

Further details.

May 5 2005

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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League of Friends: The Nailbourne Group of the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital held a successful lunch at Lower Hardres Village Hall on Wednesday and raised £600 towards a portable blood pressure monitor for the Cancer Care Department, for whom Dr Stuart Coltart came and explained its usage. Elizabeth Stewart thanks all who supported the event.

Christian Aid: During Christian Aid Week May 15-21, collectors will be calling for those little red envelopes.

Important international meetings this year will give the government an opportunity to take the lead for trade justice. The meeting of the world's richest eight nations returns to the UK in July and the UK government wants the agenda to address poverty in Africa. From July to September the UK holds the presidency of the EU and in December there is the ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation.

This Christian Aid Week you will

have the opportunity to vote for trade justice on the voting card that will be delivered in a red envelope.

If you are a taxpayer and fill in the declaration on the envelope, your gift is worth 28 per cent more to Christian Aid. If everyone does this it will raise at least an extra £1 million for the world's poorest communities.

Woodpeckers: A Nursery Rhyme spring fair will be held on Saturday May 21 in the school grounds from 11.30am-2pm. The fancy dress parade is at noon and other attractions are a lucky dip, face painting, tombola, with the sale of toys, books and bric-a-brac. There will also be a barbecue and draw.

Fish news: This neighbourly help group's only fund raising event will be on Saturday May 21 in the village hall from 10am. There will be a raffle, a bric-a-brac stall, plants and home-made cakes. All are welcome, if only for a few minutes.

Church news: The church has lost some of its help with cleaning. Anyone who could spare a couple of hours once a month, to go on a rota, is asked to phone 01227 831678.

Health and Healing Group: The next meeting will be on Thursday May 5 at 7pm at 7 Windmill Close. Phone Kath Pierce on 01227 830844 with requests for help following sickness, bereavement, depression or any other situation. You are sure of a welcome and praying together can be rewarding and comforting.

Church Diary: Saturday May 7, 7pm organ recital, Bekesbourne Church, for details contact Mrs Jane Millyard 01227 831029

Monday May 9, 7.30pm Caring and Sharing Group, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge.

Tuesday May 10, 3pm Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge; 8pm After Eights Group, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge.

Wednesday May 11 7pm onwards, Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow, Bridge.

Church services: Thursday, May 5 Ascension Day 7pm. Holy Communion, the Rev P Filmer and the Rev H Hentschel, St Peters Church, Bridge.

Sunday May 8 Easter 7, 10am Matins, Chris Maclean, St Mary's, Patribourne; 11am Family Service, Tony Washington, St Peter's, Bridge.

Other churches in the Bridge

group, 8am BCP Communion, Mr Filmer, St Peter's, Bekesbourne; 9.30am Holy Communion, Mr Filmer, St Mary's, Nackington; 6pm Evensong, Mr Filmer, St Mary The Virgin Lower Hardres; 11am Bridge Methodist Church, the Rev Barbara Heather.

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Party: A Victory Celebration Party is planned for July 10 in the village hall as a Second World War commemoration day, running from 2-5pm. Plans include a comedy magician, local soprano and keyboard musician, with a raffle and afternoon tea. Entrance £4.50 by lucky number ticket from Barry Whiting phone 01227 830506 or at the door. Dress code is red, white and blue. Profits will go to the anniversary appeal by the Royal British Legion.

Neighbourhood Watch: The Bridge South West Neighbourhood Watch newsletter has been re-introduced under the auspices of Graham Moore, at Riverdale House, 82 High St Bridge e-mail graham@riverdale.plus.com If anyone has any comments or suggestions by which the newsletter may be improved, please get in touch. Thanks go to Selwyn Lewis for his hard work organizing the newsletter previously.

The new Kent County Councillor for the district is Cllr Michael Northey who will be available to discuss any problems concerning the county council. Matters concerning Canterbury City Council will still be dealt with by your local City Cllr, John Anderson.

Church diary: May 15-21, Christian Aid Week.

Monday May 16, Caring and Sharing Group, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 7.30pm.

Tuesday May 17, Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm;
After Eights Group, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm.

Friday May 20, Bridge Group visit to Marburg, Germany.

Church services: Sunday May 15, Pentecost, 10am Holy Communion, Canon G Manley, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 6pm Prayer and Praise, the Rev P Filmer St Mary's, Patribourne .

Other churches in the Bridge Group: 8am BCP Communion, Mr Filmer at 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, Holy Communion, the Rev D. Marshall.

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Fish news: This neighbourly help scheme's next Coffee Pop In will be on Wednesday June 8 from 10-11.15am. All are welcome. If you need a lift phone Ann Medhurst on 01227 830762.

Spring fair: The Woodpeckers Nursery spring fair is on Saturday May 21, in the school grounds from 11.30-2pm. All are welcome.

Church services: Sunday May 22 Trinity 1, 10am Benefice Communion, the Rev P Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 11am Bridge Methodist Church service led by the Rev Barbara Heather.

PARISH COUNCIL: When the council met in the village hall on Thursday May 12, Cllr John Hill was elected chairman and Cllr Ann Edmonds was elected vice-chairman.

