

held on March 24 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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Planning Committee: It was noted that the following applications are being granted:

CA/04/01857/BRI, Tanglewood, Patribourne Road, installation of solar collectors to roof.

CA/04/01870/BRI, Samuel Court, Beech Hill, installation of dormer windows to front.

CA/04/01575/BRI, 80 High Street, demolition of existing shop and erection of dwelling (revised scheme)

The next meeting of the planning committee is on Thursday March 10 at 7.15pm in the village hall.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Retiring co-ordinator Selwyn Lewis says a volunteer has been found to take over from him, but a change may have some bearing on that decision. So until the person agrees, he will not release the name.

Future production of the newsletter has been put on hold. Two local residents offered sponsorship to enable the newsletter to be produced but owing to a change of circumstances that sponsorship must end next month.

This unexpected problem has caused him to consider in which way the distribution might continue, especially as it would be unreasonable to expect one person to produce 300-plus copies each time. A probable solution might be to make use of e-mail addresses.

If a sufficient number of people were prepared to let him have their e-mail address, agree to produce a few copies of each issue, say up to 10, and distribute the newsletters to people in their locality, that might be a solution.

If you think that you can help with the distribution of the newsletter as outlined above, please send your offer to the following email address. [linsel@tesco.net](mailto:linsel@tesco.net)

**Fish Scheme:** One aspects of the work of this neighbourly help group in Bridge, Patribourne, Bishopsbourne and Bekesbourne is to give lifts to the hospital and doctor for people who would otherwise have to try to tackle public transport where it exists, or use taxis.

As everybody is busy the scheme can only work if there is a large number of volunteer drivers. If you are already helping you will know how satisfying it is to be able to help, however occasionally. Please ask your friends if they will consider offering their help. Phone Ann Medhurst 01227 830762.

**Pop-in:** The next Coffee Pop-in in the village hall is on Wednesday

March 9 from 10-11.15am. The next committee meeting is on Tuesday March 8h at Rosy Green's home.

**Easter Party:** Highfield Care Home in Bekesbourne Lane is holding an Easter Party on March 25. There will be live music and nibbles. Phone 01227 831941 for details or to book a place.

**East meets West:** On Tuesday March 22 Bridge welcomes a group of 10 Japanese students and their three teachers to stay for a visit. Several families have offered to act as hosts and a full itinerary has been organized. The link with students from Tenryu and Bridge is Bill Rose, who was a Prisoner of War in Mitsushima, now renamed Tenryu. He visited the village last year and met Trevor Anderson who is leading this project from the Japanese end.

The students will arrive in the afternoon and visit Bridge School. Their host families will meet them at a reception in the school at 3.30pm. Wednesday sees them visiting the Eastbridge Hospital, Grey Friars and The Mayor's Parlour. In the morning and to the Chaucer College, where Japanese students study, at the University in the afternoon.

On Thursday they will visit Dover Castle during the day and join the Tenebrae Supper at the school during the evening.

On Friday they are off to Howletts animal park and a get-together will be held during the evening at the school for the host families, students and villagers wishing to join in.

On Easter Saturday they will be going to the Canterbury Tales and the Cathedral before they leave to visit London on Easter morning. If you would like to join the get-together on Friday evening phone Evelyn Andrews on 01227 830960.

**Church diary:** Thursday March 3, Lent course, Bridge Church 11.30pm.

Friday March 4 Women's World Day of Prayer, Bridge Methodist Church 11am;

wine and wisdom Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.15pm.

Monday March 7 Caring and Sharing Group, 22 Riverside Close, 7.30pm.

Tuesday March 8 Holy Communion, Churchill House, 3pm; After Eights Group, 68 Western Avenue, 8pm.

Wednesday March 9 Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow, Bridge 7pm.

Thursday March 10 Lent Course, Bridge Church 7.30pm.

**Confirmation:** If you are interested please contact the Rev Paul Filmer for information about the course. It will begin after Easter working towards a Deanery Service at the

Cathedral on September 27.

