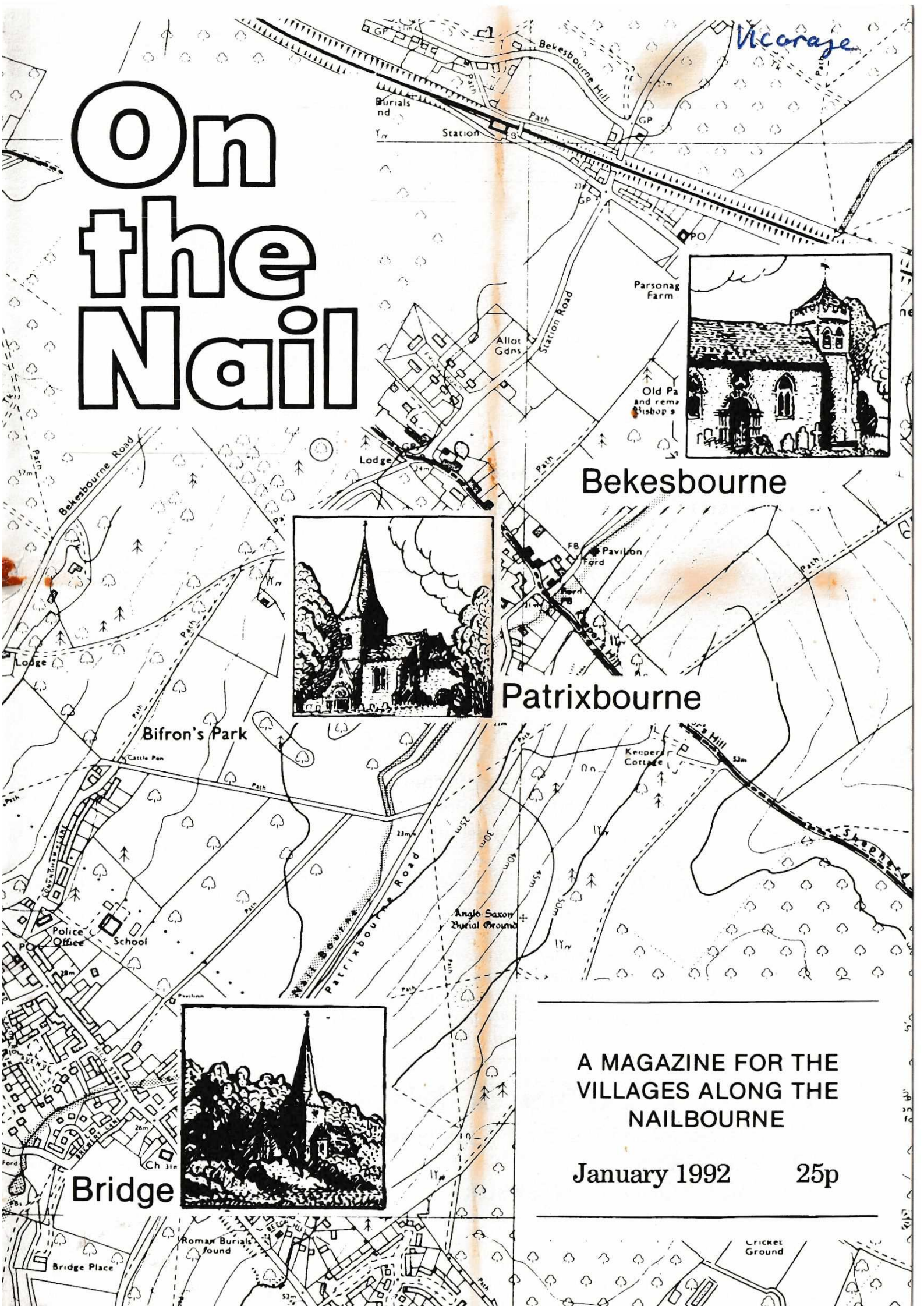


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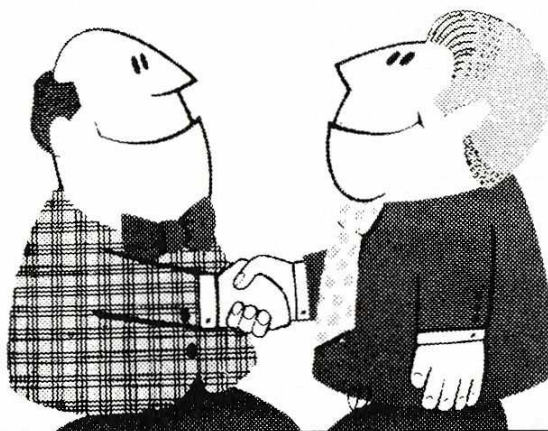
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Sunday Worship in January

Bridge

Patricxbourne

Bekesbourne

5th:

11am Family Service
3.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion

12th:

9.30 The Eucharist
(*ASB Rite A:*
Canon A Dawkins)
3.30pm Evensong
(*Canon J W Packer*)

11am Matins
(*Revd W Owen*)

8am Holy Communion
(*Revd C Verity*)

19th:

9.30 Parish Communion
(*ASB Rite A*)
3.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

11am Matins

26th:

8am Holy Communion
3.30pm Evensong

9am Holy Communion

11am Matins

2nd February:

11am Family Service
3.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

■ *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: 5th, Mr E R O'Mahony 12th, *Covenant Service*, The Revd Sheila Foreman 19th, The Revd Sheila Foreman 26th, The Revd Christopher J Esgate

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge on Wednesday mornings are discontinued until Ash Wednesday, but will continue to be held on Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am, except on 10th January. Holy Communion at Churchil House is on New Year's Day, Wednesday, 1st at 10.15am. The New Close service is each Wednesday at 2.30pm, and non-residents are always most welcome to share in this short, informal act of worship.

Rosemary and Raymond Gilbert would like to thank all who sent them personal greetings at Christmas and for your prayers and support throughout the year. They will be taking a short break from 6th to 13th January inclusive.

For your diary and prayer list

- 1st *Naming of Jesus or Circumcision of Christ*
- 2nd Prayers for Health and Healing, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 5th **Second Sunday after Christmas**
- 6th **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

- 8th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15 - 11.45am
 9th Bridge Parish Council, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
 12th **First Sunday after the Epiphany**
 13th *St Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367*
 16th Prayers for Health and Healing, The Vicarage, 7pm
 Bridge Folk Dance Group, The Village Hall, 8pm
 Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Methodist Church, 8pm
 17th *St Antony of Egypt, Abbot, 356*
 18th *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* until 25th
 19th **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**
 21st *St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, 304*
 Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
 23rd United Service, Bridge Methodist Church, 7.30pm
 24th *St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1622*
 25th **Conversion of St Paul**
 26th **Third Sunday after the Epiphany**
 27th *St John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407*
 28th *St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1274*

While not making a great splash about it, as is the habit north of the border, we sassenachs nevertheless like to mark the turn of the year, if only half-heartedly. We may find ourselves at a New Year party or feel honour is satisfied if we just stay up to hear the chimes of Big Ben. We may approach the new year armed with a few nonchantly-made resolutions which we haven't a hope of keeping, and if soon abandoned, won't cause us any sleepless nights. Apart from a few ex-pat. Scotsmen or Englishmen with a yen for nostalgic ceremonies we're unlikely to go through the ritual of first-footing and some – let's face it – are so disinterested in the arrival of a new year anyway that they ignore the whole thing and go to bed as usual.

Some people's attitude towards a new year is tempered by the expectations they have of it but in most cases we shall hope for better things both on the international scene and in our domestic circumstances. Deanery-wise the Church will start the new year with a new Rural Dean (and whoever it is he will need all the prayers we can offer). Clive Barlow has carried out the duties of this office for the best part of six years with a diligence and concern that makes him a hard act to follow. He doesn't move from Ash to Chartham till March but relinquished the job of Rural Dean now to make an early start with the other task he is taking on, the secretaryship of the Diocesan Board of Mission. He will be much missed here and East Bridge Deanery's loss is West Bridge Deanery's gain.

It has been Clive's custom to write for each January edition of the parish magazines of the deanery, a task he has recently shared with the Lay Co-Chairman of the Deanery Synod, Mary Ambrose. Indeed this year's lot has fallen to Mary, who presents her thoughts for 1992 in the form of a letter from her home, Zawadi at Kingston.

Dear Friends,

In spite of the silence, we had prayed and hoped for five years, and then, suddenly, out of the blue, there was Terry Waite framed in the aircraft doorway. Gaunt, buffeted by the wind, he was undeniably alive and back on English soil. Bells were rung, thanksgivings offered and on BBC1's *This is the Day*, Paul Oestreicher startled me by comparing Terry with Christ.

Yet the more I thought about it, the more apt the comparison seemed. For Terry is a man of hope following in the steps of the God of hope. He is a man with a mission, the rescue of mankind. Terry's mission landed him in chains in a dark cell for five years – Christ's mission landed Him on the cross to die an agonizing death.

As Terry spoke from the podium in the airport, we could clearly see the marks of suffering on his face. Yet there was no condemnation – only a determination to see his rescue mission through. The marks of the nails were clearly visible on Christ's resurrection body but the very worst that man could do to Christ, failed to extinguish His love for mankind. His act of redemption is still powerfully at work today even in seemingly impossible situations.

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As I look back over 1991, I remember sad and tragic events which I cannot explain. I don't understand why three young men in our village were killed, why good living people are struck down by cancer and why people go on killing each other in Yugoslavia. Yet looking back to Terry's release and even more to the life, death and resurrection of Christ, I am filled with hope. God entrusted the salvation of mankind to a helpless baby – and Christ won through. That encourages me to 'hope all things', to look forward to 1992 with excitement and expectancy. What is God going to do in His world this year? What is He going to do in our nation, in our Deanery, in our local church, in our families, in each one of us? That it will be something great is not in doubt, especially if we offer ourselves for His work. That is vital for us, as St Teresa of Avila reminds us . . .

Christ has no body on earth but ours,
no hands but ours,
no feet but ours.

Ours are the eyes showing His compassion to the world,
ours the feet with which He goes about doing good,
ours the hands with which He blesses people now.

There are plenty of resources to stimulate us – the ACORA Report, or *Faith in the Countryside* commissioned by the Archbishops, has a wealth of material so relevant to our Deanery that it deserves detailed study. *All God's Children*, a follow-up to *Children in the Way*, is now available – while if you are interested in the problems of Senior Citizens, the Board of Social Responsibility has issued a lively report called *Ageing*.

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On Sunday May 3rd, at 6.30pm, there will be a Deanery Service in the Cathedral. This is a new venture for East Bridge and gives a different look

to the Family Festival. What a splendid opportunity for all our choirs to join together and raise the Cathedral roof!

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1991 sadly saw the departure of Lord Runcie as Archbishop; and in our own Deanery that of the Revd Owain Williams. The enthronement of Dr George Carey was a service I shall never forget. One procession of dignatories after another, brought home to me how great a responsibility is shouldered by our Archbishop. He needs our prayers. We welcomed the Revd Alan Duke, Diocesan Communications Officer, and his wife Mary, to Barham, Bishopsbourne and Kingston, and hope they will be very happy with us.

Changes are already afoot in 1992. The Revd Clive Barlow is leaving Ash in March to go to Chartham, and he will also hold the position of Diocesan Mission Secretary. Congratulations Clive – but we shall miss you in East Bridge Deanery!

It seems to me that a Rural Dean's lot is not a happy one! All the problems come his way, whether from bishop or from parish. When anything or people do not know what to do – 'Ring the Rural Dean' is the answer. Thank you Clive, for all the care you have taken of us. The Revd Ian Hawkins is retiring in March from Nonington. Thank you Ian, for looking after the Readers in the Deanery and promoting the healing ministry here. Our prayers and good wishes go with both of you and your families.

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In wishing you all a very Happy New Year, I end with a prayer of St Paul. "May God, who is the ground of hope, fill you with all joy and peace as you lead the life of faith, until, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you overflow with hope."

Mary Ambrose

Unity Week in Bridge

As usual the Christian denominations represented in Bridge will be getting together for prayer and worship in the course of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This year's service will as usual be on the Thursday of Unity Week, *i.e.* the 23rd, at 7.30pm, though not as previously in St Peter's Church but – by popular request – in the Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road, which is both warmer and cosier.

I hope there will be a far larger representation from the Anglican side this time than heretofore. This is an important part of the church's year, being the main opportunity to worship across the denominational divide and really enjoy each other's company and fellowship. The road to unity is a long and arduous one: this service always makes it more appealing and in a way possible, despite the machinations of our respective hierarchies. Do come, whatever your Christian allegiance!

Family news . . .

. . . this month centres on one family, the Macleans of the Plough and Harrow. This is because during the Family Gift Service last month Chris and Melanie's youngest three were all baptized, *i.e.* **Douglas Gavin** (aged 7 years), **Lydia Rose** (2 years) and **Mary Lillian** (a placid 8 months).

On The Nail Noticeboard

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

There will be a talk on *Preparation of Vegetables for Exhibiting* by Roger Austin at 8pm on Thursday, 16th January at the Methodist Church, Bridge. The talk promises to be a very informative as well as an entertaining one and is aimed at encouraging more of our members to 'have a go' at exhibiting at our spring and summer shows. Everyone welcome – member or not!

Rajini Dasan

Bridge Folk Dance Group

Weather permitting we will continue to meet in the new year, beginning on Thursday, 16th January. With our usual caller, Alf Matthews we will be pleased to welcome new dancers with or without a partner at 8 o'clock in Bridge Village Hall. Enquirers please ring 830285 or 830652.

J.H.

Bekesbourne Neighbourhood Watch

The stamping of cycles and equipment was carried out by the Bekesbourne Neighbourhood Watch scheme on Saturday, 16th November 1991. About thirty cycles were coded during the period of 10am to 1pm. I would like to extend my thanks to the following committee members for giving up their time to help with this venture: Messrs M Lee, J Mullins and C Jackson (committee member's husband).

I would like to remind all link persons that a Co-ordinator/Link Persons meeting will be held at Bekesbourne Village Hall at 10am on Sunday, 12th January. If any Link Persons are unable to attend would they please contact me on 830892.

