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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JANUARY 1974

BRIDGE

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6TH JANUARY Epiphany, 2nd Sunday after Christmas

11 a.m Mattins
Family Service
11.45 Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m Holy Comm

9.30 a.m Sung
Communion.

13th JANUARY 1st Sunday after Epiphany

9 a.m Holy Comm
Series III
6.30 p.m Evensong
and Sermon

11 a.m. Mattins
and Sermon

8 a.m Holy
Communion

20th JANUARY 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9 a.m Holy
Comm (Sung)
6.30 p.m Evensung
Preacher Rev D.
Bretherton

8 a.m Holy
Communion

11 a.m Mattins
and Sermon

27th JANUARY 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

8 a.m. Holy
Communion
6.30 p.m Evensong
and Sermon

9 a.m Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Mattins
and Sermon
11.45 Holy Comm

3rd FEBRUARY 4th Sunday after Epiphany

9 a.m Holy Comm
6.30 Evensong

11 a.m Mattins
and Sermon

8 a.m Holy
Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne,
May I wish you and your family every blessing and happiness in the New Year 1974.

I am beginning Confirmation Classes at 6.30 p.m. on Friday January 22nd. This year, as Rural Dean of East Bridge I have arranged a Deanery Confirmation which will be at 7.30 p.m. at Aylesham Church on Friday March 29th. I am delighted to know that the Confirmation will be taken by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Will those who wish to join the classes, let me know beforehand. However I don't mind if you come on the 22nd. January without letting me know earlier. Also I would be most happy to know of any older person who would like to be prepared for Confirmation, and mutually convenient times for instruction could be arranged.

Our Christmas Market at Bridge School was a most happy and successful event. I would like to thank all who supported us with their presence, and the stallholders and those who gave gifts and made articles for the various stalls.

Thank you too for the gifts of flowers, foliage and donations for the decoration of our Churches at Christmastide.

Sunday 20th January is a day set aside for prayers for Christian Unity, and there is to be a special preacher at 6.30 p.m. Evensong at Bridge - The Rev. Donald Bretherton, Vicar of Herne, who was formerly a Methodist Minister. Invitation is extended to all Methodists, Non-Conformists and Roman Catholics to attend this Oecumenical Service. I would also commend to you a recent publication by the S.P.C.K., (cost 12p at the S.P.C.K. Shop in the Precincts, Canterbury). The Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission established by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Pope Paul now publishes a consensus of agreement on the Christian Ministry which "Offers a positive contribution to the reconciliation of our Churches and Ministry". The Commission looks beyond the contrinal disagreements of the past, towards the "Unity we seek". It seeks agreement by a fresh study of the Scriptures and of Church tradition. One important statement on Ordination by the Commission is:- "Every act of Ordination is an expression of the continuing apostolic catholicity of the whole church, and the gifts and calling of God to the minister are irrevocable. For this

reason ordination is unrepeatable in both our churches". This is of course tremendous progress and markedly different from the rigidity of the past when in 1896 Pope Leo XIII condemned Anglican Orders as invalid. A much richer understanding of the doctrine of the ministry of the whole church and the ministry is emerging. This concension of agreement on the ministry awaits official comments in clarity from the two churches and from the 1971 Eucharistic Agreement.

I would like to comment on the great sense of family spirit and communication between the old and the young of our villages during the various Christmas parties. It was a very lovely thing.

Again My New Year's greeting to you all and I trust that God will lead both in the Churches and in the political, economic and industrial life of our country into a calmer, less selfish and more peaceful world.

Yours affectionately in Our Lord
Colin E.H. Perry
Vicar and Rural Dean.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.

Holy Baptism.

St. Peter's Bridge
23rd November 1973 Jonathan Robin Marsh
Stephen Lowes

May they rest in Peace.

St. Peter's Bridge
and afterwards at Barham Crematorium
29th November 1973 Dorothy Hope Deakins

Barham Crematorium
29th November 1973 Rose Young

POPPY DAY.

The sum of £86.80 was collected. Thankyou to all those who helped in the collection and those who gave so generously and made this amount possible.

(Mrs) Joyce Hunter

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 1974

December 1973

30th Sunday First Sunday after Christmas.
Bekesbourne Choir, at The Close, 5 p.m.
Bridge Church, Service of Nine Lessons
and Carols at 6.30 p.m.

January 1974

1st Tuesday Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord.
Holy Communion, Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
2nd Wednesday Mothers Union Corporate Communion
Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
5th Saturday Bridge Cubs & Scouts Annual Jumble Sale
Bridge Village Hall at 2 p.m.
6th Sunday Second Sunday after Christmas.
Feast of the Epiphany
7th Monday Meeting at 8 p.m. at the Vicarage to
discuss proposed Flower Festival
9th Wednesday Bridge Wives Group: Visit to Highland
Court at 8 p.m.
12th Saturday Bridge P.T.A. January Sale at 2.30 p.m.
at Bridge Village Hall.
13th Sunday First Sunday after Epiphany
17th Thursday Meeting of Village Hall Committee,
7.30 p.m. at 42, Bridge Down.
18th Friday Confirmation Class at the Vicarage, 6.30 p.m.
20th Sunday Second Sunday after Epiphany
22nd Tuesday Bridge & Patricxbourne Churches P.C.C.
meeting at 7.30 p.m. Bridge Village Hall
23rd Wednesday Bridge Wives Group meeting,
Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
25th Friday Holy Communion, Bridge Church 7.30 a.m.
Confirmation Class at The Vicarage, 6.30 p.m.
27th Sunday Third Sunday after Epiphany
February
1st Friday Confirmation Class, The Vicarage, 6.30 p.m.
3rd Sunday Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet as follows:- January 13th, 20th
and 27th, at 11 a.m.

THANKS

Gratitude is expressed to Mrs. Kathleen Deebank and her family and friends for their gift of a Brass Vase to St. Peter's Church Bekebourne, in loving memory of Thomas Deebank who died on October 18th 1973.

CHRISTMAS MARKET, 1st December 1973

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<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
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15 MOTHERS UNION, Groceries etc. (Mrs. Meigh & Mrs Berry)	12.53
- PRODUCE, (Mr. & Mrs. Mummery)	6.85
13 FANCY GOODS,	-
3 WHITE ELEPHANT, (Mrs. Turpin & Mrs. Hulyer)	6.00
- CHRISTMAS CARDS, (Mrs. Knight)	8.66
9 BROWNIES,	1.82
36 RAFFLE,	37.08
33 BOTTLES,	27.75
3 JACK POT DRAW, (Mr. & Mrs. Milton)	3.18
5 WHEEL OF FORTUNE, (Mrs. Pratt & Mrs. Pomroy)	3.68
- RECORD PLAYER RAFFLE,	4.55
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This was a good result. Had the 'Market' been held in the Village Hall instead of in the School the profit would have been as large as in 1972.

C.A.P.

"GRAND DRAW" PRIZE WINNERS.

- 1st. £3 Premium Bond.... Andrew Buckhurst, Bridge.
- 2nd. Bottle of Whisky... A. Kollhoff, Bridge.
- 3rd. Basket of Fruit.... Susan Foster, Bridge.
- 4th. Set of Glassware... Gillian Buckhurst, Bridge.
- 5th. Box of Chocolates.. Mr. Parks, c/o Burtons, Canterbury.
- 6th. Box of Chocolates.. Carol Buckmaster, Bridge.
- 7th. Box of Chocolates... Mrs. N. Bell, Bridge.
- 8th. Box of Candy..... Mr. Wolley, Rainham, Kent.

"The Weight of the Cake" : Mrs. Pratt, Bridge.

"Record Player & Records" Raffle : Mrs. H. Cooke, Bridge.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our first meeting in 1974 will be at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, 42, Bridge Down, on Thursday 10th January. Our second meeting will be at 17, Union Road, the home of Miss Maltby, at 8 p.m.

A Happy and Peaceful New Year to Everyone.

ROYAL NATIONAL MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN.

Thank you all for contributing so generously to the House Collection for the Royal National Mission to deep sea fishermen. A sum of £15.50 has been forwarded to them.

My most grateful thanks to Miss H. Presscot, Mrs. J. Harris, Mrs. J.J. Williamson for their help.

(Mrs.) J.A. Maslin.

BRIDGE WIVES GROUP

Wednesday January 9th at 8 p.m: Visit to Highland Court, home of the mentally handicapped.

Wednesday January 23rd at 7.30: "A Day in the Life of a Doctor's Wife), talk by Mrs. Unwin.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS.

On behalf of this Group and Central Committee I would like to thank the following collectors:-

Mesdames Anderson, Apps, Eldridge, Charlton, Milton, Munns, Pierce, Pratt, Ramsey, Talbot, Miss Sewell, Mr. Milton and Mr. Pratt. Also to Mrs. Harris who has left the district, for her many years of work for the group.

Our membership now numbers over 500 thanks to the conscientious hours of voluntary work put in by these collectors. Subscriptions/Donations brought in over £110.

The Group bought and distributed Christmas presents to the 36 patients at Highland Court who had expressed wishes for certain articles. It pleased us very much that we were able to bring a little extra pleasure at this festive times.

The Xmas Whist Drive made over £18, so our appreciation to the committee, the transport providers and givers of gifts who cannot be thanked enough.

The great need is, as always, for more new members and more collectors - particularly for the Union Road district, for part of Bridge High Street and for Bishopsbourne and Patricxbourne. If anyone could spare a few hours a year to be a collector would they please contact:- Mrs. Milton, 50, High Street, Bridge for further information.

To end this bulletin, may I ask for any jewellery (even if it is broken), or unwanted Christmas gifts, or any bits and pieces that can be utilised in many ways for sale that can bring in much needed money for Bridge Hospital Group. These articles can be left at 50, High Street, Bridge.

M. Milton, Hon. Treasurer

MOTHERS UNION.

Wednesday January 2nd.

Corporate Communion at Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m. followed with intercessions.

No Branch Meeting.

BRIDGE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

We are holding our January Sale on Saturday 12th January in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.

If anyone has any good second-hand clothing, toys or unwanted hobbies etc., Mr. Bernard Welch will be happy to receive them in his shop, or let him know if you would like them collected and we will arrange it.

There will also be a Cake Stall.

Sheila Lewis.
Hon. Sec.

BRIDGE CUB AND SCOUT GROUP.

At 2 p.m. on January 5th, Bridge Cubs and Scouts will be holding their annual Jumble Sale at Bridge Village Hall. There will also be a Cake & Bottle Stall - any donations will be gratefully received. Any items too large or too heavy for Cubs to carry - please ring Bridge 448 for collection.

Akela.

St. PETER'S BEKESBOURNE.

Church Cleaners for January 1974

January 5th Mrs. Grey.
12th Mrs. Sandall.
19th Mrs. Kingsford & Mrs. Smith.
26th Mrs. Farbrace.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

January 8th at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Demonstration: Tiedying, Miss H. Butcher.

Competition: 4 Mince pies (short pastry).

Hostesses: Mrs. Hume, Mrs. Tyler & Mrs. Garrett.

St. PETER'S BEKESBOURNE CAROL SERVICE.

The Carol Service held on Tuesday 18th December was very well attended. My grateful thanks to the Choir for the singing so very well performed and I am sure, enjoyed by all those present.

I should also like to thank Mrs. Kingsford for the very beautiful Nativity Setting that she so kindly made and gave to our Church.

Also to all those who decorated the Church and for the gifts of holly.

C.E.H.Perry.

St. PETER'S BEKESBOURNE COMMUNITY CAROLS.

At the Village Hall on Wednesday December 12th a very happy evening was had by all who attended for our annual Carol Community Singing.

Led by a choir of 25 and accompanied by the Salvation Army Junior Band who also played some of their own music and sang unaccompanied carols of their own.

Almost every seat was taken; our sincere thanks to all our helpers and supporters.

OPERATION 'TRIXIE'S KNEELERS'

The organisers of the Coffee Morning that was held at Church Cottage on Wednesday 5th December, in aid of Church Kneelers, would like to thank all those friends who so generously supported them with donations and by attending and we hope, enjoying their coffee. And thanks to those who worked so tirelessly in the preparations.

And now, if anyone would like to help with the making of the kneelers, perhaps they would contact Mrs. Trixie Apps, 7, Brewery Lane, Bridge - after Christmas! Thank you all.

BRIDGE BY-PASS.

The question which everyone is asking at the moment is, "When will work on the by-pass start?"

Brian Lewis, secretary of the A2 Group, reports that there is good news for Bridge Villagers. A Department of the Environment official recently informed him that the programme for the scheme has been cut to the absolute minimum and added that commencement is now anticipated by late May or early June of this year (1974).

The Editor joins the A2 Group in its trust that the progress will be maintained.

Since the above note was received, H.M. Government has announced a ME120 cutback in public expenditure and severe restrictions have been placed on all business activity.

STOP PRESS!

With general gloom as the only prospect as we go to press - the official DoE comment today (December 20th) was "We do not know".

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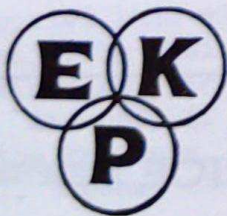
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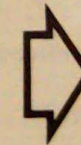
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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 1974

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

3rd February, 4th Sunday after Epiphany

11 a.m Matins Family Service 11.45 Holy Comm. 6.30 pm The Office of Evensong with Short Address	8 a.m Holy Communion	9.30 a.m Sung Communion and Sermon
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10th February, Septuagesima

9 a.m. Holy Comm Series III 6.30 p.m Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m Matins and Sermon	8 a.m Holy Communion
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17th February, Sexagesima

9 a.m Holy Comm (Sung) 6.30 p.m Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m Holy Communion	11 a.m Matins and Sermon
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24th February, Quinquagesima

8 a.m Holy Communion 6.30 p.m Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m Holy Communion	11 a.m Matins and Sermon 11.45 Holy Communion
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3rd March, 1st Sunday in Lent

11 a.m Matins Family Service 11.45 Holy Comm. 6.30 pm The Office of Evensong with Short Address.	8 a.m Holy Communion	9.30 a.m Sung Communion and Sermon
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Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne,

February is a quiet month in the life of this Church; Ash Wednesday falls on the 27th. We now look forward to the Lenten period of creative and imaginative work to forward the life of this Church by our particular witness and in the context of our prayers. It is a period of question when we ask ourselves; What do we mean by faith and in particular in what context and dimension do we see our own particular faith and beliefs. We are then led on to ask ourselves as to what is the future of this Church in our midst. Lent always brings to light again the subject of Christian renewal and we examine afresh our religious duties and obligations.

There will be an ample supply of alms boxes for those who are making a rule of self denial during Lent and I trust that all readers of this letter will determine to take one and make generous contributions to the work of the Church overseas. This provides an opportunity for the outward and visible part of our spiritual keeping of Lent.

Confirmation classes have commenced and I shall be glad to welcome to my Confirmation Classes at 6.30 p.m. at the Vicarage, on Thursday or on Friday any one who desires to be confirmed, but who did not attend these opening classes. I do hope you will remember all who are preparing for Confirmation.

On the 16th of this month I will have been your vicar for eleven years. Each day of one's ministry is a fragment of the whole of one's ministry and one can but ask God's blessing on each day as it comes and passes according to God's will. May I too convey to you my grateful thanks for the many kindnesses I have received from you and for your prayers.

Yours affectionately in Our Lord
Colin E.H. Perry
Vicar and Rural Dean.

P.S. At the time of going to press it has been decided to hold a Flower Festival on May 25th, 26th & 27th at Bridge Church. For details of this see Page 10.

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

February 1974

3rd	Sunday	4th Sunday after Epiphany
6th	Wednesday	M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge, 9.30 a.m. Bridge Wives Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
7th	Thursday	Bible Study Meeting at 27 Union Road Bridge
8th	Friday	P.T.A. Meeting at Bridge School, 7 p.m.
10th	Sunday	Septuagesima Sunday
13th	Wednesday	Bridge Wives Meeting, Village Hall 7 p.m. (see special notice)
17th	Sunday	Sexagesima Sunday
19th	Tuesday	Bridge & Patricxbourne W.I. Meeting, 7 p.m. Bridge Village Hall.
20th	Wednesday	Bridge Wives Meeting Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
21st	Thursday	Bible Study Meeting, 60 Bridge Down, 8 p.m.
23rd	Saturday	Bridge Wives Party, Village Hall, 3 - 5.30 p.m.
24th	Sunday	Quinquagesima Sunday: St. Matthias Day
26th	Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday
27th	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion, Bridge, 9.30 a.m.
March		
3rd	Sunday	First Sunday in Lent.

JUNIOR CHURCH will meet at 11 a.m on Feb. 10th, 17th, & 24th.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism.

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

20th January 1974 Christopher Anthony Linkin

May They Rest in Peace.

St. Peter's Church Bridge

28th December 1973 Percy Edward Wright

Barham Crematorium

16th January 1974 Frank Gordon Fox

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

19th January 1974 Henry Thomas Perrin

BRIDGE CHURCH CHOIR

May I as Choirmaster and Organist remind you all to watch out for details of the next Recital. Details are not yet clear but it will probably take place in February, and once again it will include professional visiting artists. Posters will be placed in and around Bridge.

This next Recital will probably include some well known items and once again admission will be by programme bought before or on the night.

This year the Bridge Carol Service was a simpler affair than in previous years, owing to my tour of the United States and Canada. During the month I was away the Choir was taken by Mr. Antony Bussell a Bass Baritone Lay Clerk in the Cathedral Choir and the Organ was played by Mr. Selwyn Lewis, our assistant organist, to whom I would like to offer my thanks.

The Carol Service on the Sunday after Christmas was only fairly well attended though the Choir was at almost full strength. This Service of nine lessons and carols was sung very well, and this year the congregation was invited to take a larger part.

PETER GILES.

EVENSONG at Bridge on the First Sunday of the Month

Now that the Choir attends Matins on the first Sunday, Evensong has been simple and congregational in character. Because inevitably the attendance at this service is now smaller as a result of the change it has been decided to make a more intimate atmosphere by asking two or three men Cantors from the Choir to lead the singing which will be more successful if the People sit at the very front of the nave near the Vicar and the singers will be in the Chancel.

It seems pointless to have people dotted about all over the Church. We are confident that the result will be a very lovely experience.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The first Meeting in February will be at Miss Maltby's home, 27 Union Road Bridge, on 7th Feb, and the second one will be on the 21st at 60 Bridge Down, by invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Howells. Our thanks to Miss Maltby and Mr. & Mrs. Howells.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE P.C.C.
SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st DECEMBER, 1973

REVENUE ACCOUNT

1972		RECEIPTS	
606	Church Collections		639
	<i>Free Will Offering Scheme</i>		
141	Envelopes		110
869	Covenants		971
26	Donations to Missions		13
83	Donations to Church Funds		103
22	Church Collection Boxes		31
95	Investment Income (Various Trusts)		103
36	Other Income (Including grant of £20 from Bridge Parish Council towards upkeep of church yard.)		64
	<i>Special Efforts</i>		
182	Summer Fete		204
151	Christmas Market		144
-	Sale of Christmas Cards		14
-	Patribourne Summer Concert		24
			2,211

1972		PAYMENTS	
272	Wages - Salaries		288
260	Light Heat - Water		279
176	Insurance		180
132	Repairs and Maintenance		112
80	Church Services including Choir		120
354	Diocesan Quota		368
364	Grant for Vicar's working expenses		391
62	Easter Offering		70
26	Donations to Missions		13
52	Donations to General Charities		50
38	Sundry Expenses.. .. .		55
376	Surplus carried forward		443
			2,420

CAPITAL OR NON-RECURRING ITEMS

		RECEIPTS	
	Balance brought forward from Revenue A/C		443
	Opening Bal. 1st Jan, 1973		120
	<i>Withdrawals. Trustee Savings Bank</i>		
	General Account		427
	Patribourne Account		125
	Grant from East Bridge Deanery Fund		100
			1,215

PAYMENTS

Architects Fees re specifications	94
<i>Bridge Church</i>	
Repairs to staging north aisle	
Rentokil	407
Architects Fee	61
<i>Electrical Overhaul</i>	
Bridge Church	171
Patribourne	160
Closing Bal. as per Pass Book, 31/12/73	328
	1,215

The following sums were held by the S. E. Savings Bank.

P.C.C. Account	779
Patribourne reserve A/C	242

NOTE The above figures have been extracted from the cash book. Owing to apportionment and other adjustments they may not correspond with the final audited accounts which will be presented to the Annual Meeting of the P.C.C.

Hon Treasurer's Report on P.C.C. Accounts for 1973

The surplus on Revenue Account of £443 is most encouraging, it is the largest surplus we have ever made, but we are faced with an increase in the Quota for 1974 of £176 to a total of £544 and all other expenditure is bound to increase. We hope that the loss of £55 on the Parish Magazine will be wiped out in 1974 as a result of increasing the price to 5p a copy.

We are very dependent on a comparatively small number of people who have "covenanted" their subscriptions to the Church. The total of covenants amounts to over £550 per year on which we recover income tax at 30%. Obviously an increase in the number of covenants is likely to have an adverse effect on the F.W.O. envelope scheme which shows a reduction of over £30 compared with 1972. I feel that there should be considerable scope for improvement here.

During 1973 we spent nearly £900 on the two churches and our reserves were reduced by £460 at the end of the year to a total of £1021.

In 1974 we are planning to spend up to £1000 on Patribourne Church on which no major work has been carried out since 1968. The Diocesan Board of Finance has promised us a grant of £400 towards this work.

It is essential that we persevere with our efforts, largely as a result of inflation the Church of England is faced with financial difficulties which can only be overcome by greater support from the laity.

C.A.P.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 19th February.

Speaker: Mr. W.D. Stewart - "Aspects on the Life of a Veterinary Surgeon".

Competition: 'A novel animal snapshot.'

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The monthly meeting will be held in the Village Hall on February 12th at 7.15 p.m.

Talk: 'The New District Councils' by Mr. J.F. Montgomery
Social Time: Quiz Game
Hostesses: Mrs. Mowll, Mrs. Noble, Mrs Quinnell

BRIDGE and PATRIBOURNE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
Parent-Teacher Association

"The local history of Bridge" - a talk by Mr. Williamson at 7 p.m. on Friday 8th February 1974 in Bridge School. A warm welcome is extended to all villagers.

BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB

The inaugural meeting of the proposed Bridge Tennis Club was held at 10, Conyngham Lane on Tuesday January 8th. Twenty-one people attended and after discussion it was agreed to form a tennis club, the intention being to build two hard courts on the new sports ground site. There would be facilities for both adult and junior members.

The intention is to obtain finance of various grants and loans from Government and County bodies. The balance of money would have to be raised by the residents of Bridge and the surrounding area and a number of ideas for fund raising were advanced. A Committee has been formed to obtain estimates and investigate the financial side.