**Smartie Tubes:** Thanks go to everyone who raised money for the Children's Society by saving coins in Smartie tubes and taking them to the Christmas service. The Easter Smartie Tube collection will be for Mercy Ships who provide voluntary aid in Africa/Asia.

**Easter Lillies:** Donations for Easter lillies are now being collected by Rosy Green or Viv Brasier. The decorating of St Peter's Church Bridge for Easter will be on Saturday March 26 and anyone interested in helping can just turn up at the church, or phone Rosy on 01227 830204.

**Church services:** Sunday March 6, Lent 4, 8am BCP Communion the Rev Paul Filmer, St Mary's, Patribourne; 9.30am Holy Communion the Rev. D. Bretherton St Peter's, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge Group, 10am Family Service Mrs. P. Kusel, St. Peter's, Bekesbourne; St Mary's, Nackington joint service with Lower Hardres; 11am Holy Communion Mr Filmer, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church Service led by John Ellis.

## BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE

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**PARISH COUNCIL:** The latest meeting was held in the village hall on Thursday 10th February 10, when members were told Bridge would be entered in the Kent Village of the Year competition.

The annual Parish Meeting will be

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# BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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**WI:** The next Bridge with Patribourne branch meeting will be on Tuesday March 15 at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Mr D. Wilks will be giving a talk with slides entitled Temples but no Tigers and the competition will be for an article beginning with the letter U.

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

Any of the many fund-raising organisations in the villages who are interested in looking for equipment for their fetes or fairs, including bungee-run, bouncy castles, sumo suits, gladiator joust, garden games, penalty shoot out,

help and support. The project will supply each group with a computer.



mobile disco and karaoke may  
phone 01304 619007 for details.

**Church diary:** Monday March  
14, Caring and Sharing Group, 7  
Windmill Close, Bridge, 7.30pm.

Tuesday March 15, Holy  
Communion Saxon Lodge, 3pm;  
After Eights Group, Fairview,  
Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne  
8pm.

Wednesday March 16 Lower  
Hardres and Nackington PCC  
Springboard, 7.30pm.

Thursday March 17 Lent Course St  
Peter's Church, Bridge, 7.30pm.

Church services: Sunday March  
13, Lent 5. 10am Matins, Chris  
Maclean, St Mary's Church,  
Patrixbourne, 11am Family Service  
with Baptism, Mr M. Leggatt, St  
Peter's Church, Bridge. Other  
churches in the Bridge group:  
8am BCP Communion the Rev  
John Shorrocks, St Peter's Church,  
Bekesbourne; 9.30am Holy  
Communion with Baptism the Rev  
Paul Filmer, St Mary's Church,  
Nackington; 6pm Evensong Mr  
Filmer, St Mary the Virgin Church,  
Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge  
Methodist Church service led by  
the Rev David Marshall.

10.3.2005



# Mayor meets his future rivals

**PARKSIDE** school's council was officially launched by the Lord Mayor, Cllr Martin Vye, when he paid it a visit.

It was the idea of head teacher Sandy Turner and involves teachers and 13 pupils from the Canterbury school who represent the interests of their fellow classmates.

Cllr Vye handed out badges to the 13 youngsters and the council will meet every half term to discuss topics connected with the school.

It has decided that its first campaign will be to have a litter clear-up.

**LAUNCH:** Lord Mayor Martin Vye meets members of Parkside School's council

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## BRIDGE

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**Tennis Club:** With the weather improving and the new season starting on April 1, the Ladies Tuesday morning group members are hoping to see more support for coaching with Vyv Smith from 9.30-11am. The stoics have kept playing for most of the winter, but unless there are more people at the session it will not be viable at the present rate of £3. New members with previous playing experience are always welcome. Phone Kath Hewson on 01227 761139 for more details.

**Tennis courses:** On Friday evenings after Easter, the two successful courses for adult beginners and improvers with Vyv Smith will resume and all last year's players are by definition Improvers. If you are a complete beginner, phone Hilary Whiting on 01227 830506, who will need six or eight people to

form a new group.

**Royal British Legion:** Nine members were at the branch's March meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the chair. Good wishes were expressed to Ron Bates who is having health problems.