M Howells

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

Bridge with Patrixbourne WI will meet on Tuesday, 21st January at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. New members are always very welcome. Why not come along on the 21st, when our speaker will be Phillipa Davis, on her work as a Physiotherapist.

P.H.

Hospital League of Friends

Are you able to spare some time to help raise funds for this very worthy cause? We need some new committee members. If you can help please contact Elizabeth Stewart on 830344.

E.S.

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The New Close

The Friends, Staff and Residents of The New Close thank all those who supported so generously the Christmas Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy and Raffle on Saturday, 30th November. The net total raised was £185.

O Knight

At home

To a scribe who offered to follow him wherever he went Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." [Matthew 8,20] It's a remark that down the centuries has prompted speculation as to where Jesus actually lived and what his living conditions were like. What, for him, did the word 'home' convey? Was there really nowhere that he could be guaranteed a good night's sleep, nowhere to put his feet up and be off duty, so to speak?

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Last month we traced the story of the Lord's birth and this month, starting with the feast of the Epiphany on 6th, we are encouraged to look into his infancy, from the visit of the Wise Men onwards, and it's a story of restless movement from place to place, and not without good cause. Conscious of their great responsibility and fearful for their little boy's safety Mary and Joseph felt obliged to keep moving house, trekking from Bethlehem where he was born to Egypt and thence to Nazareth where they were eventually to settle themselves. So from the beginning the Jewish Son of Man must have known from firsthand experience what it meant to belong to a nomadic people.

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Yet Jesus had a home for most of his short life, assuming that from his childhood and during the long, hidden years until his ministry began he lived in the family home at Nazareth. For much of his life therefore, we can assume he knew what home was, even if, once the work of teaching and healing began, he no longer needed or had a fixed base of operation.

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Overleaf in *On The Nail* we print an article from The Bible Lands Society's magazine *Star in the East* which gives a fascinating insight into our Lord's home-town of Nazareth, and which is reproduced with the society's permission.

Fish Scheme News

Many people are caring for a handicapped or infirm relative at home with little or no help from the statutory services. Under new regulations the Social Services have a statutory obligation to consult with carers in drawing up its Community Care Plan.

Canterbury and Thanet Social Services have set up a new project, *Carers' Voice*, to supply information and enable carers to say what they think of the services they do or do not get. An independent co-ordinator has

been appointed to set up quarterly Carers' Forums and to publish a newsletter.

The Carers' Forum is an opportunity for carers to :—

- find out from local service managers what is available to help them,
- tell those providing services how carers feel about the services they do or do not receive,
- make suggestions for improvement of services,
- meet other carers.

This is a chance for carers to influence the development of Community Care in the Canterbury area. At last it appears that something is to be done to relieve the very heavy burden that many carers carry. More respite care is planned and it is hoped to start a *Crossroads* scheme in the area before too long, to enable carers to have regular relief at home. Please contact me if you want more information.

Chiropody

Due to illness appointments at the Mobile Clinic had to be cancelled on 9th - 11th December. New appointments will be sent out for 6th - 9th January. *Please note:* In future bookings for the Mobile Clinic will be made from Aylesham Health Centre instead of from Herne Bay. If you need an appointment or have to cancel please ring 0304-840474.

Coffee and Chat

The next Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, 8th January from 10.15 to 11.45am.

Joan Warren, 830233

Bekesbourne Church Cleaning & Flower Rota

4th, Mesdames Ashe and Farbrace – clear Christmas decorations *18th*, Mrs Fry

Confirmation, 1992

A Service of Confirmation has been booked for St Peter's, Bridge on Sunday, 5th July, 1992. I should be glad to hear at the earliest from potential candidates, young or not so young, so that the course of preparation can get under way.

Where youngsters are concerned they will ideally need to be at least thirteen years old on the day of confirmation and the decision should be theirs, not their parents.

It seems to me that there may be several possible maturer candidates, and I would be most willing to discuss confirmation with them on a one-to-one basis if they like to make the initial overture. It need only be an enquiry with no commitment at this stage.

NAZARETH – HOME TOWN OF JESUS

The word Nazareth has the root meaning of blossoming or guarding. There the child Jesus grew in stature, as other children do, and in knowledge and in favour both with God and man, as none other ever has done, under the careful guardianship of Mary and Joseph.

Nazareth was an agricultural settlement in the Iron Age. Remains of cisterns, mills and oil presses have been found, and grain stores, often six feet deep and connected by underground passages. The town suffered under many invaders. It was destroyed by the Romans during the Jewish Revolt of AD 66-67. The Crusader Tancred built churches, Saladin captured the town, and the Mameluk Bibars so devastated Nazareth in 1263 that it lay nearly desolate for some 400 years before Christians were allowed to resettle there. Later the town was taken by Napoleon's troops briefly, then the Turks, the British and, in 1948, by Israeli troops.

There is no mention of Nazareth in the Old Testament, and Jesus is often pictured as leading a sheltered youth, untouched by the outside world, but Nazareth is only three miles from Sepphoris, Herod's capital of Galilee until AD 18, and the greatest city in all Galilee according to Josephus. There Jesus could have seen some of the life familiar to us from His teaching, a judge in court, a prison, soldiers, tax-collectors, even a king who made a marriage feast for his son. It is an ironic sidelight of history that because of Jesus, Sepphoris is now an insignificant village, while Nazareth is world famous.

History and geography in sight

From the hills above Nazareth the boy Jesus would have seen the places He had heard about in the synagogue school; Mount Carmel where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal, Jezreel, the place of Naboth's vineyard and Queen Jezebel's death, and Giboa where Saul and Jonathan were killed by the Philistines. From the hills He would see the sea, the plain of Esdraelon and, far to the north, the town of Safed, a city set on a hill which could not be hidden, with the snowy peaks of Hermon beyond.

When H. V. Morton visited Nazareth in 1934, he found a whole street of carpenters, some making the characteristic Galilee cradle on wooden rockers, others shaping simple ploughs, yokes, ox-goads and winnowing fans, squatting on the ground and using primitive tools. Carpenters would contract to make and keep in repair all the agricultural tools of a village, collecting their pay at harvest time in olives, barley, wheat or sesame.

Nazareth is now dominated by the huge modern Basilica of the Annunciation. Excavations before it was built discovered remains of Crusader and Byzantine churches, and below these, traces of a very early synagogue-church, used by Jewish Christians, with Greek inscriptions such as "Christ, Son of God".

Tradition tells us that the family of Jesus remained in Nazareth, and the martyr Conon, in the third century declared in his defence, "I am of Nazareth, a relative of the Lord, whom I serve, as did my ancestors here."



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Bridge Parish Council

At the meeting of the Parish Council on 11th December, the main item discussed was the Council's proposed expenditure for the coming year. The total budget agreed showed only a very small increase over that of the current year. The main item of expenditure was the proposed replacement bus shelter by the Post Office. A contribution of £500, similar to this year, was agreed to the Village Hall Management Committee and an increase in the grant to the 'Fish Scheme' from £50 to £100.

Still on Financial Matters, the Council accepted a quotation from the Works Service Department of the Canterbury City Council of £465 for maintaining the Recreation Ground grass. This figure showed no real increase on the costs incurred this season.

A good compromise As previously reported, there were difficulties in putting up a village Christmas tree, but thanks to the negotiations of the Chairman, Cllr John Hill, and to the co-operation of the proprietors of Bridgeway Stores, Christmas Lights have been put in the cherry tree in the High Street by the supermarket.

Gift of Trees Cllr Mrs Billie Anderson had been offered several silver birches which had been planted in various locations in the Recreation Ground.

Proposed Bridge Conservation Area The Parish Council expressed grave reservations about the City Council's proposals for a conservation area embracing most

of Bridge, Patricbourne and Bishopsbourne as well as the countryside in between. They were therefore to ask the City Council for further information on its implications as well as for longer time in which to comment.

No objections The Council had no objections to make to either a two-storey and single-storey extension to Beech Cottage, Beech Hill, or to a new detached bungalow on land adjoining 23 Union Road.

County contact Although the County Council had indicated at a recent site meeting that all the High Street footways would be completed in the financial year commencing April 1992, Councillors agreed that the County Council should be asked to take action now to improve the hazardous and bad state of that part at the end of Bifrons Path by the White Horse and the butcher's. The Clerk was to ask the County to look at the two junctions of Bekesbourne Lane with Town Hill with a view to improving safety by signing or lay-out revision. Other minor items which included the replacement of double yellow lines at the Brewery Lane/High Street junction, lost during resurfacing, the loose inspection covers in Patricbourne Road would also be taken up with them.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Hunter Room of the Village Hall on Thursday, 9th January.

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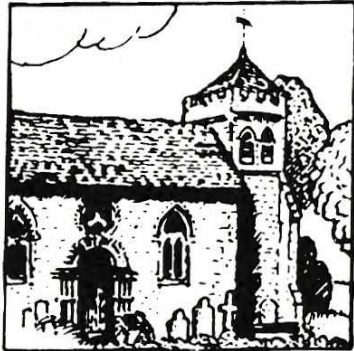
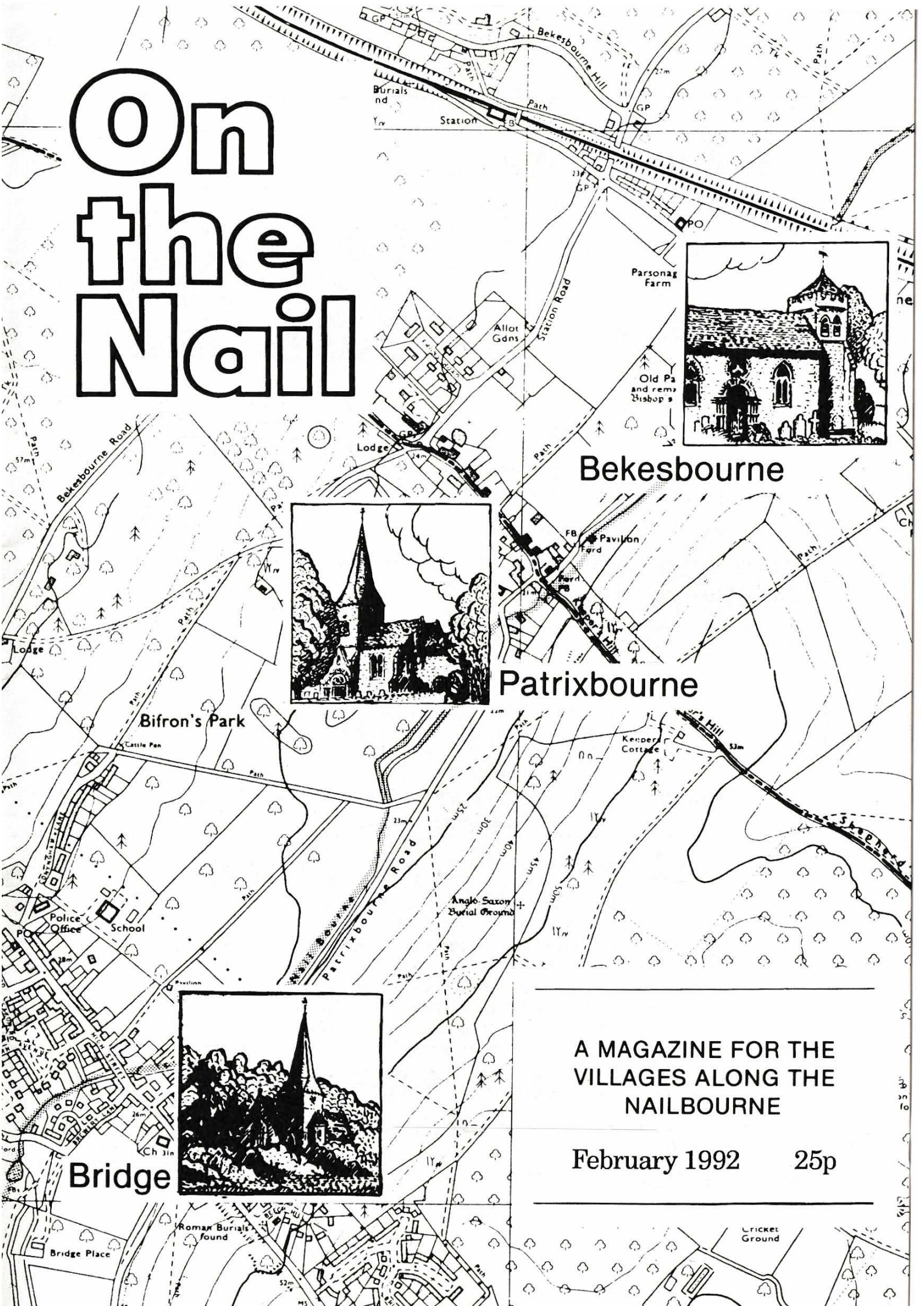
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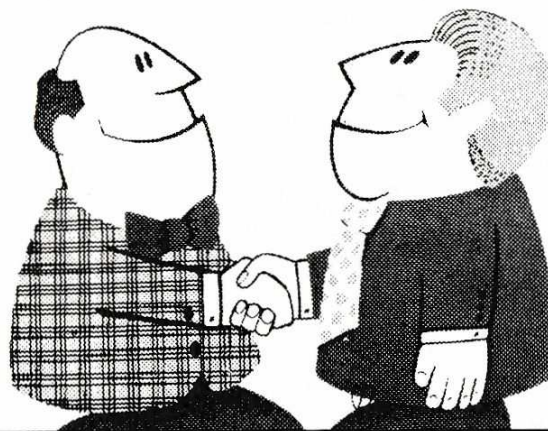
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Sunday Worship in February

Bridge

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2nd:

11am Family Service
3.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion

9th:

9.30 The Eucharist
(ASB Rite A)
3.30pm Evensong

11am Matins

8am Holy Communion

16th:

9.30 Parish Communion
(ASB Rite A)
3.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion 11am Matins

23rd:

8am Holy Communion
6.00pm *Peter's Praise*

9am Holy Communion 11am Matins

1st March:

11am Family Service 8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion

■ *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: 2nd, Mr R H Peacock, MSc 9th, Mr J Whalan 16th, *Holy Communion*, The Revd Sheila Foreman 23rd, Miss J Charlesworth, MA

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge on Wednesday mornings are discontinued until Ash Wednesday but will continue to be held on Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am. Holy Communion at Churchill House is on Wednesday, 5th at 10.15am. The New Close service is each Wednesday at 2.30pm, and non-residents are always most welcome to share in this short, informal act of worship.

