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**Church: On Sunday, January 9,  
Epiphany 1, the Rev Paul Filmer  
will lead BCP Communion at 8am  
in St Peter's and Chris Maclean**

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**Society:** Ash Society will meet in the village hall on Thursday, January 20 at 7pm for the annual meeting followed at 7.30pm with Edward West-Sherring giving an illustrated talk on Advertising and TV Commercials.

**Parish council:** The next meeting is on Monday, January 10 at 7.30pm in the village hall library.

**Reformed:** The United Reformed Church service will be at 9.30am on Sunday, January 9 with the Rev Geoff Felton will take the service with Communion.

**Yoga:** A daytime class catering especially for the over 50s is starting on Thursday, January 13 at 10am in the village hall library. This first session is a free taster and beginners are welcome. For more details phone the tutor, Sarah Shaw, on 01227 722097.

**Gardeners:** The Horticultural Society will meet in the village hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, January 27 when Mr H. Howey will give a talk on Orchids for Everyone.

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## BISHOPSBOURNE

**Correspondent:** Malcolm Mitchell,  
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**Parish church:** Services at St Mary the Virgin Church were well attended over the Christmas period, especially the carol service on Christmas Day morning.

It was conducted by the Curate, the Rev Annette Ardley, assisted by Pat Austin. Readings were by Beryl Graham and Malcolm Mitchell.

The traditional Matins on Sunday, January 2, was cancelled due to insufficient people to run the service.

This Sunday, January 9, Holy Communion will be celebrated at St Mary's at 8am.

For further information or for any other church matter contact the Rector, the Rev David Roper, The Rectory, Barham, phone 01227 831340; the curate, the Rev Annette Ardley, 01227 833820; or the reader, Miss Mary Ambrose, 01227 830856.

**Parish council:** The next meeting of the council will be held in the Conrad Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, January 19. Time will be set aside before the start of the official agenda for parishioners to ask questions or raise topics for discussion with the councillors.

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## BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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**Salvation Army:** More than 100 people attended the Salvation Army carol concert at the school, giving a rousing start to the Christmas season with a varied programme of carols and readings.

Children in the audience were invited to use musical instruments during some of the carols and the school choir sang under the direction of teacher Sarah Bucham. A donation of £200 was to Salvation Army funds.

**Senior Citizens:** An afternoon of Christmas entertainment was well supported and enjoyed by 37 local residents. They were entertained by pupils from the school and enjoyed afternoon tea served by Year 6 pupils. Mrs Washinton's recorder group performed for the first time to an audience and played extremely well.

Everyone enjoyed this event and thanks on behalf of those attending were expressed by Mrs Kathy Eynon.

**Tug-of-War:** The annual contest on Boxing Day between the Red Lion and the Plough and Harrow was won by the Plough and Harrow in tricky conditions. Once again Bill Oakey agreed to officiate.

**Clerk:** Applications are invited for the position of clerk to the parish council, with effect from March if possible. The post would initially be for a probationary period, with the intention that it became a permanent position. The post carries an allowance of 10 hours per week on a nationally agreed pay scale.

The post might appeal to a young person who is unable, because of family commitments, to work full time or to a semi-retired person looking for a further interest as well as wishing to supplement their income. Applicants should be either computer literate or be prepared to develop such skills.

For more details phone the chairman, Cllr Selywn Lewis, for an informal chat on 01227 830186.

**Parish council:** The council normally meets at 7.30pm on the second Thursday of the month and the next meeting will be in the village hall on Thursday, January 13 at 7.30pm. This will be preceded

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by a meeting of the planning sub-committee either at 7 or 7.15pm, according to the volume of business.

**Legion:** Eleven members of the Royal British Legion District Branch were at the December meeting with Doug Fenn in the chair. The Poppy Appeal collection raised £2,316.99, a record, and thanks were expressed to all who helped. With other fund-raising efforts, the final total will be about £3,500.

The branch dinner is on Saturday February 19 at Littlebourne War Memorial Hall and anyone wishing to attend is asked to phone the secretary on 01227 472023 or the treasurer on 01304 812292.

The branch is always happy to welcome new or potential members to its meetings, which are friendly and informal. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8pm, details from either of the above numbers. The next two meetings are on Tuesdays January 11 and February 8 at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

**WI:** Bridge with Patricxbourne WI's first meeting of 2005 will be a talk by Christine Gibbons on the library service for East Kent on Tuesday January 18 at 7.30pm at the village hall. The competition will be for an article beginning with letter E.

