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BISHOPSBOURNE

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Parish church: Holy Communion
was celebrated by the Rector, the
Rev David Roper, at St Mary the
Virgin Church on Sunday, April 10.

This Sunday, April 17, there will
be no services at Bishopsbourne,
but regular worshippers will
be welcome at any of the other
services being held in the Barham
Downs united benefice, of which St
Mary's is a member.

There will be Communion
at St Margaret of Antioch,
Womenswold, at 8am, celebrated
by the Rector and the curate, the
Rev Annette Ardley, a united
service at St John the Baptist,
Barham, at 10am and, at the same
time, a celebration of the Eucharist
at St Giles's, Kingston, by the
Rector.

There will be A Time to Pray at St
Mary's, Bishopsbourne, at 5pm on
Thursday, April 14.

The annual parochial church
council meeting will be held in the
Conrad Hall on Wednesday, April
27, at 6.30pm.

For further information contact
the Rector, phone 01227 831340; the
curate, 01227 833820, or the reader,
Mary Ambrose, 01227 830856.

Parish council: The monthly
meeting will be held in the Conrad
Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday,
April 20.

Time will be allowed at the start
of the meeting for questions from
the floor.

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**W.E.A.: Bridge/Littlebourne branch
course No 9618**

Great Russian Stories, is a six weeks course offering an introduction to some of Russia's greatest writers, including Chekov, Turgenev and Pushkin. Wednesdays 10am -noon, tutor Jane Ireson. Six meetings from April 24, £24 standard fee, £18 reduced fee, £5 minimum.

Course No 9617, The Last of the Summer Wine, is a six weeks course exploring the late flowering of the Romantic Symphonies from 1900-1950 by composers such as Mahler, Sibelius, and Rachmaninov. Thursdays 10am-noon, tutor Michael Chandler, six meetings from April 21, fee £24, £18 reduced, £5 minimum.

For further details contact Jane Ireson at Manor Oast, Adisham, Kent CT3 3J1, phone 01304 840721 or branch secretary Sue Le Touze on 01227 462300.

**Church diary: Tuesday April 19,
Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge,
Bridge 3pm; After Eights Group,
Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane,
Bekesbourne 8pm**

**Thursday April 21, Patribourne
with Bridge APCM, Bridge
School, 7.30pm.**

Church services Sunday April

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17, Easter Four, 10am Holy Communion, Canon Gordon Manley, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 6pm Prayer and Praise, the Rev P Filmer St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne.

Other churches: 8am BCP Communion the Rev P 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; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by Miss Jean Hall

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For details of any of the above or any other church matter contact the Rector, the Rev David Roper, The Rectory, Barham, telephone 01227 831340; the curate, the Rev Annette Ardley, phone 01227 833820; or the Reader, Miss Mary Ambrose, phone 01227 830856.

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**Church Diary: April 22, Lower
Hardres and Nackington Annual
Parochial church Meeting John
Baker White Hall 7.30pm**

**April 25, Caring and Sharing Group
Coffee and Chat at the Vicarage
Bridge 7.30pm**

**April 26, Holy Communion High
Field House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
Also, After Eights Group 58 Western
Avenue Bridge 8pm**

Royal British Legion District

ROUNDAP

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Branch: 17 members were present at the April meeting with Doug Fenn in the Chair. Ron Bates and Tony Bevan were welcomed back after illness. Tony, who has been our welfare committee officer for several years, has expressed his wish to give up the post due to his health problems and we would very much like somebody in the Branch who would take this task on.

As mentioned last month, we are planning to have short talks at some of our monthly meetings. As we have now discovered that we have a wealth of interesting members who would be willing to give a short talk on various subjects, we plan to do that. The first one is likely to be at the June meeting and details will be announced next month.

The Group Games Evening hosted by us went very well- with Geoff Welch proving to be a competent snooker player! Our quiz night at the Hay Wain, Bramling was enjoyable and £106 was raised for the poppy appeal. Our next two meetings will be on May 10 and June 14.

Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help)

News: Two important dates this month; firstly, the Cornelia Slav in Blossom Tour on May 4 and secondly, the year's fund-raising coffee corning on Saturday, May 21 in Bridge Village Hall between 10-noon. There will be a raffle, bric-a-brac stall and, best of all, cakes and plants. Do please come, if only for a few minutes.

At the April meeting a representative of the Hi Centre, a charity for the hard of hearing, ran a hearing aid re-tubing clinic. It is recommended that NHS Hearing-Aids should be re-tubed every three months. With this in mind they will be revisiting every quarter the dates to be announced later. For more information please contact the Hi Centre 46 Northgate Canterbury on 01227 760046. Please note that they do not provide or sell hearing aids.

Church Services: Sunday, April 24
Easter Five 8am BCP Communion
Canon John Packer 6pm Evensong
Rev P. Filmer St Peter's Church
Bridge

10am Holy Communion Rev P.
Filmer Joint Service at St Mary's
Church Patricxbourne with St Peter's
Bekesbourne.

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

PARISH COUNCIL: Notes from the
meeting of Bridge Parish Council
held in Bridge village hall on April
14.

