family from 01227 830668 or 01227 830947 by July 14. Please take your own drinks, plates, glasses and cutlery.

Also for the same cause there will be a Book and Puzzle fair in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday September 18, from 10am to 2pm so please save books and puzzles for either Pat Dunderdale or Andrea Nicholson.

Parish Plan: The chairman Bill Oakey reported that residents and visitors to the annual school and church fete on Saturday June 19 were able to see for themselves some of the activities of the Steering Committee in the form of a display stand. Thirty village groups had participated in providing photographs of what their members like and dislike about Bridge and some of these were displayed. More than 250 ladies, 200 men and 75 children visited the stand with many adding their own thoughts and ideas to make Bridge a better place to live in. The Lord Mayor, Cllr Martin Vye, was impressed by the parish plan concept and the obvious success of the stand.

In September, consultation with all residents will begin, and this will be followed by another opportunity for villagers to express their thoughts at a two-day exhibition in the Hunter Room over the weekend of October 16 and 17, coinciding with the art exhibition being held in the village hall on those dates.

Folk music: Quite a few Bridge and Patricxbourne people attended the latest Folk in the Barn event in Kingston Barn and also expressed interest in the next one on Friday July 16. They are fortunate to have the popular duo Munday-Turner, Australian Cath Munday (vocals, violin, piano) and British-born singer-songwriter Jay Turner (vocals, acoustic guitar). Tickets and details from Debs Earl on 01227 831493.

Surgery: Canterbury City Cllr for the North Nailbourne Ward John Anderson will be holding his monthly surgery in Bekesbourne Village Hall on Saturday July 17 from 10am-noon. All residents in the ward are welcome, no appointment is required.

Church diary: Monday July 12 Caring and Sharing Group, 37 High Street, Bridge, 7.30pm; Tuesday July 13 Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm; also After Eights Group, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge, 8pm.

Church services: Sunday July 11 Trinity 5, 10am Matins, Chris Maclean, St. Mary's Church Patricxbourne, 11am Family Service and Baptism, the Rev P. 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 Canon Dr. G. Walker, St Mary's Church, Nackington; 6pm Evensong Mrs.M. Clarke, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service

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Feline mystery: Gertie Theilmann who runs the German Conversation Classes at the Plough and Harrow Inn in High Street, Bridge has an intriguing tale to tell, or should it be tail? She lives just around the corner from the pub and owns a Birman cat. Semi-longhaired, he is white, has a brown diamond on his face and his tail is brown, as well as his socks, hence his name Choco. He roams around the fields and comes home when he feels like it. He sleeps next to her on a pillow.

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Monday July 19 Caring and Sharing Group barbecue, 7.30pm 8a Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

Tuesday July 20 Holy Communion Saxon Lodge, 2.30pm.

Gardeners: The annual summer show of The Nailbourne Horticultural Society will be held in Bridge Primary School Hall, Conyngham Lane, on Saturday, July 24.

The hall will be open from 8am to allow members to stage exhibits and leave the hall, prior to the judging at 11am.

The show itself will be open from 2.30pm, with the presentation of the prizes by the president Cllr John Anderson at 4pm. During the afternoon there will be teas and home-made cakes served. There will also be a raffle and a plant stall to raise funds for the society. If you have any spare plants or cuttings they would be happy to receive them. Please take them along on the day or contact Kathy Walder on 01227 830057 evenings only

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Show schedules and entry forms are available from all committee members. The final day for submitting entries for the garden classes, Most Picturesque Garden, Prettiest Small Garden, Best Kept Vegetable Garden, is on Monday July 19. All other entries must be received by Billie Anderson 01227 830260, Ann Edmonds 01227 830795, or Kathy Walder 01227 830057 by no later than Thursday July 22. You must be a member to show, but it is still not too late to

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Church Services: Sunday July 18.
Trinity 6. 10am Holy Communion
Canon G. Manley St Peter's Church, Bridge; 6pm Prayer and Praise, the Rev P. Filmer St Mary's Church Patricxbourne. Other Churches in the Bridge Group; 8am BCP Communion Mr Filmer St Mary's Church Nackington; 9.45am Family Service and Baptism, Mrs M. Clarke and Mr Filmer St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres; 10.30am Holy Communion Mr Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev Donald Lugg.