This consists of the Chairman, Mr. J.E. Hill, 10 Conyngham Lane, Bridge, the Secretary, Mrs. Zara Lapage, 54 Bridgedown, (tel:830512), the Treasurer, Mr. David Pentin. The Committee: Mrs. M. Chester, Mrs. N. Redclift, Mr J. Loft and Mr. R. White.

Membership would be open to all the surrounding villages and anyone interested should contact the Secretary.

J.E.H.

MOTHERS UNION

Wednesday
February 6th

Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m.
Corporate Communion, with
Intercessions.

BRIDGE WIVES GROUP

Wednesday
February 6th

Coal Board Films - shown by
Mr. W. Johnson, 7.30 p.m.
Bridge Village Hall.

Wednesday
February 13th

"Knit-In" (See separate notice)

Saturday
February 23rd

3 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. New Years party
for members and children and film
show in Village Hall Bridge.

ST PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

On Sunday 20th January 1974 the following children were admitted to the Choir at 11 a.m. Matins; Julie Banks, Jane Fullaway, Tracy Arman, Yvonne File, Katrina Lenox, Andrew Farbrace.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Grace Allan and Dr. Nigel Allan who have recently joined our Choir.

S.H. Grey
Organist & Choirmaster.

ST. PETER'S BEKESBOURNE

Church Cleaners for February 1974

February 2nd Mrs Hogben
9th Mrs Watson
16th Mrs Grey
23rd Mrs Sandall

Flower Rota

February 3rd Mrs Kingsford
17th Mrs Sandall
24th Mrs Mowll

PATRIXBOURNE PARISH MEETING

The Annual Assembly of the Patricxbourne Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday March 13th at "The Red Lion", at Bridge at 7.30 p.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

As you no doubt know, on March 31st next, The Bridge-Blean Rural District Council will be dissolved and will be replaced by the Canterbury District Council.

The Parishes of Bridge, Bekesbourne, Bishopsbourne and Patricxbourne will not be separately represented on the new Council as at present but the four parishes will be merged into one unit whose representative will be Mr L. Shirley, (Tel: 830201). There will be no change in the respective Parish Councils and Patricxbourne Parish Meeting; they will continue as heretofore.

P. Greenwood
Acting Clerk, Patricxbourne Parish Meeting.

CALLING ALL RESIDENTS!

Sponsored Knitting.

BRIDGE WIVES GROUP is aiming to raise enough money for a Tumbler Dryer for the residents of Highland Court.

The Group is very ambitious and is going to raise the whole amount in one evening!

THIS IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On Wednesday February 13th at 7.30 p.m. prompt, in the Village Hall, the Great Knitting Marathon will start. Knitters will knit for 2 hours.

Will you help by sponsoring a knitter? Will you guarantee to pay 3p, 4p, 5p, 6p, 7p, 8p, 9p or 10p for every inch that your knitter can knit in the given time?

All members have a sponsor form - Please help to fill them. If any resident would like to join the band of knitters we would welcome your support. Sponsor forms are available at Bernard Welch's butcher shop.

Knitters are requested to provide size 8 knitting needles and approx 2 ozs of Double Knitting Wool

If anyone has odd ounces of double knitting wool to spare, the Group would be glad to receive them, they can be left at Welch's shop.



ST PETER'S CHURCH BRIDGE

Flower Festival - 15th, 26th & 27th May 1974

At a Meeting of the P.C.C. on 22nd January 1974, it was decided by a majority vote of 14 to 3 to hold a "Flower Festival" at Bridge Church during the weekend of the Spring Bank Holiday 1974 instead of the usual Summer Fete.

Members of the EAST KENT ROSE SOCIETY have kindly agreed to be responsible for the decoration of the Church.

The Church will be open from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on each of the three days of the Festival. Helpers will be required for the REFRESHMENT TENT, the CAR PARK, the SHOP, the RAFFLE and the many other jobs, e.g. the distribution of Posters, the erection of Signs, and the like.

This Festival will involve a considerable capital outlay; it will not succeed unless we can rely on the fullest support of our own people in staging it, and draw in visitors from a very wide area.

An Executive Committee has been set up and you will be kept fully informed of the progress of the arrangements.

C.A.P. & H.P.M.L. Churchwardens.

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BEKESBOURNE

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BEKESBOURNE

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH 1974

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

3rd March, 1st Sunday in Lent.

11 a.m. Matins Family Service 11.45 Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. The Office of Evensong with Short Address	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. (Sung) Communion and Sermon
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10th March, 2nd Sunday in Lent.

9 a.m. Holy Comm Series III 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion
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17th March, 3rd Sunday in Lent.

9 a.m. Sung Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon
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24th March, Mothering Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon 11.45 Holy Communion
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31st March, 5th Sunday in Lent

9 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	<u>Passion Sunday</u> 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon	11 a.m. Matins
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Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne, First I commend to your prayers those to be confirmed by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Deanery Confirmation at St. Peter's Church Aylesham on Friday 29th March. We welcome them into the full Communicant life of this Church and pray they will be loyal and steadfast in their witness to the Christian Faith. We are now in the season of Lent. It is a time of renewal of the worshipping Church in the World in which we are living. This season of Lent originally began as a time of instruction for Holy Baptism on Holy Saturday in preparation for Easter and to the Baptised Christian it was a period of repentance and prayer ending with a re-affirmation of their Baptismal vows. Perhaps it would be good discipline for us this Lent to re-read our Baptismal Service and the Confirmation Service. Lenten boxes are provided for the work of the Church Overseas. I trust that you will take one of these boxes and that our parish contribution to this work will be increased.

There is one Sunday I would emphasise, Mothering Sunday, which falls on March 24th. This year the Mothering Sunday Family Service will be at 11 o'clock at St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne. I wish you and your families to come to this Service. The thought this day is on the responsibility of the family as a whole. I want you to come as one, to say your prayers on that day to thank God for all the blessings you father, mother, and child have received in your family life together, not forgetting too grandparents. The Holy Communion Services are on this day 8 a.m. at Bridge Church and 9 a.m. at Patricxbourne Church.

I desire to draw your attention to the duty of being on the Church Electoral Roll. If you are not will you obtain a form as you leave the Church, complete it and return it either to the Electoral Roll Officer or to myself.

The date of the Easter Vestry and Annual Church Meetings are:- for Patricxbourne and Bridge at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday March 26th at Bridge Village Hall and for Bekesbourne at 7.30 p.m. on Monday April 1st at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

Elsewhere in this magazine you will find a progress report concerning the Flower Festival at Bridge Church on May 25th to 27th.

Yours affectionately in our Lord,
Colin E.H. Perry
Rural Dean and Vicar.

CALENDAR

CALENDAR FOR MARCH

March

1st Friday	Women's World Day of Prayer.
2nd Saturday	No.2 Bridge Musical Recital Series. 7.30 p.m. at Bridge Church. See separate notes.
3rd Sunday	1st Sunday in Lent.
5th Tuesday	Bekesbourne Church P.C.C. meeting, 7.30 p.m. by kindness of Mr. W. Mowll, Mulberry Cottage.
6th Wednesday	M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge. 9.30 a.m.
7th Thursday	Bible Study Group Meeting at 7 Windmill Close.
10th Sunday	2nd Sunday in Lent.
11th Monday	M.U. Branch Meeting at 2.45 p.m., 37 Union Rd.
13th Wednesday	Annual Assembly of the Patricxbourne Parish Meeting, 7.30 p.m. The Red Lion, Bridge.
14th Thursday	Bridge Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m. at Bridge Village Hall.
17th Sunday	3rd Sunday in Lent.
19th Tuesday	Bridge & Patricxbourne W.I. meeting, Village Hall, at 7 p.m.
20th Wednesday	Overseas Meeting East Bridge Deanery M.U. at 2.30 p.m. at Wingham Parish Hall.
	Bridge Wives Group meeting 7.30 p.m. Village Hall.
21st Thursday	Bible Study Group meeting
22nd Friday	Bridge Bowls Club, Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
24th Sunday	4th Sunday in Lent.
26th Tuesday	Bridge & Patricxbourne Church Annual Meeting and Election of Church Warden. 7.30 p.m. Village Hall
29th Friday	East Bridge Deanery Confirmation by the Archbishop of Canterbury. 7.30 p.m. Aylesham Church
31st Sunday	5th Sunday in Lent, Passion Sunday.

April

1st Monday	Bekesbourne Church Annual Church meeting and Election of Church Warden 7.30 p.m. Bekesbourne Village Hall.
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FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May They Rest in Peace

At Barham Crematorium

30th January 1974	William Charles Divers
8th February 1974	Jean Bedwell
20th February 1974	Myrtle Annie Rose Hart

BEKESBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH.

March 3rd	.....	9.30 a.m.	Sung Holy Communion
10th	.....	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
17th	.....	11.00 a.m.	Matins
24th	.....	11.00 a.m.	Matins, with Communion 11.45 a.m.
31st	.....	11.00 a.m.	Matins

On Sunday March 31st at 11 a.m. Matins, a Service of Passion Music with Lessons will be held at the above Church. The Choir will have worked very hard for this and we all hope that very many of you will attend at this morning service and give us your support.

S.H. Grey
Organist & Choirmaster.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

March 12th at 7.15 p.m. at Bekesbourne Village Hall.
Demonstration: 'Tatting' by Miss Welch
Competition: Dressed Clothes Peg.
Hostesses: Mrs. Routley, Mrs. Butcher, Mrs. Grey.

ST PETER'S BEKESBOURNE

Church Cleaners for March 1974

March 2nd	.....	Mrs. Kingsford & Mrs. Smith
9th	.....	Mrs. Farbrace
16th	.....	Mrs. Hogben
23rd	.....	Mrs. Watson
30th	.....	Mrs. Grey

BRIDGE

LETTER OF THANKS

The members of Bridge Wives Group are very grateful to all sponsors of the Knitting Marathon. When all the money is paid in, we will have raised approx £170 - enough and more to buy the largest Tumbler Dryer for the residents at Highland Court Hospital. We assure you that the balance will be used for a charity cause.

Thank you every one for making such generous donations. It is so heartening to know that you care for others less fortunate than yourselves. May God bless you all.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet at 11 a.m. on Sundays March 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 19th March at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall, Bridge. The Speaker will be Mrs. Pilcher on 'Corn Dollies'. Competition: 1 lb Apple Chutney.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The first meeting this month will be on March 7th at 7, Windmill Close. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Pierce. The second meeting will be on March 21st. Destination to be announced on March 7th.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING on Thursday 14th March at 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall. ALL are cordially invited.

E.G. Down
Clerk of the Council.

MOTHERS UNION

- Wednesday March 6th Corporate Communion with Intercessions
9.30 a.m. Bridge Church
- Monday March 11th Branch meeting at 37 Union Road, Bridge
at 2.45 p.m.
Speaker: Mrs. Baines.
- Subscriptions are due.
- Wednesday March 20th Overseas Meeting of the East Bridge
Deanery, 2.30 p.m. at Wingham Parish
Hall. Please support us by your presence.

BRIDGE WIVES GROUP

- March 6th Talk on Lent, and film slides of the Oberamagau
Passion Play, by the Rev. Harrington, in the
Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
- March 20th Talk and film on Antiques, by Mr. M. Berthoud
at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.
Open meeting - Husbands and Children welcome.

BRIDGE BOWLS CLUB

A meeting to form the proposed Bridge Bowls Club will be held in Bridge Village Hall on Friday March 22nd at 7.30 p.m. All interested are asked to attend and give their support. Further details can be obtained from:-
Mr. K. Chapman, 18 Western Avenue, Bridge, or
Mr. H. Hawkins, Newsagent, Bridge.

K. Chapman.

PATRIBOURNE

REMINDER -

The Annual Assembly of the Patrribourne Parish Meeting will be held at "The Red Lion", Bridge, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday March 13th.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday 1st March 1974 at the BAPTIST CHURCH, St. George's Place, Canterbury:-

<u>LUNCH TIME</u>	12.30 p.m.
<u>AFTERNOON</u>	3.00 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. V. Spillett.
<u>EVENING</u>	8.00 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Lt.Col Buist.

Bread and Cheese lunch following service.

A creche will be available in the afternoon.

BRIDGE RECITAL, SERIES No. 2

I hope that this magazine will appear before the 2nd March, the date of Bridge Recital Series No. 2, as I can now give the final details.

The artists taking part will be Allan Wicks, the distinguished Organist of Canterbury Cathedral, a recitalist of national and international fame and one of the leading musicians in the country. We are privileged to have him appear in little Bridge Church and I want to emphasise that this a very great opportunity to hear our organ played as never before.

Also taking part is Antony Bussell, Baritone, a gifted singer of experience who has been a lay clerk in Rochester and now Canterbury Cathedral Choir and who has sung all over the country and abroad.

My own appearance in this recital will be the last for some time in the Bridge Series. I intended that I should not be even in this one, but readers might be interested to know that in order to make money for the organ fund we could not afford a third visiting artist, even at the ridiculous fee that our artists accept as a personal favour to me! I therefore decided to include myself for the last time.

The programme contains some well known works including Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor and Handel's Water Music, plus two Messiah arias.

Please support this recital and help spread the publicity. Programmes are again available before the night but a few seats will be available at the door.

P.G.

NOTES ON BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Picture someone coming to Church on a Festival in mediaeval times. He comes in by the old Norman door, stops at the Holy Water stoup to cross himself, and then goes up the Church into a blaze of light- lights on the altar- lights on the screen before the Holy Cross- lights before St. Mary, St. Peter, and St. Nicholas. The Priest at the altar wears a costly and beautiful vestment, and the altar is furnished with treasures which are kept in the two aumbries, or cupboards, behind the altar, which are a marked feature of the Church. This is not an imaginary story. It is based on old wills- eight of which have been noted. Four of these wills provided for wax candles for the light of the Holy Cross- two for St. Mary- one for St. Peter, and two provide for the image of St. Nicholas. Plenty of such gifts of candles must have come from the living, as well as from the wills of the deceased. As for the costly vestments, in 1532, Sir John Texton- a priest who lies buried in the Church before the Rood, provided in his will thus:-

"To the Church for buying a Vestment £3." Three pounds was then a lordly sum when money was worth so much more than now, and would probably mean about £40-£50 nowadays. N.B. (This was written before the first world war)

Then came the Reformation, which changed this form of worship. The Prayer Book in English took the place of the Latin Service book. Worship in Parish Churches became simpler, but the beauty and dignity of worship was kept up, though in a different manner. The pre-reformation Chalice disappeared, but the Beautiful Elizabethan Communion cup and paten-cover too its place. The gifts which filled the aumbries were removed, but Archbishop Parker gave equally generously when he furnished the chancel with fine wainscotting and beautiful Choir-seats, priceless oak work it would be now if it had not been destroyed by dry-rot, when the Church was, later, allowed to fall into such bad repair. An oak altar took the place of the stone altar top, which, with its consecration crosses now lies in front of the Chancel step, an unworthy place to have put the Lord's Table, from which for hundreds of years His children had been fed.

One word more must be said about the patronage of the Living. At the Reformation this patronage passed from the Canons of St. Gregory to the Archbishops of Canterbury who have had it ever since. There are, however two breaks in the patronage which are interesting as they throw a sidelight on the history of the whole country. When Philip of Spain and Mary were on the throne of England they had no liking for Reformation ways. Among other things they deposed Archbishop Cranmer and declared the See of Canterbury to be vacant. By a coincidence, at the same time, the living of Bekesbourne was vacant, and Philip and Mary appointed Marmaduke Smyth to the living- sede vacante- in 1554. The other break in the patronage came from the opposite extreme. In the Commonwealth period the Prayer Book was forbidden, and Services were of a Presbyterian type. Again there was a vacancy at Bekesbourne. The Archbishop could not present; but Thomas Heron, M.A. was appointed by "Robert Hales, Esq., Patron, 15th February 1655." Sir Robert was a parishioner and lives at Howletts.

So the swing of the religious pendulum from one extreme to the other was illustrated in the appointment of Bekesbourne Vicars.

Turn again and take another look at the Church as it used to be. Glynne in his "Notes on the Churches of Kent," writes "There is a semi-circular arch in the north wall, which seems to have opened into a transept now destroyed. There is a similar arch opening to the south transept." So the Church would have been cruciform. One transept is gone, the other is used for vestry, and now has a modern arch, instead of the Norman one. "In the nave," Glynne goes on, some windows are Norman, but most are Rectilinear."

By the sixth century the building appears to have fallen into a sad state of disrepair. An old woodcut in Seymour's Survey of Kent shows the Tower, which has been added to the original church, in a ruinous state and without a roof. It was not until after 1880 that it was rescued by the Rev. H.J. Wardell who was Vicar from 1881-1898. He set about restoring the Church with unbounded energy and loving care.

To be continued - these extracts come from Pyper's 'Notes on the History of Bekesbourne'
Copies of a shortened version of this booklet can be obtained at 5p each from the P. C. C.



**flower
festival**
at **BRIDGE**
ST. PETER'S CHURCH
25, 26, 27 MAY 1974

- St. Peter's Church, Bridge, will take on a festive and beautiful appearance over the Spring Bank Holiday this year, when the East Kent Rose Society will be in charge of decorating the building for our Flower Festival. Please keep the Festival in mind when you plan your holiday - remember, it is on three days, the Saturday, Sunday and Monday May 25th., 26th. and 27th.

- It will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and will have an Official Opening at noon on the Saturday. That evening there will be a Concert given in the Church by the Dover Orchestral Society.
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One word more must be said about the patronage of the Living. At the Reformation this patronage passed from the Canons of St. Gregory to the Archbishops of Canterbury who have had it ever since. There are, however two breaks in the patronage which are interesting as they throw a sidelight on the history of the whole country. When Philip of Spain and Mary were on the throne of England they had no liking for Reformation ways. Among other things they deposed Archbishop Cranmer and declared the See of Canterbury to be vacant. By a coincidence, at the same time, the living of Bekesbourne was vacant, and Philip and Mary appointed Marmaduke Smyth to the living- sede vacante- in 1554. The other break in the patronage came from the opposite extreme. In the Commonwealth period the Prayer Book was forbidden, and Services were of a Presbyterian type. Again there was a vacancy at Bekesbourne. The Archbishop could not present; but Thomas Heron, M.A. was appointed by "Robert Hales, Esq., Patron, 15th February 1655." Sir Robert was a parishioner and lives at Howletts.

So the swing of the religious pendulum from one extreme to the other was illustrated in the appointment of Bekesbourne Vicars.

Turn again and take another look at the Church as it used to be. Glynne in his "Notes on the Churches of Kent," writes "There is a semi-circular arch in the north wall, which seems to have opened into a transept now destroyed. There is a similar arch opening to the south transept." So the Church would have been cruciform. One transept is gone, the other is used for vestry, and now has a modern arch, instead of the Norman one. "In the nave," Glynne goes on, some windows are Norman, but most are Rectilinear."

By the sixteenth century the building appears to have fallen into a sad state of disrepair. An old woodcut in Seymour's Survey of Kent shows the Tower, which has been added to the original church, in a ruinous state and without a roof. It was not until after 1880 that it was rescued by the Rev. H.J. Wardell who was Vicar from 1881-1898. He set about restoring the Church with unbounded energy and loving care.

To be continued - these extracts come from Pyper's 'Notes on the History of Bekesbourne'
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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR APRIL 1974

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

7th April, Palm Sunday

11 a.m. Matins
Family Service
11.45 Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. The Office
of Evensong with
Short Address

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

(Blessing and Distribution
of Palms at all Services)

9.30 a.m. Sung
Communion and
Sermon

14th April, EASTER DAY

See Separate Announcement for Services

21st April, Low Sunday

9 a.m. Sung
Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Matins
and Sermon

28th April, 2nd Sunday after Easter

8 a.m. Holy
Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

9 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Matins
and Sermon
11.45 Holy
Communion

5th May, 3rd Sunday after Easter

11 a.m. Matins
Family Service
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9.30 a.m. Sung
Communion and
Sermon

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne,

This month brings us to the very heart of our religion. Our thoughts are centred on the meaning of the Cross in the light of the empty tomb of Easter. The Cross is the symbol of our faith as the way of the redemption of the soul of man which was accepted by our Lord as the will of the Eternal Father. The truth of the Cross is the way which leads to eternal life: "I am the way, the truth and the life". Salvation may be defined as "The being saved from the power of the guilt of sin through our Lord Jesus Christ". We will seek to keep Good Friday solemnly and worthily. It is the day on which every year Christians throughout the world commemorate the Crucifixion and death of our Lord on the Cross. The call on that day is a fitting preparation for the joy of our Easter Communion, where we meet with our risen and victorious Lord and Master. In the words of the Series III Holy Communion Service "Therefore, heavenly Father, with this bread and this cup we do this in remembrance of him:" We celebrate and proclaim his perfect sacrifice made once for all upon the Cross, his resurrection from the dead, and his ascension into heaven, and we look for his coming in Glory.

We all need the assurance of Easter Day to set the seal on what we believe. It is the triumph of good over evil, life after death, love over hatred. These are the imperishable realities of our revealed Christian Faith. The Easter Day worship is a kind of standing still in amazement as we watch the secret power of God at work conquering that of which humanity is most afraid.

Because of the importance of this festival we are instructed as members of the church to receive Holy Communion at this time. The rubric says:

"Every confirmed member of the Church is to receive Holy Communion three times a year at the least, of which Easter is to be one".

May I welcome with our love all those who will have been Confirmed on March 29th by the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury. A Confirmation Service is always a unique experience of spiritual enrichment and enlightenment.

I wish you all true blessing and Easter joy,
Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,
Colin E.H. Perry
Rural Dean and Vicar.

CALENDAR

CALENDAR FOR APRIL

March

31st Sunday Passion Sunday

April

1st Monday Bekesbourne Church Annual General Meeting & Vestry, 7.30 p.m. Village Hall

2nd Tuesday A.G.M. League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals, Bridge Group, 7.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall.

3rd Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion Bridge 9.30 a.m. Bridge Church Wives Group visit to Canterbury Water Works at 8 p.m.

4th Thursday Bible Study Group Meeting at Miss Mason's, 33 High Street Bridge.

7th Sunday Palm Sunday. Distribution of Palms at all Services

8th-13th HOLY WEEK. See elsewhere for Details

14th Sunday EASTER DAY: See times of services on p4.

18th Thursday Bible Study Group Meeting at Mr. & Mrs. Johnsons', 42 Bridge Down.

21st Sunday Low Sunday

24th Wednesday Bridge Church Young Wives Group, 7.30 p.m. Bridge Village Hall

28th Sunday 2nd Sunday after Easter

May

1st Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion Bridge 9.30 a.m.