The New Year lunch is being held at the White Horse on Wednesday January 26. Names should be given as soon as possible to chairman Avril Austin, or any other member of the committee.

**History Society:** Members start the new year with a meeting at the school hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday January 18. John Shelton of the Kentish Stour Countryside Project will be talking about the elusive river Nailbourne, its influence on the villages along its course and the effect it has had on the landscape. All are welcome, members pay £2 and non-members £3 including refreshments.

**Quiz:** A quiz to raise funds for Health for All, the registered charity of the Bridge Health Centre aiding one of the poorest areas in India, will be held at Lower Hardres Village Hall on Friday January 28 at 7.30pm. Tables cost £48 for up to eight people and this includes a ploughman's supper. Please take your own drink. To book a table phone Bridge Health Centre on 01227 832901.

**Wine and wisdom:** The parish of Patricxbourne and Bridge is holding a wine and wisdom in Bridge in aid of the Tsumani Disaster Appeal. The venue will be announced at the end of the week and will be either the village hall or the school hall at 7 for 7.30pm on Saturday January 29. Tables of eight, tickets £5 including a ploughman's supper. Those unable to make up a table of eight will be able to join up with others in a similar situation. Take your own glasses, cutlery, crockery, drinks and nibbles. For details and booking phone Pat Dunderdale on 01227 830668 or Andrea Nicholson on 01227 830947.

**Joseph:** The children of the Works, who meet monthly in the village hall for crafts, puppets, stories and games, invite you to join them to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat at the Marlowe Theatre on Saturday May 14 at 5pm. The four front rows are booked, plus two disabled places, at a reduced rate of £18.80. Tickets will be issued on a first come, first served basis but places are limited, so book now. For more details and to reserve seats phone Emma Haynes on 01227 830558.

**Church diary:** Thursday January 6, 7pm, Health and Healing Group, 7 Windmill Close.

Saturday January 9, 2pm Lower Hardres 2005 Celebrations, John Baker White Hall.

Monday January 10, 7.30pm Caring and Sharing Group.

Tuesday January 11, 3pm Holy

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Communion, Churchill House,  
Bridge; After Eight Group, 8pm, 58  
Western Avenue.

Wednesday January 12, Ears and  
Beers, Plough and Harrow from  
7pm.

**Services:** Sunday January 9,  
Epiphany 1, 10am Matins, Chris  
Macleon, St Mary's Church,  
Patricxbourne; 11am Family Service  
the Rev P Filmer, St Peter's  
Church, Bridge. Other churches in  
the Bridge Group: 8am BCP  
Communion Mr Filmer, St Peter's,  
Bekesbourne; 9.30am Holy  
Communion Canon R Humphriss,  
St Mary's, Nackington; 6pm  
Evensong Mr Filmer St Mary the  
Virgin Lower Hardres; 11am  
Bridge Methodist Church Service  
led by Miss J. Hall.

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**Tsunami appeal: The Caring and  
Sharing Group will hold a coffee**

morning in aid of the tsunami disaster appeal on Saturday, January 22 from 10am-12.30pm in the village hall.

**Nursing home:** Highfield Nursing and Residential Home has a staff appraisal day on Saturday February 22 from about 3pm. There will be champagne and snacks to thank staff for their long term support. For more details phone the home on 01227 831941.

**Reminder:** There are still a few tables of eight available for the Parish Wine and Wisdom in the school hall on Saturday, January 29 in aid of the tsunami disaster appeal. For booking or more details phone Pat Dunderdale on 01227 830668 or Andrea Nicholson on 01227 830947.

**Warden:** Cllr John Anderson of the North Nailbourne Ward has been touring the area with the new Kent Community Warden Maggie Mannings to introduce her to as many people in the ward as is possible. Although she is basically responsible for the Littlebourne, Ickham, Bekesbourne and Patrixbourne areas, she is interested to overlap the areas of Bridge and Bishopsbourne until the other areas have their own wardens.

**Pharmacy:** The Bridge Pharmacy is celebrating the first anniversary of its take over by Paydens.

Pharmacist Mr J Dhesi, known as Des by all his customers, thanks everyone for their custom and patience in what was a difficult year with the new company settling in, and is now looking forward to a happy 2005.

**Players:** Local amateur group the Kingsbourne Players are presenting their out-of-this-world pantomime by Paul Reakes, Santa in Space at Barham Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 27, 28 and 29 at 7.30pm. There will also be a matinee at 2.30pm on the Saturday. Tickets are £5, concessions £4.

