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BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE

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Parish council: The next meeting will be on Thursday June 9 in the village hall at 7.30pm, immediately preceded by the planning committee meeting from 7-7.15pm according to the volume of business. Meetings are open to all village residents.

FISH news: The next Coffee Pop in will be on Wednesday June 8 in the village hall from 10-11.15am. Everybody is welcome and anyone requiring a lift may phone Ann Medhurst 01227 830762.

Many involved with this neighbourly help scheme will be saddened to hear of the death of Vera Ford. She made a valuable contribution to village affairs, was a volunteer driver and, with the Luncheon Club helped many elderly people.

Positive arts: The Red Lion at Bridge presents a Folk and Roots Festival on Friday and Saturday June 17 and 18, featuring Chris Wood, Andy Cutting, Carmine and Wild Turkey, Happy Trials, Oyster Morris, Offcumduns.

On the Friday at the village hall, there will be a Cajun dance with

Wild Turkey, doors open at 8pm. On Saturday June 18 at the Red Lion Inn there will be free music all day, with Celtic sessions and morris dancing, as well as a farmers' market and a display of traction engines and tractors. A free evening concert will feature Chris Wood and Andy Cutting also Carmine and Happy Trials. Further details on www.bridgefest.co.uk

Village fete: The fete in aid of the Primary School, St Peter's and St Mary's Churches will be held on Saturday June 18 from noon-4pm. Attractions will include Snowdown Band, Cinque Ports Lindy Hoppers, swing boats, barbecue, beer tent, lunches, teas, magic show, coconut shy and candy floss. It will be held in the school grounds (parking on the recreation ground).

Donations of plants, cakes, groceries, gifts, good quality clothing, puzzles, toys, books, bric-a-brac, videos and CDs and bottles for the bottle tombola will be welcome and can be left at 37 High Street, The Purlins, Meadow Close, 8 Dering Road, Riverside Cottage Patribourne, Bridge School, 24 Bridge Down, 7 Windmill Close or 51 Union Road, or phone 01227 830276 for items to be collected.

Produce sale: The sale will be on September 17 but organisers will be asking for donations of home-made jams, chutneys, cakes, vegetables and plants from the garden. The sale will be in aid of Patribourne with Bridge Churches, details later.

Allotment Association: If you are interested in renting an allotment, the association maintains a waiting list of potential tenants, either for renting now or in the near future. Give details to secretary David Spencer on 01227 830735 and your name will be added to the list.

Bridge in Bloom: A request from

Ann Edmonds - please can you make an extra special effort this year so that the village will look a picture again? The parish council will be judging the flower baskets, tubs etc of both business and private premises.

Do You Remember?: There has been an enquiry from a lady who wants to know what happened to Mr and Mrs Humphrey and their daughters Jean and Ann who lived at Keepers Cottage, Keepers Hill during the late 1950s/early 1960s. If you have any knowledge please tell Lawrence Dunderdale, church warden, on 01227 830668 who will pass details on.

Nailbourne Craft Club: The meetings take place at Bridge Methodist Church, Patribourne Road on the second Tuesday of each month from 2-4.30pm. Call in and meet the ladies for a social chat while knitting or sewing and with a cup of tea or coffee.

Victory celebration: On July 10 a VE and VY Day victory celebration party will be held in the village hall. Further details later.

Thanks: The RNLI house-to-house collection in Bridge raised £484, which exceeded last year's total. Save the Children Fund raised £116 in door-to-door collections. The Royal College of Radiologists received £220 and all thank you for your support.

Health and Healing: The June meeting has been transferred to Thursday June 9. Let Kath Pierce on 01227 830844 have your requests for this month's meeting, which is at 7 Windmill Close at 7pm.

Church news: Friday June 3, Confirmation Group, Bridge Church, 7pm.

Monday June 6, Caring and Sharing Group, 16 Riverside Close, 7.30pm.

Tuesday June 7, Holy Communion,

The Close, 3pm; After Eights Group at Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne, 8pm.

Sunday June 5, Trinity II, 8am BCP Communion the Rev John Shorrock, St Mary's Church, Patribourne; 9.30am

Family Communion, the Rev P. Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge. Other churches in Bridge Group: St Peter's, Bekesbourne 10am Family Service and Baptism, Mrs. P Kusel; St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres, 11am Holy Communion, the Rev D. Bretherton. Bridge Methodist Church 11am service led by Michael Baybutt.

