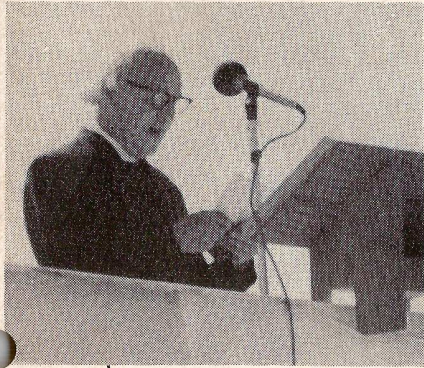
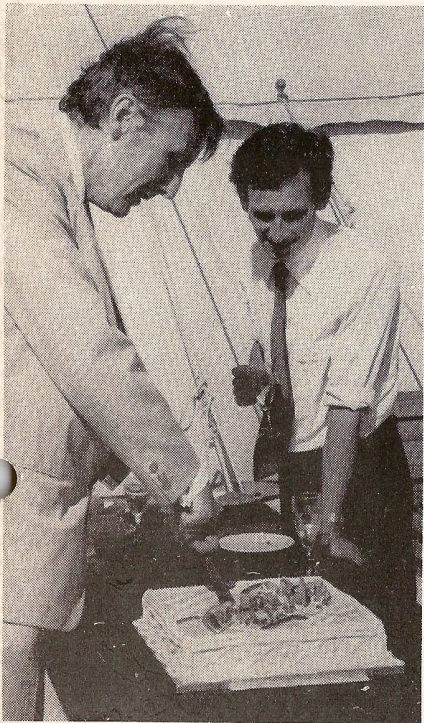


BRIDGE-COMMUNITY JOY

AT THE OPENING OF THE BY-PASS ON JUNE 29th, AND THE BONANZA HELD ON JULY 3rd



The Vicar, Canon Colin Perry, leads the prayers for all who use the new by-pass.



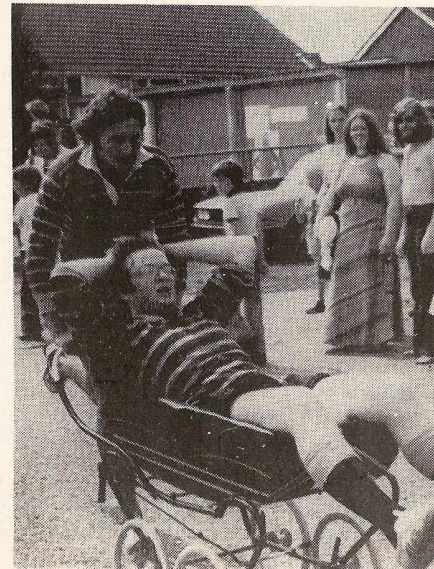
The Minister also cut a cake which was in the shape of the village and the road. It was made by Mrs. Elizabeth Purchase and her mother Mrs. Averil Norton.



Dr. John Gilbert, the Minister, with his hands full — a recalcitrant radio mike and a pair of scissors — officially opens the new road watched by the villagers.



On Saturday July 3rd the Bonanza celebrations were opened by the M.P. Mr. David Crouch, who came over specially to the village to join the crowds out to enjoy themselves. He said that the village should be proud of its achievement in gaining the by-pass, and having enjoyed itself at the Bonanza should try to re-establish the village community. This last comment was echoed by the Bishop of Dover, the Rt. Rev. Anthony Tremlett, at the special service of thanksgiving held the following evening at St. Peter's Church. He said that we lived in a divided world, and Bridge well knew what that meant in the past. Now was the chance to build a really happy united community. 'The village was full of people of good will. 'Rise to the challenge' he concluded 'because you can!'.



The pram race was won by a team from Canterbury Rugby Club. The pusher who did all the work was Hugh Bothwell.



Very many of the older villagers had a tea party which was set up under an awning along the Vicarage drive.



The Band of the 5th Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, plays the ever-popular 'Sunset' in the High St.



And a picture which sums up all that had been achieved – a quiet village street where groups can safely walk and talk, with the church of St. Peter's, Bridge, celebrating its Patronal Festival in the background. Let us remember that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Donald Coggan, wrote to us at the beginning of the year saying he knew how pleased and thankful we would be when the by-pass was opened, and hoping it would act as a stimulus to rediscovering a sense of community.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Mary's Church Patrixbourne

30th May 1976

Charlotte Amanda Eastley

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church Bridge

28th May 1976

Ethel Edith Pott

23rd June 1976

Nancy Dingsdal

Edith Annie Curran

SEA SUNDAY

With the full approval of the Archbishop, parishes are asked to observe July 11th as "Sea Sunday" and to offer special prayer for seafarers and their families, and the work of the Church among seamen.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH PATRIXBOURNE

Grateful thanks are extended to Mrs. Paul Greenwood and Mrs. Charles Potter for their kindness in painting the church walls of the lower South Wall of Patrixbourne Church. One also appreciates the skill of their work for the Church of St. Mary's Patrixbourne.

C.E.H.P.

NEW NOTICE BOARD

I wish to record my thanks to Mr. D. Standen for making and erecting the notice board for St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne. It was most kind of him.

C.E.H.P.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The July meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. There will be a talk on 'Wine Making' by Mrs. Austen. Competition: 3 Rosebuds

ST. PETER'S BEKESBOURNE, CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

July 3rd	.....	Mrs. Grey
10th	.....	Mrs. Sandall
17th	.....	Mrs. Allan
24th	.....	Mrs. Smith
31st	.....	Mrs. Farbrace
Aug 7th	.....	Mrs. Hogben

PICTURE QUIZ
returns next month.
Alan Farbrace won
last month – with a
picture of the west
door at Bekesbourne.