**Church diary:** The Friends of Bekesbourne Church hold their annual jumble sale on Saturday January 29 at 10am in Bekesbourne Village Hall. They will be grateful for donations of bric-a-brac, games, books and clean, good quality clothing. They can be taken to the hall on the morning or collected by Gill Moon, phone 01227-832134.

The soundtrack of the Son et Lumiere staged in Bekesbourne Church last September is now on a CD costing £5. Phone David Gilmore on 01227 832450.

Monday January 24, Caring and Sharing Group 7.30pm.

Tuesday January 25, Holy Communion 2.30pm Highfield House, Bekesbourne, After Eights group 8pm at 58 Western Avenue, Bridge.

**Church services:** Sunday January 23 Epiphany 3, 8am BCP Communion, the Rev P Filmer, St Peter's, Bridge; 10am Joint Service of Holy Communion with St Peter's, Mr Filmer at St Mary's, Patrixbourne.

Other churches in the Bridge Group, 9.30am Holy Communion Canon R Diss Joint Service with St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres, at St Mary's, Nackington; 11am Bridge Methodist Church Service led by the Rev David Marshall.

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**Primary School:** A bring and buy sale in aid of the tsunami disaster appeal raised £401.18. Carol Mounce thanks all the parents and children for their hard work and generosity.

**Tsunami supper:** Held on Monday January 17 at the White Horse Inn, this broke the record of covers served there in recent memory with 116 diners. A total of £897 was raised on the night and when added to the amount raised on New Years Eve gives a grand total of £1,240.

Thanks go to all concerned, particularly to Alan and Sue Walton the organisers and to their suppliers who gave food and drink and the customers who donated. The menu of fish and chips or bangers and mash was well received.

**Parish Plan:** At the January meeting of the committee the format of the plan document was agreed. It is still on target for production and distribution in

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April. The committee was told of the progress of putting the questionnaires on to the computer evaluation programme, and, as a result have been able to agree to the likely format of the final document.

Chairman Bill Oakey told the committee of the work that he and John Hill were involved in getting to see the sponsors and agreeing copy with them to include the Parish Plan.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15.

**Royal British Legion:** Just nine members were at the January meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the chair. Good wishes were sent to Les Hogben and Tony Bevan, both suffering ill health, and to the Padre John Allan.

Names are now being taken of people wishing to attend the branch dinner on Saturday February 19 at Littlebourne War Memorial Hall. Anyone interested should contact the secretary on 01227 472023 or the treasurer on 0103 812292 for more

details.

Members will also be holding a games night with other branches in the group in March and a Branch Quiz night in April. Following a success of the coffee morning they hope to hold another later in the year.

The next two meetings are on Tuesdays February 8 and March 8 at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. New members will be welcome.

**Folk in the Barn:** Tickets are now available for the Seth Lakeman Trio at the Kingston Barn on Saturday February 12, doors open at 7.30 for 8pm start. Tickets £8 from 01227 831493.

Seth Lakeman is a talented roots fiddle player and singer who also brings his own unique vibrant style to playing four-string tenor guitar. Sean Lakeman, Seth's older brother is one of the most accomplished six-string acoustic guitarist in the UK and has been the driving force behind the Folk-Rock band Equation for a decade. Ben Nicholls is a versatile acoustic double base player possessing a seductively subtle style all his own.

**Fish News:** The next Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday February 9 from 10-11.15am in the village hall. All are welcome and anyone requiring a lift can phone Ann Medhurst on 01227 830762.

**Church Services:** Sunday January 30 Epiphany 4, only two services in the Bridge Group, 10am Benefice Holy Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Mary's, Nackington, 6pm Deanery Evensong, Mr Filmer, St Peter's, Bridge; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by Michael Baybutt.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** A meeting was held in the village hall on Thursday January 13

Access to allotments: Work will start in the week beginning February 7.

Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday February 10 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

A meeting of the planning committee was held in the village hall on Thursday January 13.

Planning applications received:

CA/ 04/01857/BRI Tanglewood, Patribourne Road, installation of solar collectors to roof, councillors had no objections.

CA/04/01870/BRI Samuel Court, Beech Hill, installation of dormer windows to front, no objections.

It was noted that the following applications are being granted:

CA/04/01674/BRI 3 Riverside Mews, Riverside Close, single storey extension to rear.

CA/04/01556&8/BRI and CAL/04/00110/BRI, 10 High Street, Grade 2 listed building, single storey extension, dormer windows and roof lights to rear, light well to front and replacement garage.

CA/04/01595/BRI and CAL/04/00115/BRI 19 High Street, conservatory to rear.

CA/04/01596/BRI and CAL/04/00116/BRI, 21 High Street, conservatory to rear.