3rd Friday Young Wives Deanery Service, Wingham 7.30 p.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

May They Rest in Peace

At Barham Crematorium

14th March 1974

Beatrice Francis

EASTER SERVICES, 1974

EASTER COMMUNION

Anyone who is elderly, infirm or sick who wishes to receive Holy Communion at their home is asked to inform the Vicar.

EASTER DAY SERVICES

St. Peter's Bridge

8 a.m. Holy Communion
 11 a.m. Matins & Family Service, Preacher Rev. Blaxland.
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong

St. Mary's Patrixbourne

8 a.m. Holy Communion
 11 a.m. Family Service conducted by Mr. David Johnson, Licenced Lay Reader and Miss Marion Hawkins, Church Army.

St. Peter's Bekesbourne

8 a.m. Holy Communion
 11 a.m. Matins and Sermon, Preacher Rev. Canon Colin Perry
 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion

SERVICES IN HOLY WEEK

St. Peter's Bridge

Monday 8th April 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 Wednesday 10th April 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 Maundy Thursday, 11th April 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion
 8 a.m. Ante-Communion & Litany
 2-3 p.m. Devotional Service

St. Mary's Patrixbourne

Tuesday 9th. April 8 a.m. Holy Communion

St Peter's Bekesbourne

Good Friday 12th April 11 a.m. Matins & Sermon
 Preacher Rev. C. Harrington

EASTER: CHURCH DECORATION

St. Peter's Bridge

Church decoration will begin at 3.30 p.m. on Friday 12th April. Flowers and helpers will be welcome.

If anyone wishes to give a lily "in remembrance" will they please let Mrs. Elsie Apps or Mrs. R. Hunter, 24 High Street, Bridge have 25p before Holy Week.

St. Mary's Patricxbourne

The Church will be decorated on Friday 12th April beginning at 2 p.m. Gifts of flowers and helpers will be most welcome.

St. Peter's Bekesbourne

Decorating will start from 10.30 a.m. onwards on Saturday april 13th. Please send donations to Mrs. Sandall. Gifts of flowers and helpers will be most appreciated.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Our meetings this month will be at the home of Miss Mason - 33 High Street, Bridge on April 4th and Mr. & Mrs. Johnson 42 Bridge Down, on April 18th.

Our thanks to these kind friends.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

Bridge Group

Our A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday 2nd April, in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. There will be a short talk by Mr. Eden of Nunnery Fields Hospital, A Bring & Buy Stall, Raffle and Refreshments of Cheese and Wine. Please come and support us. Who knows, one day, you too may need help.

Frances E. Apps.

34 High St. Bridge.

Hon. Sec. Bridge Group L.O.F.

BEKESBOURNE MAY FAYRE

This is our major fund raising effort of the year - the event which helps to keep our lovely old church going.

May I make this appeal for help and co-operation from you all. We need gifts for the following stalls - Jumble, Cakes, Tombola, Plants & produce, and articles for our Gift stall. We also need items for the raffles. Please give generously. Goods may be left with Mr. Shorey or with me.

D.E. Sandall.

BEKESBOURNE FLOWER ROTA

April		
14th	Easter Day	Gift flowers
21st	.....	Mrs. Sandall
28th	.....	Mrs. Sandall
May 5th	.....	Miss Hogben

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

April		Mrs. Sandall
6th	.....
13th	.....	Mrs. Kingsford & Mrs. Smith
20th	.....	Mrs. Farbrace
27th	.....	Mrs Hogben
May 4th	.....	Mrs. Watson

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

On April 9th at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall. Talk: "My trip to America" by Mrs. Davenport
Competition: An arrangement of Spring Flowers
Hostesses: Mrs. Castle, Mrs. Newington,
Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Deebank.

EDITORIAL

Once a quarter we extend the Parish magazine with four extra pages - you will remember the Christmas Supplement. Now at Easter, the greatest of the Church Calendar events, the Resurrection of Christ is portrayed on the following pages.

The woodcuts of Albrecht Durer have been well known for their power and visionary content. Despite the tragedies seen daily on Television the woodcuts have the power to move us still in showing the brutality of the age in which Christ lived.



CHRIST NAILED TO THE CROSS – Albrecht Durer, c1509.



THE RESURRECTION – (both cuts from The Small Passion).

BRIDGE CHURCH WIVES GROUP

We hope to hire a coach for Friday May 3rd, for the Deanery Service at Wingham Church at 7.30 p.m., and would like to fill all the seats. If any members of the Mothers' Union, or of the Congregation would like to join us, the fare is 14p each.

Coach pick-up - Western Avenue (Liptons) at 7 p.m.
Phone 830594 P. Anderson (Secretary)

GROUP MEETINGS

April 3rd Visit to Canterbury Water Works at 8 p.m.
April 24th A talk, given by a member of the Lions Club, about their work for charities.
Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 16th April in the Village Hall at 7 p.m. This will be our Birthday meeting and there will be dancing with Mr. Eley to officiate.

Competition: A Party Paper Hat

Please note the W.I. will be holding a Coffee Morning and Sale, on Saturday 27th April, 10.30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Everyone very welcome.

MUSIC AT BRIDGE

"Bridge Church was fortunate on Saturday 2nd March to hear a recital of rare quality given by professional musicians who are responsible for the daily performance of music at Canterbury Cathedral.

Allan Wicks played a varied programme of organ music spanning three centuries with the excellence and imaginative flair we have come to expect of him. To play Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue in D Minor on a village church organ as well as he did requires a true virtuoso. This popular organ piece, always associated with larger organs lost none of its clarity or grandeur.

We also heard four movements from Handel's Water Music and an exciting performance of Alan Ridout's evocative Resurrection Dances, which are based on the visions depicted in the wall paintings of Stanley Spencer.

The two singers, Peter Giles, counter-tenor, and Antony Bussell, baritone, opened in grand style, Peter Giles singing the famous aria from Messiah, 'O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion' and Antony Bussell the equally famous 'The Trumpet shall sound'.

Then, refreshingly, came two unaccompanied baritone songs sung with great artistry. The very soft singing in Jesus C Christ the Apple Tree was particularly beautiful. A duet then followed in the form of a dialogue between Corydon and mopsa, by Henry Purcell sung from opposite sides of the nave aisles with infectious humour.

In the lutenist song 'Weep you no more sad fountains', by Dowland, Peter Giles sang with great subtlety and feeling. The finest counter-tenor singing of the evening was heard in two beautiful songs, one by the French baroque composer Lallouette, and the other by Scarlatti the Elder.

Finally, Antony Bussell sang the Five Mystical Songs which Ralph Vaughan-Williams set early in this century to the words of the 17th Century metaphysical poet, George Herbert. From the opening words of the first song, 'Rise Heart Thy Lord is Risen', one knew one was in for a treat."

The above is an extract from a report which appeared in the Kentish Gazette. It is written from the viewpoint of a music critic, but we would say, being ill-equipped musically that the concert was a huge success. The programme was well chosen in that it was balanced and contained several popular items, and was thoroughly appreciated by all who attended. We thank them for their support.

There were other successful outcomes, however. It was good to see so many people obviously enjoying themselves and the Church being used for cultural activities. Also the Organ Fund benefitted, for after paying nominal expenses there was a balance in hand of £26.35. It was a pity the weather was so cold for this spoilt what would otherwise have been a perfect evening.

W.R. T.E.G.H. W.J.

BRIDGE CHOIR

Though the transference of the choir to Matins on the first Sunday in the month has been quite successful, it has been decided to develop further the Evensong for that Sunday.

In future we will have just the girls and women singers as the Matins Choir, and there will be a choir of men and boys in the evening to sing the service as developed so far. This small choir will we hope, become greater as we obtain more boys. There will be a rehearsal at 5.30 p.m. before the service as on the other Sundays. The Matins choir of girls and women will also rehearse before the service. This will be taken by Mr. Selwyn Lewis, our assistant organist who also plays for Matins.

One of the objects of this move to split the choir once a month is to improve the singing of the boys who, as is usual in mixed choirs, are not really developing fast enough when with the girls and women singers. Also, a liturgically correct choir to sing the Office once a month will be good for Bridge!

The ancient practice of singing the Passion of our Lord on Good Friday will again be re-enacted in Bridge Church at 7 p.m. This centuries old Plainsong setting is in the form of solo parts for Christ and the main characters, with the Choir taking the parts of the crowd. There will also be other items of music from Passiontide which the Congregation will be encouraged to join in.

P.G.

Notes on the History of Bekesbourne, continued:

BEAKSBOURN TERRIER 1695

A true and perfect Terrier of all the Glebes, Lands, Gardens, Orchards, Houses, Pensions, Augmentations, Portions of Tythes and other profits belonging to the Vicarage of Beaksbourn in the County of Kent, taken by us the Vicar, Churchwarden, Sidesman, and other Inhabitants of the Parish of Beaksbourn as followeth.

1 There is a Vicarage house with a Brewhouse, Stable and Granery.

2 There is a Garden, Orchard and Yard containing about an acre and half more or Lesse, abutting on ye South by the Kings highway leading from Adisham to Canterbury, on ye East by the River Stour, on ye North and West to the Lands belonging to Sir Thomas Hales, called Bourn Lees.

3 A Churchyard conteining three yards more or Lesse, abutting upon ye Lands of ye Parsonage South, and upon ye Lands of Sir Thomas Hales, North, East and West.

There is a certain Pension of Corn deliverd from the Parsonage to ye Vicarage in manner following, It is to say, two Seams of Wheat, and nine seams of Barly clean dressed and fit for ye Market - which have been time out of mind delivered to the Vicarage House yearly and every year at the charge of the Parsonage upon the eleventh day of November Martlemasse-Day. And the like Two seams of Wheat more and nine seams of Barly more are - and have been time out of mind - deliverd in like manner clean dressed and fit for ye Market yearly and every year at the charge of ye Parsonage into ye Vicarage House upon ye second day of February commonly called Candlemasse day. Being in all a yearly Pension of four Seams of Wheat and eighteen Seams of Barly.

There is allso an Augmentation payd to ye Vicar yearly and every year from the Parsonage of Ten Pounds in good and Lawfull mony of England: which said Ten pounds is to be payd at four times of ye year by even and equal portions, yat is to say, the sume of fifty shillings at ye feast of St. Michael ye Archangel, the sume of fifty shillings at ye Nativity of our Blessed Lord, commonly called Christmas day, and the like sume fifty shillings at ye feast of ye Annunciation of ye Blessed Virgin commonly called Lady day, which said sumes are paid unto him ye said Vicar clear of all charges and deductions whatsoever. Being in all a yearly Augmentation of Ten pounds in mony. The Vicar doth also receive - as hath from time out of mind received all and every manner of Easter Offerings surplisce fees commonly called Requisitions, allso all manner of Tythes commonly called called small tythes, yat is to say of all woods underwoods lopping of wood excepting only tith of wood converted to timber, of all pasture hay grasse, wool, Lambs, milk, calves, pigs, colts, hony, wax, of all sorts of fruits, herbs, flax hemp, hops, mils pigeons, eggs and all grain

whatsoever sown in gardens and orchards, of all other sorts of small tithes whatsoever arising and growing upon all Lands whatsoever within ye precincts of the parish of Beaksbourn, and certain other Lands lying in Adisham, which pay tithes to the Church of Beaksbourn, which said three parcels of land commonly known by the name of little Heen containing eight acres more or lesse. Also one other peice of land containing about ten acres more or less abutting South and West to ye Lands of Thomas Turner of Heen, Esq and North and East to lands of ye mannor of Knolden.

This is a true counterpart of ye terrier as it was made and presented at ye Metropolitanical visitation of Thomas Ld Archbishop of Canterbury A.D. 1695

A few notes may be added.

1 A terrier is a list of all the belongings and scources of income attached to a Church Living.

2 The Vicar, taking this terrier, was Nicholas Battely, whose gravestone lies in the middle of the floor of the Church. He is Bekesbourne's most celebrated Vicar being a learned and painstaking antiquarian.

3 "The Churchyard conteining three yards more or lesse" is a puzzle. Could it have been a small burying ground belonging to the Priory of pre-reformation days?

4 The account of the tythes takes us back to the days when the Clergy received most of their living in kind and much less in money. It was not a happy state of affairs when the Vicar had to claim his right to every tenth lamb or pig or colt or calf, and even every tenth egg or pigeon in the parish. What a time the parson's man would have in collecting it all and seeing nothing was missed!

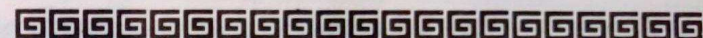
5 Then there was the granary. The writer has always imagined that the high wall between the Vicarage garden and the school is the old granary wall, but it is only a guess.

6 Did the Vicar use his brewhouse for his household only, or did he make his tythe barley and hops into beer for the market?

N.B. Presumably the fourth 'like sune fifty shillings' would have been paid at Mid-summer, but the Notes do not say so.

A.P.


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EASTER ALREADY! And the gardens are springing into life; the first shading of green along the hedges and trees. Time to remember that the Flower Festival is in another eight weeks' time.

One off-shoot from the Festival soon to make an appearance will be raffle tickets. No fete or festival escapes its side-shows, and this will be a bumper raffle to match the Flower Festival, with the top prizes of a value to match. Bill Rose of Church Cottage is in charge of the raffle, so offers of help in selling the tickets to him, please.

There is much preparation of the church itself to be done before the Flower Festival can be mounted, so if you think you will have some spare time in the coming weeks, or could help during the Festival itself, please tell the Committee Chairman, Mr. Peter Lawrence, who will be happy to channel your assistance to the right person.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MAY 1974

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

5th May - 3rd Sunday after Easter

11 a.m. Matins
Family Service
11.45 Holy Comm.
(Rev. Blaxland)
6.30 p.m. Office
of Evensong with
Short Address
(Rev. Harrington)

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9.30 a.m.
Sung Communion
(Rev. Harrington)

12th May - 4th Sunday after Easter

9 a.m. Holy Comm
(Series III)
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

11 a.m. Matins
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

19th May - Rogation Sunday

9 a.m. Sung
Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Matins
and Sermon

26th May - Sunday after Ascension

8 a.m. Holy Comm
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon
Flower Festival
Service

9 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Matins
11.45 Holy
Communion

2nd June - Whit Sunday

11 a.m. Matins
and Sermon
11.45 Holy
Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9.30 a.m. Sung
Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne and Bekesbourne,

During this month there is quite a lot happening in our parishes. For the first time we are having a Flower Festival at Bridge Church from Saturday 25th May to Monday 27th May. You will find all details of this happening with attendant events elsewhere in the magazine. A great deal of work by the Fete Committee has been done in planning and organising this event during the last months. It only remains for you to support us and to give it as much advance publicity amongst your circle of friends as you can so that many people outside the parish will come to visit our flower decorated church.

Bekesbourne Church are holding our customary May Fayre again. It will take place on Saturday May 11th. from 2.30 p.m. at Bekesbourne Village Hall. We are absolutely dependent upon this Fayre for the maintenance of our services at Bekesbourne Church so your kind support is vital.

May I say thankyou to all those who gave flowers or donations for the Easter decorations which were really lovely in all our three churches, also to those who gave their skill in arranging the flowers. Our appreciation too is extended to the Organists and the Choirs for their rendering of the "Cross of Christ" as well as all the Easter music in our three churches.

Ascension Day is on Thursday May 23rd. and this triumphant festival of the Enthronement of Christ as King will be marked as a Celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. at St. Peter's Church, Bridge.

"I came forth from the Father and am come into the world; again I leave this world and go unto the Father." From the Father to the Father. This one verse covers the whole of the Incarnate Life here on earth; it contains the whole sequence of the mysteries through which the Church has led us since Advent. Such is the description of His own Life in the world given by the Son of God Himself. As members of Christ, children of God, such is the true picture of our human lives. How seldom do we realise the teaching of the Ascension, our heavenly origin, the dignity of our being, the Fatherhood of God. Ascension Day is a day of obligation for the faithful and we should maintain the discipline of our religion by our presence at Holy Communion on this day.

I am grateful for the generous Easter Offerings which you

have presented to me and with the goodwill that comes with them.

Yours affectionately in Our Lord

Colin E.H. Perry

Rural Dean and Vicar.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 1974

MAY

- 1st Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion and Intercessions at Bridge Church, 9.30 a.m.
- 2nd Thursday Bible Study Group meeting at 8 p.m., "Red Deer" Bridge Down
- 3rd Friday East Bridge Young Wives Deanery Service at Wingham Church, 7.30 p.m.
- 5th Sunday 3rd Sunday after Easter
- 8th Wednesday Meeting, Bridge Village Hall
- 11th Saturday Bokesbourne Church May Fayre at 2.30 p.m. at Bokesbourne Village Hall
- 12th Sunday 4th Sunday after Easter
- 13th Monday M.U. Branch meeting 37 Union Road, Bridge at 2.45 p.m.
Bokesbourne Church P.C.C. Meeting at 7.30 p.m. at Mr. W. Mowll, Mulberry Cottage, Patrixbourne
- 14th Tuesday M.U. May Market in Wintergardens, Margate
- 16th Thursday Bible Study Group meeting, 7 Windmill Close
- 19th Sunday Rogation Sunday
- 21st Tuesday East Bridge Deanery Synod Meeting at 7.30 p.m. at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury.
- 22nd Wednesday East Bridge Deanery M.U. Festival, 7.30 p.m. at Barham Church, Preacher Rev. D.Tizzard
Young Wives Ramble
- 23rd Thursday Ascension Day Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church
- 25th Saturday)
26th Sunday) Sunday after Ascension)
27th Monday) BRIDGE FLOWER)
FESTIVAL)

JUNE

- 2nd Whit Sunday

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

- St. Peter's Church Bridge
- 30th March 1974 Paul Le-Mar
Stephanie Wells
- 13th April 1974 Peter Richard Williams
Maureen Mary Allward
- 13th April 1974 Kenneth Proctor
Arlette Kemp
- St. Peter's Church Bokesbourne
- 13th April 1974 Alfred Dobson
Marian Twining

Holy Baptism

- St. Peter's Church Bridge
- 14th April 1974 Guy Robert George Irvine
- 14th April 1974 Julia Elizabeth Harvey
- St. Peter's Church Bokesbourne
- 21st April 1974 William John Redman Geering

May They Rest in Peace

- St. Peter's Church Bridge
- 3rd April 1974 Thomas Henry Taylor
- 9th April 1974 Samuel Wraight
at Barham Crematorium
- 24th April 1974 Mary Joan Aers
at Barham Crematorium
- St. Mary's Church Patrixbourne
- 2nd April 1974 Ethel Kayell Carroll

We also record with regret the death of the Marquis of Conyngham at the age of 83. The Conyngham family for many years had the gift of the living of St. Mary's Patrixbourne,

and the connection has been recognised by an annual donation from the Conynghams to the present day. Resquiescat in Pace.

BRIDGE MOTHER'S UNION

- May
8th Wednesday Corporate Communion & Intercessions.
13th Monday Branch meeting at 37 Union Rd., 2.45 p.m.
Speaker: Mrs. Langley.
14th Tuesday MAY MARKET, in the Winter Gardens Margate.
Groceries please, for the Stall.
22nd Wednesday Deanery Festival in Barham Church,
7.30 p.m. Preacher: Mr. Tizzard.

BRIDGE CHURCH WIVES GROUP

- 3rd Friday East Bridge Young Wives Deanery Service,
7.30 p.m. at Wingham Church.
8th Wednesday Talk on 'Astronomy' by Mr. Goad,
Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
22nd Wednesday A Ramble. Details to be announced later.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Meetings for May will be: May 2nd at Mr. & Mrs. Hill's home, "Red Deer" Bridge Down. On May 16th at 7 Windmill Close, the home of Mr. & Mrs. Pierce, and on May 30th at Church Cottage the home of Mr. & Mrs. Rose. Our thanks to them all.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on May 12th, 19th, and 25th at 11 a.m. In Bridge Church.

BRIDGE & PATRICKBOURNE W.I.

- 21st Tuesday Bridge Village Hall, 7 p.m., Resolutions will be discussed and Mrs. Wigfall V.C.O. will be in attendance.
Competition: Miniature Flower Arrangement, (3" overall)



Grand Opening on
Saturday May 25
at noon by His Worship
The Mayor of Canterbury
Cllr. T. CASTLE

Concert on Saturday May 25 at 7.30 pm
by **DOVER ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY**

Festal Evensong Sunday May 26 at 6.30 pm

Recital on Monday May 27 at 8 pm by
UNIVERSITY MADRIGAL SOCIETY

flower festival at BRIDGE

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Spring Bank Holiday treat at St. Peter's — on May 25, 26, 27

The floral arrangements for the Bridge Flower Festival are being done by the East Kent Rose Society — of whom you may not have a great knowledge unless you have seen one of their Festivals. Here are some notes on their organisation.

The East Kent Rose Society was formed in the 1930's by a Doctor and Chemist at Wingham, with the intention of promoting gardening in the area — for pleasure. The Society continued through the war, and subsequently added the study of decorating with flowers to its previous aims. As numbers of members grew the Society exhibited both specimen blooms and decorative classes.

Two years ago it was asked to decorate a church, and since that venture has raised large sums for charity with decorating private houses as well as churches. The work is done so that the charity gains funds and the members gain great pleasure and enjoyment in tackling different themes.

Every flower festival has its challenge, and the first thing is to study the buildings to establish what colour schemes and styles can best be shown. At Preston Church the theme was musical, with instruments suggested by the design and colour used. A country church, such as Waltham, had a countryside flavour to its decoration.

St. Peter's, Bridge, is rather dark by comparison with a modern church, such as St. Mary Bredin which the Society decorated, so strong colours will be used, such as purple and red — round the font childish colours will be suggested. The double pillars on the left (or northern) side of the church will provide a good background to other special displays.

The actual flower decoration will be done by teams working on sections of the whole scheme, with possibly eight or nine experts controlling the effect. Mrs. Hirst, of the Society, stresses that the work is great fun. It is obvious that Bridge Flower Festival will be both beautiful and great fun!



The Vicar of St. Peter's, Bridge, welcomes the Flower Festival. The Rev. Canon Colin E. H. Perry says "This Festival is not just a case of beautifying a church, although that in itself is in part an act of worship. It is a means of pointing out to everyone who lives near enough to the church to visit it at the Festival, that Christian witness has been active here almost since Roman times."

"The many thousands of people weekly who pass within twenty feet of this old church as they drive up the A2 road are missing an

opportunity to visit and study the church. They often do not realise that there is a community of nearly two thousand people who live and work in Bridge. And to that community I would like to say — in only a few weeks' time work will commence on the by-pass. The stream of heavy traffic that has divided this community will be gone in a little over two years' time. Now is the time to strengthen your community ties — so that when peace comes to the village you are ready for it. Bridge is a community, St. Peter's your church. I am sure we are all very grateful for the work of the East Kent Rose Society and others in promoting this Festival, so that we can look inwards on our heritage of such an old church".