For your diary and prayer list

2nd *Presentation of Christ in the Temple* [Epiphany 4]

4th Pray for the clergy of East Bridge Deanery, who meet this morning at Nonington.

6th Pray for HM the Queen on this 40th anniversary of her accession to the throne.

Prayers for Health and Healing, The Vicarage, 7pm

9th **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

11th Nailbourne Horticultural Society AGM, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm

12th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15 - 11.45am

13th Bekesbourne Parochial Church Council, School House, 7.30pm
Bridge Parish Council, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm

16th Septuagesima Sunday : 9 before Easter

18th Pray for East Bridge Deanery Synod representatives who meet this evening, especially for our own, Sheila Fenn, Kath Pierce and Evelyn Andrews (*Patricxbourne with Bridge*) and John Purchase (*Bekesbourne*)

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm

20th Prayers for Health and Healing, The Vicarage, 7pm

Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Methodist Church, 8pm

23rd Sexagesima Sunday : 8 before Easter

27th *Commemoration of George Herbert, Priest, Pastor, Poet, 1633*

29th All unattached males be on your guard!

That extra day

I'm afraid I couldn't resist the above quip (see 29th) despite laying myself open to cries of "Sexist!".

In case you're in the dark, let me explain that it's all to do with an age-old tradition that on 29th February – but only on that day – the normal custom with regard to proposing marriage, whereby the man asked the woman to marry him, was reversed and it was permitted for the woman to take the initiative. Whether this was ever done I wouldn't know but if so, imagine how those girls who continued husband-less and saw the shelf looming ever closer must have clutched at whatever little hope a leap year offered of married bliss. As for the lass whose steady heart-throb seemed reticent about popping the question, she must have leapt at the chance to take matters into her own hands with impunity and get the show on the road..

Nowadays circumstances are very different and statistics may well show that where couples bother about getting married at all it's generally the bride-to-be who makes the first move. Either way I suppose it behoves men who value their celibate status – actually you don't know what you're missing, chaps – to play it safe and lie doggo until normality returns on March 1st.

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But it may not be the unmarried of either sex who are most in need of our sympathy. What of those men, women and especially children who were Leap Year babies, *i.e.* were born on 29th February.

It must be very hard, particularly as a child, only having a proper birthday every four years; and for the other three pretending it's your birthday when the calendar actually says it's 1st March. How strange to be forty years old, let's say, but only celebrating your tenth birthday!

On the other hand those whose birthday is on 29th February, if it's compensation they're after, can see themselves as special, numbered among a select, even elite company. The *hoi polloi* have a birthday every year, and although special for them it's nothing out of the ordinary, since the vast majority of the populace also have an annual birthday. In fact to have one every fourth year only might be considered distinguished. For a

start it makes it a lot easier to lie about your age – though who is going to believe you're only ten when you look all of forty – but in any case the substitute birthday on 1st March means you don't lose out when it comes to the cards, prezzies and other treats.

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Presumably the point of an extra day every time the number of the year is divisible by four is to prevent the calendar going haywire, with the seasons gradually slipping out of sync. Whatever the reason, and however it affects us *vis-à-vis* our marriage prospects or birthday, everyone has that extra day, and it depends how we spend it as to whether or not we appreciate having it. After all it is an extra opportunity for achieving something worthwhile.

The psalmist wrote, though not with reference to any specific day; "This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it". [Psalm 118, 24] Why not, indeed? This year we all have an extra chance to do just that!

Peter's Praise; a new Sunday venture

Starting this month there's a change to the Sunday programme at St Peter's Church, Bridge, when in place of Evensong on the fourth Sunday of each month there will be what, for want of a better title, is called 'Peter's Praise'.

The idea originates from the fact that there is an increasing number of young and very responsible new church members for whom the present list of services doesn't make full provision. It was felt necessary to provide these sincere young christians with an opportunity to make their own contribution by letting them take a more active role in leading our worship, and via a more informal yet reverent approach bring to it some of the exciting and fresh ideas they have.

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No, *Peter's Praise* will not be a youth service, any more than the Family Service is just for children. Nor will it be a free-for-all, noisy affair that will send you home with a headache.

All the customary ingredients of christian worship will be included, although it may not follow the same pattern month by month. It is being seen by the young people themselves as a teaching opportunity, and we shall hope to welcome visitors from outside the parish on occasions, perhaps at times have periods of discussion or watch a video presentation.

At the initial meeting to talk about *Peter's Praise*, I was struck by the serious way the intelligent young people are broaching the subject. They are most concerned that each occasion shall be carefully and thoroughly prepared and that what is on offer will answer the needs of the regular Sunday Evening congregation as well as themselves. I hope you will attend this monthly event, confident that however long you are in the tooth you won't feel out of your depth. We must support our younger members.

They are most anxious to take their rightful place in the life of the church and we should welcome and accept them.

See you Sunday, 23rd at 6 o'clock (not 3.30)!

Family News

On 28th December in St Peter's Church, Bridge **Matthew Raymond Surgenor** was admitted to membership of the church through Holy Baptism. Matthew lives with his parents in Australia and was christened in the UK while staying for Christmas with his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Foulkes, Fence End, Bekesbourne Road.

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On Friday, 17th January the vicar officiated at a pre-cremation service in Bridge Church for **Anthony Harvie** who lived at Silver Birches, Patrixbourne Road. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his loving wife, children and grandchildren at this very sad time.

On The Nail Noticeboard

Women's Institute

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute meets in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday, 18th February at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Mrs M Franklin, her subject being her recent visit to China, illustrated with photographic slides. This will be a most interesting evening and new members, as always, will be welcome.

P.H.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The society's AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 11th February in Bridge Village Hall. As in the previous year we hope to enrich this important occasion by arranging to have a speaker. All members and would-be members are urged to attend to ensure the continuation of the society.

There will also be a talk and demonstration on *Small Flower Arrangements* by Diana Gilbert at 8pm on Thursday, 20th February in Bridge Methodist Church. Everyone welcome! As usual, refreshments available!

Rajini Dasan

The Children's Society

Thanks to the generous contributions from Junior Church, parents and friends in the congregation, a sum of £75.23 was raised for *The Children's Society* at the Christmas Eve Christingle Service.

We were very fortunate again to have Trevor and Polly Pinnock to play at the service and thanks are also given to the kind benefactor who provided the oranges and members of *Hearsay* who made them into Christingles.

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On 28th December, at the cathedral Christingle Service, purses from our

parish for *The Children's Society* were presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury by Edward, Simon and Catherine Dunderdale, Emma Flisher, Emma Medhurst, Elizabeth Pike and Nicholas Hopkins, who presented an additional donation of £40 from Bridge and Patricxbourne School.

It was a very happy and memorable occasion for all who attended, and the archbishop stressed the great continuing needs for the work of the society.

Kathy Eynon, Local Hon Secretary

Junior Church News

by Hilary Pike

Our Nativity Play on the 15th December was planned a little differently this year. Instead of rehearsals all through Advent, we had a 'Nativity Play Day' when the young people came early to the Village Hall and practised their parts. We then had a packed lunch and went down to Church where we were joined by Arnie Wills, and we practised some more. The children then produced the play later in the afternoon for the congregation. We all enjoyed ourselves and we hope all those who came did too. The collection of £60 was given to the 'Hero Fund', a local charity set up to help a five year old girl in Canterbury who cannot speak and so needs a lap-top computer to communicate with other people.

On the 4th January a coach load of fifty-six Church members of all ages went to the Ice Show at Brighton. We had a lovely day out and hope to arrange more trips in the future. If anyone has any suggestions for places to visit please let us know.

As part of the young peoples' own plans for the New Year at Junior Church, they feel that they would like to adopt a local charity and raise funds for that charity over the year. This is entirely their own idea, as will be the fund raising events themselves, so please will everyone support them. More news about this and the charity chosen in future issues!!

■ **Congratulations and thanks** to our young people who gave up two of their valuable hours on a cold Christmas Eve, to play carols to us as we went about our last minute shopping. They played beautifully and cheered us all on our way. Well done! Well done, too, to the collectors who cheerfully braved the cold and wished us a happy Christmas!

Emma Medhurst and Catherine Pike write: Thank you to those who supported the instrumentalists from the choir outside Bridgeway Stores on Christmas Eve. We raised £105 towards new choir robes.



TREES AND PLANTS OF THE BIBLE LANDS

The Olive Tree – *Olea europaea*

The olive tree never dies, it is said. Certainly the trees live to a great age, and new shoots spring up around old trunks, so that children of a good father are likened to olive branches around his table (Psalm 128:3). The ancient trees in Gethsemane may well be direct descendants of the ones under which Jesus prayed.

The olive is a Mediterranean tree, thriving on dry stony soil (Deuteronomy 32:13, "Nourished . . . with oil from the flinty crag"). It will grow in southern England, and the large tree in the Chelsea Physic Garden flowers each year and occasionally produces a good crop of olives. The 1991 crop in the Holy Land was extremely poor.

Olive oil is used for cooking, lighting and to make soap. A ploughman's lunch in the Holy Land is a handful of olives wrapped in a flat loaf of bread. Oil was used for anointing priests, and anointing a guest's head with oil was a greeting among the Jews. The Good Samaritan poured oil on the wounds of the injured traveller (Luke 10:34) and James tells church elders to pray over the sick and anoint them with oil (James 5:14). The peasant remedy for snake bites is olive oil, and old people attribute their good health to a coffee cup of oil taken daily.

Over the centuries olive trees have been chopped down, burnt or bulldozed as punishment or in revenge. Samson sent burning foxes into the olive groves of the Philistines (Judges 15:5), and many trees were cut down when Titus Vespasian laid siege to Jerusalem in AD 70. The Turkish government exacted an annual tax on every fruit tree planted from the year of its planting, but an olive tree yields little fruit until it is 10 to 14 years old and reaches its prime at 40 years. In order to avoid taxation, many trees were felled.

Children may be given a holiday from school to help harvest the olives in Autumn. They beat the branches with sticks and climb high into the trees. Isaiah 17:6 says, "Some gleaning will remain, as when an olive tree is beaten, leaving two or three olives on the topmost branches."

Each village used to have its own stone olive press, now villagers take their olives to a modern press, probably imported from Italy, and watch carefully to see they get back the oil from their own olives.

Olive oil is normally stored in large tins, but once the housekeeper of the Blind School took plastic containers to be filled with oil for the coming year. Next day in the storeroom she saw, through the clear plastic, good greenish oil at the top of each container, with watery inferior oil below. She indignantly returned it all to the factory.



The Garden at Gethsemane

Fish Scheme News

Luncheon Club

Members of the Luncheon Club and their guests celebrated with a delicious Christmas Dinner on 16th December. Councillor John Hill, Chairman of Bridge Parish Council, on behalf of the members made a presentation to the catering staff and thanked them and the volunteers for their work throughout the year.

The New Close is due to be taken over by Kent Community Housing Trust on 1st March. The trust is a charity set up to extend the range and quality of housing available in Kent for those with a special need of accommodation with care services. Although final arrangements have yet to be made, the care services manager of the trust has said that they wish to continue providing facilities for the Luncheon Club.

Social Fund Cold Weather Payments

Regulations have been changed for additional cash help to people on a low income during very severe weather. In future households on Income Support with a child under five, a person over sixty or a disabled person with capital less than £3,000 will get an additional payment of £6 for every seven days that the temperature is below freezing point. A seven day forecast of continual frost made by the local Meteorological Office will trigger off these payments and announcements will be made so that people will know in advance that they can use extra heat. In future these payments will be made automatically and no claim will have to be made.

Time for coffee and chat

The next Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, 12th February from 10.15 to 11.45am.

Dates for your Diary

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Those who live in Bekesbourne I am well aware often lament the fact

that there is seldom anything for them. I can assure you the editor would like nothing better than to include more Bekesbourne contributions. The answer, of course, is in your hands. I don't write the lot – though frequently I feel I write too much – and it's up to you, the readers, to help out, either by composing an article yourselves or feeding me with the relevant information to word it for you.

If therefore you have news or views or yarns that you feel deserve a wider audience and that would make interesting reading let me have it at the vicarage any time you're passing. The monthly deadline is the 15th. I particularly value articles or stories that could be included at any time, since there are occasional months when space is definitely at a premium and others when I'm scratching around for copy.

On The Nail is not averse to printing the occasional joke – sometimes a good one-liner will snugly fill a spare slot and provide a much-needed smile into the bargain. Like this perhaps.

A bishop who had just had new dentures made for him was invited by the dentist to look in the mirror. He did so, and immediately exclaimed, "Jesus!"; then again at the top of his voice, "Christ!". Shocked and dismayed, the dentist asked what was wrong. "Wrong?" the bishop said, "Nothing's wrong – far from it! Thanks to your skilled work, I can now, for the first time in ten years, pronounce our Lord's name without whistling!"

Confirmation

So far two young people and two adults have expressed an interest in being prepared for Confirmation. If any others are querying whether or not a life-long commitment to Christ and his church is for them, I would urge that they get in touch straight away, even if at this stage they aren't absolutely sure.

This is particularly important for younger candidates, since their time of preparation tends to be rather longer.

The Confirmation towards which we shall be aiming will be in St Peter's Church, Bridge on Sunday, 5th July at 11am.

PARISH PUMP

Parish Council
News



Bridge Parish Council

The first meeting of Bridge Parish Council in 1992 on 9th January began with a brief talk by Mr Derek Church, Consultant to Canterbury City Council, on their proposed

Bridge Conservation Area and its implications. Members expressed reservations on the unwieldiness of such a large conservation area and Mr Church indicated that it was

now more likely to consist of a series of smaller individual conservation areas. The City Council were to be asked to let members have their finalised plans in plenty of time for the Parish Council to submit their comments to the City's Planning Committee for consideration.

The Good News The grant money from the City Council amounting to half the cost of recent work at the Village Hall has now been received.

The Christmas lights were voted a success by Councillors who expressed their thanks to Mr and Mrs Dhaliwal at Bridgeway Stores for their help and co-operation.