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Church services: Sunday June 26, Trinity V, 8am, BCP Communion, Canon J Packer; 6pm, Evensong, the Rev P Filmer, St Peter's Church, Bridge; 10am, Holy Communion, Mr Filmer, joint service with St Peter's Church Bekesbourne at St Mary's Church, Patribourne; 9.30am, Holy Communion by extension, Mrs M Clarke, joint service with St Mary The Virgin, Lower Hardres at St Mary's Church, Nackington; 11am, Bridge Methodist Church, service led by Mrs M Beckwith.

Fish Scheme: The neighbourly-help group's annual cake and plant sale in May raised nearly £400 and thanks go to all who supported it. On Wednesday July 13 there will be the monthly coffee pop-in and the August pop-in will be on Wednesday August 10. Phone Ann Medhurst on

01227 830762 if you would like a lift to either of these events.

Royal British Legion: The Battle of Waterloo anniversary service at Ickham on June 10 was well attended. The president, Hugh Wheeler, presented the chairman with his Veteran's Badge. This was followed by a talk on the work of the St John Ambulance by Geoff Welch. Members expressed their good wishes to Tony Bevan, Jim Mount and Mrs Baker, landlady of the Unicorn. The next two meetings will be on July 12 and August 9 both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

Village fete: The fete in aid of the Bridge and Patricxbourne school, St Peter's Church, Bridge, and St Mary's Church, Patricxbourne, held in blazing sunshine, drew a large crowd, with 25 stalls and sideshows, drinks and refreshments. The fancy dress parade, starting near the tennis courts in Patricxbourne Road, arrived at the school for the opening at noon. The standard of costumes was so imaginative and high that the judges, after a long deliberation, decided that the prize would be awarded to all the entrants. At 12.30pm there was a display by the Reception, Years 1 and 2 children, followed by a Magic Show. Country Dancing by Year 5 and The Country Dancing Club was followed by singing and music by Year 3 and 4 and the Cinque Ports Lindy Hoppers gave an accomplished performance. The Snowdown Band provided musical entertainment.

A big success was the tug'o'war between Years 5 and 6, plus two surprise items, teams provided by the fathers, followed by teams provided by the mothers. The afternoon's events ended with the draw for the raffles. The crowd, having drunk the bar dry and eaten all the barbecued food and refreshments, dispersed from what had been a very enjoyable afternoon. The organisers thank all who supported the fete by sponsorship and the donation of prizes. These include Colebrook and Sturrock and Co, O.G.C Maintenance, A Gomez Ltd, CW Lyons and Son (Canterbury) Ltd, The Ebury Hotel, Wingham Bird Park, Alfie and Trish Jarvis Photographers, Planet Lazer, Dance Warehouse, The Kings School Recreation Centre, Wildwood, Sainsbury's, Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks, Bridgeway Stores, Laurie Wakeham butcher, The Plough and Harrow, The White Horse, The Red Lion, Nick James Hairdressers, Bridge Pharmacy and Augustine's Restaurant. Thanks also go to all parents, villagers and friends for support, those who organised and ran the various events. The total sum raised at the time of going to press was about £5000 which will be divided between the school and the two churches.

Rapid Response: A two-litre Ford Mondeo Estate rapid response car was on display at Bridge fete on Saturday. The fully-equipped car comes at £40,000 (the yellow high-visibility bonnet costs £2000). It has satellite tracking, satellite navigation and an on-board computer for receiving calls, and is normally based in Canterbury.

Church diary: Monday June 27, Caring and Sharing Group, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge, 7.30pm; Tuesday June 28, Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm; After Eights Group, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge, 8pm; Wednesday June 29, Bekesbourne PCC meeting, 7pm.

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WI: The Bridge and Patribourne branch meeting on June 21 featured a talk on origami by Tom Finnis. Members then tried their hands with paper folding with interesting results. The competition winner for Letter A was Avril Austen. The next meeting will be in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday July 19.

Victory Party: There are still a few tickets available for the party to be held in the village hall on Sunday July 10 from 2-5pm. Contact Barry Whiting on 01227 830506 for tickets at £4.50 each, which includes afternoon tea and entertainment.

Bridge group: Events in the group parishes: Sunday July 19, 7pm, Benefice Deanery Mission Plan, Wingham Church; Thursday July 23, boot fair for St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne.

Church services: Sunday July 3, Trinity 6, 8am BCP Communion, the Rev P Filmer, St Mary's Church, Patribourne; 9.30am Family Communion the Rev D Bretherton, St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Other churches: Sunday, July 3, 10am, Family Service, Mrs P. Kusel, St Peter's, Bekesbourne; 11am, Family Communion, the Rev P Filmer, at St Mary the Virgin, Lower Hardres, joint service with St Mary's Church, Nackington; 11am, Bridge Methodist Church, service led by the Rev Howard Skinner.