Notice Board – Cllr Esdale reported
that the new notice board for Bridge
Down was ready and that a site for
its erection had been agreed with
SERCO. It was hoped to install it
within the next week.

Bus Shelter – Cllr Esdale reported
that new panes of glass had been cut
and that the broken ones would be
replaced as soon as possible.

Graffiti – Cllr Esdale advised that
nothing further had been heard from
the police on this matter following
the recent outbreak of graffiti in the
village.

Refuse collection changes – During
the parish meeting last month the
parish council were asked to debate
this issue following expressions of
concern by villagers. At the parish
council meeting it was noted that
a letter outlining the views of the
village had been sent to CCC in
April 2004. It was therefore decided
to take no further action until the
new scheme had been introduced
in the village and there had been an
opportunity to assess how effectively
it was operating.

Highways – Details of the speed
of traffic using Bridge Hill had
been received from Kent Highways
following their traffic survey in
February. The statistics did not
differentiate between the speeds of
vehicles entering and leaving the
village. It was felt that this data
would be helpful to the Council and
Kent Highways are to be asked to

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provide the additional information.

Kent Village of the Year

Competition - Cllr Edmonds reported that Bridge has been entered in four categories of this year's competition.

Bench for Bridgeway Stores - It was agreed to order a new bench to be placed outside Bridgeway Stores.

The Council expressed its thanks to Mr Dhaliwal, the owner of the stores, for agreeing to this.

Library van - The Council agreed to publicise the times for the mobile library van in the next newsletter and on the village website.

Parish Council Meeting - The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 12 at 7.30 in the village hall.

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them on the recreation ground.

Vice-chairman Cllr Malcom Mitchell said the path approaching St Mary's Church needed resurfacing and that frequent parking of cars on the grass at the side of the path had made it become unsightly. The situation was not improved by people putting their refuse wheelie bins on the grass beside the path.

He suggested that the council should approach the agent for the owner of the land to see if parking could be banned and if a post and chain fence could be erected. The council agreed to approach the agent.

The annual parish assembly will be held in the Conrad Hall on Wednesday, May 4, at which the Kentish Stour Countryside Project manager Jon Skelton would give an illustrated talk. The meeting will start at 7pm and refreshments will be available.

The next meeting of the parish council will be the annual meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, May 18, in the Conrad Hall at 7.30pm.

Parish Church: The Eucharist was celebrated at St Mary the Virgin Church on Sunday, April 24, by the Rev Reg Humphriss, who gave the address.

On Sunday, May 1 (Rogation Sunday), the traditional Matins services will be held at 10am, led by Mrs Pat Austin.

Other services in the Barham Downs united benefice, of which Bishopsbourne is a member, include: Holy Communion at St John the Baptist, Barham, at 8am; the Eucharist and baptism at St Margaret of Antioch, Womenswold, at 10am; family service and baptism at St John's, Barham, at 10am. There will also be morning worship at Barham Methodist Chapel at 10am.

A Rogation walk will leave Womenswold church at 3.30pm on Sunday, which will be followed by a short service.

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

Conrad Hall: The annual meeting of the village hall management committee will be held in the hall on Thursday, May 12, at 7.30pm. All villagers are urged to attend in support of the hall trustees.

A wine and wisdom evening is being held on Saturday, May 14, at 7.30pm, when tables of eight are invited. The trustees will provide soft drinks and nibbles, but those taking part are asked to bring their own food and alcoholic drinks if required.

All are welcome and tickets are £4. Phone 01227 831094 for further information or to book your place.

St George's Day: Red roses were to the fore, as were the flags of St George, when regulars at the Mermaid Inn celebrated England's patron saint's day on Saturday, April 23. Patriotic songs were sung, accompanied by Kevin at the piano.

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PARISH COUNCIL: Chairman Cllr Colin Baker presided at the monthly meeting in the Conrad Hall on Wednesday, April 20, welcoming Cllr Geoff MacDonald, chairman of neighbouring Kingston Parish Council.

His visit followed reports in the parish magazine and the Kentish Gazette of Bishopsbourne's worries at suggestions that the bridleway between Kingston and Bishopsbourne might be given a tarmac surface.

Cllr MacDonald said it would appear that two separate and unrelated issues had become confused.

In the first the Canterbury Walking and Cycling Strategy had identified that the route from Barham to Canterbury should be part of its network of routes. Cyclists should be able to use the pathway, he said.

The second was that Kingston parish council had identified a section of the bridleway that needed improvement because of its poor underfoot conditions and overgrown hedges. In fact, contractors had now cleared some of the intrusive hedging. Improving the ground conditions was being investigated. A tarmac surface was never considered. Cllr MacDonald said Kingston parish council had been grossly misrepresented, although he acknowledged it was a storm in a teacup but still thought the Bishopsbourne parish council owed his council an apology.

Cllr Baker said the fears expressed by the landowner concerned and by the parish council, which had been published in the Gazette and the parish magazine, were a fair interpretation of the council's debate on the matter and he did not feel an apology was due.