Rejections The Council learnt that Lower Hardres Parish Council's request for a weight and height restriction to control lorries using Whitehill Bridge Road had been refused by the Police. However, the Chairman, Cllr John Hill, reported that Geoff Hart Transport who were based in Stone Street were understood to be moving their operations to Tilmanstone, which would alleviate the situation.

The Council's request to the County Council for a one-way system on the narrow section of Union Road at its junction with the High Street had again been turned down after investigation by them in conjunction with the Police.

Outside Contacts The Chairman has been invited to brief the City Council's Planning Committee on the Parish Council's views on the Canterbury District Local Plan as far as it relates to development in the rural areas prior to their meeting on 4th February. Cllr Mrs

Meriel Connor, the Parish's Footpaths Officer, is to meet with the County Council's Officer in charge of their Parish Paths Programme to discuss the Parish's possible participation in the scheme which would enable all the rights of way in the Parish to be put in proper order.

Cllr Ken Greenaway represented the Council at the last meeting of the Bridge Village Sports Trust and will represent them at the Kent Village Halls Conference in March.

Planning The Council were to object to an application for a change of use from warehousing and wine distribution at the former Bridge Blean Rural District Council's depot in Mill Lane to the restoration of classic MG and Rolls Royce motor cars on grounds which included such a use being unsuitable to the adjacent residential area. Planning permission has been granted by the City Council for external alterations to Bridgeford House, Brewery Lane.

Advance Notice The annual parish meeting is to be held this year on Thursday 26th March - more details later.

During the last week of February, Monday 24th to Friday 28th, from 12 noon to 6.00pm in the Village Hall, Canterbury City Council are staging an exhibition of their District Local Plan. There will also be a public meeting on Thursday 27th of that week at 7.30pm, again in the Village Hall.

The next meeting of the Parish Council itself will be on Thursday, 13th February at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Hunter Room of the Village Hall.

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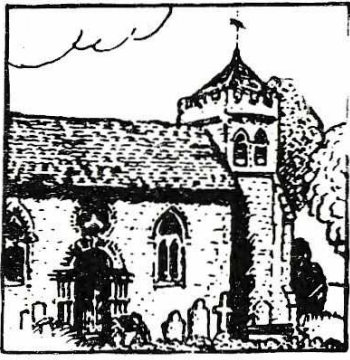
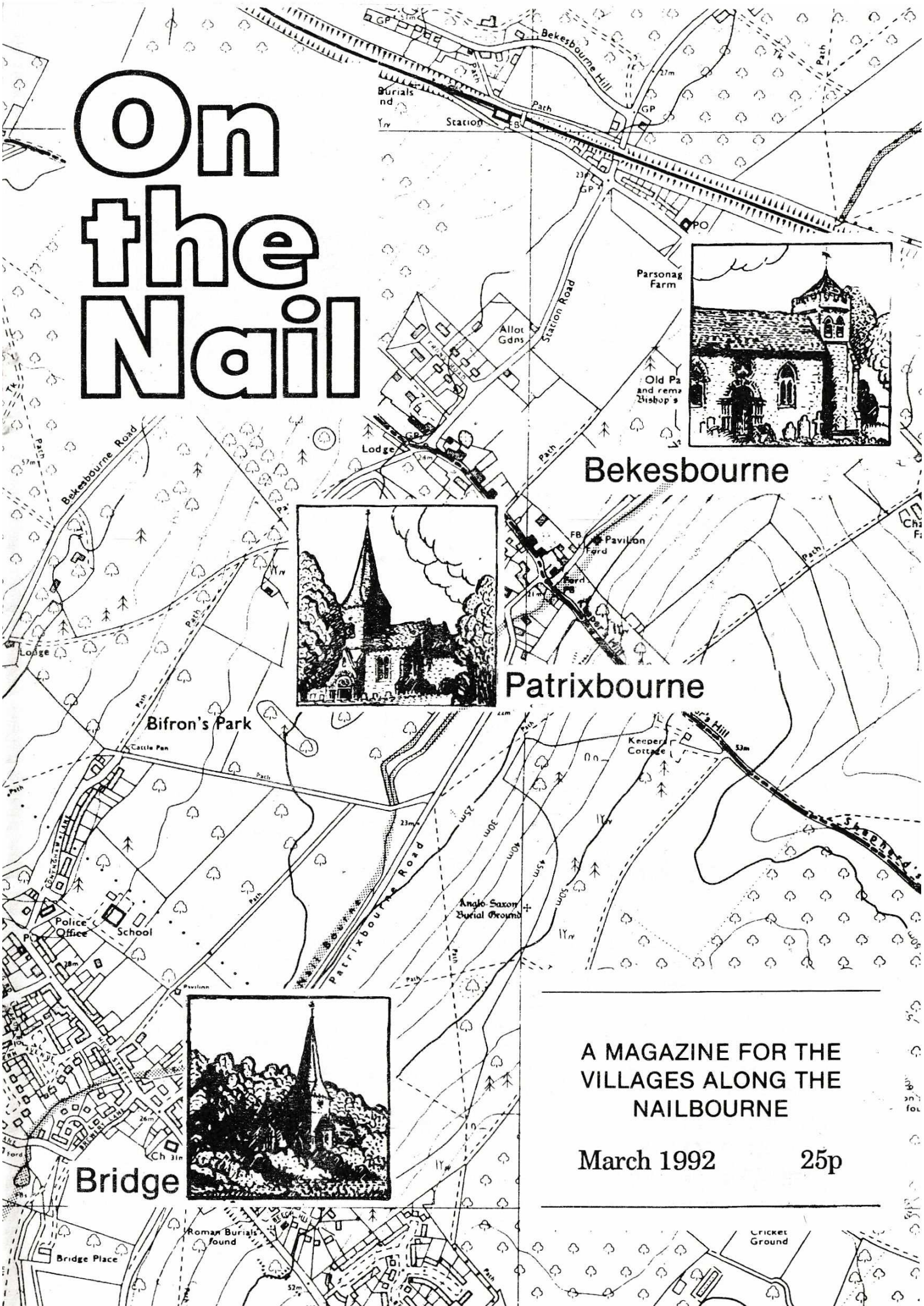
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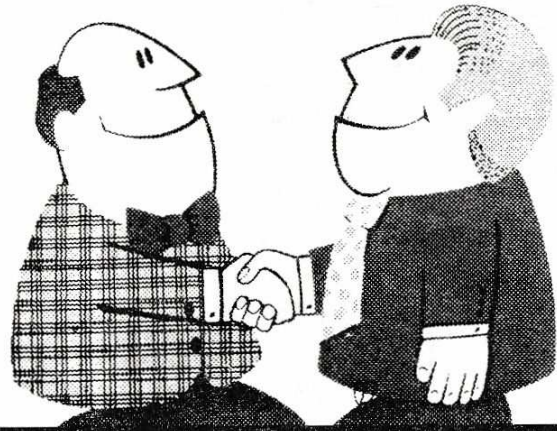
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1st:

11am Family Service
3.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion

8th:

9.30 The Eucharist
(ASB Rite A)
3.30pm Evensong

11am Matins

8am Holy Communion

15th:

9.30 Parish Communion
(ASB Rite A)
3.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion 11am Matins

22nd:

8am Holy Communion
6pm *Peter's Praise*
(Revd Brian Pearson)

9am Holy Communion 11am Matins

29th:

9.30 The Eucharist
(ASB Rite A) with the
Laying on of Hands
6.30pm Evensong

11am Matins
(Revd W Owen)

8am Holy Communion
11am *Mothering Service*

5th April:

11am Family Service
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion

■ *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

From 22nd, when the clocks change, the evening service at Bridge reverts to 6.30pm.

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *1st*, Dr J R Butler, MA *8th*, *Holy Communion*, The Revd Sheila Foreman *15th*: Mr E R O'Mahony *22nd*, Mr C G Robertson *29th*, Miss J Charlesworth, MA.

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge are held on Wednesday mornings (BCP) at 9.30am and on Fridays (ASB Rite A) at 7.30am. Holy Communion at Churchill House is on Wednesday, 4th at 10.15am. The New Close service is each Wednesday at 2.30pm, and non-residents are always most welcome to share in this short, informal act of worship.

For your diary and prayer list

1st **Quinquagesima Sunday : 7 before Easter**

2nd *St Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672*

- 4th **Ash Wednesday**
 Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge at 9.30am
- 5th Prayers for Health and Healing, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 6th *Women's World Day of Prayer Service*, Bridge Methodist Church, 2.30pm
- 7th *St Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs of Carthage, 203*
- 8th **First Sunday in Lent**
- 11th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15 - 11.45am
- 12th Bridge Parish Council, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 13th Interchurch Fellowship, Bridge Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 15th **Second Sunday in Lent**
- 17th *St Patrick, Bishop, Patron Saint of Ireland, c460*
 Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19th *St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 Prayers for Health and Healing, The Vicarage, 7pm
 Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 20th *St Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687*
- 21st Bridge Choir Jumble Sale, Bridge Village Hall, 10.30am
- 22nd **Third Sunday in Lent**
 The congregation for this evening's *Peter's Praise* at 6 o'clock will welcome the Archbishop's Diocesan Chaplain and Tait Missioner, the Revd Brian Pearson.
- 25th *Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- 29th **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
 The traditional Mothering Sunday service will again take place in St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne at 11am. This is an addition to the usual fifth Sunday services.

Blazing the Unity Trail

The January United service, held in the warm conviviality of Bridge Methodist Church, was greatly enjoyed by those present, and we were able to make a pleasant and quite natural adjustment to the previous pattern of a service in St Peter's Church followed by refreshments in the Methodist Church. Since both service and refreshments were in the same building we decided to incorporate the one into the other. So when, towards the end of the service, we exchanged the Peace we cleared away the chairs and moved straight into the time for socializing over coffee, tea and biscuits. Then when it seemed appropriate, we sang the closing hymn and said the Grace. Happily this novel variation went down extremely well.

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Over refreshments arrangements were made to restart the once regular inter-church meetings and it's good to announce that the first one will take place in the Methodist Church on Friday, 13th March at 7.30pm. This meeting is for all of whatever Christian persuasion, the main objective being to enjoy the company of fellow-Christians who only differ in that they

belong to other churches. However, to pander to the little grey cells and give the evening added spice Fr Michael O'Dea, the Roman Catholic priest for this area, will spark off discussion of the person of St Joseph, who apart from being the foster-father of our Lord and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary is also – to my way of thinking – a greatly unsung New Testament hero (his day is the 19th March).

Do come along and share in this time of fellowship! It's through meeting together in a relaxed atmosphere that divided Christians get to know one another better and the cause of unity becomes a more realistic possibility.

May they rest in peace!

Jean Esther Bright

GHR writes:

The question "And who is my neighbour?" is one that Jean Bright never needed to ask because, as all realise who have had the joy of knowing her in her forty-odd years of living in Bridge, she instinctively gave the answer through the manner of her life.

Educated at first at the Persse School and then Brampton Down, starting when the school was still in Kent, she went on to serve in the WRNS, and then to qualify in Oxford for her life's work as an Occupational Therapist, moving with her late mother to Canterbury in 1950. From there, they both came on to Bridge in 1951, where she lived at first in Weston Villas until after the death of her mother, for whom she had cared devotedly; then moving in 1973 to Dering Close where she enjoyed the happiest of companionship during her later working years, and those of her retirement which were to be so sadly curtailed by illness.

The 'job-title' of Occupational Therapist masks the reality of what was a profound understanding that Jean had for other people, their feelings, and their needs, and which showed up alike in her work – the value of which, and the esteem in which she was held for it, being indicated by the many former colleagues who were present as old friends at her funeral – and in all her daily contacts. If even some minor gadget existed which might ease tasks or movement for someone who had perhaps never thought for themselves of the need for it – then she would be there with the idea, and (as often as not) the article itself. The same thoughtfulness went to the choice of presents for friends, be it at birthdays or Christmas, with careful prevision devoted to selection, and instant modest self-deprecation at merited thanks.

This is but a mere skimming of examples of the sensitivity to the feelings of others and the entire and intuitive unselfishness which, with a gentle humour, characterised Jean's living and being, together with an unfailing hospitality of which the high point was always the annual Christmas -morning party, dating from the days of her mother, which she continued to hold with Betty, even until within a month of her death, welcoming friends of every generation.

Illness she defied; enquiry she turned to one side, rather than speaking of herself. In truth, everyone was 'neighbour' to her, and she to everyone; though all will mourn her death, we can still gladly warm ourselves from her example.

JP adds the following:

Jean had difficulty sleeping one night in the late 1960s when she lived in the High Street at Bridge because of the heavy traffic noise of TIR vehicles, since Bridge village was still the main A2 to Dover. She decided to give up trying to sleep and listened to the Overseas Programme of the BBC which was then the only 24-hour broadcasting in Britain. To her annoyance and then amusement she heard an interview that had been recorded with Brian Lewis, then a Bridge resident and Secretary of the A2 Group describing the problem of traffic noise in the village. Jean supported the Group very well.

Dorothy Mary Shirley

Having been a life-long member of the Roman Catholic Church the funeral service in St Peter's Church, Bridge prior to interment in the churchyard of Mrs Mary Shirley took the form of Requiem Mass celebrated by Fr Michael O'Dea. The Vicar read the Gospel and led the prayers. Mrs O I Knight sends the following tribute to this much-loved and respected Bridge lady who died on 26th January, aged eighty-four years:

The relations and friends of Mrs Mary Shirley met in Bridge Church on Friday morning, 31st January for her funeral service and to give thanks for her life and work, which centred particularly on the children of Bridge.

Mr and Mrs Samuel Shirley came to Bridge in the early 1950s to manage the Post Office. Many older residents of Bridge and neighbouring villages will remember Mary with affection for her cheerful welcome and the gentle response she gave customers.

After Mr Shirley died their son Lawrence took over the Post Office and Mary joined the staff of Bridge School as secretary. She also helped with remedial teaching, administered first-aid and comforted children when they were distressed. Mary had reached retirement age when the school moved from its original Victorian premises in Patixbourne Road to the present site, and reluctantly we had to let her leave us. But she loved children so much, she went on giving remedial teaching privately.

There must be many adults who were taught by Mary and remember her with affection.

On The Nail Noticeboard

Life for Laura Baby Care Appeal

Last month a mother at the K & C Hospital had to be delivered in the twenty-eighth week of pregnancy to save her baby. All the incubators in the Special Care Unit were occupied.

