

## BRIDGE AND PATRIBORUNE

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**WI:** At the Bridge and Patribourne branch January meeting, members were entertained by Mrs Christine Gibbons and her colleague from the Library Service. As they would not accept a fee, they were presented with three books from the branch.

The competition for an article starting with the letter E was won by Pamela Elgar.

**Coffee morning:** The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital Nailbourne Group is holding a coffee morning and annual meeting on Saturday February 5 from 10am-noon in Bridge Village Hall.

**Health for All:** A collection in remembrance of Christine Corrywright has raised more than £700. During her life she was a committed worker for Health for All and thanks go to her friends and family for their gifts in her memory.

**Gardeners:** The Nailbourne Horticultural Society held its annual meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday January 25. The chairman's report was presented by Roger Austin and the treasurer's report by Mrs Ann Edmonds who said the finances were healthy but recommended that the annual subscription should be increased to £3 single and £5 for family membership from January 1 2006.

After the spring and summer show reports the president Cllr John Anderson took the chair for the election of chairman and Mr Austin was unanimously proposed and agreed to serve for a further year. Other officers and committee were returned en bloc.

Mrs Billie Anderson asked for a volunteer to arrange flowers on behalf of the society in the Lady Chapel of St Peter's Church for two weeks once a year in mid-June. After an urgent appeal for more committee members Mrs Una Smith, David Powell and John Rounds all volunteered to stand and were elected.

Schedules are now available for both the spring show on Tuesday April 5 in the village hall which will open at 6pm for members to have exhibits staged by 7.15pm for judging, and the summer show at Bridge School on Saturday July 23. Schedules are available from any member of the committee.

**Confirmation 2005:** In November last year 16 children and three adults from local parishes were confirmed as members of the

Church of England by the Bishop of Maidstone in Canterbury Cathedral. Would you like to confirm the promises made on your behalf by your parents and godparents when you were baptized? If you do, or would like to find out more about confirmation, contact the Rev Paul Filmer about the 2005 confirmation course. It will begin after Easter, with a Deanery Confirmation Service in the Cathedral arranged for September 27.

This year's Benefice Lent Course is based on a new five-part course called Better Together. Each week it will discuss a recorded interview with a distinguished speaker from a range of churches and traditions; exploring family relationships, relationships with the church, to strangers, broken relationships and relationship with God. The course will start in Bridge Church on Thursday February 17 and continue on the next four Thursdays. Everyone is welcome for the whole course or individual evenings.

**Health and Healing** the meeting this month is on Thursday February 3 at 7pm at 7 Wilman Close.

**Church services:** Sunday February 6. Sunday before Lent. 8am BCP Communion, the Rev J. Shorrock, St Mary's, Patribourne; 9.30am Holy Communion, the Rev P Filmer, St Peter's, Bridge. Other Churches in the Bridge Group: 10am Family Service and Baptism, Mrs P Kusel, St Peter's, Bekesbourne, 11am Holy Communion Joint Service with St Mary's, Nackington at St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres, the Rev D. Bretherton; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev George Baugh.

**Wine and wisdom:** The quiz held by the parishes of Patribourne and Bridge in Bridge School hall on Saturday night in aid of the tsunami appeal raised £1,250. Thanks go to those who organised the event and those who attended and gave so generously.

**History Society:** Bridge and District History Society is holding its members social evening in the upstairs room of the Plough and Harrow on Tuesday February 15 at 7.30pm. Numbers are restricted and it is virtually fully booked.

**Street Runner:** The Rural Street Runner Youth Group is moving from the Mill Centre to the village hall where the first session will be held on February 8. It will also have a new start time of 7pm still finishing at 9pm.

If you are aged between 10 and 18 and have yet to try the Street Runner Group, you will be welcome. You will need to fill in a registration form before you attend a session and then you are a member. It's free to join and attend. So call Ian McDonald at Canterbury City Council on 01227 830325 or Pam Dobson at Bridge Parish Council on 01227 832369 to get your registration form.

**Highfield Care Home:** The tsunami disaster coffee morning went well and raised £200, with some money still coming in. The staff long service presentations also went well. Five staff have worked at Highfields for 10 years or more and were congratulated.

The next event is a Hearts and

Roses party on February 14 when everyone is welcome to join in. There is a themed raffle, champagne and chocolates and music. The home has an Adult Protection Training Day that is available for all care home staff in the local area.

This day is free, but the home is asking for donations for its tsunami fund-raising. Phone Mario Taherian on 01227 831941 for more information or to book.

**Church News:** During 2004 contributions were made to the Children's Society from the following local sources: Contents of home boxes, donations in memory of Mrs Daisy Flanders, sale of goods at table fair, donation and Christingle service collection, total £1,248.05.

Thanks go to those who attended the Christingle service in spite of wet weather, the children's Smarties tube savings, Mr and Mrs Tilly who once again gave the oranges for Christingles and to Pat and Lawrence Dunderdale, with all other helpers.