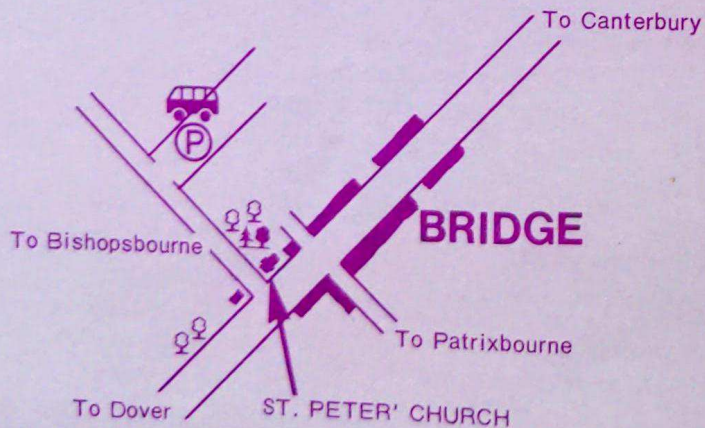
Mr. Peter Lawrence, Chairman of the Festival Committee, says: "A lot of hard work has gone into the Festival. It is being opened by His Worship the Mayor of Canterbury, Cllr. Tom Castle at noon on Saturday May 25th. — although the church will have been open from 10 am. Come along; bring the family. It is Spring Bank Holiday, so you have three days in which to make a visit. We will have not only the church for your to see, but refreshments and produce on sale in marquees alongside. There is free parking, by kind permission of Mr. Peter Malkin, at Bridge Place Country Club nearby — so please come to Bridge and see the Festival."

A happy partner to flowers is music; and there will be plenty of music to enjoy at St. Peter's, Bridge, both during the hours that the Festival is open – 10 am. to 7 pm. – with recitals by a number of local organists during the day and light background music between; and with special musical attractions in the evenings.

On Saturday May 25th at 7.30 pm. there will be a Concert in St. Peter's, given by the Dover Orchestral Society, with soloists such as John Thurgood, Jean Lewis, Amy Baker and Dorothy Ward, under the leadership of John Bateman and with the Conductor, Reginald G. Long. Works include the Overture 'Tancredi' by Rossini, 'Horn Concerto in E flat Major' by Mozart and 'Symphony No. 104 in D Major' by Haydn. Tickets will be available at the door at 50p and 30p.

On Sunday evening, May 26th, there will be Festal Evensong taken by the Vicar; Choirmaster Peter Giles playing the organ and St. Peter's Choir in attendance as usual. Time: 6.30 pm.

On Monday May 27th at 8 pm. there will be a Madrigal Recital by part of the University Madrigal Society. Tickets for this will also cost 50p and 30p, available at the door. At the time of this leaflet being printed the programme was not known, but the UKC Madrigal Society is well-known and should provide a very enjoyable evening to round off the Flower Festival.



PRESCRIPTION SERVICE

This service for the housebound mum and senior citizens is in need of someone to take over the shopping and booking at The Close – twice a week. Anyone who would like to help please telephone Bridge 830691.

WANTED

Have you any newspapers or magazines for disposal? The Bridge Parent-Teacher Association are organising a collection of waste paper and will be collecting around the village on Wednesday 8th May.

If you have any unwanted newspapers or magazines would you ring Bridge 830668 (evenings) or let Mr. Welch know at his shop.

Sheila Lewis (Hon. Sec.)

ST. PETER'S BEKESBOURNE MAY FAYRE

As stated in the April issue of the magazine, our May Fayre will be held in Bekesbourne Village Hall on Saturday May 11th at 2.30 p.m. Stalls will include Jumble, Plants & produce, Cakes, Gifts, Tombola, Raffles and Competitions.

Gifts for any of these stalls and for the raffles would be welcome and could be sent to me or to Mr. Shorey.

Refreshments will be available. Please come and support those who work so hard for our church.

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

May 4th	Mrs. Watson
11th	Mrs. Grey
18th	Mrs. Allen
25th	Mrs. Sandall
June 1st	Mrs. Kingsford and Mrs. Smith.

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

May 5th Miss Hogben
12th Mrs. Hulse
19th Mrs. Watson
26th Mrs. Smith
June 2nd..... Mrs. Sandall

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

May 14th at Bekesbourne Village Hall
Discussion: N.F. A.G.M. Resolutions.
Talk: Collecting Antique Jewellery by Miss Ellis.
Competition: An Artificial Buttonhole.
Hostesses: Mrs. Farrow, Mrs. Smith.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by some of us on March 29th last.

Mr. Norman Wareham was the organising secretary of the Society for the South East showed his coloured pictures of the Society's work and various homes for different types of children. They ranged from babies upwards and the one that drew the most applause was the little dark toddler on his pottie who looked very surprised at the invasion of his privacy.

As a result seven of us are now having Collection boxes, one has promised a Coffee Morning and Mrs. Knight hopes to interest the School in the Society's work.

On request a collection was taken but I do not know how much was given as Mr. Wareham put it all in my collection box. I do know that it was more than £5.00

F.V.B. Mason
Hon. Parish Secretary.

PATRIXBOURNE CHURCH VISITORS BOOK

Most parish churches have or should have, a Visitors Book and the majority of people who look round a church like to leave their names and addresses on record.

Our own Visitors Book at Patribourne gives a good cross section of all sorts and conditions of people who come to see this acient Norman church.

I happened to glance at the book one day and saw the following entry- Name A.R.G.D. Address- Who Cares?? Remarks- "The Church is nice but the Kingdom of God is within you (Jesus)" This prompted me to look through the book more carefully to see if there were any more interesting entries and comments. What struck me were the numerous remarks on peace and quiet and the church being- "a haven of rest" which is a revealing commentary on these days of speed and hurry, the sole purpose of which is to save time, and when time is saved we don't know what to do with it.

Some of the remarks are illuminating and entertaining- "So quiet but too cold", (this from Holland). "Christened here- August 1900". "Married here- 1970". "Victorians continue to disappoint". "Jesus is alive, noisy clock!". "I am sorry to see the new English Bible on the lectern", and "Thanks for keeping it open!" On several occasions there is appreciation on how well kept is the church, a pleasant and well deserved tribute to the ladies who, year in and year out, tidy, clean, sweep and polish, and there is also praise for the flower arrangements which take up so much time and thought. The Swiss glass windows and the beautiful Norman doorway are much admired.

Visitors are truly cosmopolitan- from Finland and all over Europe, from Iraq, the Sudan, Australia and New Zealand, from Mauritius, Canada and Rhodesia and from America, the last outnumbering every other country.

Archaeological & Historical Societies come to the church and there have been visits from the Hughes-Hallett family, also from the Earl & Countess of Mount-Charles. There are a surprising number of entries from Canterbury and the surrounding area and one visitor in particular has recorded his name- Michael Cantuar - our Archbishop.

ST. GREGORY'S
MILITARY ROAD, CANTERBURY.

Finally, two appreciations written on Easter Saturday, April 13th. "So much hard work and love have gone into the decorations for Easter- a beautiful experience- thankyou.", and from the Pilgrims of L'Arche from England, Canada, France and U.S.A. "A perfect start for our pilgrimage walk to Canterbury".

P. Greenwood.

BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER

Bridge Cricket Club has just come through its first season having been formed at the end of 1972 and was more a formation of a new Club by the change of a name, a considerable number of players being members of the Bourne Paddock Bridge Cricket Club which previously enjoyed the facilities available to them at the Recreation Ground, Patricxbourne Road.

The formation of the new Club has seen an increase in membership and a number of Vice Presidents have joined us and have given great support during the past year, in particular Mr. P. Farrow and Mr. T. Hoare, not to mention the support given to the Club by the President, Mr. Harry Hawkins.

The past year was, of course, somewhat of a trial year, some upsets were noticeable in some departments whereas matters in other places ran rather more smoothly than anticipated. There is, however, still some room for improvement.

The cricket in itself was successful in many ways in that, on the whole, personal performances were average or above and there were, of course, outstanding performances, in particular the performance of Gordon Bourn who scored 100 not out against Radfall Cricket Club.

(To be continued)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Would contributors please note that copy for the June issue of the Parish Magazine should be handed to the Editor - the Vicar - not later than Saturday May 18th.



flower festival BRIDGE

at
ST. PETER'S CHURCH
25, 26, 27 MAY 1974

The official opening of the Flower Festival will be at 12 noon on Saturday May 25th by the Mayor of Canterbury, Councillor Tom Castle. Local Church leaders and other dignitaries will be at the ceremony, so make sure of a place to watch by coming early - in fact, look around the church, which will look very beautiful and will be opened from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

The flower decoration of Bridge Church is by the East Kent Rose Society. A special corner is being kept for the children of Bridge Primary School to exhibit their own 'mini festival'.

The refreshment tent will have coffee available daily between 11.30 and 12.30, and teas will be served in the afternoons from 3.0 to 6.0 p.m. The 'Shop' will be open all the time, and a house-to-house collection is being organised for CAKES to be sold; so, please Cooks- start baking in time for the festival!

Tickets for the Concerts are available from the Committee Members, or Choir Men, for the Dover Orchestral Concert on Saturday May 25th and the Madrigal Concert on May 27th.

Have you bought your raffle tickets yet? Try Bill Rose at Church Cottage, (by the Church) - your chance to win £50!!

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JUNE 1974

<u>BRIDGE</u>	<u>PATRIXBOURNE</u>	<u>BEKESBOURNE</u>
<u>2nd June - Whit Sunday</u>		
11 a.m. Matins Family Service 11.45 Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. The Office of Evensong with Short Address	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Communion with Sermon
<u>9th June - Trinity Sunday</u>		
9 a.m. Holy Communion Series III 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion
<u>16th June - 1st Sunday after Trinity</u>		
9 a.m. Sung Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	8 a.m. Holy Communion
<u>23rd June - 2nd Sunday after Trinity</u>		
8 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon 11.45 Holy Communion
<u>30th June - 3rd Sunday after Trinity (Octave of St. Peter)</u>		
9 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon

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Letter from the Vicar, the Rev. Canon C. E. H. Perry

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne,
We have brought forward the Magazine so that it is on sale while the Flower Festival is in progress at Bridge, so my first words are for those visitors who have come to see St. Peter's Church looking so beautifully adorned with flowers.

May I welcome you sincerely to our old church. It is old, in fact, part is Norman, and it was built over a chapel that was constructed almost in Roman times. So the Christian faith has been kept alive all these centuries in the building in which you stand.

I hope you enjoy the visit and can come again to worship in this church when the Festival is over. A church is not so much the building but the people in it, and so we must always be seeking to enlarge our circle of witness.

I would like to thank all the many helpers who have worked so very hard in the preparation of the Flower Festival - Mr. Peter Lawrence and the members of the Committee, those who have cleaned the walls and windows of the church, the floors and pews. Thankyou for the many gifts for the stalls and Draw, and those who who did the printing and gave advice for the publicity. Much enthusiasm has been shown and we are indeed grateful. We wish the Flower Festival a great success.

The May Fayre at Bekesbourne was a most happy affair. There is always a great sense of family and "belonging" in Bekesbourne Church, and we always have the loving support of the village which we value greatly. A sum of nearly £75.00 was the outward result. Thankyou for your gifts, your work and loyalty, and your support and presence.

Both Bridge and Bekesbourne Churches are dedicated to St. Peter Apostle and Martyr. St. Peter's Day is on June 29th and we shall keep the Sunday, June 30th as our Patronal Festival Day when we shall say special prayers for our two Churches and all who worship within them.

You will know by now that Dr. Donald Coggan, Archbishop of York has been nominated to succeed Dr. Michael Ramsey as Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr. Coggan envisages the five years he is likely to hold office as a period of evolutionary change for the Church of England. There is likely to be both

discussion and may be decision on reassessment of the relationship between the Church and Parliament; and also a continuing move and discussion concerning the ordination of women clergy.

Yours affectionately in our Blessed Lord,
Colin E.H. Perry
Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 1974

JUNE

2nd Sunday WHIT SUNDAY
5th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion with Intercessions
9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church.
9th Sunday TRINITY SUNDAY
11th Tuesday St. Barnabus the Apostle. Holy Communion
at Bridge Church, 9.30 a.m.
12th Wednesday Young Wives Group Coffee Evening, at Bridge
Village Hall, 7 - 9 p.m.
16th Sunday First Sunday after Trinity
17th Monday M.U. Branch meeting at 37 Union Road, Bridge
at 2.45 p.m.
18th Tuesday Bridge & Patrixbourne W.I. meeting at 7 p.m.
Bridge Village Hall.
19th Wednesday Bridge Church Wives Group A.G.M. at 7.30 p.m.
Bridge Village Hall
20th Thursday Oecumenical Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon
St Stephen's Cottage, Bridge, (Mrs. Giles Rooke)
East Bridge M.U. Deanery Evening Holy Communion
at Wickhambreaux Church at 7.30 p.m.
23rd Sunday Second Sunday after Trinity
24th Monday St. John Baptist. H.C. Bridge Church, 9.30 a.m.
29th Saturday St. Peter. H.C. Bridge Church 9.30 a.m.
30th Sunday Third Sunday after Trinity (Within the
Octave of the Patronal Festival of St. Peter's
Bridge, & St. Peter's Bekesbourne.)

JULY

3rd. Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge Church, 9.30am
Bridge Church Wives Ramble, starting Bridge
Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church Bridge

27th April 1974 Keith Seary
Susan Bailey
27th April 1974 Percy Edward Weatherall
Olga Darvill
18th May 1974 Trevor James
Annette Susan Punyer

Holy Baptism

St Mary's Church Patrixbourne

19th May 1974 Paul James Brockman

May They Rest in Peace

14th May 1974 James Watts
(at South Ealing Cemetry)

NOTICE

A CIVIC SERVICE to mark the INAUGURATION OF THE CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL is to be held in Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday July 21st at 6.30 p.m.
The Archbishop of Canterbury will preach.
The Dean and Chapter together with the District Churches Group invite you to attend this service. The Mayor and the District Councillors of the Canterbury City, with representatives of other authorities in the area will be attending.
The Congregation are asked to be seated by 6.15 p.m.

Please let me know if you would like to attend this service, as although seats cannot be reserved an indication of numbers is helpful.

C.E.H.P.

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Lenten Offerings amounted to £20.14 for the Church Missionary Society. Very many thanks to all contributors.

M. Meigh

WRVS CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SCHEME

The WRVS Children's Holiday Scheme was started to provide holidays in the country or at the seaside for children who have a special need because of difficult home circumstances. Since the commencement of the scheme the number of children for whom holidays are requested has increased enormously and we need more and more hostesses to help accomodate them.

All children going on holiday have a medical examination 48 hours before departure from home and a medical certificate signed by the child's own doctor or a member of the Local Authority Nursing Staff is obtained.

WRVS makes all travelling arrangements for the child and also arranges for an escort to accompany them to and from the holiday home. WRVS also sees that the child has sufficient and suitable clothing.

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	£4.00 for 10 days	
	£3.00 per week	} over 11 yrs.
	£4.50 for 10 days	

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BRIDGE GROUP

We are holding a Coffee Morning with a Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle, on Wednesday JULY 10th, from 10.30 a.m. to noon, in the garden of Church Cottage, Bridge (if wet, in the house) Please come and support us, and bring your friends.

F.E. Apps, Hon Sec. Bridge Group

BRIDGE

BRIDGE MOTHER'S UNION

JUNE

- 5th Wednesday Corporate Communion with Intercessions
Bridge Church at 9.30 a.m.
- 17th Monday Branch meeting at 2.45 p.m. 37 Union Road,
Speaker: Mrs. Field
- 20th Thursday Holy Communion Wickhambreaux Church 7.30 p.m.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

JUNE

- 5th Wednesday "Desert Island Discs". Please bring your
own record. Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
- 12th Coffee Evening in the Village Hall. Cakes,
Preserves, White Elephants or anything
Saleable. Open to the Villagers - so
please come and support us. 7.30 - 9 p.m.
- 19th A.G.M. in the Village Hall. Please make a
special effort to come - Cheese and wine
will be served. 7.30 p.m.
- JULY 3rd. Rambles through White Hill Woods. Starting
approx 7.15 p.m., Finish Village Hall for
Refreshments.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet June 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th,
at 11 a.m. Bridge Church.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th June in the
Village Hall, Bridge at 7 p.m.

Speaker: Mr. E.A. Armitage "On Being Musical"
with boys from the Milner Court Orchestra.

Competition: Six Shortbread pieces.

BRIDGE CHOIR

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Basil Milner to Bridge, as official Deputy Organist and Choirmaster, playing at all services not played by me. He brings great and varied experience to the job and the music at Bridge will benefit greatly.

Mr. Selwyn Lewis of course remains as an assistant organist and a valuable help as always.

Our thanks are due to Miss Kitty Wass for her help in the past.

P.G.

BEKESBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE MAY FAYRE

I would like to thank all who helped with our May Fayre, also all who gave produce, gifts, cakes and prizes for the raffles etc., and last but not least for the donations we received.

To you all a very big Thankyou!

D. Sandall

The results of the May Fayre were as follows:-

Mr. Shorey	Tombola	£ 4.82
Mrs. Kingsford &	Cakes	£12.34
Mrs. Smith	Gifts Stall	£22.62
Mrs. Sandall	Doll's Name	£ 1.06
	Smarties	£ 1.00
Miss D. Hogben	Weight of Cake	£ 0.66
Miss D. Hogben &		
Mrs. Talbot	Teas	£ 1.53
Alan Farbrace	Choir Stall	£ 2.25
Mr. Tyler	Plants	£ 6.95
Mrs. Farrow &		
Mrs. Farbrace	Jumble	£ 5.27
Mrs. Tyler &		
Mrs. Grey	Raffle	£ 9.90

Miss Prescott	Donation	£ 1.00
Miss Edwards	Donation	£ 5.00
Mrs. Scales	Donation	£ 1.00

£75.40

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

On June 11th at 7.15 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Talk: 'Herbs & Herb Growing' by Mr. Watson

Competition: A Cheese Salad

Hostesses: Mrs. Scales & Mrs. Sandall

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

Church Cleaning Rota

June 1st	.... Mrs. Kingsford
	.... Mrs. Smith
8th	.... Mrs. Farbrace
15th	.... Mrs. Hogben
22nd	.... Mrs. Watson
29th	.... Mrs. Grey
July 7th	.... Mrs. Sandall

Flower Rota

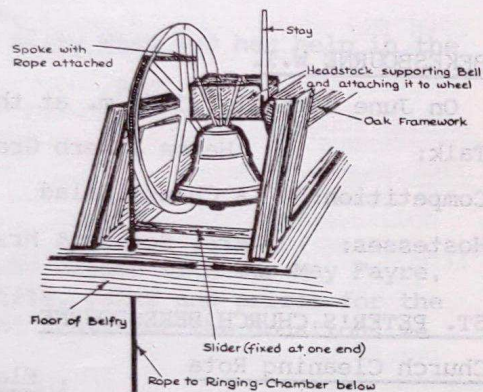
June 2nd	.... Mrs. Sandall
9th	.... Mrs. Whigham
16th	.... Mrs. Kingsford
23rd	.... Mrs. Coombes
30th	.... Mrs. Whigham
July 7th	.... Mrs. Sandall

THE PARISH BELLS

The three Churches of Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne all have bells to ring out the Christian message to the surrounding villages. And there the similarity stops, for at St Mary's Patricxbourne there is one bell rung by the clapper being swung onto the bell to make it sound; and the three bells at Bridge, mentioned by Hasted the Historian as being in situ in 1588 are also rung in the same way, there being one ringer - Jack - who has all three bell ropes connected together to make the job simpler!

But at Bekesbourne, you have a true ring of bells. They were hoisted up into place in the tower towards the end of the last century, after the tower roof had been raised two feet to accommodate them. These bells are rung by a team of six people, one for each bell; and the bells are hung in a swinging framework so that each swings easily through a 360 degree movement. To show what is meant here is a diagram.

The rope is pulled and released until the bell swings each way to an inverted position. There is a point of balance as the bell swings up; if that is passed the stay hits the slider stop. Thus the bell can be left at rest 'up'. The tenor at Bekesbourne is 8 cwt. so beware of pulling on the rope when the bell is up – the unwary could be dragged up to the ceiling in a trice!



Hanging the bells for change-ringing, a peculiarly English method, was developed after the Reformation. The early ringers who became proficient in the art started societies, such as the Ancient Society of College Youths, formed in 1637. It is the duty of present-day members of this society to ring at Westminster and St. Paul's on State occasions.

The methods used were rationalised by Fabian Stedman, a printer at Cambridge who printed a book on Campanology in 1668. He originated the method known as Stedman Doubles.

If you watched Dorothy L. Sayers' book "Nine Tailors" in its televised version recently, you will know that the larger bells produce so much sound vibration as well as tone, that a man can be killed by being subjected to the noise at close quarters. As Dorothy Sayers comments in her preface, most people prefer to hear bells at a distance with nostalgia to the fore.

She also said, and this is worth noting, that the music of church bells is the one really loud noise made to the praise of God!

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ST. THOMAS'S R.C. CHURCH BRIDGE BARHAM GROUP

A Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale will be held on Thursday 20th June from 10.30 a.m. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Giles Rooke, St. Stephen's Cottage, Bridge, in aid of St. Mary's Patrixbourne and St. Peter's Bridge, Bridge Methodist Church and St. Thomas' R.C. Church, Canterbury. Everyone is welcome and there will be stalls of Gifts, Cakes, Groceries, and Garden Produce.

St. Stephen's Cottage is just a moment's walk up the hill towards Canterbury; at the crossroads turn right and the house is twenty yards on the right. Any helpers who might be available would be most welcome - would they please telephone Barham 381.

Katy Cobbett

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR JULY 1974

BRIDGE	PATRIXBOURNE	BEKESBOURNE
<u>7th July - 4th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
11 a.m. Matins Family Service 11.45 Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. The Office of Evensong with Short Address	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. (Sung) Communion and Sermon
<u>14th July - 5th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
9 a.m. Holy Comm. Series III 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion
<u>21st July - 6th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
9 a.m. Sung Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon
<u>28th July - 7th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
8 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon 11.45 Holy Communion
<u>4th August - 8th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
11 a.m. Matins Family Service 11.45 Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. The Office of Evensong with Short Address	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Holy Communion and Sermon

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week, in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne & Bekesbourne,
I would like to express my grateful thanks to all who have so wonderfully contributed to the success of our recent Flower Festival at Bridge Church. We are indeed deeply grateful to them. Their endeavours and enthusiasm I know gave great pleasure to the many people who came to visit us to see the very lovely floral decorations. We owe a great debt to Mr. Peter Lawrence, the Chairman of the Flower Festival Committee who first sowed the seeds of the idea and whose unflagging enthusiasm and drive brought it to fruition. Sincere thanks are due to the East Kent Rose Society and all its cheerful willing workers and to the organisers and artistes who contributed so much to the musical scene with the concerts held in the church.