Dr Neil Martin telephoned around and was lucky to be offered an incubator in Brighton. That night the mother was taken to Brighton and the baby is doing well. The baby's family is faced with many weeks of travelling to Brighton. They're not complaining but if the *Life for Laura* campaign can raise £1 million the government will fund an enlarged care unit in the future. So far half a million has been raised.

Can Bridge help? Can we raise £5,000 in 1992 – a hundredth of what's needed? Please try! Please support forthcoming events in Bridge for all you're worth – and then a bit more! We'll make sure that you hear about them.

Anne Rooke

Bridge Choir Jumble Sale

The choir will be holding a jumble sale in the Village Hall on Saturday morning, 21st March at 10.30. Please bring your jumble to the hall on morning of the sale from 9am, but *beware* the sale starts at 10.30! If you need the jumble collecting 'phone 830708 or 830762.

S.P.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th March, at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Our speaker will be Mrs R Pascoe, on *Embroidered Pictures*. Competition – Easter Biscuits. Delighted to welcome new members!

P.H.

Bridge Parish Clerk - a vacancy

Bridge Parish Council is looking for someone interested in village affairs to be clerk. The work consists of taking minutes at monthly council meetings, parish correspondence and keeping parish accounts. Salary from £1,200. Write or 'phone the Chairman, John Hill, Renville Oast, Bridge CT4 5AD (830215).

Day Care Offer

Do you need a break from caring? If so, contact Saxon Lodge Day Care Centre on 831737 to arrange for your elderly relative to spend the day with us at our home.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

There will be a talk and demonstration on *Hanging Baskets* by Mrs Phyllis Leaney on Thursday, 19th March at 8pm in the Methodist Church, Bridge. Non-members most welcome! Refreshments served as usual!

Rajini Dasan

100-mile Sponsored Walk

An appeal from the intrepid Pike family of 12 High Street (830708).

Over the Easter holidays, we (Hilary, Stephen, Elizabeth and Katie) are going to spend seven days attempting to walk a hundred miles of the Pennine Way, staying in Youth Hostels *en route*, and we would like to use the challenge to raise money through sponsorship for Bridge Choir Fund and *Save the Children*.

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We intend driving to Sheffield on the morning of Good Friday to join our link parish of St Aidan in their service, before going on to Thornton-in-Craven, where we will start our walk. We will be walking to Dufton, a hundred miles further north, over the next seven days, via Malham on Easter Sunday.

Please help us to raise money by sponsoring us. There will be forms in church for this purpose, or if you can help by asking friends, family or work colleagues to sponsor us, please ask for a form of your own. Remember, the more money we raise the greater the benefit to our church and *Save the Children*.

The Sheffield link goes on

Although we reached our target for the *Church Urban Fund* some time ago we are keen to preserve the link we had established with St Aidan's, which is part of the Manor team ministry at Sheffield. Contact has been somewhat limited in recent, following John Packer's departure to become Archdeacon of West Cumberland. But his replacement, Andrew Teal, has been in touch and I assured him the link has been established and will continue.

Three visits have so far been made from here and we had the pleasure of welcoming a minibus-load from Sheffield for the harvest weekend of 1990. As you will see above the Pikes hope to call in at St Aidan's on Good Friday.

We have an obligation to St Aidan's that must be fulfilled, as Andrea Nicholson reminds us.

"Last year we supplied the Genesis second-hand shop in our link parish with clothes to renew their stock for the month of May. Again this year we will be taking items to Sheffield. Could anyone who has good quality unwanted items of clothing take them to Mrs Ann Mummery at Great Pett Farm or contact me for collection. In particular, items of gents clothing, larger ladies clothes and children's wear are in great demand in the shop. I hope everybody can help with our efforts again this year to help stock the shop, as our contributions last year were warmly welcomed and much appreciated."

Bekesbourne items

Bekesbourne Neighbourhood Watch

At a recent Neighbourhood Watch committee meeting an agreement was reached to extend the boundaries of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to Patricxbourne, covering Keeper's Hill (lower), houses as far as Waterfall Cottage and the properties in The Street as far as the mini roundabout. The following *Link People* have put their names forward for this area; Mrs Hollister (830553), Mr K Galloway (830885) and Mr P Morris (830437).

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The local Police have informed the NWS that there will be council officials in the area in respect of the local council tax. They have also stressed that these officials have no right to enter any person's house. There could also be a number of 'bogus' officials in the area sizing up people's property, etc.

Be on your guard and if you see anything suspicious in your locality ring 999 direct.

Malcolm Howells, Co-ordinator

Bekesbourne Sports Scene

The Bekesbourne Short Mat Bowling Club, which uses the Village Hall as their venue, is looking for new members. Friday evening at 7.30pm is club night and practice sessions on the green baize are a common scene.

The two teams, *Jammies* in the first division and the *Dodgers* in the second are currently leading in both divisions. The teams both play in the league of the East Kent Short Mat Bowls.

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On Mondays and Tuesdays Karate Kai of the Whitstable Karate Club use Bekesbourne Village Hall for training purposes. Anyone interested in learning Karate, junior or adult, can do so by contacting John Jones on 730930. Practice nights are Mondays from 7.30 to 9.30 and Tuesdays 8 to 10pm.

Malcolm Howells

St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

It is our intention to replace some, if not all the present kneelers with hand-worked tapestry ones. It is hoped that the members of our congregation will donate one or more kneelers and maybe work the tapestry themselves. If you would like to be involved in this scheme or wish to know further details please contact me on 830261, and I will be pleased to show you a finished product and explain in more detail, with prices etc.

Tony Fullaway

Deeds of Covenant

Inland Revenue requirements for Tax Year ending 5th April, 1992

At the approach of the end of the Tax Year 1991/1992, I would take this opportunity to remind covenanters of the Inland Revenue's strict requirements that the total annual payments under the terms of each Deed of Covenant falling to be paid within the tax year should be paid on or before 5th April, 1992. It is essential that we should observe this requirement if we are to maximise our claim for repayment of tax from the Inland Revenue.

This is particularly important to covenanters who make their periodic payments in cash (mainly within the Envelope Scheme) and in this context I am setting out the following guidance.

Weekly covenant payments due up to and including Sunday 5th April, 1992. All weekly payments due up to and including Sunday 5th April, the last complete week and day of the Tax Year 1991/1992, should be presented by that date (5th April, 1992)

Calendar monthly, quarterly, etc covenant payments. Where such periodic payments fall due on or before 5th April, 1992, will covenanters please ensure that their payments are presented by that date (5th April, 1992) at the latest.

Payments by banker's order. As it is anticipated that payments

under this arrangement will be received automatically on their due dates, no special action is envisaged.

Should you require any further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me (Tel 830426).

Douglas R Hill, Covenants Officer

NHS — AGM, 11.2.92 OK

No, it's not a message from GCHQ Cheltenham but rather confirmation that the annual general meeting of the Nailbourne Horticultural Society was a great success.

Over thirty-five members were entertained and educated by John Williamson, who spoke most authoritatively about historic houses along the Nailbourne. Did you know that Bridge Place was once one of the most important houses in East Kent and many times larger than the present building? Or, perhaps, that Joseph Conrad, H G Wells and Evelyn Waugh all resided or worked for a time at Bishopsbourne? Or that Mozart stayed for a week at Bourne Park? If not you should have been at the meeting. Thank you, John; I, for one, have been bitten by the local history bug!

The AGM heard that this last year had been successful. The society held a number of meetings on subjects ranging from showing vegetables to making and stocking an alpine garden. It also organized two enjoyable outings, one to Leonardslee Gardens, Sussex (Rhododendrons and Azaleas) the other to Wisley. A number of the committee were unable to continue in their duties. Thanks to you all, particularly Mrs Apps. We wish her every happiness in her home at Saxon Lodge.

The draw for the Chelsea Flower Show tickets open to members who paid this year's subscription at the AGM, was won by Mrs D King of Windmill Close.

The next meeting is on 19th March in the Methodist Church, Patixbourne Road. The Spring Show is on 7th April. For details 'phone Martin Leggatt, Treasurer (830251), Billy Anderson, Secretary (830260) or Roger Austin, Chairman (830185). New members and show entrants very welcome!

Martin Leggatt

Fish News



Many people were saddened to hear of the death of Miss Jean Bright. When she retired from her post as Senior Occupational Therapist to our local hospitals she offered her services as a volunteer driver. She made many trips to the hospital and chiropody clinic for us until her illness forced her to give up driving. Her encouragement and cheerfulness will be remembered with gratitude by many elderly people in the area.

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There have been rumours about that the Mobile Chiropody Clinic is to close. I have been in touch with the District Chiropody office and have been assured that this is incorrect. Mrs Heron, our present chiropodist, left at the end of February to join her husband, who is working in Scotland. Her work will be taken over by another chiropodist. The Mobile Clinic will be at

The New Close from Monday, 2nd March until Friday, 6th March. If you have any problems about appointments, please let me know.

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The next Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, 11th March from 10.15 to 11.45am.

Joan Warren, 830233



Bridge Parish Council

There was a full agenda for the Parish Council to discuss at their meeting on 13th February.

Meetings galore! As well as the Canterbury District Local Plan Exhibition in the Village Hall from 12 - 6pm in the week from 24th to 28th February, there will also be a public meeting on Thursday 27th of that week at 7.30pm, again in the Village Hall. Cllr Ken Greenaway represented the Council at the recent AGM of the Bridge Village Sports Trust.

Cllr Mrs Meriel Connor, the Council's Footpath Officer, has had a meeting with the County Council's Parish Paths Programme Officer to look at the rights of way in the parish. The County Council has agreed to include them in their programme aimed to bringing them up to an acceptable standard.

Cllr Mrs Joan Monk and Cllr Mrs Margaret Jones are to represent the Council at the County Council's Annual Divisional Meeting of Parish Council Representatives at Barham on the 18th March.

Cllrs Mrs Monk and Mrs Billie Anderson attended the recent meeting of the Area Committee of the Kent Association of Parish Councils.

In connection with a planning application for a two-storey side extension to 4 Mount Charles Walk, Union Road, the Chairman, Cllr John Hill, and the Vice Chairman, Cllr Mrs Ann King visited the site prior to the Council submitting their objections. The Chairman and local City Councillor, Mr David Pentin put forward local objections at a recent site meeting of the City Council's Planning Sub-Committee to consider

the application for a change of use from warehousing and wine distribution depot to the restoration of classic MG and Rolls Royce motor cars at the old depot in Mill Lane. Meanwhile, the Parish Council were also to object to a further application for a change of use of part of the same site to blacksmith forge and wrought iron works on grounds relating to noise and smell.

Who will fix it? Cllr Greenaway has fixed one of the gates at the Recreation Ground and is to look at the other one. He, in company with Cllr Mervyn Gulvin, will also look at the play equipment. Cllr Gulvin is to liaise with Cllr Mrs Anderson to arrange materials for a new circular seat around one of the trees. Money has already been granted from 'Shell' towards this project. Cllrs Greenaway and Reg Franklin are to repair and refill the white painted tubs outside the supermarket ready for planting up.

The Chairman is to investigate a new display footpaths map. The present one outside the supermarket has faded badly.

Planning proposals Planning permission has been granted by the City Council for a new detached bungalow on land adjoining 23 Union Road and for a single and two-storey extension to Beech Cottage, Beech Hill.

The Parish Council had no observations to make on an application for a two-storey rear extension to 12 Bridge Down.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, 12th March at 7.30pm in the Hunter Room of the Village Hall.

Annual Parish Meeting The Annual Parish Meeting to which all parishioners are invited is to be held on Thursday 26th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Parish Council has invited the Chairman of the local branch of the Kent Trust for Nature Conservation, Mr Hector Wilks, to give a talk on Nature Reserves in East Kent. Please come along to give your support.

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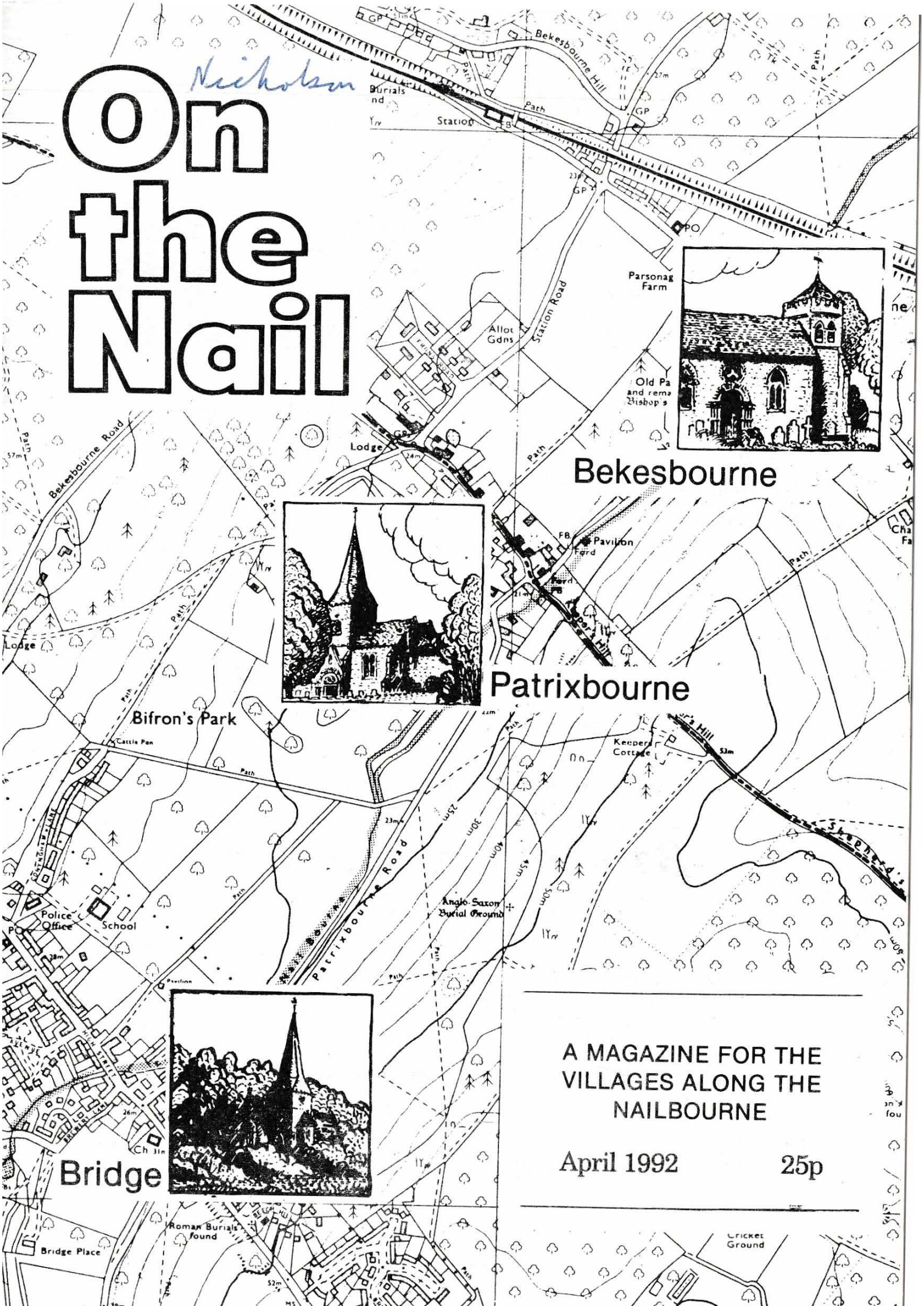
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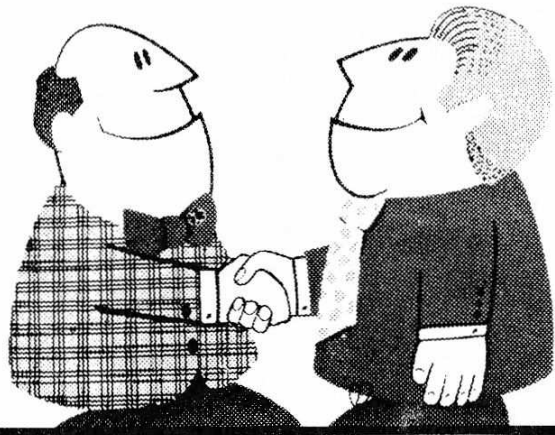
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Sunday Worship in April