Looking to 2005, home and shop boxes will be emptied during February and March. Kath Eynon will be in touch with present box holders for collection.

Should anyone else like to have a box for contributions handy for small change contact her on 01227 830466 or at 19 Bridge Down, Bridge.

**Church diary:** Monday February 7 Caring and Sharing Group, 12 Sommer Close, Canterbury 7.30pm; Tuesday February 8 Holy Communion, Churchills House, Bridge 3pm; After Eights Group, 58 Western Avenue, 8pm

Project at St Anslems School. Kelly Saunders, Theresa Coleman, Rosie Burgess and Rachel Salter say they are grateful for the support.

**WI:** Bridge with Patribourne members' next meeting will be on Tuesday February 15 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Guest speaker will be Charles Plott, a local character who will give a talk entitled Reflections of a Has Been. Members are requested to take a friend.

The competition for this meeting is for an article beginning with the letter D.

**Family fun:** Bangers, Beetle and Bingo in aid of the parish of Patribourne with Bridge will be featured at an evening of family fun and games with a Bangers and Mash supper, followed by a Beetle Drive and Bingo on Saturday February 26 for a 5.30pm start in Bridge School Hall. Family ticket £10, adult £4, child £2 available from Ros Beeching on 01227 831027 or Sue Bryant on 01227 832084. Book by February 19 and take plates, glasses and drinks.

**Parish council:** The next meeting will be in the village hall on Thursday February 10 at 7.30pm, preceded by the planning sub-committee from 7-7.15pm according to the volume of business. All members of the village are welcome to attend.

**Church diary:** Tuesday February 15, 3pm Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge; 8pm After Eights Group, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne.

Wednesday 16 7pm Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow Inn, Bridge.

**Church services:** Sunday February 13, Lent 1, 10am Matins Chris Maclean, St Mary's, Patribourne; 11am Family Service and Baptism Tony Washington, St Peter's, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge Group: 8am BCP Communion the Rev Paul Filmer, St Peter's, Bekesbourne, 9.30 Holy Communion, Mr Filmer, St Mary's, Nackington; 6pm Evensong Mrs M. Clarke St. Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church Holy Communion the Rev David Marshall.

Respondent above.

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**Friends:** The annual meeting of the Nailbourne Group of the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital was held on Saturday February 5 in Bridge Village Hall. Chairman Elizabeth Stewart, thanked the committee for its support and Joyce Hopkins who sells diaries each year. She reported that the position of vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the League had now been taken by Prof Stewart Field following the sudden death of Adair Roche.

During 2004 the Nailbourne Group received £2,066 in subscriptions, donations and Gift Aid tax refunds together with £1,486 from fund-raising and other income. Having £7,530 in hand at the start of the year, the group was able to pay £7,536 for gifts to the hospital and have £3,300 available to spend on further gifts in 2005. Any enquiries phone 01227 830344.

**Thank you:** Villagers are thanked for their generosity towards the carol singing this year, which raised £70 in total from the

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## BISHOPSBOURNE

**Correspondent:** Malcolm Mitchell,  
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**Road works:** Roads in and around the village will be closed for repairs and resurfacing work over the next few weeks.

Among those affected will be Woodgate along its whole length; Pheasants Hall Road, between Woodgate and Reeds Mill Lane; Crows Camp Road along its whole length; Frog Lane between Bourne park Road and Bonny Bush Hill; Coldharbour Lane, from the entrance to Highland Court Farm and Poor Start Road.

**Flower talk:** Nailbourne Horticultural Society is meeting on Thursday, February 24, at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall when an illustrated talk on Orchids for All will be given by Mr Walter Howey. All are welcome.

**Murder Most Foul:** Dire and dirty deeds are afoot in Bishopsbourne next month when a Murder Mystery Evening is held in the Conrad Hall, in aid of hall funds.

The professional company Moneypenny Productions will act out a murder scene, following which the audience will form team in a bid to solve the dastardly crime. The evening is being staged

in the hall on Saturday, March 12,  
at 7.30.

The cost of £15 per head will  
include a three course meal and  
soft drinks (those taking part are  
welcome to take their own alcoholic  
refreshments).

Tickets are being taken up quickly;  
to book a place for you and your  
friends at this novel event phone  
01227 830136.

**Parish church:** Although there is  
no service at St Mary the Virgin  
Church, Bishopsbourne, on Sunday,  
February 20, churchgoers will be  
welcome at any of the following  
services in neighbouring parishes  
which, with Bishopsbourne, form  
the Barham Downs united benefice:

Holy Communion will be celebrated  
by the Rector and the Curate,  
the Rev David Roper and the Rev  
Annette Ardley, at St Margaret of  
Antioch, Womenswold, at 8am;  
the same clergy will conduct a  
celebration of the Eucharist at St  
Giles's, Kingston, at 10am and, at  
the same time, the reader, Miss  
Mary Ambrose, and Dr Eileen  
Tresidder will lead the united  
service at St John the Baptist  
Church, Barham.