I must also add my thanks to Mr. John Purchase for the preparation and printing of the guide to the church, and all the other material connected with the Festival.

One of the happiest things that is happening in Bridge and the surrounding villages at the moment and which is putting fresh heart into us all is the way in which fellow Christians are beginning to work together and to work for each other. This feeling was given expression to at the recent Oecumenical Bring and Buy Sale and Coffee Morning at St. Thephen's Cottage, Bridge, organised by the Bridge and Barham Group of St. Thomas' Roman Catholic Church. We grow into unity of spirit by such quiet and simple ways. It is truly wonderful to be stepping into a new era when the only value of old controversies is seen to be the insights they give into revealed truths.

To the Children who will be leaving Bridge Primary School at the end of this term I wish every blessing and happy studies at your new schools. Do not forget to say a simple gracious 'thank you' to your teachers who have been responsible for your development of God's gift of mind and intellect during the past years. They do so much to help children in their care to face a changing and often bewildering world.

Yours sincerely in our Lord,

Colin E. H. Perry

Colin E.H. Perry
Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR JULY 1974

June

30th Sunday Third Sunday after Trinity

July

3rd Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge at 9.30 a.m.
Y.W. Group Ramble through Whitehill Woods,
leaving Bridge at 7.15 p.m.

7th Sunday Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10th Wednesday Y.W. Group Annual Outing to Winter Garden
Margate

14th Sunday Fifth Sunday after Trinity

15th Monday M.U. Branch Meeting at 37 Union Road, 2.45 p.m.

16th Tuesday Bridge W.I. Meeting, Village Hall, 7 p.m.

19th Friday W.I. Coffee Evening at Mrs. M. Jones,
18 Conyngham Lane, Bridge

21st Sunday Sixth Sunday after Trinity
Canterbury City Council Service at 6.30 p.m.
at Canterbury Cathedral

27th Saturday Canterbury Diocesan Synod at 11 a.m. at
All Saints, Upper Norwood.

28th Sunday Seventh Sunday after Trinity

August

7th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge at 9.30 a.m.

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet at 11 a.m. on July 14th, 21st, 28th.

No Junior Church during the Month of August

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Mrs. Turpin is very kindly holding a Coffee Morning
at her home at Dering Close in aid of the above on
Thursday August 1st., 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There will be
a Bring and Buy Stall.

We shall be very glad of your support at this event
for this very well worth charity.

F.V.B. Mason

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church Bridge

9th June 1974 Michael Harold Medway
Miriam Jane Fussell

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

30th June 1974 Christopher John Smith
Christine Susan Hulson

May They Rest in Peace

St. Mary's Church Patricxbourne

25th May 1974 Charles Apps

St. Peter's Church Bridge

21st June 1974 Frank Horton Fisher

At Barham Crematorium

10th June 1974 Francis Alden Petts

27th June 1974 Percy Wilson

BRIDGE AND PATRICXBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held in Bridge Village Hall
on Tuesday July 16th at 7 p.m.

Speaker: The well Known Mr Harry Hawkins on
"Reminiscences of Old Bridge"

Competition: A Specimen Rose

Members are reminded of the Coffee Evening to be held
at the home of our President, Mrs. Margaret Jones,
"Ashleigh" 18 Conyngham Lane, Bridge, on Friday July 19th
7 p.m. onwards.....

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

Tuesday July 9th at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall,
Talk: 'The Perfect Hostess' by Mrs. Swayne

Competition: Three Roses

Hostesses: Mrs. Whigham, Mrs. Coombes & Mrs. Baker

BRIDGE CHURCH 'FLOWER FESTIVAL' 25-27 MAY 1974

RECEIPTS

Collected in Church	£179.00	
Sale of 'Church Guide' Books	<u>37.00</u>	£216.00
Receipts from Concerts		99.00
Raffle		252.00
Shop		187.00
Teas & Refreshments		90.00
Donations		<u>8.00</u>
		£852.00

PAYMENTS

Cost of Flowers		£ 60.00
Publicity & Printing		55.00
Tentage		49.00
<u>Donations to Societies</u>		
East Kent Rose Society	£10	
Dover Orchestral Society	£10	
Kent University Madrigal Society	£5	
British Red Cross Society	<u>£5</u>	30.00
Printing Church Guides,		
Raffle Tickets, Concert Programmes		57.00
<u>Supplies</u>		
Teas		70.00
Shop		17.00
Surplus		<u>514.00</u>
		£852.00

NOTES

All the Raffle Prizes were donated including two gifts of £25.00 each, and vouchers of £15 and £12.50. All the items sold in the Shop were donated except for the engraved "Birds" and the postcards.

On behalf of the Festival Committee I would like to thank all those who worked so hard, in some cases weeks before the event, to make the Flower Festival tick along so smoothly during the three glorious days of the Spring Bank Holiday Weekend.


To single out the contribution of individuals would be

unfair, however, special mention must be made of the many, and likewise the Organisations they represent, who gave so much of their time and energy but who are not members of our Church, or even one of its Groups; nevertheless they pitched in to give a hand -- I cannot thank them enough. Without the help of these good folk the Committee would have been hard put to man the Festival on a "we never close" basis for three "longish" days.

Lastly, a special appreciation to all our Visitors - without their support our efforts would have been in vain and the Festival would have failed - in the event it was a success.

H. Peter M. Lawrence, Chairman
Flower Festival Committee

THE FLOWER FESTIVAL



Flowers arranged around the walls
in pink and white and vivid red,
bring beauty to each window space
between the tablets to the dead.
The sun shines through the new-cleaned glass,
spreading an iridescent glow
across the chancel and alter rails,
dappling all that lies below
the towering pillars of scarlet blooms
that flank the alter on each side.
Above the tablet that notes the death
of Sir Arnold Braem's bride,
Cornelius Jansen's portrait surveys
the dazzling scene; and underneath -
Macobus Casey's divided tomb
sundered in two, mirrors the grief
of Ireland, the land from which he came.
From France also there are two
memorials - one with a Proustian ring,
the late Baron Montesquieu;
the other, Amelius Sicard,
Huguenot doctor of ling ago.
These flowers confront these monuments
and query our final overthrow.
They keep a vigil in the night
when everyone has gone away,
and hold their colours through the fading light
with promise of a resurrection day.

R. Hunter

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

- Wednesday July 3rd. A Ramble through Whitehill Wood, starting 7.15 p.m., finishing at Village Hall for refreshments.
- Wednesday July 10th. Members Annual Outing to Winter Garden Margate, and Evening meal at La Cresidor, Upstreet.
- Monday July 15th. Young Wives Rally at Christ Church College (North Holmes Road entrance), 7.30 p.m. for 8, Coffee served. Talk.... SEE NOTICE BELOW.

MOTHERS' UNION

Canterbury Diocese Young Wives Group TALK

"BATTERED WIVES AND BATTERED BABIES"

Speakers:-

Dr. W.J. Appleyard, B.M.Bch., M.R.C.P.
Consultant Paediatrician, Canterbury & Thanet District.

Mr. W. Beckett
Case Work Supervisor, S.E. Region N.S.P.C.C.

Mr. D. King
Senior Probation Officer, Canterbury District.

at: CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE HALL

on: Monday July 15th. Admission Free
7.30 p.m. for 8 Questions are Invited

MOTHERS' UNION

- Wednesday July 3rd. Corporate Communion and Intercessions, 9.30 a.m., Bridge Church
- Monday July 15th. Branch Meeting at 37 Union Road, at 2.45 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Haines
- Wednesday Aug. 7th. Corporate Communion 9.30 a.m. at Bridge
No Branch Meeting

BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB

Considerable interest has been shown in the formation of a Tennis Club for Bridge and the surrounding villages. The Bridge Sports Management Committee decided recently that the construction of two hard tennis courts should be

the first stage of the proposed development of the recreation ground.

Competitive estimates have been obtained and these show a cost of about £3,500 at present, without allowing for inflation.

Grants and loans are being applied for from local government and other sources. The Tennis Club itself must raise nearly £1,000 and a letter has been sent to every house in Bridge and around, asking for donations, loans and even offering long-term membership for a lump-sum payment. Also, appeals are being made to local firms for donations.

The village needs this extra sporting facility and with prices rising constantly, if the opportunity is not taken now, it may be too late and we may never get the chance again.

Already the response has been encouraging.

J.E. Hill. Chairman
Bridge Tennis Club

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

Cleaning Rota

- July 6th Mrs. Sandall
- 13th Mrs. Allen
- 20th Mrs. Kingsford
- 27th Mrs. Smith
- Aug 3rd Mrs. Farbrace
- Aug 3rd Mrs. Hogben

Flower Rota

- July 7th ... Mrs. Sandall
- 14th ... Mrs. Sandall
- 21st ... Mrs. Hogben
- 28th ... Mrs. Sandall
- Aug 4th ... Mrs. Russell

EDITORIAL

If you picked up your copy of the Magazine this month and felt in a vague way it was different from past issues you were right! Metrication has struck! The paper industry has been moving towards metrication for some time, and the paper mills are concentrating on the European standards of 'A' sizes - so to avoid waste we have adopted the A5 size (for those who like to know these things). This has meant a narrower but deeper page. In fact there is room for more words, so you should gain in the long run.

Again, to streamline production and keep the cost down we have discontinued a separate coloured paper cover, but each month will be distinguished by a different colour ink on the front and back for the 'standing matter'.

C. E. H. P.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUGUST 1974

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

4th August - 8th Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matins Family Service 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. The Office of Evensong with Short Address	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Communion and Sermon
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11th August - 9th Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Holy Comm. Series III 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion
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18th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Sung Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon
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25th August - 11th Sunday after Trinity

8 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	9 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon 11.45 a.m. Holy Communion
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1st September - 12th Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matins Family Service 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm. 6.30 p.m. The Office of Evensong with Short Address	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Communion and Sermon
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Letter from the Vicar, the Rev. Canon C. E. H. Perry

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patrixbourne & Bekesbourne,

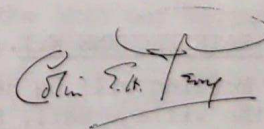
May I wish all who will be on holiday a really happy time. Our various organisations and Junior Church have closed down until September. The Choir at St. Peter's Church Bridge are also on holiday. Wherever you go, I hope you will visit the Parish Church or a Christian Church if you are abroad and unite your worship in spirit and in truth within the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. May your holiday be a time of refreshment and restoration, both in body, mind and spirit. "Holidays are Holy Days, days to praise God our Father, for His wonderful world". There is always to be said the simple prayer of the child on holiday: "My God, it is good to be here" like he learnt at school and knows to be true.

My own holiday was spent in Norway, where I was very much struck by the loving way in which the Norwegians care for their cemeteries. All were most beautifully and neatly kept, with fresh flowers on the graves, making the cemeteries places of beauty and tranquility. I felt rather ashamed of some of our English churchyards, which are sadly neglected.

I would like to thank the Rev. Lionel Blaxland and the Rev. Leonard Geddes for their loving care of the parishes when I was away. Without their help I could not have gone away on holiday and I am deeply appreciative of their kindness.

Tuesday August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration and there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church. The sense that just behind and beyond the outward form of our lives the glory is waiting to be discovered is very much the message of this Festival, for in the midst of his busy life Christ takes his disciples apart after the act of faith of St. Peter confessing that He is the Messiah and the glory of his divine nature shines through the outward and familiar form of His Person and in some mystical way this glory is associated with the Crucifixion.

Yours sincerely in our Lord,



Colin E.H. Perry
Rural Dean and Vicar.

CALENDAR

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 1974

August

4th Sunday	Eighth Sunday after Trinity
6th Tuesday	Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Holy Communion at Bridge Church, 9.10 a.m.
7th Wednesday	M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge at 9.30 a.m.
11th Sunday	Ninth Sunday after Trinity
18th Sunday	Tenth Sunday after Trinity
20th Tuesday	Bridge & Patricxbourne W.I., Village Hall at 7 p.m.
24th Saturday	St. Bartholomew the Apostle
25th Sunday	Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
September	
1st Sunday	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church Bridge

6th July 1974	Derek Bowley Denise Mary Reed
27th July 1974	Patrick Alan Twigg Gabrielle Madeline Bay Green

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church Bridge

5th July 1974 Joseph Edward Underhill

At Barham Crematorium

10th July 1974 Ernest Reginald Leslie
Groombridge

BRIDGE AND PATRICXBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 20th August at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall, Bridge.
There will be a S.E.G.A.S. Cookery Demonstration.
Competition: Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Filling.

From generation to generation ...

P^r Henry Oshtey For half a Yeare spent to Michaelmas 1791 " " " 12 6
op^t Mr Elgar For two Bills for the^r Shuakins Shoes " " " 10 "
P^r Doctor Chandler's Bills for curing Step^r Chandler's Leg " " " 3 7 10
P^r For 600 of Baggots distributed to the Poor all^y the^m " " " 5 2 "

Total of the Disbursements this Year ... 113 19 7 1/2

The Receipts as Followeth

By the first Sess granted at Easter April 26th 1791 54 18 "
By the second Sess granted at the Vestry held March 21st 1792 36 13 6
Due to the Parish from last Years Disbursements 1791 2 6 "
Due of Miss Baker's Yeare spent for the Manse to Sunday 92 " 10 "
Due of John Wilehead by Williamites for Eliz Webb's Charges 3 6 "
of the Vestry held ... 16 6 1 1/2
April 10th 1792 This Acc^t was Audited
and OK by us whose names are here unto
Subscrib^r

Robert Phillips Vicar
 Tho^s Southee Churchwarden
 Rich^d Gardner

Reproduced from the Parish Accounts for the year 1791.

When we began looking for material for the Bokesbourne 'Son et Lumiere' John and I were given the great privilege of searching through the Parish Records for items of Village history. It proved to be a fascinating and very absorbing task and quite a few midnight hours were spent in following the varying fortunes of Bokesbourne's families from records that date back to the middle of the 16th century.

Parish Accounts at the end of the 18th and beginning of the 19th century are particularly interesting and reveal a great deal about the way in which a Parish community looked after its own affairs and inhabitants. The Overseers accounts seem to have been most meticulously kept, often in beautiful flowing copperplate handwriting, and with a wealth of detail.

At present many of us are groaning over the recent rate increases and wondering what "they" do with all our money at County Hall. We thought you may be interested in a few extracts taken from the Overseers records which show how rates were levied from the landowners and principle tenants for 'the Relief of the Poor of the Parish of Beaksbourn'. It is interesting to note that in 1792 it was at One shilling 'on' the Pound, in 1807 the rate was 2s 6d in the pound until 1809 when it dropped to 2s and remained at that figure for quite a long time.

Typically entries such as these appeared in 1792

	£	s	d
The Expenses of the Widow Suten viz:			
Payts for 22 weeks @ 12 pence per week	1	2	0
Sarah Suten for nursing her Mother 10 days of her illness		4	0
Mrs Mouben for Nursing her at several times	11	6	
Mrs Witnal for Setting her up and Laying her Fourth	2	0	
Mr Southe for a Shroud	4	0	
Foure Men for Carrying her to the Ground	5	0	
The Clerks and Ministers Burial Fees	9	3	
John Pilcher for a Coffin	10	6	
Edward Wood for two shops Bills in her illness	10	0	
John Gooden for Shop Bill left unpaid before her illness	6	6	
Doctor Chandler as ye Bill	3	8	6

In 1804 when John Hill was Overseer there are entries such as these:

	£	s	d
July Indentures for Wilkes Boy	1	3	
Wine & Beer for Widow Pitcher	4	3	
Meat and Porter for ditto at sundry times	1	4	9
Relieved a Poor Man in Distress	1	0	
Sept Gave Wilkes Boy at Binding Him Apprentice	2	6	
Shoes for Joseph Gage & 2 of Mays Children	18	9	
Cloth for Shirts for Gage & ditto	16	0	

April 1804

Mr Neale for Shaving the Poor at the Workhouse 8 4½

Later in 1805 Thomas Southee was appointed Overseer and the entries are brief and to the point, for instance

July 7th Relieved Soles	1	0	0
Soles Wife a Shift		4	9

and in October

5th Bought Gage 2 Shirts	12	0
Dame Bayly a Peticoat	6	9
30th Gave Jull for Clothes	1	5 0

April 1807 Bought Kate Hopper a Gown 10 0

In 1807 the rates were paid by the following:

C. Dering	for Howletts
ditto	for Mud Hole
Revd. John Toke	Vicarage
Richard Peckham	Gate House
ditto	Chalkpit
ditto	Woodlands
Thomas Southee Senr.	Parsonage
ditto Junr.	Cobham Court
Mrs Gardner	Farm
ditto	Farm
Thos Wanstall	Farm
Edw. White	Farm
Mr Baker	House & Land
etc.	

Rates were also drawn from 'Out Dwellers' like T. Garner at Hoad Farm, Mr Dilnott at Adisham for Land and John Southee at Woolton, and also at Adisham, W. Sladden.

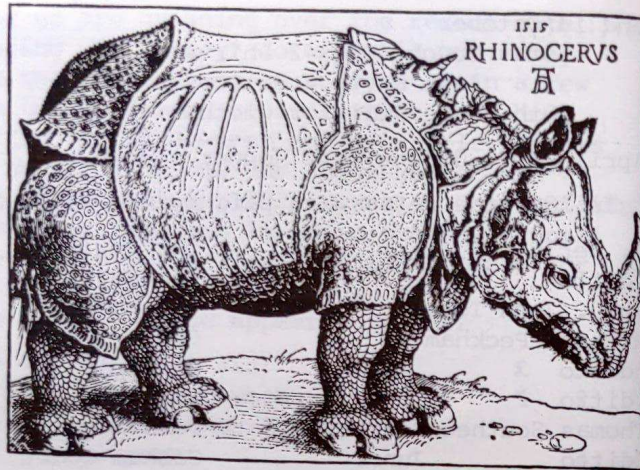
Bekesbourne has a rich and interesting history and one deserving a great deal of research. If anyone has any items of interest such as documents or letters or maps or photographs that could help to establish more links in its story we should be very grateful if we could see them, and if there is anything we could borrow we would of course be most careful with it.

Anne Purchase

The Expenses of Miss Wilkes at Canterbury viz
 To Mr Southie for two Weeks he paid from January 17th to 27th 10 "
 To Mr Southie for two Weeks from 17th to 30th day of 2nd Week " 10 "
 Given him in her distress in her Lying In " 2 6
 Paid the Nurse for two Weeks in her Lying In at 2nd " 4 "
 Paid two Weeks pay from March 14th to 21st 18th } 1 10 "
 at 6th of 1st of Week to Easter

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

If the weather is showery you might try colouring our Rhinoceros picture. It is taken from the wood cut by Albrecht Durer — made in 1515. He had never seen the animal in real life, so he based the picture on drawings made by a friend. See if you can find a photo of a real Rhinoceros or go to the Zoo, to spot where Durer went wrong.



BEKESBOURNE

FLOWER ROTA FOR BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

August 4th	Mrs. Russell
11th	Mrs. Grey
18th	Mrs. Kingsford
25th	Mrs. Noble
Sept 1st	Mrs. Hogben

CHURCH CLEANING FOR BEKESBOURNE

August 3rd	Mrs. Hogben
10th	Mrs. Watson
17th	Mrs. Grey
24th	Mrs. Sandall
31st	Mrs. Allen
Sept 7th	Mrs. Kingsford and Mrs. Smith

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

August 13th at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall	
Talk:	"My Holiday Abroad with a Phrase Book" by Mrs. J. Burnham
Competition:	An Apron from odds and ends.
Hostesses:	Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Metcalf & Mrs. Wheeler.

BRIDGE

BRIDGE CHURCH YOUNG WIVES GROUP

An enjoyable evening was had by all when 31 members and 9 friends went to the Harry Secombe Show at Margate, followed by a meal afterwards. It was a happy ending to a successful year. Now we are on holiday until September.

In the meantime, the enthusiasts still meet on the recreation ground, every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. during August for a "friendly" game of Bat and Trap against their husbands. At present, the wives outnumber their husbands, so do come and give your support. Children can play quite safely near by.

The Group will re-open on Wednesday 11th September. Watch the next issue of this magazine for fuller details.

PROFILE ON BASIL MILNER

Deputy Organist and Choirmaster of Bridge Church

I began my musical career at the age of eight, when I started to learn the piano under the tutorage of Miss May Waters at Whitstable. At the same time I became a choirboy at All Saints Church, Whitstable. When I was twelve the late Mr. E.V. Thomas (at that time Organist of the church) gave me a few lessons and allowed me to use the organ for practising in return for assisting him. When my voice changed, at the age of fourteen, I became Organist and Choirmaster at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Swalecliffe, a position which I held until I started in Lloyds Bank, Tunbridge Wells in 1938. Whilst there I became Organist at Withyham Church, and assistant to Mr. Pamment at Christchurch, Tunbridge Wells.

As with many others the war made a considerable break in my life. I joined the 2nd. New Zealand Expeditionary Force and served in the Middle East for three years. I was rather seriously injured in the Greek Campaign, and spent most of this time in the middle East at Helwan, Maadi and Cairo, with occasional sorties into the Desert. I often played at the English Churches in Helwan and Maadi and also at All Saints Cathedral, Cairo.

When I was demobilized in 1946 I returned to Canterbury, and whilst working in the bank during the day, I studied in the evenings at the R.S.C.M. College under Dr. Alan

Blackall and Dr. Sydney Campbell. I became Organist and Choirmaster at Preston Church, Faversham until 1950 when I moved to Sturry Church for a couple of years; then to Herne Bay Parish Church for a year when my wife and I bought a house in Whitstable. I was Organist at the Congregational Church there until 1954, when we moved into Canterbury and I succeeded Dr. Blackall at St. Dunstan's Church, a position I held until January 1st, this year.

All my life I have been very interested in the Scout Movement and I was an Assistant Scout Master in Tunbridge Wells. In the Middle East I joined the 23rd Cairo Rover Crew and we ran several Scout Troops in Cairo. Whist there I became Musical Director of the Cairo Gang Show in May 1943, which ran to packed houses for a week. After I returned to "Civvy Street" I became Scout Leader and later, Group Scout Leader of the 3rd Whitstable Troop; and, after moving to Canterbury, Cub Scout Leader of the Choir School Troop (1st. Canterbury).

Last year I met an old acquaintance of mine from the Cairo days, who had produced the Cairo Gang Show, and it transpired that he had also produced the Thanet Gang Show held in the Winter Gardens, Margate every year at Easter, since the War. He mentioned that his Musical Director was leaving, and was I interested? So, for the last two years I have also been Musical Director of the Thanet Gang Show.