Bridge

Patricxbourne

Bekesbourne

5th:

11am Family Service
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion
3pm Holy Baptism

12th:

9.30 Blessing of Palms & The Eucharist (Rite A)
3pm Holy Baptism
6.30pm Evensong

11am Matins with Distribution of Palms

8am Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion

19th: *See below for details of Easter services*

26th:

8am Holy Communion
6pm *Peter's Praise*

9am Holy Communion

11am Matins

3rd May:

11am Family Service with Baptisms

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

6.30pm Deanery Evensong in the Cathedral

■ *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *5th*, Mr J Whalan *12th*, The Revd Sheila Foreman *19th*, *See below* *26th*, Mr L Dron

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge are held on Wednesday mornings (*BCP*) at 9.30am and on Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am, except in Easter Week; Holy Communion at Churchill House is on Wednesday, 1st at 10.15am. The New Close service is each Wednesday at 2.30pm, and non-residents are always most welcome to share in this short, informal act of worship.

For your diary and prayer list

- 1st Coffee Morning for *The Children's Society*, 19 Bridge Down, 10am - 12 noon
- 2nd Prayers for Health and Healing, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 5th **Fifth Sunday in Lent : Passion Sunday**
- 7th Nailbourne Horticultural Society Spring Show, Bridge Village Hall
Bekesbourne Village Hall AGM, 8pm
- 8th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15 - 11.45am
Patricxbourne with Bridge Annual Parochial Church Meeting, The Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road, 7.30pm
- 9th Bekesbourne Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Parsonage Farm, 7.30pm

- 11th St Peter's Church, Bridge Spring-clean, 9.30am
- 12th **Palm Sunday**
- 13th **Monday in Holy Week**
- 14th **Tuesday in Holy Week**
 Holy Communion in St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne, 9.30am
 Nailbourne Craft Club, Bridge Methodist Church, 2 - 4.30pm
 Bekesbourne Village Hall AGM, The Village Hall, 8pm
- 15th **Wednesday in Holy Week**
 Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge, 9.30am
- 16th **Maundy Thursday**
 Evening Eucharist in commemoration of the Last Supper, St Peter's Church, Bridge, 7.30pm
 Bridge Parish Council, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 17th **Good Friday** *For details of services see below.*
- 18th **Easter Eve**
 Church decorating for Easter takes place at Bridge (10am) and Bekesbourne (10.30am) and all hands, skilled or otherwise, are asked to come and help.
- 19th **EASTER DAY**
 The most important day in the Church's Year, when all who are confirmed should make their communion. Opportunities exist at all three churches on the day — see below. Any who are sick or housebound can receive their Easter communion at home by prior arrangement with the vicar.
- 20th **Monday in Easter Week**
 See poster in Bridge Church porch for details of the Easter Monday Pilgrimage to the Cathedral.
- 21st **Tuesday in Easter Week**
 Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 22nd **Wednesday in Easter Week**
- 23rd **Thursday in Easter Week**
- 24th **Friday in Easter Week**
- 25th **Saturday in Easter Week**
- 26th **First Sunday after Easter**
- 27th **St Mark the Evangelist** (translated from 25th)
- 29th **St Catherine of Siena, Mystic, 1380**
- 30th Bridge Methodists' Coffee Morning in their church, 10am - 12 noon

HOLY WEEK *(Continued over on to page 6)*

Tuesday in Holy Week	9.30am	Holy Communion (<i>Patrixbourne</i>)
Wednesday in Holy Week	9.30am	Holy Communion (<i>Bridge</i>)
Maundy Thursday ..	7.30pm	The Eucharist (<i>Rite A</i>) in commemoration of the Last Supper
Good Friday	11.00am	<i>Dramatis Personae</i> An hour-long Service of Devotion conducted by the Vicar (<i>Bekesbourne</i>)

2.00pm *The Last Hour*, conducted by
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EASTER DAY

St Peter's Church, Bridge

11.00am The Easter Eucharist (*Rite A*) with
Renewal of Baptismal Vows (*The Vicar*)

6.30pm Evensong (*The Vicar*)

St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne

9.30am Holy Communion & Sermon (*The Vicar*)

St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

11.00am Easter Eucharist & Sermon (*Revd W Owen*)

Bridge Methodist Church

11am The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*The Revd Sheila Foreman*)

New life for old

The wedding season is here again, though not yet at fever pitch! Yet already there are discernable signs that excitement is mounting in the immediate circles of potential brides and grooms.

The reception will have been booked months ago (the choicest venues tend to be snapped up at least a year ahead) and, shrouded in traditional secrecy, the bride's dress is coming along nicely. Mothers are choosing their outfits, photographers providing estimates, the question of a video is broached and the finer points of the service worked out with the vicar.

The nearer it gets, 'the wedding' (never any need to be more specific) occupies ever more waking hours, perhaps even some sleeping ones too, and all involved find themselves getting increasingly keyed up.

Then it's the great day! Everyone has a wonderful time and makes appreciative comments on the bride's appearance, the groom's speech and how lovely the bridesmaids looked. After which everything returns to normal. The bride's parents in particular share the satisfaction of knowing that it all went well, and divested of their finery, can at long last relax and sink back into their favourite armchair to run the video through once more.

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For the happy couple, however, it's not the same. Hopefully they too have had a day to remember, but in their case it's not the wedding that's important so much as what follows. If for the wedding guests it's been the climax of a process, where the newly-weds are concerned it's a fresh beginning, in fact the start of a new family. Their wedding is over; their marriage has just begun!

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There is, of course, an obvious link between weddings, Spring and Easter; it's the shared theme of 'new life for old'. As the marriage service puts it, "In marriage husband and wife belong to one another; and they begin a new life together in the community". The same familiar faces smile out at us

from the wedding photos but the two people themselves are different in the sense that from their former lives a new family unit has emerged and their lives are henceforth to be spent drawing ever closer to each other in love.

Also in the springtime new life forms come into being in both the animal and plant worlds, and the Christian Church celebrates anew the age old truth that Christ, who once rose from the dead, is alive for evermore. And note, these are all instances of the new rising out of the old, they aren't totally new creations, as it were plucked out of the air. New families, new growth, new awareness of the living Lord in our midst – all are recognisable by having come into being of a very old and familiar pattern. Yet their old origins don't diminish their newness in the slightest degree and we can greet each of them with wonder and delight and great expectancy.

Family news

On the afternoon of 23rd February in St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, **Samuel Kingsley Moubray**, the infant son of Jamie and Helen (née Ash) Watson of 1 Chalkpit Cottages, Adisham Road was, through baptism, made 'a member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven'.

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Relations and many former Bekesbourne friends were at St Peter's Church on 3rd March for the funeral prior to burial in the churchyard of **Alice Mary Clayson**, formerly of the village but for many years resident in Sturry. Because she had regularly received communion from him in her home the service was conducted by the Vicar of Sturry, the Revd Peter Gausden.

St Peter's Church, Bridge to be Spring-cleaned

Saturday, 11th April is the day designated for a before-Easter-clean-and-tidy-up of St Peter's Church, Bridge. We propose to give the inside of the church a thorough Spring-clean. Can you assist with the project? If you can, then please join the Working Party (and bring your overalls)! The Church will be open at 9.30am.

In order to cope with the work in just one morning we shall need to borrow (ideally with owner-operator) ladders, steps, vacuum cleaners, carpet shampoo equipment, window cleaning gear, electric extension leads, brooms, hand-brushes. 'man-helps' (long bamboo poles) etc, etc. People who are not *unhappy* about working on a ladder will be particularly welcome – there is probably a lot of dust up 'top-sides'! Please join the cleaning gang on Saturday 11th April at 0930.

HPL, Churchwarden

Bridge Easter Flowers

Easter flower decorations are being prepared for St Peter's Church, Bridge. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the Easter lilies please

contact Viv Brasier on 830981. All help would be appreciated on Saturday, 18th April at 10am to arrange the flowers.

As always we would welcome any newcomers to come and see us put flowers into vases! It's not a particularly artistic talent that is required, just the ability to put a few flowers into a container. Go on – give it a try! I would be very happy to 'hold your hand' if you need some support.

Viv Brasier

***On The Nail* Noticeboard**

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Spring Show will take place in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday, 7th April. Members wishing to stage entries will find the hall open just after 6pm. Judging will start at 7.30pm. There will also be a plant stall and as usual refreshments will be served during judging.

B Anderson

***The Children's Society* Coffee**

1st April, 10am - 12 noon Coffee Morning at 19 Bridge Down in aid of *The Children's Society*. Bring & Buy, Raffle, Home-made items (sample recipes) etc.

Kathy Eynon

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st April at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The speaker will be Mrs Z Barnard on *Cooking for One or Two*. Always delighted to welcome new members.

P.H.

Methodist Church Coffee

Bridge Methodists are holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday, 30th April from 10am to 12 noon. Proceeds are for the Repairs Fund. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Come and inspect our new windows!

P Grant, Steward

Village Fête

No – we're not there already! It's just that I've been asked to organize the Craft Stall at the Village Fête this year and it needs lots of early preparation. If any of you would like to help by doing a little something for it, eg, cross-stitch book marks, knitted toys and dolls' clothes, etc, I would be delighted to hear from you. Last year the school and church benefited by over £1,000 each. Let's see if we can beat that this year!

Sue Watson, 830726

Samaritans

The annual fund-raising day will be on Thursday, 11th June. Many thanks to those who have sent me used stamps; please continue to save them.

M.E.J.

Bekesbourne goings-on

Village Hall

Bekesbourne Village Hall Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday, 7th April at 8pm in the Hall. All are welcome.

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Bekesbourne Church Annual Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Wednesday, 8th April at 7.30pm in Parsonage Farm (courtesy of John and Christine Ash). Attendance at this meeting is open to all who are on the Church Electoral Roll (not to be confused with the Electoral Register) and I hope that all whose names are on it will make a special point of attending.

Concert in St Peter's Church

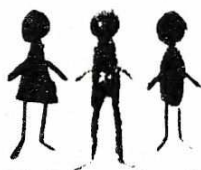
On Saturday, 2nd May we again welcome the University of Kent Chamber Choir and Ensemble who will be giving their third concert in Bekesbourne Church. Those of you who came to the previous ones will know what is in store for you; but if you missed them, here's a treat to look forward to. Do come along for an evening of excellent music.

The concert, which will start at 7.30pm, will include

Bruckner	<i>Motets</i>
Haydn	<i>Te Deum Laudamus</i>
Purcell	<i>Funeral Sentences</i>
Berwald	<i>Sextet</i>
Barker	<i>Agnus Dei.</i>

The conductor will be John Moore, and tickets at £3 each are available in advance from the Millyards (830256) or the Gillanders (830894), or on the night at the door.

J.M.



The Children's Society

The Children's Society Appeal 1 - 12th April

The Appeal this year is being supported by Russ Abbot and publicised with a Jester April Fun theme, in the hope that Fun Events will increase the funds raised.

A House-to-House envelope collection will take place during the period and a Coffee Morning is being held at 19 Bridge Down on Wednesday, 1st [April Fools' Day] between 10am and 12 noon, to start off the Appeal. All are welcome. Your help in contributing to enable the Society to carry on with its important work for children and families in need will be much appreciated.

Kathy Eynon



Palm Sunday at Bridge

A fine adjustment

The custom on Palm Sunday of having a palm procession before the Eucharist is becoming increasingly common: you may remember one we had at Bridge some years ago, donkey and all.

This year we will start the 9.30 service in the Methodist Church in Patrixbourne Road with some prayers, the blessing of palms and reading of the Palm Sunday gospel. Then, led by the processional cross, we shall walk in procession to St Peter's Church for the rest of the Eucharist.

Members of the congregation are therefore asked not to come straight to St Peter's but to assemble in Patrixbourne Road. We are most grateful to our Methodist friends for agreeing to us making use of their church.

Women's World Day of Prayer Service

A comment by Pat Grant

The Women's World Day of prayer service was held in the Methodist Church. Led by Mrs Mabel Harrison and very ably supported by ladies drawn from Anglican, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army and Methodist Churches the service proved to be most thought provoking. Joan Charlesworth, who was the speaker, gave an address which fitted in with the theme of the service, set out by the women of the former German Democratic Republic, very well indeed.