The series of meetings for Lent  
will be starting on Wednesday,  
February 23, and will continue  
for four weeks. There will be  
Wednesday meetings from 12.30pm  
at Barham Methodist Chapel for  
lunch followed by a study group  
and on Thursday evenings, from  
7.30pm at St John's, Barham, there  
will be Lent talks followed by  
Compline. See the posters in your  
parish churches for further details  
or contact any of the following  
members of the parish ministry  
team:

The Rector, the Rev David Roper,  
The Rectory, Barham, phone 01227  
831340; the curate, the Rev Annette  
Ardley, phone 01227 833820, or the  
reader, Miss Mary Ambrose, phone  
01227 830856.

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**Meeting:** The annual meeting  
of the NNWC Association will  
be held in the village hall on  
Wednesday February 23 at 7.30pm.

**Church diary:** Thursday February  
17 first part Lent Course, St Peter's  
Church, Bridge, 7.30 to 9pm.

Monday February 21, Caring and  
Sharing Group, 8a Conyngham  
Lane, 7.30pm. Tuesday February  
22 Holy Communion, Highfield  
House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm. After  
Eights Group, 58 Western Avenue,  
Bridge, 8pm.

**Gardeners:** Nailbourne  
Horticultural Society will meet in  
Bridge Village Hall on Thursday  
February 24 at 7.30pm when Walter  
Howey will give an illustrated talk  
entitled "Orchids for All. Mr Howey  
has also volunteered to give advice  
to anyone who cares to take any  
"problem specimens" on the night.  
As always, non-members will be  
made welcome.

Schedules for both the spring and  
summer shows are now available  
from committee members.

**Parish Plan:** The evaluation of the  
202 returned questionnaires has  
been completed and thanks go to  
Mark Esdale and Mark Lane.

The Parish Plan Committee now  
has some meaningful data to  
include in the plan.

At the February meeting decisions  
on the content will be made  
and the data provided by the  
questionnaires will be included.

**Church services:** Sunday February  
20, Lent 2, 10am Holy Communion,  
Canon Gordon Manley, St Peter's

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**Award:** The villagers in the Bridge area are celebrating the news that Chris and Melanie MacLean of The Plough and Harrow in the High Street, have received the Community Pub of the Year award for 2005 in the Shepherd Neame Brewery pub awards. Among their prizes is a weekend trip to Valencia.

**Royal British Legion:** Seventeen members attended the February branch meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the chair. Tony Bevan and Les Hogben were improving and members wished them well.

A games night with other branches in the group is on Tuesday March 15 at the Recreation Club and there is a quiz night

at the Haywain, Bramling on Monday April 4. Anyone wishing to eat first should arrive by 7pm and the quiz starts at 8.

Members have also booked a coffee morning in aid of the Poppy Appeal on Saturday September 17 in the lounge of War Memorial Hall, Littlebourne, at 10am.

The next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays March 8 and April 12 both at the Recreation Club at 8pm.

**Fish Scheme:** The next Coffee Pop-In for this neighbourly help group will be in the village hall on Wednesday March 9 from 10-11.15am.

If you have any left over knitting wool the Scheme would be glad to make use of it. Phone Rosy Green on 01227 830204.

**WI:** Bridge and Patribourne members were joined by three visitors on a cold and wet evening in February, to hear fruit farmer Charlie Illott's experiences which began on his grandfathers farm. He was thanked by Pat Hulyer.

The competition was won jointly by Dorothy King and Eileen Piggot.

At the March meeting, a talk with slides entitled Temples but no Tigers will be presented by Mr. D. Wilks.

The competition will be for an item beginning with U.

**Church diary:** Sunday February 27, The Works, village hall, 10am; Monday February 28, Caring and Sharing Group, 8a Conyngham Lane, 8pm; Wednesday March 1, Health and Healing Group, 7 Windmill Close, 7pm; Thursday March 2, Benefice Easter Lent course, St Peter's Church, Bridge 7.30-9pm; Friday March 4, Friends of Bekesbourne Church wine and wisdom, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.30pm prompt start, £3.50 per head, take your own food and drink, tables of six or eight.

Phone Gill Moon on 01227 832134.

**Church services:** Sunday February 27, Lent 3, 8am BCP Communion the Rev Paul Filmer and 6pm Evensong Mr Filmer, St Peter's Church Bridge; 10am Holy Communion the Rev D. Roper, St. Mary's Patribourne; St Peter's Bekesbourne joint service with Patribourne. 9.30am Holy

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Communion St Mary's; St Mary the  
Virgin Lower Hardres joint service  
with Nackington; 11am Bridge  
Methodist Church Service led by  
the Rev Donald Lugg.

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