The chairman congratulated the secretary, Barbara Hunt, on her Associate Gold Badge, awarded for her work in the branch.

It was suggested that the branch might occasionally book a speaker for monthly meetings.

The quiz night at the Haywain, Bramling is on Monday April 4. Anyone wishing to eat first should arrive by 7pm and the quiz starts at 8pm. The next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesday April 12 and May 10, both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

**Correction:** In the recent Neighbourhood Watch article the impression was given that parish council chairman Selwyn Lewis was the co-ordinator for the whole of Bridge, whereas in fact his responsibility is for only the south west of Bridge, there being two other separate areas within the village.

**Diary:** Tuesday March 22, Holy Communion, High Field House, Bekesbourne at 2.30pm;

Monday March 28, Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage.

**Mixed Tennis:** This group meets from 10am-noon on Thursdays and players with some experience are welcome to join in. There is no charge for club members.

**Parish council:** The annual meeting will be held in the village hall on Thursday March 24 at 7.30pm. All members of the parish are invited to attend.

**Children's competition:** The Bridge Pharmacy will again hold an Easter competition for children, for an A4 size poster to be exhibited in the chemist window. Closing date for entries is Wednesday March 23.

**East meets West:** The party of Japanese school children from Tenryu in Japan, where local celebrity Bill Rose was a prisoner of war, will arrive at Bridge primary School at about 1.30pm on Tuesday March 22 where a reception party will greet them.

**Church news:** The electoral roll for St Mary's, Patricxbourne will be updated shortly. This is a list of those who are a member of the Church of England and resident



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in the parish or have worshipped there during the last six months. Registration forms will be found in both churches and when completed should be returned by April 11 to one of the church wardens or to Rosemary Whatley at the Primary School. If you are already on the roll you do not need to reapply.

The Parochial Church Council is in need of a new secretary. If you could help or would like more details contact one of the church wardens.

**Church services:** Sunday March 20 Palm Sunday 10am Holy Communion, Canon Gordon Manley, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 6pm Prayer and Praise the Rev Paul Filmer, St Mary's, Patricbourne; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by Michael Baybutt. Other churches in the Bridge Group; 8am BCP Communion, Mr Filmer St Mary's, Nackington; 10am Family Service Mrs M Clarke, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 10am Holy Communion Mr Filmer St Peter's, Bekesbourne.

**Easter services:** Holy Week Maundy Thursday March 24 7.30pm Tenebrae at Bridge School; Good Friday March 25 9.30am Childrens Worship at John Baker White Hall Lower Hardres, Walk of Witness 10am St Peter's, Bekesbourne, at 11am at St Mary's, Patricbourne and noon St Peter's, Bridge.



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**WI:** At the Bridge and Patribourne March meeting Mr. Wilkes paid a return visit to show slides of Indian temples.

Mrs Joyce Hopkins won the competition.

On Tuesday April 19, Granville Harmer will talk on Road through the Weald and the competition will be for an item beginning with C. There will be an extra competition for a decorated blown or hard boiled egg, the winner to go to the group meeting.

**Fish Scheme:** At the coffee Pop-In on Wednesday April 18 at 10.30am you can have your NHS Hearing Aid retubed. Please take your battery book with you.

Booking forms for the blossom tour on Wednesday May 4 will be circulated. If you have any enquiries you can make them at Frank Whitten's office at 29 High Street.

**Church diary:** Sunday March 27 8.30am Japanese Visitors depart for home.

Easter Monday March 28 Youth Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral 10.30am.

**Church services:** Sunday March 27 Easter Day 8am BCP Communion the Rev Paul Filmer and 6pm Evensong Mrs E Clarke, St Peter's Church Bridge; 10am Holy Communion Mr Filmer St Mary's Church, Patribourne.

Other churches in the Bridge Group: 9.30am Holy Communion Canon R Diss, St Mary's, Nackington; 10am Family Communion the Rev D Bretherton, St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres; 10am Holy Communion the Rev John Shorrocks, St Peter's, Bekesbourne; 11am Easter Day Holy Communion the Rev Barbara Heather Bridge Methodist Church.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** At the meeting in the village hall on Thursday, March 10, items discussed included the following.