This is just to give you a thumbnail sketch of my musical career and perhaps some idea of the man who has come to Bridge Parish Church as Deputy to your Organist and Choirmaster, Peter Giles.

Basil Milner

BRIDGE CHURCH CHOIR

As usual, the Bridge Choir will be officially on holiday during the month of August, when it is hoped that Choir parents will make the most of the opportunity to go out for the day on Sundays so as to make it more rare to do so during term time. It is of course hoped that the majority of holidays away fall into August.

Next month there will be the annual music report by the Organist and Choirmaster at Bridge which gives an account of the year's musical work, and a list of Choir members.

P.G.

End-spot

mini son et Lumière and organ recital



Earlier in the year we had the Flower Festival at Bridge; now it is the turn of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, to put on an entertainment. It is to be a mini Son-et-Lumiere combined with an Organ Recital on the following dates; Thursday September 19th, Friday September 20th and Saturday September 21st.

The Son-et-Lumiere traces the history of the Church and district of Bekesbourne — and a surprising one it is, having once been a 'limb' of the Cinque Port of Hastings appointing a deputy Mayor to that town, and containing such characters as Archbishop Cranmer and the venerable Dr. Beke who set out last century at the age of 73 to find a biblical mountain. The Organ Recital which forms the second half of the programme will feature a different well-known Organist each evening.

Make a note in your diaries; September 19, 20 and 21. Tickets will be available mid-August; they will be obtainable from P. G. Jordan, Butcher, in High Street, Bridge (Bridge 830321) and Stanley Grey of Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne (Bridge 830522).

*There will be a four page pull-out supplement in the September Magazine to give you full details of this unusual and interesting entertainment.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 1974

<u>BRIDGE</u>	<u>PATRIXBOURNE</u>	<u>BEKESBOURNE</u>
<u>1st September - 12th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
11 a.m. Matins Family Service 11.45 a.m. Holy Comm 6.30 p.m. The Office of Evensong with Short Address	8 a.m. Holy Communion	9.30 a.m. Sung Communion and Sermon
<u>8th September - 13th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
9 a.m. Holy Comm. Series III 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion
<u>15th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
9 a.m. Sung Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	8 a.m. Holy Communion	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon
<u>22nd September - 15th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
8 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Harvest Festival Service	6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong Preacher: Rev. S. Poole
<u>29th September - 16th Sunday after Trinity</u>		
9 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon	11 a.m. Matins and Sermon	11 a.m. Harvest Festival Service Preacher: Rev. L. Blaxland

Harvest Festival Services for all three Churches will be found detailed on page 7.

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week, in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne & Bekesbourne,

I do hope many of you will come to Bekesbourne Church at the mini Son et Lumiere on the following dates - 19th, 20th and 21st September followed by Festal Evensong at 6.30 p.m. on the 22nd. Many who have never visited this Church of ours should do so now and you may be surprised by the simple loveliness of the Church and its setting. There will be told something of the ever moving history of the village of Bekesbourne and glimpses of its distinguished inhabitants of the past. You will be enthralled with what emerges from a simple quiet typically English village and its countryside and its gentlefolk of different ages and centuries. You will find elsewhere details of the programme and the proposed course it will take. It will be another milestone in our Parish activities.

The month of September is a particularly beautiful month of the year associated with the final gathering in of the harvest, fruit and hop picking and the gradual changing of the colours of the leaves on the trees making the countryside aglow with the short-lived beauty of early autumn.

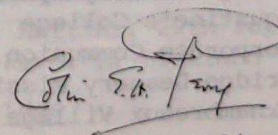
It is also associated with Michaelmas and the return and first coming of the children to school and the adventures of new schools and learning.

The festivals teach us as the General Thanksgiving expresses it the way to show our gratitude is "not only with our lips but in our lives". Our whole lives with their differing temperaments, emotions, gifts and graces comes from God and in return we should offer back to Him a worthy offering of our time, our talents and our substances.

Michaelmas reminds us of our fellow Christian in the Church Militant. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, the saints in the heavenly places who, as the lovely Michaelmas Collect says, always do good service in heaven and by His appointment succour and defend us on earth.

We ask God's blessing on all our activities in our parishes and villages which recommence this month of September.

Yours sincerely and affectionately in our Lord,



Colin E.H. Perry
Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1974

September

- 1st Sunday 12th Sunday after Trinity
4th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge at 9.30 a.m.
8th Sunday 13th Sunday after Trinity
Junior Church recommences at 11.00 a.m. Bridge.
Patricxbourne Church, Matins at 11.00 a.m.
Preacher Rev. Stewart Mill of St. Giles' Cathedral Edinburgh.
9th Monday M.U. Branch meeting at 2.45 p.m., 37 Union Rd.
Bekesbourne P.C.C. meeting 7.30 p.m. at Mulberry Cottage, Patricxbourne
10th Tuesday Bekesbourne W.I. Village Hall at 7.15 p.m.
11th Wednesday Young Wives Group Harvest Supper, Bridge, 7.30
15th Sunday 14th Sunday after Trinity. Vicar to preach on 'Ordination of Women' at 6.30 p.m. Bridge
17th Tuesday W.I. Harvest Supper 7 p.m. Bridge Village Hall
18th Wednesday Bridge Tennis Club Public Meeting 8 p.m. Red Lion
19th Thursday Bible Study Group meeting, Church Cottage, 8 p.m.
19-21st SON ET LUMIERE at Bekesbourne Church, see details on centre pages.
22nd Sunday 15th Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Festival at Patricxbourne 11 a.m.
Festal Evensong at Bekesbourne 6.30 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. Stanley Poole
N.B. No 11 a.m. Matins at Bekesbourne
Bridge Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Preacher: Mrs. A. Plumptre, Lay Reader
25th Wednesday Young Wives Group Meeting, Bridge Village Hall
29th Sunday 16th Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Festival at Bekesbourne, 11 a.m.
Preacher: Rev. L. Blaxland
- ### October
- 1st Tuesday East Bridge Deanery Synod, 7.30 p.m. at St. Augustine's College
2nd Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, 9.30 a.m., Bridge
5th Saturday East Bridge Deanery Missionary Festival at 3 p.m. at Wickhambreaux Village Hall.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church Bridge

4th August 1974 Graham Jeremy Bevan
Nigel Anthony Bevan
Richard Charles Bevan

May They Rest in Peace

At Barham Crematorium

31st July 1974 Margaret Julia Helen Lay
16th August 1974 Charles Whincup
19th August 1974 Edwin George Richard Baker
(At St. Peter's Church, Bridge, and afterwards at Barham Crematorium)
23rd August 1974 Wera Michailowna Lindegrun
23rd August 1974 Frederick Potts
at St. Mary's Church Lower Hardres

It is with regret we record the death above of Mr. Baker - the Baker of Bridge - and extend our very sincere condolences to his widow and family.

The loss to the community is the stronger in that the Bakery had to be closed and the cheerful service which was always given is going to be deeply missed by very many people - a service which can never be replaced.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne

11.00 a.m. Mattins, 22nd September

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

11.00 a.m. Mattins, 29th September
Preacher: Revd. L. Blaxland

St Peter's Church, Bridge

6.30 p.m. Evensong, 13th October

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

Flower Rota

September 1st Mrs. Hogben
8th Mrs. Mowll
15th Mrs. Sandall
22nd Son et Lumiere
29th Harvest Festival
October 6th Mrs. Tyler

Church Cleaning Rota

September 7th Mrs Kingsford and Mrs. Smith
14th Mrs. Farbrace
21st Mrs. Hogben
28th Mrs. Watson
October 5th Mrs. Grey

PLEASE NOTE

We are making a special effort to clean the walls of the Sanctuary on Monday September 9th, starting at 2.00 p.m. We would be very grateful for all offers of help - Please bring your own buckets!!

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

On September 10th at 7.15 p.m. in the Village Hall
Demonstration: Willow, Cane & Hedgerow Basketmaking
by Mrs. Pilcher
Competition: Jar Chutney
Hostesses: Mrs. Kingsford & Mrs. Davenport

BRIDGE

PRESCRIPTIONS

As from 1st September the regular prescription service is cancelled.

Anyone needing their prescriptions taken should contact any of the following by phone and make their own arrangements with the volunteers:-

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The story 800 years in the making —
an evening in the telling.

From Thursday September 19th to Saturday September 21st St. Peter's, Bekesbourne, will be the scene of a Son-et-Lumiere and Organ Recital. The organ recital is easy enough, we all know what that is! But there has been some puzzlement about Son-et-Lumiere. Translated, as you know, it means Sound and Light; a recording being played in the church while there are lighting changes to suit the narrative of the tape. We shall be telling the story of Bekesbourne and its church in this entertainment; how it began as a fishing village by a broad river that led to the sea and the Isle of Thanet; how the church was built, and how down the years the village and the church have fared. How Bekesbourne was once connected with Hastings, one of the Cinque Ports; how it dispensed its own justice; how the Reformation affected it; what life was like in the 18th century, and how outstanding men lived there — down to the 20th century and the two World Wars.

We are calling it Mini Son-et-Lumiere because it will be monophonic recording rather than stereo; and the lighting will be effective but not quite as grand as at Canterbury's Son-et-Lumiere that celebrated Becket's 800th anniversary!

A village story in a village setting, a church story set in a church in a garden at the head of a path down to the Nailbourne, now sadly dried up.

The greater part of the voices you hear are those of people actually connected with St. Peter's; but with the Prologue spoken by His Grace The Archbishop, Dr. Ramsay, and with music that includes a section of Canterbury Cathedral Choir specially recorded for this tape; harpsichord, organ and trumpet.

We have coupled with this Son-et-Lumiere an organ recital to follow that will feature on Thursday September 19th Mrs. Dorothy Ratcliffe, on Friday September 20th Martin Renshaw, and on Saturday September 21st Basil Milner, and we would like to record our sincere thanks to these busy musicians for giving their time and effort on behalf of St. Peter's Church.

This entertainment is being mounted to help raise funds for the maintenance of the fabric of the church; and you will learn later of a Christmas Play to be put on at St. Peter's, and a Flower Festival next year.

We have a story to tell. Come and hear it. Tickets are available from Mr. Jordan, Butcher, Bridge High Street (Bridge 830321) and Mr. Grey of Mill Cottage, Bekesbourne (Bridge 830522) or at the door. Adults 25p, children (limited number) 15p. Order early as St. Peter's only holds a capacity of 120 per night!

The reproduction below is from the booklet 'Notes on the History of Bekesbourne'— written by the Rev. Richard B. Pyper, M.A., who became Vicar of St. Peter's just prior to the First World War. The translation is from Norman French.

EXTRACT FROM DOMESDAY BOOK

“The same Bishop of Baieux holds in demesne, Burnes. It was taxed at 2 sulings. The arable land is six caruscates. In demesne there are two and 25 villeins, with four borderers having seven caruscates. There is a Church and six servants, and one mill of 38 pence and one saltpit of 30 pence, and half a fishery, of fourpence. Of pasture 40 pence. Wood for the pannage of six hogs and a half. Levine held it of K. Edward.

In The time of K. Edward the Confessor it was worth 12 pounds, and afterwards seven pounds, and yet it pays 18 pounds. What Hugo de Montfort holds is worth five shillings. These three Manors (*viz.*, this manor, and Hardres and Stelling both immediately before described) Rannulf (de Columbels) holds to ferme of the Bishop of Baieux.”

Dnus Philippus tunc temporis Vicarius de Beakstorn.

Helias tunc temporis Castellanus de LIVINGESTORN.

Wilhelmus de Suthfolk Clericus, ejusdem provincie cuius
nomo de st^e Edmundo se. apud Buriam in agro Suff^o
-ciensi

Laurentius dictus Le Well de LIVINGESTORN Acolitibus
habet litteras dimissorias ad omnes sacros ordines ad
tribunal Prioris et Conventus S. Gregorij Cant. Dat. 15^o
Die Dec. A.D. 1357. Ex Regro Cant.

Dnus Johannes de Eyton Lincoln. Diocis. presbyter habet
litteras institutivas ad Vicariam Ecclie de LIVINGES-
-torn in Cant. Diocis. Jan. 18. A.D. 1333. Ex Regro Cant.
Resignavit idem A.D. 1362. Post cuius Resignatione

Wilhelmus Wiggc ad eandem Vicariam admittitur sc. Jan. 2
1362. qui et pmutavit in Vicario de Patrickst^e.
et p hanc pmutatione ~~decessit~~ Beneficiorum

Simon Hitch, Vicaria de Patrickstorn dimissa, ^{admissa} ~~litteras~~
ad Vicariam de Beakstorn 4. Jul. Octobr. 1372

Marmaducus Smith institutus erat ad pmutationem
R. et R. Philippi et Mariae (sede tunc vacante per
deprivationem Thomae Cranmer Archiepo Cant.)
A.D. 1553. Ex Autograph. Presentationis

... duxit in uxorem ...

The entries above are from the oldest of the church records, and were made by Nicholas Batteley, Vicar of St. Peter's between 1685 and 1704. They note a series of appointments to the living and were written in Latin—as would have been natural at that time. He had clearly researched some of the entries in the Cathedral archives as he makes mention of this source.

The last entry in our reproduction is probably the most interesting, for on the deprivation of the archbishopric of Thomas Cranmer the living had no patron, and Catholic Queen Mary had to step in and appoint Marmaduke Smith in the year 1553. You will hear this story in the Son-et-Lumiere programme.

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

September 11th. HARVEST SUPPER, at the Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Welcome to new members as well as old members.

September 25th. Talk: 'My Work, it's Meaning & it's Reward' by
Mrs. Haggie (Matron at H.M. Borstal Prison Dover)

BRIDGE & PATRICKBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th September at
7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Bridge. This will be our Harvest
Supper, always a favourite.

Speaker: Mr. B. Gipson, showing slides of Kent.

Competition: Harvest Table Decoration.

MOTHER'S UNION

Mother's Union Corporate Communion on September 4th, 9.30 a.m.
with Intercessions.

Branch meeting at 37 Union Road, on Monday, September 9th, at
2.45 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. Sholl.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet September 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th at
11.00 a.m. New Children will be most welcome

A DEANERY MISSIONARY FESTIVAL

This will be held in Wickhambreaux Village Hall on
Saturday October 5th at 3 p.m. and we hope it will be
well supported by members of our congregations.

It is also hoped that there will be speakers from the
leading Missionary Societies and from Christian Aid.
Every Christian should be deeply concerned with the problems
facing the Church overseas, and so that we may be in a
position to ask questions and discuss matters with the
speakers there will be a Study Group in Wickhambreaux
Vicarage at 7.30 p.m. the four Wednesdays in September
commencing on the 4th. This Study Group is open to any
members of the congregation and it is hoped there will be
some who are sufficiently interested to want to take part.

The Festival will conclude with a service in Wickhambreaux
Church at 5.00 p.m.

BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB

Anybody interested is invited to a Public Meeting at the Red Lion, on Wednesday 18th September at 8.00 p.m.

As costs are continually rising the sooner we raise the necessary 25% the better. We have got nearly half that amount, and are asking members to join now, paying a subscription of £5.00 now, which will pay for the first season of play.

If, through lack of interest and support we are not able to get the courts, all money subscribed or donated will be refunded. However, let us hope that Bridge and district will make the most of this great opportunity - the land is free, - we only need about £500 more, so how about it? With a little effort we could have the courts for next summer!

Treasurer: David Pentin, 14 Brewery Lane, Bridge.

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SILVERFOIL COLLECTION

Miss K. Douglas, 4 Riverside Cottages, Patricxbourne, would like to thank all silverfoil collectors for their loyal help during the past season. It is fetching a good price and I have received a special letter of thanks from local headquarters for our excellent efforts. Please keep it up!

K.D.

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If there are any people in the village who, because of age or infirmity are unable to come to the Village Hall, but who would like to borrow books, if they will send me a postcard, either I or Mrs. Mallender will visit them to find out the type of books they like. We will then arrange for books to be brought to them.

Kitty Wass (Miss)
16 Union Road, Bridge.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We meet for the first time after the holidays on the 19th September at Church Cottage, by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Rose. We will then decide our future programme. The time is 8.00 p.m. - so don't be late!

ANNUAL MUSIC AND CHOIR REPORT

St. Peter's, Bridge, September 1974

The Choir has developed greatly since the last report both in personnel and repertoire. Also large changes have taken place in its organisation. The appointment of Mr. Basil Milner as deputy Choirmaster and Organist is perhaps the most significant occurrence, but other changes are as follows:-

Julie Gulvin has decided to leave as a result of ill-health, and we thank her for her efforts as a side leader in the past, hoping that she has also gained some musicianship from her time with us. David Marsh has also been ill most of the year, and we wish him a quick return to full health and to the choir. We have also lost Johnathan and Matthew Hope, and David Pearce, which is a pity; but we have gained Daniel Berry, John and Nicky Shirley, Stephen Fawke, Toby and Rupert Williamson and Robert Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Bridges have left the district, so unfortunately we are without his alto and her soprano voices. Richard Hill has also left, but as his voice redevelops we hope to see him again. He was a very good treble.

Catherine Giles, who has been in the choir for five years has been appointed a senior girl in place of Julie Gulvin, and, as the choir list demonstrates, Andrew Lewis and John Shirley have been appointed senior boys. The choir has been split into two distinct parts, separate choirs even, and the boys and men's choir sings all Evensong services while the girl's and women's choir sings Matins and Sung Eucharist, joining with the men and boys on the other two Sundays of the month. This way we cover more services and train our youngsters much better.

We have vacancies for more girls, but only for six more boys at present, owing to lack of space in the choir stalls. If an outstanding seventh candidate were to appear we might be able to squeeze him in! It is planned to hold a series of football matches with other choirs this term, and hopefully to organise something for the girls also. Anyone who would

volunteer to supervise these events or to help would be most welcome. They should contact the Organist initially.

I shall not list all the repertoire for lack of space, but in addition to our 28 anthems, we now have three more: "Come Holy Ghost" - Thomas Attwood, "If We Believe" - John Goss, and "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King" - Walford Davies. We have also added to our settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis as follows: Charles V. Stanford in C, Thomas Morley Fauxbourdon service and a plainsong setting arranged by J.H. Arnold.

The Bridge Recital Series has got off to a very successful start, and the third recital place on 8th October and features Martin Renshaw, Tenor; Antony Bussell, Bass-Baritone and probably the new Cathedral Assistant Organist. (Philip Moore has been appointed Organist of Guildford Cathedral). We also hope to obtain another instrumentalist. It is intended once again to include some wellknown works.

Peter Giles' article will conclude next month with a complete list of the choir members, and an appreciation of the help received from outside singers - the Lay Clerks of Canterbury Cathedral and others.

Strictly as an appendix, an experimental small scale concert called "Recital with Wine", featuring Peter Giles, Counter Tenor; Martin Renshaw, Tenor; and Antony Bussell, Bass Baritone, is taking place at Filmer House, Bridge on September 21 at 8.30pm. Only thirty seats are available, mostly by direct invitation, but there is a chance of just a few being spare. Tickets are 50p each including wine, and anyone wishing to try for a spare ticket should contact the Organist at Filmer House as soon as possible.

THE GREAT EARTHWORKS COMMENCE!

You will have seen that work on Bridge bypass has begun, so it is a good moment to reflect on the 13 year campaign that led up to this moment.

It all started in January 1962 when we decided the increasing accidents were becoming commonplace; we never dreamed it was to be a 13 year struggle. I doubt that there has ever been a campaign like ours!

Triggered off by the tragic death of an elderly patient from The Close, we have forced people throughout the country into equating bad environment pollution, lorries, noise, death and destruction with just one place - Bridge. Our methods of ob-

taining publicity have not always been acceptable to some, but the fact remains that the village has been put on the map and Parliament has been well aware of our problems through the energetic efforts of Mr. David Crouch, M.P. for Canterbury.

It is unquestionable that villagers became 'demonstration minded' once they were given the opportunity to break the law but that violation of the law was in the best interests of residents and road users alike. There were ten demonstrations in all, three sit-downs and the last time nearly 1000 people blocked the High Street to protest at the failure of successive governments to act. The whole of the A2 has been the victim of weak Ministers, weak Ministry officials, weak County Councils Officials and weak County Councillors (with the honourable exception of the late Cllr. Alfred Ross). Too much time has been, and still is, devoted to the Channel Tunnel to the point where some of the motives are suspect.

So now we have it, work has started and we can look forward to the day when the tape is cut and traffic goes round Bridge. A2 Group will not stop until the last link is completed - the Canterbury bypass. From current information our campaign will have run 20 years by then.

It would be invidious to single out individual helpers, but we would extend a sincere vote of thanks to those of the local community who helped us; and also express gratitude to the local Press; the Kentish Gazette, Kent Messenger, Kentish Express, Kentish Observer and Southern Television for their relentless coverage on the subject.

Brian Lewis;
Sec/Treas. A2 Group

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 1974

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

6th October - 17th Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matins
Preacher:
Rev. L. Blaxland
11.45 a.m. Holy Comm.
6.30 p.m. Evensong
Preacher:
Rev. L. Brookes

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9.30 a.m. Sung
Communion and
Sermon. Preacher:
Rev. L. Geddes

13th October - 18th Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Holy Comm.
Series III
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

11 a.m. Matins
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

20th October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

9 a.m. Sung
Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Matins
and Sermon

27th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity

8 a.m. Holy
Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

9 a.m. Holy
Communion

11 a.m. Matins
and Sermon
11.45 a.m. Holy
Communion

3rd November - 21st Sunday after Trinity

11 a.m. Matins
Family Service
11.45 a.m. Holy
Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong
and Sermon

8 a.m. Holy
Communion

9.30 a.m. Sung
Communion
and Sermon

Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week, in Bridge Church. Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patribourne & Bekesbourne,

The Son et Lumiere at Bekesbourne Church was a great success. It brought home so very vividly the continuing life of a typical English Village, with the humble and great linked together in a loving mutually dependent whole. The Births & Baptisms, Marriages & Deaths Registers spanning the centuries came alive as once living people in this lovely part of the world. My deep appreciation and congratulations to those who conceived the idea of this venture and brought it into effect. May I mention Mr. John Purchase for the script and for the highly professional Sound Recording and Mixing and quite brilliant casting for the various 'voices' and for his many and free gifts to the Church which I know he would not like me to mention; Mrs. Purchase for the records research; Mr. John Grey for his superb technical control of the Lumiere, and his so kind provision and linking up of the electrical equipment; Mr. Stanley Grey for the overall business and musical side of the venture; the Archbishop of Canterbury and many other kind people for the recording of their voices; Mrs. Dorothy Ratcliffe, Mr. Martin Renshaw and Mr. Basil Milner for their Organ Recitals freely and voluntarily given; those who cleaned the Church so beautifully and those who lovingly decorated it with flowers; the many who sold tickets and otherwise helped us, a Gracious and Sincere thank you. The total result including the collection at the Festal Evensong was the sum of £124.10 donated to the Church.

