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BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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Parish Plan: At the October meeting, committee members were able to review the first draft of the residents' consultation questionnaire and this is now being finalised ready for distribution to all households by the end of this month. The chairman thanked the sub committee of Ailsa Williamson Powel, Pam Dobson, Joan Hill, Ian McNeill and Amanda Sparkes from the city council for their hard work in getting this important document ready for printing.

The arrangements for the Parish Plan Day to be held in the village hall on Saturday November 6 were also agreed. This event will give residents the opportunity to look at more photographs of the village taken by many groups, to discuss the Plan with committee members and have their say in what they want for Bridge in the future. The day will run from 10am until 4pm with free refreshments served to visitors.

As correspondent of this column and the city councillor for the area, I thank the chairman Bill Oakey and his team for all their industry and effort to get this project off the ground. I cannot emphasise strongly enough the importance of as many people as possible from the village attending this occasion. Their influence may help to formulate the future of their village.

Hopper Service: To support the Green Transport Plan the East

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Kent Hospitals Trust provides transport between the three main sites. The service is an efficient and regular bus service, run in house, to set and regular timetables. Passengers will be able to board at the main entrance of the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, the 1937 building entrance at Kent and Canterbury, and the main entrance to the St. Peter's Building, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital, Margate.

The vehicles used have now been replaced and have the Kangaroo logo on the sides, there is seating for 15 but there are no facilities for young children requiring child seats. Unaccompanied children under 15 are not carried. Anyone in the area wishing to use this service will find the timetable posted on the notice board at Bridge Post Office, in the High Street.

Silent Auction: A Silent Auction is to be held at the New Close throughout November. Brochures can be bought from the New Close for £1 and bids for items are then made on the spaces provided under each description. The completed brochures need to be posted back or left in the home's foyer in a box labeled Bid Returns by November 29. Items on offer so far are a Sharps microwave oven, tickets for a Kent cricket match next year, celebrity signed items, champagne balloon flight for two, golfing vouchers, a luxury hamper, cross-Channel ferry tickets and many more.

More details can be obtained from the New Close on 01227 780070.

WI: Bridge with Patricxbourne members' next meeting will be in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday October 19 at 7.30pm. Mr. M. Bundy will give a talk on "Energy Saving" The competition is for an article beginning with the letter "I".

Art: Art in Bridge has an autumn exhibition of works by local artists in the village hall on Saturday and Sunday October 16 and 17,

from 11am to 5pm admission free. Refreshments will be available. Registration forms are available from Colebrook Sturrock and Co, estate agents, High Street.

Exhibits and registration forms should be taken to the hall between 4 and 7pm on Friday October 15.

Church News: Monday October 18 7.30pm Caring and Sharing Group, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

Tuesday October 19 2.30pm Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge.

8pm After Eights Group, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne.

Church services: Sunday October 17, Trinity 19, 10am Holy Communion Canon G. Manley, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 6pm Prayer and Praise, Tony Washington, St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne. 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 Harvest Family Service Mrs. M. Clarke, St Mary the Virgin Church Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church Holy Communion, the Rev David Marshall.