**Allotments:** The new vehicular access has been completed.

**Bridge Downs:** The new notice board has been completed and will be installed shortly.

**Bus shelter:** Quotations are being obtained to replace the broken Georgian glass panes in the shelter



outside the Post Office.

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**Parish meeting:** The annual parish meeting will be held on March 24 at 7.30pm in the village hall. Jennifer Shaw will give a presentation entitled Affordable Housing.

**Street lighting:** The responsibility for street lighting will transfer from the parish council to Canterbury City Council on April 1.

**Bench:** Councillors agreed to buy a bench to be put outside of the Londis shop.

**Council meeting:** The next meeting will be on Thursday April 14 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

**Planning committee:** There were no new applications and the next meeting is on Thursday April 14 at 7.15pm in the village hall.



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## BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

**Correspondent: J Anderson, 7 Dering Road, Bridge, Canterbury, CT4 5NA. 01227 830260 john.anderson74@btopenworld.com**

**Gardeners:** Nailbourne Horticultural Society's spring show will be held on Tuesday April 5 in Bridge Village Hall. Members can take their exhibits from 6pm prior to judging. The prizegiving will be at 7.30pm. There will be refreshments available. Members will be organising a raffle and hope to have a plant bring-and-buy stall for which contributions will be welcome.

Also judged will be daffodil blooms in the Chairman's Challenge class by members who were given bulbs in the autumn.

You need to be a member to exhibit, but you can join on the day. Membership remains for this year at £2.50 for a single person and £4 for a family. Schedules for both shows are available now from committee members.

**Church diary:** Monday April 4, Marburg Choir Concert, Bridge Church 7.30pm

Tuesday April 5 Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm; After Eights Group, Fairview, Bekesbourne 8pm

Wednesday April 6 Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow, Bridge 7pm

Thursday April 7 Health and Healing Group 7pm at the home of John and Muriel Packer,

Netherbury, Meadow Close Bridge. if you are unable to attend send in your requests for sickness, bereavement, anxiety or any other situation.

**Church services:** Sunday April 3 Easter 2, 8am BCP Communion, the Rev J Shorrocks, St Mary's Church; 9.30am Family Communion with Upper Room the Rev P Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in the Bridge Group, 8am St Peter's Church Bekesbourne joint service at Bridge; 11am Holy Communion with Baptism the Rev D Bretherton, St Mary the Virgin Church, Lower Hardres and St Mary's Church Nackington combined service at Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church Service led by the Rev Howard Skinner.

**History Society:** At the March meeting there was a talk about bricks, building designs and styles by Dick Bolton. The next event is a coach visit to the battlefields and museums of Agincourt and Crecy on St George's Day, Saturday April 23. There are one or two seats left at the time of going to press. Members will visit the walled town of Montreuil, the setting for Victor Hugo's Les Misérables and the HQ for General Haig during the First World War. They leave at 7.30am from Bridge Post Office, for details phone John Bishop on 01227 832596.

**Church News:** When the Marburg Choir visits at 7.30pm on April 4 at Bridge Church, you are invited to an evening of music provided by the 48 strong brass ensemble and choir from Trinity Church, Wehrda, Marburg, led by their

minister the Rev Hans Hentschel for a programme of traditional German folk music and hymns.

**Deanery Synod:** Membership of Deanery Synod is made up of representatives from each parish who serve a three-year term and become automatically a member of the PCC. This April will see the election of Synod representatives for the next three year session, held at annual Parochial Church meetings. If this is a position you feel capable of volunteering for, phone the Rev Paul Filmer on 01227 830250 or any churchwarden for more details.

**Caring and Sharing:** This is a group of women from across Bridge Benefice who meet every Monday evening for informal chats, invited speakers, visits, Bible study to and fish and chips suppers. It is a Christian group whose aim is to grow spiritually as a group and individually. It would be great to welcome new members either regularly or on the odd occasion when you can get there.

If you would like to know more, details of subjects and venues should be in the parish magazine or at the back of your local church. Any further queries phone Judy Filmer on 01227-830250 or Anne Booth on 01227 830290.