Planning: The following were appointed to the planning committee, Cllrs Beinder, Edmonds and Lewis.

The representatives to outside bodies remain the same as last year with the exception that Cllr Esdale has replaced Cllr Dobson on the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Dobson has been appointed as council representative on the Art in Bridge committee. There were no changes in the appointments as representatives to sub-committees.

Affordable Housing: Following on from her talk to the annual parish meeting, Jennifer Shaw of Action with Communities in Rural Kent addressed the council and circulated a draft local needs housing survey. It was agreed that the survey would be delivered to every household in the village in early July. The survey is designed to assess the need for new affordable local housing in Bridge.

Notice board: A new board has been erected on Bridge Down and will be used by the council in addition to the board outside the White Horse.

Clerk's phone: The phone line has now been installed in the parish clerk's office and the old number, 01227 831085, has been retained.

Bridge Hill: Additional data

supplied by the Highways Department recording the speeds of cars entering and leaving the village showed little difference in speeds. It was agreed to seek the advice of the Highways Department as to what measures can now be taken to reduce the speed of traffic in both directions.

Flood Map: It was agreed to ask the Environment Agency to provide a copy of its flood map for the whole of the village so that parishioners could be informed if their properties are designated as being in an area of flood risk.

Parking: There have been several complaints about vehicles parking on the double yellow lines by the cash point in the High Street and of delivery vans and private cars parking on the pavement and/or on double yellow lines outside Bridgeway Stores. In addition, large lorries continue to get lost in the village attempting to find the depot for A Gomez Ltd. in Coldharbour Lane. It was decided to write to the owner of Bridgeway Stores to explore possible solutions to the parking problems there. A letter would be sent to Gomez Ltd to ask it once again to ensure that drivers are given clear directions to its depot and also to request that the company erects better signage on the route to the depot.

Donation: The council agreed to donate £100 to the parochial church council to the production costs of the village magazine *On the Nail*.

Blooms: It was agreed to continue with the Bridge in Bloom competition this year.

Work to trees: The council had no objection to proposed work to trees at Ivy House, 14 High Street, Bridge, but objects to the proposed felling of two yew trees on the boundary with Higham Lane at Red Deer, Bridge Down. The next meeting will be on June 9 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

At its meeting the same evening the planning committee agreed that it had no objection to the following planning application, CA/05/001516/BRI, Cedars, Higham Lane, erection of dwelling (renewal of application).

The committee has written to Canterbury City Council objecting to the revised plans for the following: CA/05/00362/BRI, south east of Archways, Conyngham Lane, erection of two detached dwellings and associated garaging (resubmission).

The following applications have been notified as granted: CA/05/00280/BRI Bridge and Patricbourne CofE School, Conyngham Lane, stationing of temporary single-storey building; CA/05/00306/BRI, 34 Western Avenue, first floor extension to side; CA/05/00322/BRI, The Shires, Old Renville Farm, erection of shed in rear garden.

The next planning committee meeting will be on June 9 at 7.15pm in the village hall.

Royal British Legion: Twelve members attended the May meeting at the Recreation Club Littlebourne with Doug Fenn in the chair. After observing the Exhortation and Silence, the chairman presented Hugh Wheeler, Jim Mount and Bill Bagwell with Veteran's Badges. It was agreed that John Bennett become a new member and he was welcomed. The meeting heard that the Branch Standard has been awarded a place at the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall in November. The annual trip to Etaples will take place on Sunday June 19, contact a branch officer for details. At the June meeting, a short talk will be given by Geoff Welch on the work of the St John Ambulance Brigade. The next two monthly meetings will be on Tuesdays, June 14 and July 12, both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

Church News: Monday May 23, Caring and Sharing Group, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm. Tuesday May 24 Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm; After Eights Group 58, Western Avenue, Bridge, 8pm.

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society:
Phil Andrews has invited the
Society to view his cactus collection
at The Purlins Meadow Close,
Bridge on Thursday, June 9. We
will meet there at 7pm prompt.
If anyone requires help with

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transport would they please contact Kathy Walder on 01227 830057 [evenings]. Mr and Mrs Andrews have also kindly agreed to offer us refreshments afterwards. The weather is usually kind to us on our evening visits and we look forward to a pleasant summer's evening outing.

I should also like to remind members that the Summer Show, which is to be held this year on Saturday, July 23 at Bridge School, is fast approaching. If you have not already got a show schedule, these are available from any of the committee members. We had a very encouraging turnout at last year's show and hope that we can make this year's even better.

Boot Sale to be held on Sunday at the New Close Car Park in Conyngham Lane Bridge commencing at 9am so stall holders will need to arrive by 8.30am to set up. Pitches are £6 booked in advance or £10 on the day. Please ring Cheryl or Karen on 01227 780070 to book or for further information.

NGS Gardens Open for Charity:

The Garden open at Lindisfarne Bokesbourne Road Bridge Nr Canterbury from 2-6pm. Plants for sale. Admission £2 [no children]

Church services: Sunday. Trinity 1

10am St Peter's Church Bridge
Benefice Communion Rev P. Filmer

11am Bridge Methodist Church
Service led by Rev Barbara Heather