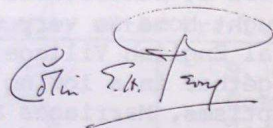
A list of the Cathedral Lectures is appended elsewhere in the Magazine and because of their relevancies to the present day life of the Church and the nature of the lectures I feel sure that not much prompting is needed on my part to get many people from our parishes to go and hear them.

Friday the 18th October is the festival of St. Luke and there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church. In our prayers on this day we remember especially the work of our Doctors and Nurses and others engaged in the Healing and Caring Ministry, not forgetting those working at the Close and Highland Court in our midst. St. Luke's tide gives us an opportunity to show our thankfulness towards those people who provide a background of security to our lives

All Souls Day is on Saturday November 2nd. Will all members of the congregations who have lost loved ones and who would like them remembered by name at the 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Requiem) Service which I propose to

celebrate on that day please send me the full name.

Yours sincerely in our blessed Lord,



Vicar & Rural Dean

CALENDAR

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 1974

October

- 1st Tuesday East Bridge Deanery Synod, 7.30 p.m.
at St. Augustine's College
- 2nd Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge at 9.30 a.m.
Young Communicants Guild at Mrs. Mason's House
33 High Street Bridge at 7.00 p.m.
- 5th Saturday East Bridge Deanery Missionary Festival at
3 p.m. at Wickhambreaux Village Hall
Hospital League of Friends Jumble Sale
2.30 p.m. in Bridge Village Hall
- 6th Sunday 17th Sunday after Trinity
- 8th Tuesday)
9th Wednesday) Help the Aged Appeal (See notice elsewhere)
Young Wives Group Meeting Village Hall at 7.30
- 13th Sunday 18th Sunday after Trinity
- 14th Monday M.U. Branch Meeting, 37 Union Rd. at 2.45 p.m.
- 15th Tuesday Bridge & Patricxbourne W.I. Village Hall, 7 p.m.
- 18th Friday St. Luke's Day. Holy Communion 7.30 & 9.30 a.m.
at Bridge Church
- 20th Sunday 19th Sunday after Trinity
- 23rd Wednesday Young Wives Group Meeting, Village Hall at 7.30
- 27th Sunday 20th Sunday after Trinity SUMMER TIME ENDS
- 28th Monday St. Simon & St. Jude, H.C. Bridge at 9.30 a.m.
- 29th Tuesday Bridge & Patricxbourne P.C.C. Village Hall at 7.30
- 30th Wednesday East Bridge Deanery Visitation by the Bishop of
Dover & Archdeacon of Canterbury at Littlebourne
Village Hall from 6.30 p.m. onwards

November

- 1st Friday All Saints Day, H.C. at Bridge at 7.30 a.m.
- 2nd Saturday All Souls Day, H.C. at Bridge at 8.00 a.m.
- 3rd Sunday 21st Sunday after Trinity

BRIDGE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please note that this was brought forward to September 29th and will therefore not take place on October 10th as announced.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church Bridge

Received in the Church on

1st September 1974 Timothy John Knight
Baptised 28th January 1974 at the Kent
and Canterbury Hospital

1st September 1974 Paul Nicholas McNair

14th September 1974 Peter Alexander Driscoll

15th September 1974 Natalie Ann Moon

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

22nd September 1974 Paul John Sinclair

May They Rest in Peace

At Barham Crematorium

12th September 1974 Edward Bingham

BRIDGE

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on the following Sundays:
October 13th, 20th and 27th at 11 a.m.

YOUNG COMMUNICANTS GUILD

Meetings will begin on Wednesday October 2nd and will be held fortnightly at 33 High Street at 7.00 p.m. Any girls or boys between the ages of 10 and 13 will be welcome.

BRIDGE CHURCH YOUNG WIVES GROUP

Wednesday October 9th. Details to be announced later
October 23rd. A Make-Up Demonstration (No. 7
Products) Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th October at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall, Bridge.

Speaker: Mr. A. Lidden, (Coxswain) - "The Work of the Dover Lifeboat"

Competition: Knitted Square (6" on No. 10 needles using 4 ply Wool)

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE M.U.

October 2nd Corporate Communion with Intercessions, 9.30 a.m. at Bridge Church.

October 14th Branch meeting at 37 Union Road, Bridge.
Speaker: Mrs. Priestman "The Reformation"

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

Bridge Group

On Saturday October 5th at 2.30 p.m. there will be a grand JUMBLE SALE with Bric-a-Brac stall and Raffles in the Village Hall. Come early and find the BARGAINS!

On November 22nd there will be an EVENING MARKET. Remember the date for getting Christmas Gifts. More details in the November magazine.

F.E.A.

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HELP THE AGED APPEAL

Please note that the Village Hall has been booked for gifts to be received for this appeal on the 8th and 9th October, between 10 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Please support this Appeal.

(Mrs) A. Milton

THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Once again I shall be having S.C.F. Christmas Cards and Gifts for sale in aid of this very worthy cause, so please contact me for illustrated brochure or phone Bridge 830727. Your previous help and support was much appreciated

M.F. Carnes
3 Bridgeford Way, Bridge

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

On Thursday August 1st last Mrs. Turpin held a very successful and happy Coffee Morning at 6 Dering Close. As a result the sum of £24.50 and a baby's dress were sent to the society.

In addition to the grateful thanks due to Mrs. Turpin, thanks are also due to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lawrence who ran the Raffles, Mrs. Flynn who helped the Bring and Buy, Mrs. Sharman whose cake when raffled produced £2.40 and all the ladies who made coffee, washed up and gave cakes and biscuits and gifts, and bought the latter.

The Society would be very grateful for cardigans for teenagers. It is realised that wool (nylon) is dear today but three or four ladies have promised one each.

F.V.B. Mason (Miss)
Hon. Parish Secretary for the Society
(33 High Street, Bridge)

BEKESBOURNE

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

I would like to thank the little working party who came and helped to clean the walls of the Sanctuary. I am sure it made all the difference to the 'Son et Lumiere'.

Also thanks are due to Mrs. Page who has taken on the job of cleaning the brass, and for her care and attention of the flowers during the 'Son et Lumiere'. R.G.

Son-et Lumiere

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those who gave such assistance in the preparation of our entertainment at Bekesbourne. I know there are separate thanks from the Vicar and others in the magazine, but it would be only right to record the work put into the venture apart from the sound. Saplings were cleared from windows and tombs, inside-the walls were cleaned, lovely flowers put out, and the team of bell-ringers under Mr. Collard did yeoman work.

The speed with which the lighting rig was put up, and the accuracy with which it was operated made an invaluable contribution to the project; my sincere thanks to John Grey.

J. P.

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SEEING THE LIGHT AT BEKESBOURNE

An enterprising mini Son-et-Lumiere, which raised £127 for church funds was presented in St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, on three evenings last week. Mrs. Anne Purchase had prepared the script, using old historical documents such as the Domesday Book that gives details of the parish in Norman times when the building of the present church began, and registers and records made by Vicars during the last four centuries. From this material Mr. John Purchase had tape-recorded a mini-history of Bekesbourne with appropriate music and sound effects. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsay, contributed a prologue, and the anonymous voices of local clergy, lay men and women, Cathedral lay-clerks and change ringers were heard in the invisible scenes.

The lumiere, provided by Mr. John Grey, ranged from the soft light of the altar candles to the illumination from outside of the stained glass in the two early English lancet windows in the east wall of the sanctuary.

For over an hour the audience listened attentively to this attractive form of history lesson, and then last Thursday Mrs. Dorothy Ratcliffe gave an half-hour recital on the small organ that is not lacking in power. On subsequent evenings Mr. Martin Renshaw and Mr. Basil Milner were the organists.

This varied entertainment was also educational in an historical and ecclesiastical sense. Every parishioner should know something about past local events and the people from whom he has inherited the treasures he enjoys today.

Bekesbourne has connections with at least two persons of national importance—Archbishop Cranmer, who still influences us today through his introduction of the English Bible and the first Book of Common Prayer; and a Dr. Beke, who achieved fame by his

exploration of unknown Abyssinia.

The example of Bekesbourne's novel entertainment can be recommended to other parishes, as there is something of interest to be found in the records preserved in the safes, chests and cupboards in the vestries of all old churches.

For example, about 100 years ago the parish clerk of a Dorset village was dismissed by the vicar for being the worse for drink while on duty in the church. A churchwarden, who was a wealthy local brewer, objected on the grounds that the vicar was not the man's employer, since the parish clerk was paid out of parish funds! So he was reinstated—one hopes a wiser and more sober man. Moral: it is better to go to the pub *after* going to church.

A previous vicar, the Rev. R. B. Pyper, published a booklet telling the history of Bekesbourne Church for the benefit of visitors and parishioners. Mrs. Purchase's script included information from this source, and also told us of the lives of the occupants of the Manor House and of the villagers up to the time of World War 2, when the peace of the village was shattered by bombs intended for the RAF station nearby.

Our busy towns and cities are now so noisy with traffic that pollutes the atmosphere with exhaust fumes, that we enjoy all the more the purer air of the quiet countryside and the beauties of nature. Agriculture is still a vital national industry, and village life is still as busy and healthy as in times past.

It was encouraging to find that so many inhabitants of Bekesbourne take an interest in their church as "a storehouse of human experience", as well as a place for Christian worship that is worthy of preservation for future generations.

D. B. E.

CATHEDRAL LECTURES 1974

Dates: 9th, 16th and 23rd October

Time: 8.00 p.m.

Speakers and Titles:

- 9th October - Canon J. Robinson: "Thus saith the Lord"
(Old Testament Study)
- 16th October - Revd. A. Harvey "God's Word in Christ"
(New Testament Study)
- 23rd October - Canon A.M. Allchin "Response to God's Word"
(Christian Spirituality)

These Lectures are specially designed to relate to the discussion and activities of parish and deanery. There will be some preparatory material distributed to groups through a representative in each deanery. At the lectures further suggestions for discussion will be available.

BRIDGE YOUTH CLUB

Bridge Youth Club meetings began again on September 26th. The following officers have been appointed:

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Letter from the Vicar, the Rev. Canon C. E. H. Perry

Dear Parishioners of Bridge Patrixbourne & Bekesbourne,

First may I commend to your gracious support and encouragement Bridge and Patrixbourne Christmas Market to be held on Saturday November 30th starting at 2.00 p.m. at Bridge Village Hall. I hope we will enthusiastically work together to make it a great success. In these days of constant inflation which adds greatly to the cost of day to day maintenance and heating of our churches we need more and more your generous and loyal support.

I thank all those who decorated our Churches and gave gifts during the Harvest Festivals. The churches looked most lovely and they were indeed joyous occasions.

Remembrance Sunday this year is on November 10th. The British Legion this year from the outlying districts and neighbouring parishes are our guests at St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne and we extend to them a very warm welcome. The Service will begin at 10.55 a.m. with the remembrance at the War Memorial. The time of the other services will be found elsewhere in the magazine. We remember the fallen of the Great Wars on this day. We seek also a new meaning for patriotism. If we believe as we must believe quite passionately that in the Christian ordering of life is the only basis of security of happiness and of power, we must not only come to receive this gift for ourselves, but we are compelled to carry it out to the world. So we remember those of the past who bequeathed to us whatever we have of our present day freedoms. The civilised tradition moves onward for a while under its own momentum. It could come to a halt again if we of this age do not give it a fresh momentum.

St Andrew's Day is on the last day of the month. It is a day when we pray for the missionary work of the church. It is so very important that in these days of a shrinking world that our minds as Christians should be well stocked with visions of the world wide Christian Family. There will be an 8 a.m. Holy Communion Service on this day, Saturday November 30th at Bridge Church.

Our gratitude to a lady of Bridge who has so beautifully and lovingly restored the white altar frontal at St. Peter's Church Bridge.

It is my intention to begin Confirmation Classes in the New Year. I do so wish to have a class for older adult people as well as for younger ones. I should be glad to know now the names of those who wish to be prepared for this Sacrament.

Yours sincerely in Our Blessed Lord,

Colin E.H. Tapley

Rural Dean and Vicar

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 1974

November

1st Friday All Saints Day. Holy Comm, Bridge, 7.30 a.m.
2nd Saturday All Souls Day. Holy Comm, Bridge 8.00 a.m.
3rd Sunday 21st Sunday after Trinity
6th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge, 9.30 a.m.
Bridge Wives Group at Welch's Shop, 7.30 p.m.
10th Sunday 22nd Sunday after Trinity, REMEMBRANCE DAY
British Legion Service, Bekesbourne, 10.55 am
11th Monday M.U. Meeting at 11 Union Road, Bridge, 2.45 pm
14th Thursday Bible Study Group, 42 Bridge Down at 8 p.m.
Bridge Church Organ Recital, 8 p.m.
16th Saturday Churchill House Christmas Bazaar, 2.30 p.m.
17th Sunday 23rd Sunday after Trinity
19th Tuesday Bridge & Patricxbourne W.I. A.G.M., 7 p.m.
20th Wednesday Bridge Wives Group, Preparation for Christmas
Market, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
22nd Friday Bridge Group League of Friends Evening Market
at 7 p.m. in Village Hall
23rd Saturday W.I. Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall,
10.30 a.m. to 12 noon
24th Sunday 24th Sunday after Trinity
30th Saturday Bridge & Patricxbourne Churches Christmas
Bazaar, in the Village Hall, 2.30 p.m.
December
1st Sunday Advent Sunday

BRIDGE JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on November 10th, 17th & 24th at 11 a.m.

BRIDGE & PATRICXBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th November at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall, Bridge. This will be our Annual General Meeting.

Competition: A Home-made Christmas Present (maximum cost 25p)
Saturday November 23rd there will be a W.I. Coffee morning and Sale (Christmas Presents etc.) 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon in the Village Hall.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

St. Peter's Church Bridge

13th October 1974 Richard James Tapley
Helen Catherine Levitt

St. Mary's Church Patricxbourne

20th October 1974 Helen Miranda Pratt

May They Rest in Peace

St. Peter's Church Bridge

7th October 1974 Emma Underhill

St. Peter's Church Bridge and
afterwards at Barham Crematorium

7th October 1974 Alec Jackson

At Barham Crematorium

10th October 1974 Cecil Carpenter
14th October 1974 Richard Arthur Kay

LETTER TO CANON PERRY

Dear Vicar,

On 8th & 9th October we held at the Village Hall a collection for clothing and money for "Help the Aged". We collected 16 sacks which considering the number of organisations holding jumble sales in the villages, we think is quite good. Talking to Mr. Peter Bloore, 'Area Organiser' about disposal of jumble sale excess after a sale, he offered to arrange collection on behalf of his organisation on receipt of an early notice of any sale. From my personal experience I feel this could solve the problems of many sale organisers. The address to contact:-- Peter Bloore, 'Area Organiser, Help the Aged', 97 Quex View Road, Birchington-on-Sea. Thanet 42376

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs) M. Milton

It is with sincere regret that we must record the death of Mrs. M. Milton only a few days after the above letter was written. The sympathy of all in the Parishes is extended to her husband and family, and her loss will be keenly felt by all the local organisation, especially the League of Friends.
C.E.H.P.

GUNPOWDER TREASON!

We all enjoy Guy Fawkes Night, provided care is taken, and sometimes forget in the heat of the bonfire and the noise of the fireworks that it commemorates the attempt to blow up Parliament. Strong feelings were aroused at the time of the incident, and the prayers printed below were in force well into the 19th century. However, even in 1974, it is prudent to search the cellars at Westminster ...

A FORM OF PRAYER WITH THANKSGIVING.

TO BE USED YEARLY UPON THE FIFTH DAY OF NOVEMBER,

For the happy Deliverance of King JAMES I. and the Three Estates of ENGLAND, from the most traitorous and bloody-intended Massacre by Gunpowder: And also for the happy Arrival of his Majesty King WILLIAM on this Day, for the Deliverance of our Church and Nation.

N.B. Only extracts are shown below.

In the Suffrages after the Creed these shall be inserted and used for the King.

Priest. O Lord, save the King;

People. Who putteth his trust in thee.

Priest. Send him help from thy holy place.

People. And evermore mightily defend him.

Priest. Let his enemies have no advantage against him.

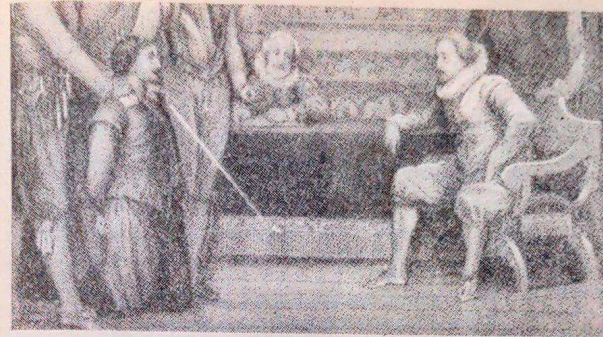
People. Let not the wicked approach to hurt him.

Instead of the first Collect at Morning Prayer shall these two be used.

ALmighty God, who hast in all ages shewed thy Power and Mercy in the miraculous and gracious deliverances of thy Church, and in the protection of righteous and religious Kings and States professing thy holy and eternal truth, from the wicked conspiracies, and malicious practices of all the enemies thereof: We yield thee our unfeigned thanks and praise, for the wonderful and mighty Deliverance of our gracious Sovereign King James the First, the Queen, the Prince, and all the Royal Branches, with the Nobility, Clergy, and Commons of England, then assembled in Parliament, by Popish treachery appointed as sheep to the slaughter, in a most barbarous and savage manner, beyond the examples of former ages. From this unnatural Conspiracy, not our merit, but thy mercy; not our foresight, but thy providence delivered

us: And therefore not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name be ascribed all honour and glory, in all Churches of the saints, from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACCEPT also, most gracious God, of our unfeigned thanks for filling our hearts again with joy and gladness, after the time that thou hadst afflicted us, and putting a new song into our mouths, by bringing His Majesty King William, upon this day, for the Deliverance of our Church and Nation from Popish Tyranny and arbitrary power. We adore the wisdom and justice of thy Providence, which so timely interposed in our extreme danger, and disappointed all the designs of our enemies. We beseech thee, give us such a lively and lasting sense of what thou didst then, and hast since that time done for us, that we may not grow secure and careless in our obedience, by presuming upon thy great and undeserved goodness; but that it may lead us to repentance, and move us to be the more diligent and zealous in all the duties of our Religion, which thou hast in a marvellous manner preserved to us. Let truth and justice, brotherly kindness and charity, devotion and piety, concord and unity, with all other virtues, so flourish among us, that they may be the stability of our times, and make this Church a praise in the earth. All which we humbly beg for the sake of our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.



JAMES I AND GUY FAWKES

The attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament on Nov. 5th 1605 was fortunately prevented, and Guy Fawkes was captured almost in the act. He is here seen being questioned on the conspiracy by James I in the King's bed-chamber in Whitehall.

BRIDGE WIVES GROUP

Wednesday November 6th "Know Your Cuts of Meat"

Demonstration in Mr. B. Welch's Shop at 7.30 p.m., Refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall.

Wednesday November 20th Preparation for Christmas Market 7.30 p.m.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

Remembrance Sunday November 10th. The Service will begin at 10.55 a.m. at the War Memorial in the Churchyard if fine. The British Legion will be in attendance. S.G.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Nov. 2nd ... Mrs. Farbrace
9th ... Mrs. Hogben
16th ... Mrs. Watson
23rd ... Mrs. Grey
30th ... Mrs. Sandall
Dec. 7th ... Mrs. Allen

CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Nov. 3rd ... Mrs. Allen
10th ... Mrs. Sandall
17th ... Mrs. Russell
24th ... Mrs. Coombes
Dec. 1st ... Mrs. Page

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

In the Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. on November 12th, the Annual Meeting and Ballot for 1975 Committee.

Demonstration: 'Cake Icing' by Mrs. Bumstead

Competition: 'An Edible Masterpiece'

Hostess: Mrs. Talbot

MR. JACK CARPENTER

It was with great regret that the PCC received Jack Carpenter's resignation due to ill health from the Vergership of Patricxbourne Church. Mr. Carpenter has been the Verger at Patricxbourne since 1919, when he was released from war-time service in the Royal Navy. As a boy he was member of Patricxbourne Choir. At its meeting on October 29th the PCC recorded sincere thanks and grateful appreciation of a life time of faithful service on the part of Jack Carpenter. C. A. P.

THE FESTAL ALTAR FRONTAL

This Frontal, together with two others was given to Bridge Church by the Misses Evitt of Bridge about 25 years ago. It is Early Victorian and has recently been lovingly restored by a member of the congregation. About Easter time it was decided that the paper thin material, the base, was literally in shreds and would have to be either discarded or renovated.

Someone very carefully unpicked the machine stitching which held the fine gold braid to the base and transferred the entire design on to new brocade. It is even more beautiful now than before, as red and blue embroidery has been incorporated into the pattern, blending with the colours in the stained glass windows above the Altar.

We wish to say how much we all appreciate the loving care which has been put into this renovation.

BRIDGE RECITAL Number three

The next Bridge Recital, being that postponed from 12th October will now take place on Thursday 14th November at 8.15 p.m. As before, it will feature Martin Renshaw, Tenor; Antony Bussell, Baritone; (both Cathedral Lay Clerks) and Stephen Darlington, Organ and Piano; (Assistant Organist Canterbury Cathedral).

May I take this opportunity to urge people to support these recitals? We have had some very good support in the past but now that the novelty of these professional performances is perhaps wearing off it may be opportune to remind people that to put these events on takes tremendous work on the part of many people, not just the performers who take a very small fee indeed as a personal favour to me, but all those who make and write the detailed programmes, sell them, number and arrange the seating, act as stewards and so on. Posters have to be made and displayed. As with any organised event there is much more in it all than meets the eye.

The Organ development fund increases at a slow pace as a result of the recitals, and I ought to point out that they are really put on to enrich the cultural life of Bridge and district as well as help the organ fund.

If it ever becomes obvious that the Bridge Recitals are not supported sufficiently or are under valued, then we shall discontinue them. Bridge will be the poorer but all the helpers will gain some spare time!

Tickets at the usual prices are obtainable from members of the choir the organist and some members of the Congregation. We also hope to have some on sale in the paper shop.

P.G.