Planning: It was reported that application Ca/05/00340/Bis for the erection of a double garage at Braeburn Barn, Middle Pett Farm, Pett Bottom Road, and Ca/04/01759/Bis for the removal of a toilet and the erection of a single-storey extension and conservatory at the side of The Farmhouse, Middle Pett Farm, had been granted by Canterbury City Council. The parish council had offered no objection.

Application Ca/05/00189/Bis for the building of an extension at The Old Railway Station, Crows Camp Road, which the parish council had supported, was also granted. It was reported that village blacksmith Len Hutton had agreed to carry out repairs to the wrought iron fence around the Neame Meadow recreation ground. The fence had been damaged by a vehicle but nobody had admitted liability.

Further advice is being sought from the City Council regarding choosing suitable trees and sites for planting

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Art in Bridge: AGM tonight
(Thursday) 7.30pm Plough and
Harrow High Street Bridge. Art in
Bridge was constituted in 2002 to
promote the visual and other arts
and culture in Bridge. All interested
parties are welcome to attend
Further information from John
Corfield phone 01227 830976.

Plant Fair: The Kent Group of
The National Council for the
Conservation of Plants and Gardens
a registered charity are holding a
plant fair in the grounds of Higham
Park Bridge by the kind permission
of Pat Gibb and Amanda Harris
Deans on May 8 from 11am to 5pm.
Specialist plantsmen and nursery
stalls in 25 acres of parklands and
gardens. Admission Adults £4, OAPs
£3.50, Children £1. Visits to the
Historic House extra. Refreshments
available. For further information
phone Jean Talboy on 01622 880349.

Fete: Bridge Village Fete in aid
of Bridge Primary School and St
Peter's and St. Mary's Churches,
in the school grounds on Saturday
June 18, The organizers request that
Interested parties would please start
collecting items for the following
stalls now. Plants, gifts, puzzles, toys,
books, bric-a-brac, videos and CDs.
Why not put the date in your diary
now?

Church Services: May 1 Easter
6. 8am BCP Communion Rev.
John Shorrocks St. Mary's Church
Patribourne. 9.30am Holy
Communion Rev. D. Bretherton
St. Peter's Church Bridge. Other
Churches in the Bridge Group;-
10am Family Service and Baptism

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Mrs. P. Kusel St. Peters Church
Bekesbourne.. 11am Joint service of
Holy Communion Rev Paul Filmer
with St.Mary's Church Nackington
at St. Mary the Virgin Church Lower
Hardres. 11am Bridge Methodist
Church Service led by the Rev.
Donald Lugg.

New Close Residential Home:

The home has a VE Day 60th
Anniversary party on May 4. All the
residents will be given 'New Close'
Identity cards and ration books
with the day's menu (all 1940s style
meals). Several staff are dressing in
1940s clothes.

From 3pm onwards singer Anna
Golden (a Barbara Windsor double)
will entertain. All families and
visitors can book their tea for £1 in
advance for a trip down memory
lane.

Please ring Cheryl on 01227 780070
for booking details and further
information.

A boot fair has been arranged in
the New Close car park on Sunday,
May 29. Pitches cost £6 if booked
in advance and £10 on the day. All
proceeds for this event go to the New
Close Amenities Fund.

For further information contact
Cheryl or Karen on 01227 780070.

**Womens Institute Bridge and
Patricxbourne Branch:** At the April
meeting they were entertained to a
very informative talk with slides by
Mr Granville Harmer on the weald
of Kent. The competition was won
by Joyce Hopkins. There will not be
a competition next month, at the
Resolutions meeting on May 17 in
the Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

A series of walks, part of the
"Stepping Out" programme to walk
90 miles over the year. The next
three meetings are arranged as
follows, Thursday, May 5 Samphire
Hoe Wednesday, May 18 Perry Wood,
and Wednesday, June 22 Dover Cliff
Top. All commencing at 9.30am. It
has been suggested that walkers
might like to take a small bottle of
water to drink and either mint cake
or sweets. For further details contact
Mary or Mavis.

ROUNDAABOUT

TESTING TIMES: Rotary Club impresses the importance of blood pressure testing

ROTARY CLUB members have been out in Canterbury for National Stroke Awareness Day.

They spent a day encouraging passers-by to have their blood pressure tested.

Canterbury Rotary Club set up its testing station next to Debenhams in Guildhall Street.

Meanwhile, the Forest of Blean Rotary Club set up its station at Asda in Sturry Road.

Both clubs went out with nurses and the day was run in conjunction with the National Stroke Awareness Association.

In cases where people had high blood pressure, they were advised to see a doctor.

Canterbury Rotary Club organiser Alan Forrest said: "This could be a matter of saving someone's life, and it's something we like to do because it helps the community.

"We get people coming off the streets who might not have thought about having their blood pressure checked.

"But it's easy to pop in and have it checked."

■ A picture of the Rotary Club blood testing appeared in last week's paper with the wrong story for which we apologise.



■ Alan Forrest from the Canterbury Rotary club looks on as the Lord Mayor of Canterbury, Cllr Martin Vye, has his blood pressure taken by nurse Penny Fairbrass

Picture: Barry Duffield pd781020