Using the script of a previous *Thought for The Day* by the Revd Dr Colin Morris, Miss Charlesworth drew out several points which could have been written today:

'There are many modern translations of the Bible on the bookstalls, but one still remains to be written. It isn't the Bible many of us profess to believe in, but one we actually live by. . . I quote:

'In the end, Man systematically dismantled the planet God had created. Being very clever but not very wise, Man sized up the beautiful earth which was God's gift to him and said, 'This land's worth at least a thousand quid an acre for development, and as for those useless animals roaming across it, their skins should fetch a fair amount!' So Man did

the unthinkable and sold his mother, the Earth, and needlessly slaughtered the brothers and sisters of the animal kingdom. And his silly mate preened herself in their skins and furs. And this was the seventh day from the End . . .

And Man said; 'The strong are entitled to most of what's going and the weak can have the rest'. And he built great walls and recruited massive armies and equipped them with the weapons of terrifying destruction to protect his wealth. And so enchanted was he by the martial music of his tanks and jets and rockets that he was deaf to the pleas of the poor which turned in time to a terrible anger. And this was the fourth day from the End".'

Fish News

Our **Annual Blossom Tour** will take place on Wednesday, 6th May. After a country tour, a stop will be made at the *Age Concern* Centre, Hythe for a cream tea. The Centre has excellent facilities and as well as providing delicious teas, it has a well-stocked shop selling confectionery, gifts, stationery, knitting wool, etc. Last year the nearly new clothes stall proved to be very popular, with excellent garments available at bargain prices.

Although we have to give priority to people who are housebound or have poor mobility, there are usually enough seats for all those who wish to go. We extend a particular welcome to elderly retired people who live alone and have no transport.

The charge for the outing will be £3.50 – this includes tea. Please let me know as soon as possible if you wish to book a seat. The coach will leave the bottom of Western Avenue (opposite Green Court) shortly after 2 o'clock – please be there by 1.50pm as it takes time to get everyone aboard. We should be back by 5.30pm. Transport can be arranged to the coach, if you need it.

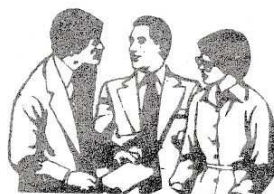
The next **Coffee Pop-In** will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, 8th from 10.15 to 11.45am. We have plenty of wool available for local *Children in Need*.

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*Bridge Parish Council
report starts overleaf*

Bridge Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Thursday 12th March.

Contact and Consultation with Canterbury City Council

The Parish Council considered their submission to the Canterbury City Council on the policies contained in the Draft District Local Plan. From the opinions voiced by residents at the well-attended public meeting on the 27th February and their own considerations, it was agreed to submit comments to the City Council expressing concern at the proposed South Canterbury Business Park and the resultant ribbon development, the Park and Ride Policy proposals for South Canterbury and the excessive controls proposed for development in rural areas. They wanted to see provision in the Plan for affordable housing which they considered should be integrated with market value housing and not in identifiable groupings. The Parish Council were also to support the provision of a cycle route from Barham to Canterbury along the old Elham Valley Railway Line.

On the City Council's Draft Economic Development Strategy for 1992/93, the Parish Council was similarly again to voice concern at the proposed business park in South Canterbury.

Although the Parish Council had already submitted their observations on the proposed Conservation Area for Bridge, it was decided to ask the City Council whether there would now be any amendments to the proposed area in the light of their experience in Barham where,

following a recent High Court judgement, they had been forced to withdraw their proposal to extend the conservation area there.

Parish Paths Programme A complete survey of the paths is under way and when completed, Cllr Mrs Meriel Connor is to arrange a Volunteer Day on a weekend in April when volunteers from the Parish will be shown by the County Council's Parish Paths Programme Officer how to install stiles and waymarkers as part of the programme to get the rights of way in the parish up to an acceptable standard.

Planning Proposals An application for a two-storey side extension to 4 Mount Charles Walk, Union Road, has been refused planning permission by the City Council. The only application received was the Parish Council's own application for a replacement bus shelter at the Post Office.

Next meeting To avoid the date of the General Election, the next meeting of the Parish Council has been rescheduled to Thursday, 16th April at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Hunter Room of the Village Hall.

K A Walder, Clerk

** As mentioned in the last paragraph of the Bridge Parish Council report, the Village Hall will be the Polling Station for the village on Thursday, April 9th. It opens early in the morning and remains open until 10.00pm seeing that it is a General Election. Please use your vote at this important election.*

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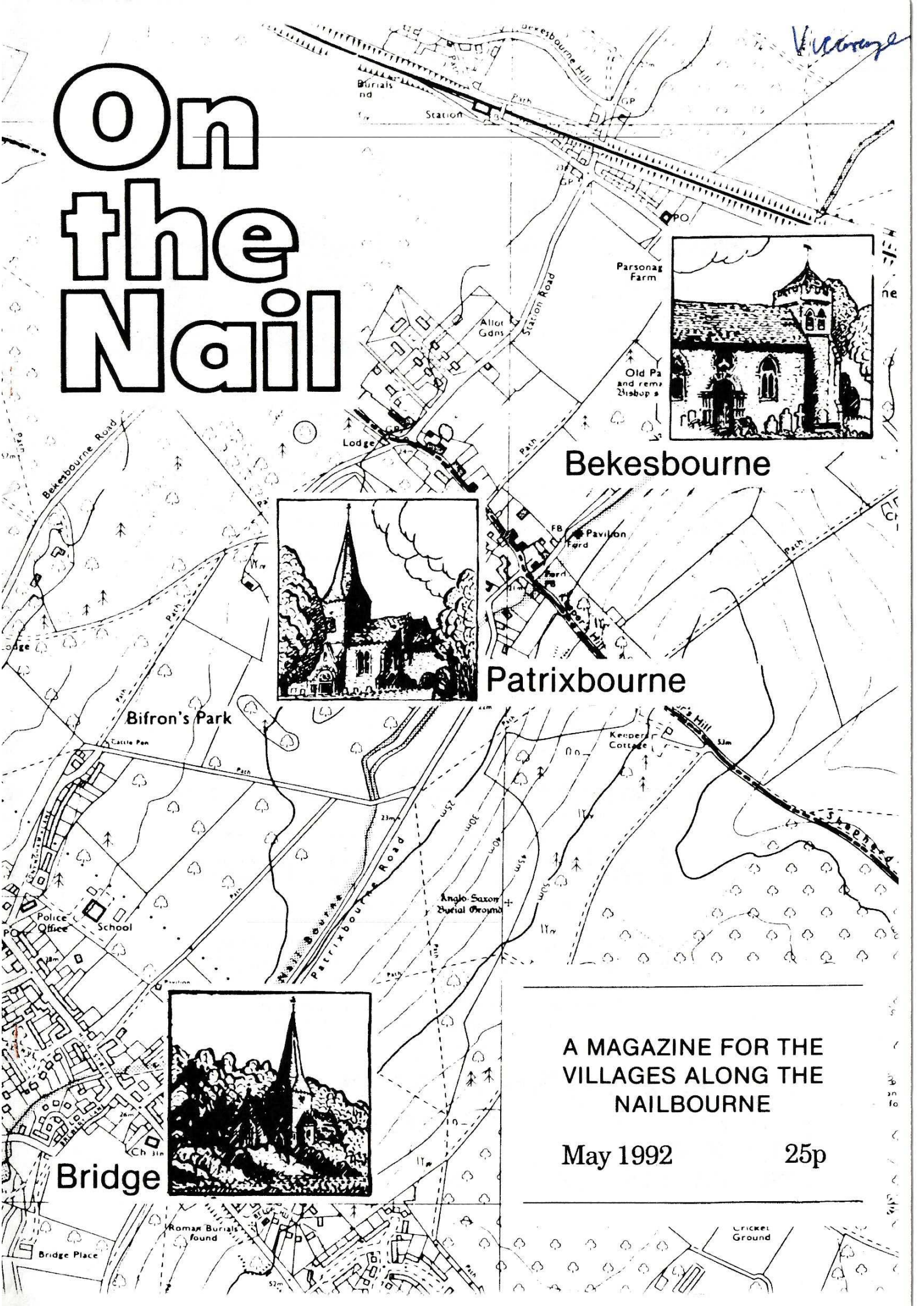
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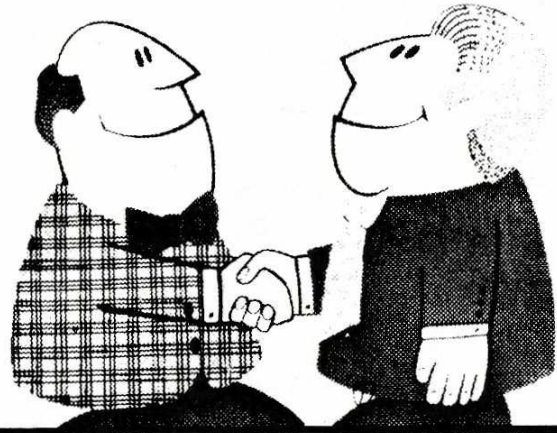
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3rd:

11am Family Service 8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion
6.30pm Deanery Evensong
in the Cathedral

10th:

9.30 The Eucharist 11am Matins 8am Holy Communion
(Rite A)
6.30pm Evensong

17th:

9.30 Parish Communion 8am Holy Communion 11am Matins
(Rite A) & Dedication
of the RBL Standard
6.30pm Evensong

24th:

8am Holy Communion 9am Holy Communion 11am Matins
6pm *Peter's Praise* 3pm Holy Baptism

31st:

9.30 The Eucharist 11am Matins 8am Holy Communion
(Rite A) with the
Laying-on of Hands
6.30pm Evensong

7th June:

11am Family Service 8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong

● *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: 3rd, Dr D M Rosman 10th, The Revd William Prince 17th, *Church Anniversary*, The Revd Michael J Walling 24th, Mrs B P Skinner, RGN NDN 31st, Mr R H Ward.

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge are held on Wednesday mornings (BCP) at 9.30am and on Fridays (Rite A) at 7.30am, except 29th. Holy Communion at Churchill House is on Wednesday, 6th at 10.15am. The New Close service is each Wednesday at 2.30pm, and non-residents are always most welcome to share in this short informal act of worship.

For your diary and prayer list

1st *St Philip & St James, Apostles*

2nd Pray for Harley Jones and Amanda Chandler who are to be married today in St Peter's Church, Bridge.

UKC Chamber Music Society Concert, St Peter's Church, Bekes-

- bourne, 7.30pm
- 3rd **Second Sunday after Easter**
 There is no Evensong at Bridge, but all are invited to attend the Deanery Evensong in the Cathedral at 6.30pm. *See article below for more details.*
- 5th Pray for the Deanery Clergy who meet in chapter this morning at Barham.
 Archdeacon's Visitation in the Cathedral Quire at 7.30pm, at which Churchwardens and Sidesmen are sworn in. All PCC members are asked to attend.
- 6th Fish Scheme Blossom Tour
- 7th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
 Bridge Folk Dance Group, Village Hall, 8pm
- 8th *Julian of Norwich, Mystic, c 1417*
- 9th Spring Fayre, The New Close, from 10.30am
- 10th **Third Sunday after Easter**
- 11th *Christian Aid Week* until 16th
- 13th Fish Scheme Coffeee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15 - 11.45am
- 14th ***St Matthias the Apostle***
 Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 16th *Life for Laura* fund-raising, Bridge Village Hall
- 17th **Fourth Sunday after Easter**
 The new Royal British Legion Standard will be dedicated during the 9.30am Parish Communion at St Peter's Church, Bridge
- 19th *St Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988*
 Bridge with Patribourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20th Nailbourne Group - Hospital Friends Fashion Show, Bridge School, 7.30pm
- 21st Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
 Bridge Folk Dance Group, Village Hall, 8pm
- 24th **Fifth Sunday after Easter**
- 25th *Venerable Bede, Priest, Monk of Jarrow, 735*
- 26th *St Augustine, 1st Archbishop of Canterbury, 605*
- 28th **ASCENSION DAY**
 The Eucharist (*Rite A*) , St Peter's Church, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 31st **Sunday after Ascension Day**
 At the 9.30 Eucharist the healing ministry of the laying-on of hands with prayer will be offered in the Lady Chapel immediately after the Communion.

The Legion of the Living

If you are one of those who think the Royal British Legion is only active at Remembrance-tide then think again because you are quite wrong!

It is a popular misconception that the work of the Legion revolves exclusively around poppy selling and its annual Festival of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall, and I am indebted to Jim Stripe, the Honorary

Secretary of the Bridge and District Branch of the RBL for clearing up this point. Jim writes:

In the eyes of most people the Legion consists of elderly individuals who seem to be at their most active every November; but the work of caring for and supporting ex-servicemen and their dependants goes on throughout the year. The Legion was founded in 1921 as a charity to help ex-servicemen and their dependants and seventy years on this still remains the prime reason for its existence.

Although there has been no major conflict for nearly fifty years, and a general peace now seems more secure than for many years, the need for support is still required. Indeed peace and the reduction of the armed forces can in itself bring problems for some of the people involved.

Like every charity, the need for its existence is questioned from time to time, both from within and without, and a reappraisal of aims, organisation and operations is currently taking place.

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Bridge is extra fortunate that the warmth of community spirit for which it is famed embraces also ex-service personnel and their needs. The revival of our local branch of the RBL some years ago got off to a shaky start but is now enjoying a lively existence. All this time it has had to revert to bearing its predecessor's Branch Standard on parade occasions: an unsatisfactory arrangement partly because when the first branch folded the standard was officially laid up in St Peter's Church, and therefore ought to be left there, but also because in those days it was just The British Legion, the 'Royal' appendage not having come about.

Now thanks to the benevolence of one of the branch's oldest members, a new standard has been acquired and it will be my pleasant duty as branch padre to dedicate it in the prescribed manner. The date chosen is Sunday, 17th May, and the branch specially asked that it takes place during the normal Sunday morning service. So, that morning the Parish Communion at 9.30 will take on an added dimension for what we hope very much will be a real village occasion.