THE CHURCH CLOCK ▶



It became obvious a year ago that the church clock at St. Peter's, Bridge, was in need of urgent repair. The well known firm of clock manufacturers, who has indeed built the original mechanism a hundred years before, sent technicians to examine the structure, and their report received early this year was a sad catalogue of parts needing replacement. The report also pointed out the dangers if the clock was allowed to continue working; there are heavy weights used to power the mechanism and these could have crashed at any time.

The report was accompanied by estimates which exceeded £700, a sum to daunt any PCC Treasurer these days when the money to be had scarcely meets normal outgoings. The outlook was very gloomy, and it appeared that the familiar landmark of the village clock was doomed.

But Bridge, never disheartened however great the fight, was able to tackle the problem. Working almost within the shadow of the steeple and associated with the winding of the clock for many years was Mr. Henry Foord, a skilled mechanic. He knew the clock well; and had been in touch with Mr. T.R. Robinson of Bristol, an enthusiast and a leading member of The Council for Care of Church Clocks, who knew Bridge clock.

Guided by Mr. Robinson, and his associate Kenneth Stocker who lives in Kent, Henry Foord dismantled the heavy mechanism and set about repairing it, sending work that was specialised and beyond him to the makers Gillet & Johnstone of Croydon. Quite a team joined Mr. Foord: Mr. Harold DeCent furnished all the paint that was needed mixed it to the right shade and sign wrote all the lettering; Fred Woodward supplied both transport and willing hands in the work; Dennis Williams put up lighting in the spire by which to see and Cyril Hogben and Bill Baker assisted generally.

This autumn the clock was reinstated, and set running again greatly to the pleasure of the people of Bridge. The much reduced cost of repairs was met by Bridge Parish Council who felt that to tell the time was a social benefit to all. To everyone connected with this venture, and specially Henry Foord, the PCC sends its gratitude and thanks. It is a happy step to find a village proving so self reliant.

BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB

Following the very successful "Mini Market" held at Bridge Primary School on Saturday 19th October, the total fund has risen to over £900.

The Club would like to thank all who contributed both with gifts and help to achieve this splendid result.

An application to Canterbury Council for financial assistance was made, but this has been refused 'in the current financial situation'!

Nevertheless, it is hoped an application will shortly be made to various County and National bodies concerned for a small grant and loans to enable a start to be made on two hard courts.

Membership is open to everyone living in Bridge and surrounding district. Subscriptions - Adults £5 per year, (£25 for 10 years); Juniors £150 per year. Applications to Mr. D. Pentin (treasurer), Ashley House, Brewery Lane, Bridge. John Hill, Chairman

BRIDGE BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton Club has now started its new season and we should warmly welcome both old and new members. For further information please contact the Secretary, Mrs. K. Diss, 1 Ford Close, Bridge, Tel: 830463, or just come along on Club nights, which are as follows for November:

<u>MONDAY</u>	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.	7.00	11.00 p.m.
<u>TUESDAY</u>	5th, 12th, 26th.	7.00	11.00 p.m.
<u>FRIDAY</u>	1st, 8th, 15th 29th.	8.00	- 11.00 p.m.

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There is to be a Grand Christmas Bazaar at CHURCHILL HOUSE on SATURDAY November 16th, at 2.30 p.m.

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SUNDAY SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 1974

BRIDGE

PATRIXBOURNE

BEKESBOURNE

1st December - Advent Sunday

11 a.m. Matins	8 a.m. Holy	9.30 a.m. Holy
11.45 Holy Comm.	Communion	Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong		

8th December - 2nd Sunday in Advent

9 a.m. Holy Comm	11 a.m. Matins	8 a.m. Holy
Series III	and Sermon	Communion
6.30 p.m. Evensong		

15th December - 3rd Sunday in Advent

9 a.m. Sung	8 a.m. Holy	11 a.m. Matins
Communion	Communion	and Sermon
6.30 p.m. Evensong		

22nd December - 4th Sunday in Advent

8 a.m. Holy	9 a.m. Holy	11 a.m. Matins
Communion	Communion	and Sermon
6.30 p.m. Evensong		

25th December - CHRISTMAS DAY

(See elsewhere for details of services)

29th December - 1st Sunday after Christmas

9 a.m. Holy	11 a.m. Matins	8 a.m. Holy
Communion	and Sermon	Communion
6.30 p.m. Service		
of Nine Lessons		
and Carols		



MOTHERS' UNION

Mothers' Union Corporate Communion with Intercessions on December 4th at 9.30 a.m., at Bridge Church.
Branch meeting on December 2nd at 2.45 p.m. at 11 Union Road, by kind permission of Mrs. Berry.
No branch meetings in January and February.

*Holy Communion is celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesdays and 7.30 a.m. on Fridays during the week, in Bridge Church.
Evensong is at 5 p.m. at the Close every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month when there is a celebration of Holy Communion.*

Letter from the Vicar, the Rev. Canon C.E.H. Perry

Dear Parishioners of Bridge, Patricbourne, & Bekesbourne,

When the time comes round to prepare the material for the Christmas Magazine, I always feel that Christmas is still some time ahead. There is much preparation to be made and there is still the season of Advent to pass through. Lent we understand in our preparation for Easter but not 'Advent' in our preparation for Christmas.

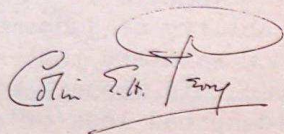
The message of Advent is stern and uncompromising, recalling us to the inevitability of judgement - what a man sows, that shall he reap. How salutary that in the weeks before Christmas we should be given this message for the prevalent feature of this age is a widespread loss of reverence. The swing of the pendulum in this so called democratic age is away from respect for tradition, authority, the past and towards a benign belief in the importance of the present moment. The message of Christmas is framed within the story and solemn message of Advent. He comes to judge the world as well as to save it. The Gospel of Jesus must always make men uncomfortable for we live in a sinful world. The impact of the holy upon the unrighteous must ever be challenging and disturbing. How hard it is for those who face reality to find the real joy of Christmas in the lives of the nations of the world. And yet to all the Christian souls of this world it brings again fresh hope of a new birth of the only way to righteousness. So once again we are approaching the joyous season of Christmas-tide. What is the meaning of Christmas? This is the teaching of the Church:- By the operation of the Holy Ghost, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, born of a pure Virgin, Mary, became the Son of Man. We have to learn the reality of both natures in Christ, the human and the divine. "He was equal with God"; this and nothing else. "God of God; Very God of Very God". This is what he claimed and the Church teaches.

And yet He was "made flesh and dwelt among us." He was "made man". He took upon Himself when He was born of Mary on the first Christmas Day not merely one man's nature, but took our nature, the nature of humanity. As His God-head was real, so was His manhood. The Child Jesus at Bethlehem is the self-expression of God. This means that Bethlehem in its sheer simplicity is yet the profoundest thing that has ever happened to the world. Each of our houses is linked with our Fathers House which is in heaven, because in the words of the Christmas

Day Preface, "Thou didst give Jesus Christ Thine only Son to be born at this time for us". It is this blessing of Christmas that I pray you may all have.

You will find elsewhere details of our Christmas Services. So I ask you to come at Christmas-time to worship. Make your visits to Church part of your Christmas this year. The Church is the one place and the Christmas the one time when we can always 'come back' to the Church Family to which we all belong.

Yours sincerely in our Blessed Lord,



CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 1974

November
30th Saturday Bridge & Patricxbourne Church Christmas Market, 2 p.m. at the Village Hall.

December
1st Sunday ADVENT SUNDAY
2nd Monday M.U. Christmas Branch Meeting at 2.45 p.m. Mrs. Berry. 11 Union Road, Bridge.
4th Wednesday M.U. CORPORATE
4th Wednesday M.U. Corporate Communion, Bridge Church 9.30a.
Young Wives Group Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30
Young Communicants Guild Meeting at 7.00 p.m. at Mrs. Mason's, 33 High Street, Bridge
5th Thursday Youth Club Evening at Bridge Village Hall
8th Sunday 2nd Sunday in Advent
11th Wednesday Young Wives Carol Singing at the Close 6.30 p.
12th Thursday Bridge Group of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals Annual Christmas Whist Drive, 7.30 p. at Bekesbourne Village Hall
15th Sunday 3rd Sunday in Advent
17th Tuesday Bekesbourne Church CAROL SERVICE at 6.30 p.m. W.I. Meeting 7.00 p.m. at Bridge Village Hall
19th Thursday Bridge Youth Club Evening at Bridge V. Hall
22nd Sunday 4th Sunday in Advent
Preacher at Bekesbourne Dr. Anne Plumtre (11 a
Preacher at Bridge Church 6.30 p.m.
Rev. P. Heartfield, Chaplain to Canterbury Hos
25th Wednesday CHRISTMAS DAY See elsewhere for Services detail

29th Sunday Sunday after Christmas
Carol service at Bridge at 6.30 p.m.
January
2nd Bridge Youth Club "Disco" at Bridge V. Hall

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

23rd November 1974 George Anthony Wenham
Gwendoline Andrea Hall

My They Rest in Peace

At Barham Crematorium

28th October 1974 Dorothy Matilda Foden
1st November 1974 Eric Ernest Charles Bourn
14th November 1974 John Wright

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

25th November 1974 James Fox

TRIBUTE TO MRS. MILTON

As the librarian of the library at the Close in Bridge, I would like to say how very sorry I am to lose the interest and work which Mrs. Milton did with me in the library over a number of years. She worked very hard to please our readers and spent much time visiting the sick patients in the sick bay. I know how much she will be missed.

My sincere sympathy to her husband and family.

M. Meigh

POPPY DAY FUND

This year the amount collected was £80.00. We would like to thank all those who gave so generously, and to say thank you to all who helped with the collection and made this amount possible.

(Mrs.) J. Hunter

DECORATING THE CHURCHES FOR CHRISTMAS

St. Peter's Church Bridge

Decorating the Church will start at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 23rd December. Donations towards extra flowers would be very welcome and should be given to Mrs. Roger Hunter or to the Vicar. All offers of help and gifts of flowers would be much appreciated.

St. Mary's Church Patrixbourne

Decorating the Church will start at 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 23rd December. Donations or gifts of flowers may be given to Mrs. Charles Potter.

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

Decorating the Church will begin at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, December 23rd. Donations to purchase flowers to Mrs. Sandall; gifts of foliage and flowers would be greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

St. Peter's Church Bridge

Christmas Eve	11.30 p.m. Midnight Eucharist
Christmas Day	8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rev. Peter Heartfield)
	11.00 a.m. Matins & Family Service
	11.45 a.m. Holy Communion

The Carol Service will be on December 29th at 6.30 p.m.

St Mary's Church Patrixbourne

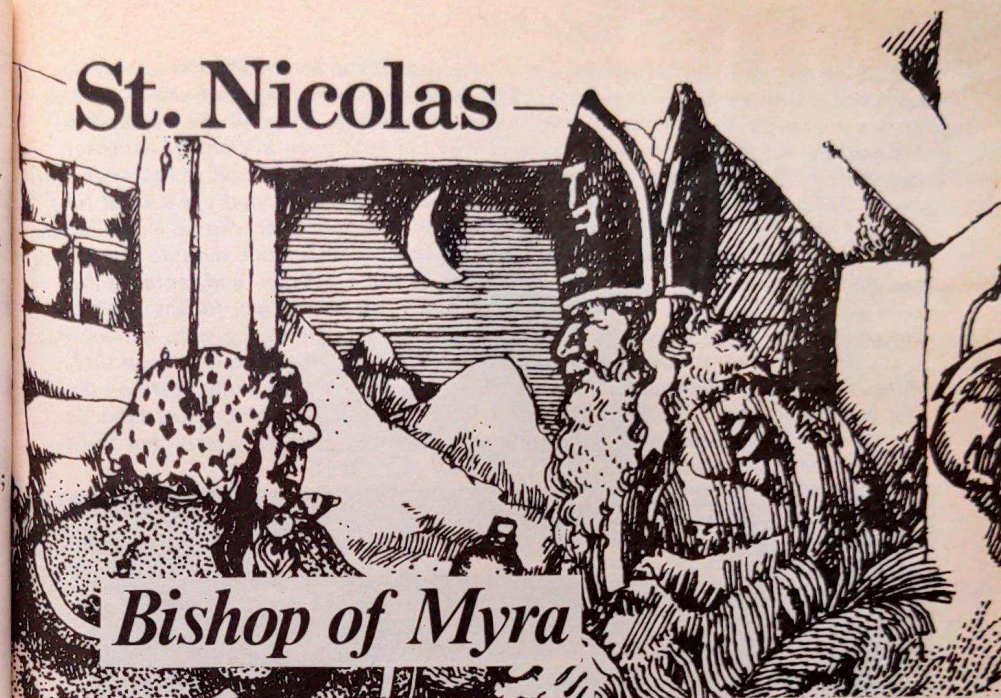
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St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

Christmas Eve	11.30 a.m. Midnight Eucharist
Christmas Day	11.00 a.m. Mattins & Family Service followed by:
	11.45 a.m. Holy Communion

The Carol Service will be on Tuesday December 17th at 7.15 p.m.

St. Nicolas -



Bishop of Myra

ST. NICOLAS - Bishop - Festival date December 6th.

If you were to go over the Channel in early December you would see in the shops and magazines not so much the holly and bells decoration, but the red and gold mitre of a bishop - or see drawings of a cheerful bishop complete with pastoral staff riding a motorcycle or enjoying himself in some other non ecclesiastical way.

The bishop shown is Nicolas, who died in the year 326, having been bishop of Myra in Lycia. He is regarded as the patron saint of merchants and travellers by sea and land, but also especially of the young and of scholars. His festival was formerly celebrated in English schools, and he still survives as Santa Claus.

A great many legends surround this benevolent bishop whose pleasure it was to give to the poor. Here is one:-

Now, there was in the city a certain merchant who had lately lost all his goods in an unlucky venture on the seas, and was brought to great poverty. He had three fair daughters, and was sorely troubled on their account, for without giving them marriage portions he could not get them husbands, and he had no longer any bread wherewith to feed them. One afternoon the damsels, being very hungry, came to him and said, "Father, suffer us to go into the street and beg bread, else we must all perish of hunger." But he, being ashamed, forbade them, and commanded them to go to bed, that sleeping they might forget the pains of emptiness. He himself sat on a stool, and leant his head upon his hand, pondering with a heavy heart. Now his sad plight had been told to Nicolas, and that very night the kind youth came beneath the window of the house, bearing under his cloak a lump of gold; and he lifted himself up on tiptoe

and threw the gold softly in through the bars, so that it fell at the merchant's feet and then ran off as fast as he might. The merchant was astonished and overjoyed at this unexpected gift, and, picking it up, went forth in haste to buy victuals for his household. He bestowed the remainder of the gold upon his eldest daughter, and shortly after married her, amid great rejoicings, to a good man of his acquaintance. Then Nicolas came again and threw in a second lump, and yet a third time and did likewise. Now the merchant was resolved to discover who he might be who came in such a hidden manner, so he lay in wait in a dark place outside the house, and the third time, as Nicolas was departing, he ran after him, and, seizing the good youth by the cloak, compelled him to reveal himself. Then falling down on the ground, the happy father desired to kiss the feet of the young man, but Nicolas prevented him, and, raising him up, adjured him that he should tell no man this thing. And the merchant returned to his home, and there now being portions for the two younger maidens, he sought earnestly among his acquaintance for husbands for them; and very soon each in her turn was married to a worthy man, and lived happily ever afterwards.



Saint Nicolas has always been associated with the happiness of giving presents, and accompanied by his small coloured helper, can be seen in spirit on Christmas Eve distributing the gifts to the children he loves.

J. P.



The following two poems are by two ten-year-olds at Bridge School, and we are indebted to Miss W. Tomlin, Headmistress, for permission to print them for the readers of the Magazine.

GLORY

In the stable draughty and cold
Where the breath of oxen makes steam in the air
Where the ass stamps around his damp stall
Where the wood beams bend and creak
The Virgin lies in the stuffy dark
Waiting, waiting, waiting, for her child to be born.

The moon continues up her lonely path
And soon her rays of light appear to fall on Mary's new-born child.
The Son of Mary lies in radiant glory
The light fills the stable with its golden glow.
Jesus lies in a wooden manger lined with straw
And in the light of the Saviour's glory
An angel host appears and begins to sing praises of God.

And there! The light grows,
And out of the light comes a voice
"He will be great!"
It speaks in the language of everything present
Like an endless wave.
The voices reach their height and above the stable shines the light that is God.
The light which is life.



WHAT RUBBISH!

I was spinning. Nothing could be heard but me spinning.
 Suddenly down from what they call heaven there appeared in front of my eyes
 a man in a robe, with a ring round his head.
 He had wings – must have been an angel. Told me I was being blessed –
 being given a son, a son called Jesus. What a present I thought!
 A screaming baby! Couldn't be worse!

Well it got me thinking. Then Joseph came in.
 "You look tired my lovely. What's been going on?"
 Well, I told him.
 "What!" he goes. "A baby ... son of the Most High ... an angel!
 What rubbish have people been telling you?"
 "It's true" I said; "When have I lied to you?"
 "Never".
 "When have I told you about something and it hasn't happened?"
 "Never" he said ... But he's worried.



SING lustily and with good courage.
 Beware of singing as if you were half dead
 or half asleep: but lift up your voice with strength.
 Be no more afraid of your voice now, no more ashamed
 of its being heard than when you sang songs of Satan.
 Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above
 or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you
 may not destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your
 voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.

John Wesley (1703-1791)

The words above appeared in the magazine of Christ Church, Taumarunui, New Zealand; the Vicar being the Rev. John Coveney who is my nephew. His Parish covers 3,000 square miles and numerous churches; he has one Curate. I leave you to imagine what this means in terms of hard work.

S. H. Grey



ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE CHOIR FUND

There is to be a Coffee Morning and 'Bring & Buy' in aid of Bekesbourne Choir Fund, at the home of Mrs. Page, Cobham Cottages, Bekesbourne, on Saturday December 14 th, 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Please come and support us.

There will be a Whist Drive held at Bekesbourne Village Hall on Thursday, December 5th at 7.15 p.m., in aid of our Choir Fund. Please come.

S.G.

BEKESBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting is on December 10th at 7.15 p.m., in the Village Hall.

Talk with Slides 'Kentish Byways' by Mr Gipson
Competition: Box of home-made sweets.
Social Time: Candlelit Supper, with Carols

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

December 7th Mrs. Allen
14th Mrs. Kingsford & Mrs. Smith
21st Mrs. Farbrace
28th Mrs. Hogben
January 4th Mrs. Watson

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE

A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held in the Church on Tuesday, 17th December commencing at 7.15 p.m. It will be conducted by Rev. Canon Perry, assisted by Rev. L. Blaxland. Come, Sing and enjoy this lovely service, to which all are so very welcome.

S.G.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE

The Service of Holy Communion with Carols will commence at 11.30 p.m.

The Choir will be in attendance. S.G.

YOUNG COMMUNICANTS GUILD

The next meeting will be at 33 High Street at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday December 4th. Caroline, Catherine and Theresa please note. F.M.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will meet on December 8th, 15th, 22nd, at 11 a.m.

THE CHURCH of ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Mr. Wareham thanks Mrs. Flynn and Mrs. Collingwood for the two beautiful cardigans for teenagers which will be warmly appreciated by the receivers.

The usual Fete at the Deanery was held on Thursday November 14th and in spite of poor weather was well attended. The amount realised was £774. Boxes will be collected in March 1975.

F.M.

Parochial Secretary

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE W.I.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th December at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Bridge.

This is our Christmas meeting and there will be Carols by Candlelight and a production by the Drama Group.
Competition: A 4-line verse on Christmas

BRIDGE YOUNG WIVES GROUP

December 4th, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
Demonstration: Decoration with Dried Flowers etc., by Mrs. L.E. Couchman or Mrs. D. Laver

December 11th, at 6.30 p.m. YOUNG WIVES CAROL SERVICE, in the Chapel at The Close, Union Road. Members will sing to the residents. Older children are welcome to come.

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY HOSPITALS

We would like to thank all our friends who so generously supported us at our Evening Market, on Friday 22nd November. After paying our expenses we made a profit of £67, which made us very happy. So to all who gave us Gifts, Donations, or came and supported us on the Evening, and those who helped us on our Stalls. A very big Thank you AND we hope to see you all once more at our Whist Drive in Bekesbourne Village Hall, on Thursday December 12th - 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Transport can be arranged if you contact me at 34 High Street, Bridge. PLEASE COME!

Frances E. Apps.

Hon. Secy/Treas. Bridge Group L.O.F.

BRIDGE CONCERT No 3

The proceeds of the popular Concert held at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, on Thursday November 14th raised a total of £44.30. The Church Organ fund received more than £20 from this sum after expenses had been met. We would like to thank most sincerely Mr. Peter Giles and his very accomplished performers for their splendid evening's entertainment.

C.E.H.P.

HIGHLAND COURT HOSPITAL

The boys and girls at Highland Court Hospital are urgently requiring dressmaking scraps, beads, and left-overs of knitting and rug wolls etc.

Anything you can let us have would be very much appreciated as we hope to make Christmas presents for the mentally handicapped children.

Mr. Shirley at the Post Office, Bridge has kindly consented to have a container at the Post Office to receive any contribution you may be able to make.

THE ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

The Appeals Organiser for the above has advised me that the total amount of the recent envelope collection in the village was £32.06

I would like to thank all who supported this appeal and the shop-keepers who kindly displayed collecting boxes.

Marjorie Munns

BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

The Club is holding its annual Buffet Dance at the Chiesman Pavilion on Saturday 7th December from 7.30 p.m. to 12 midnight. The buffet consists of Chicken and Ham Salad, Roll and butter, Sherry Trifle and coffee. Tickets are £1.75 each.

Anybody wishing to purchase tickets please contact :-
Mr. Cyril Harding, 55 Union Road, Bridge.

B.R.J. Cole
(Hon. Secretary)



BRIDGE BADMINTON CLUB

The December meetings will be as follows:-

MONDAY 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

TUESDAY 3rd, 10th, 31st.

FRIDAY 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th.

BRIDGE YOUTH CLUB

We are still meeting on Thursday evenings from 7.00 - 9.30 p.m. and enjoying a 'comfortable membership number' of local youth.

We will be pleased to see old and new members, so come along and bring a school friend.

Our CLUB DISCO has been provisionally arranged for Thursday January 2nd 1975 at 7.30 p.m. As the members know we are restricted to 100 persons for Discos, so it will be 'first come first served' where the tickets are available. Further details at the Club.

Due to the Christmas period we will be losing one Club night during December, so make a note of Club nights: December 5th, and 19th, with the DISCO NIGHT on January 2nd.

Finally, I would like to extend Christmas Greetings and New Year wishes to our group of Club Helpers - without whose assistance we would not exist, and to the members, who make those efforts worthwhile throughout the year.

B. Kingsnorth
(Chairman)

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