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It is particularly appropriate that the dedication takes place in the Eucharist, for in addition to other things it is the Church's regular service of remembrance of its founder's death in the victory of good over evil – so once again the Legion finds itself caught up in an act of remembrance.

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Jim Stripe shall have the last word.

The Bridge & District Branch of the RBL meets regularly in the Plough & Harrow at 8pm on the last Wednesday of every month, except December, and all are welcome to attend. In addition to ex-service men and women, membership is open to anyone who supports the general aims of the organization.

For further information on the Legion and its activities why not give Jim a ring on 830761.

The Deanery at the Cathedral

This year's Deanery Festival takes the form of Evensong, and will be at the Cathedral on Sunday, 3rd May at 6.30pm.

No, it won't be a Cathedral-style Evensong with all of us – to quote an ex-Oxford organist – 'joining in silently'. This will be Evensong as we know or knew it of old, fully congregational apart from an introit or anthem from the combined Deanery Choirs under Bridge Organist, Arnold Wills. The service will be led by Deanery personnel, with the Archdeacon preaching.

But that's not all! From 4 o'clock onwards a picnic tea is very kindly being put on for us in the Archdeacon's garden (access from the north walk of the cloisters) and a diversion is being arranged in the Chapter House for non-singers while the choristers are rehearsing.

A pleasant Deanery afternoon is forecast: do come and take part!

Two Baptisms

On 5th April in St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne the baptism took place of **Christopher Paul**, son of Jayne (née Jefferies) and Gary Mannering, who though living near Ashford were married in the church, Jayne being a local lass.

The vicar also officiated at the baptism in St Peter's Church, Bridge of **Zoë Joyce**, daughter of Michele (née Hollingsbee) and David Anderson, 13 Filmer Road.

On The Nail Noticeboard

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Friends of The New Close

A SPRING FAYRE will be held at The New Close on Saturday, 9th May at 10.30am. Coffee will be served and there will be a Bring & Buy Stall. Proceeds are for the Amenity Fund which provides little luxuries for the residents which do not come through the NHS. So please support this event and brighten the lives of the very elderly residents.

Also, has anyone a redundant piano and wishes to have the space it occupies? The piano at The New Close now sounds quite excruciating (nothing to do with the pianist) and it is beyond further retuning, so the gift of a replacement in reasonable condition would be much appreciated.

O I Knight

Life for Laura

Since February, Bekesbourne, Patnixbourne and Bridge have raised £1,100. This is wonderful – many, many thanks! The next event will be in Bridge

Village Hall on Saturday, 16th May. There will be coffee, a cake stall, a raffle and ploughman's lunches. Please support it if you possibly can and keep putting your loose change in the Laura boxes in the shops and pubs. Special thanks this month to Margaret and Robert in the Village Shop for their raffle and to Christine Ash for her farm picnic.

Anne Rooke

Bridge with Patrixbourne WI

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th May at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. This will be our Birthday Meeting, when Bridge and Patrixbourne WI will celebrate their anniversary of seventy-three years. Surely something to celebrate! New members very welcome!

P. H.

The Nailbourne Group - Hospital League of Friends

The Nailbourne Group of the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals is holding a Fashion Show in Bridge and Patrixbourne School Hall on Wednesday, 20th May at 7.30pm. The show is to be presented by *Bon Marché* of Northgate, Canterbury.

Tickets, which include cheese and wine, will be available from the school, Village Shop and newsagents, priced £2.50 each.

Please tell all your friends and come along to what promises to be an enjoyable evening. Your support will enable us to continue to buy much needed equipment for our hospitals.

P Gulvin

Bridge Folk Dance Group

Don't forget our twice monthly meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Bring a partner if you have one; if not just bring yourself! Alf Matthews is still our very patient caller and we do not take it too seriously. So please join us in Bridge Village Hall on 7th and 21st May at 8 o'clock. Enquiries, please ring 830652 or 830285.

J. H.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

April Fund Raising in Bridge

A grateful thank you to all those who helped and contributed so generously to the Coffee Morning, which raised £225.00, and the House-to-House Collection, which yielded £419.53 for the funds of the Society for their much needed work.

Kathy Eynon

BEKESBOURNE GOINGS ON

Bekesbourne Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has now erected all NWS signs within the Bekesbourne and Patrixbourne areas. Many thanks to all the people in the Patrixbourne area for donating five signs without cost to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

We are still having a number of crimes committed within our area. Burglaries, although they seem to be getting less frequent, are still occurring. Some are now taking place during the morning period between 9am and mid-day. Sheds are again being broken into and garden tools taken, as well as other items.

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M Howells

Bekesbourne Short Mat Bowls Team have won the first and second divisions of the East Kent Short Mat Bowls Match League. Success has also been obtained in the Downs Shield (triples) held at Dover. Individual winners of the Club Knock Out competitions: *Singles Champion* C Free-love, *Runner Up* D Matthews. *Handicap Winner* D Matthews, *Runner Up* C Free-love. *Ladies Champion* Diane Evans, *Runner Up* Brenda Matthews.

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Annual Presentation Dance at Bekesbourne Village Hall, Saturday 2nd May. Anyone requiring tickets for this event contact Mr J Gater, 1 Station Cottages, Bekesbourne.

M Howells

The University of Kent Chamber Music Group is paying a welcome return visit to Bekesbourne's St Peter's Church on the evening of Saturday, 2nd May, and are bringing with them a varied programme of music ideally suited to a country church on a Spring evening. The concert is to entertain and at the same time boost the church's depleting financial resources.

Whether or not you have an ear for chamber music (not to be confused with high-brow) you are sure to enjoy hearing these gifted musicians, particularly in such an idyllic setting.

Christian Aid Week 1992, 11th - 16th May

As I write this we are just emerging from the three week election campaign when we seem to have been isolated from the rest of the world by concentration on domestic issues.

Sadly, in those three weeks there has been no pause in the crises which have faced countries in many parts of the world – earthquake in Turkey, desperate starvation in Somalia amongst many others. Fortunately, *Christian Aid* workers both in this country and in their partner organisations overseas have not relaxed their awareness of the need, and their urgent efforts to meet that need. Now *Christian Aid Week* gives us an opportunity once again to play our part in making it possible for them to continue the fight for life **before** death for everyone.

Wendy Durell is again organizing *Christian Aid Week* in our three villages. Last year's response was magnificent! The need is just as great this year. PLEASE respond generously if you are asked to collect and when the collector calls for that envelope which can make so much difference to the life of some of the poorest people in the world.

Muriel Packer

Fish News

The Annual **Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale** will be held on Saturday, 6th June from 10.30 to 12 noon. This is our only fund-raising event – we need to raise at least £200 to help cover our expenses for the year. The total cost of the scheme last year was £402. This was covered by grants from the Parish Council, *Age Concern*, private donations and the proceeds of the Coffee Morning. Please give us your support to meet our target for this year. In addition to a raffle there will be stalls for cakes and preserves, groceries, plants, books, gifts and 'white elephants'. Your surplus plants, seedlings and herbs will be welcome on our popular plant stall.

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The **Blossom Tour** is on Wednesday, 6th May. Although all seats have been booked we often have cancellations at the last minute. If you would like to join us please let me know and your name can be put on the reserve list.

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The **Mobile Chiropody Clinic** will be at The New Close, Bridge from Monday, 11th to Friday, 15th May.

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The next **Coffee Pop-In** will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, 13th May from 10.10 - 11.45am.

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A TALE TOLD IN OLD JERUSALEM

No Mary without Martha

Brother Anselm, a pious monk in ancient days, was devoted to silent prayer and the study of the Scriptures. He saw with pity the time his brothers spent labouring in the vegetable and herb gardens, copying and illuminating manuscripts, mending shoes, cooking, cleaning, receiving visitors and caring for the sick. To the pious monk, all this was of very little value compared with the hours he spent in prayer and study. Indeed he chided his brothers because their hands and thoughts were occupied with the everyday work of the monastery on the edge of the desert.

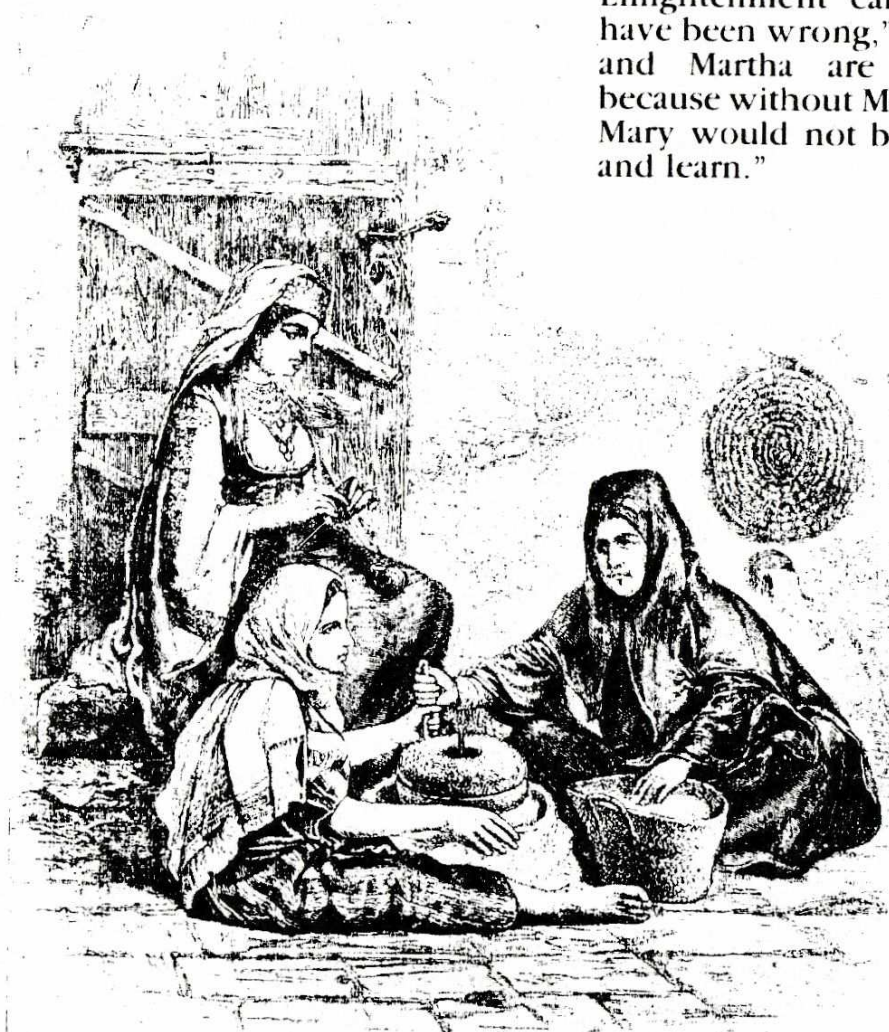
The busy monks respected Brother Anselm's learning and indulged their brother in his belief.

There came a time when he journeyed to a distant monastery, to study in the great library there, and he soon made the monks aware that he was above their mundane tasks. The Abbot, who was a godly man and aware of the danger of this belief, set out to teach Brother Anselm a gentle lesson.

After a day spent poring over old manuscripts in his cell, Brother Anselm felt tired and hungry, and looked forward to being summoned to the refectory. Time passed. There was no call. Evening drew on. No one came. He heard the sound of the brothers preparing to go to their last prayers before sleeping. He burst out of his cell, full of indignation and asked the Abbot, "Why was I not called to supper?" "But Brother Anselm," was the reply, in apparent surprise, "We thought prayer and study were meat and drink sufficient for you."

The smiling faces of the Abbot and his monks made Anselm pause and think.

Enlightenment came to him. "I have been wrong," he said. "Mary and Martha are both valued, because without Martha's labours, Mary would not be free to listen and learn."



From The Bible Lands Society magazine

PART-TIME STREET CLEANER

Due to the resignation of the present street cleaner, the Parish Council are now looking for a replacement. Hours and payment are by negotiation. All necessary tools and equipment are provided.

Anyone interested should contact the Chairman, John Hill, tel 830215 or the Clerk, Kathy Walder, tel 830057.

Bridge Parish Council

At the Parish Council meeting on 16th April, the Chairman, Cllr John Hill, referred briefly to the Annual Parish Meeting on the 26th March which had been attended by some sixteen parishioners as well as members of the Parish Council. He voiced his disappointment at the number of volunteers turning out for the Council's Anti-Litter Day on Saturday 4th April and thanked those who had given up their Saturday morning to tidy and clean up the village.

Work in hand The Council are trying hard to find a solution so that the Recreation Ground gate by Mansfield Court closes noiselessly. Materials for the circular seat around one of the mature trees in front of Mansfield Court have now been ordered and hopefully the seat will be in place for the summer. The Chairman is to order a coloured reproduction of the Footpaths Map for display below the Parish Noticeboard, again in time for the summer ramblers.

Applications a'plenty The Planning Sub-Committee had considered a number of local applications for planning permission in the last month and had no observations to make on the majority which were: (i) garage extension to rear of 2 Western Avenue (ii) single storey rear extension to 'The Cottage', Bridge Hill (iii) erection of house & garage, 8 High Street (iv) change of use from hardware shop (Class A1) to Photographic shop and studio (Class B1) 6 Western Avenue (v) re-opening of fireplace, 14 The Close

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(vi) replacement of dormer window and flat roof with pitched roof, 'Coppice', Bridge Hill.

However, they had objected to an application for the erection of three bungalows (outline) at 'The Plat', Beech Hill, on grounds relating to it being backland development and not in keeping with the surrounding properties; as far as a proposal for a two storey extension and detached double garage at 'Beechen House', Beech Hill, whilst not having any observations to make on the main structure, they had objected to the double garage because of its position in front of the existing building line.

Planning permission had been granted by the City Council for a two-storey extension to 12 Bridge Down, and had been refused for a change of use from warehouse and distribution depot to restoration of motor cars, The Old Depot, Mill Lane.

Some you win, some you lose! Whilst the Clerk to the Council has withdrawn her resignation, the Council were however sorry to receive the resignation of the street cleaner, Christian Pitts. They would like to thank him for the good service he has given to the village for the last year or more.

The next meeting of the parish Council which is the Annual Meeting when officers are elected for the coming year will be held on Thursday 14th May at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Hunter Room of the Village Hall.

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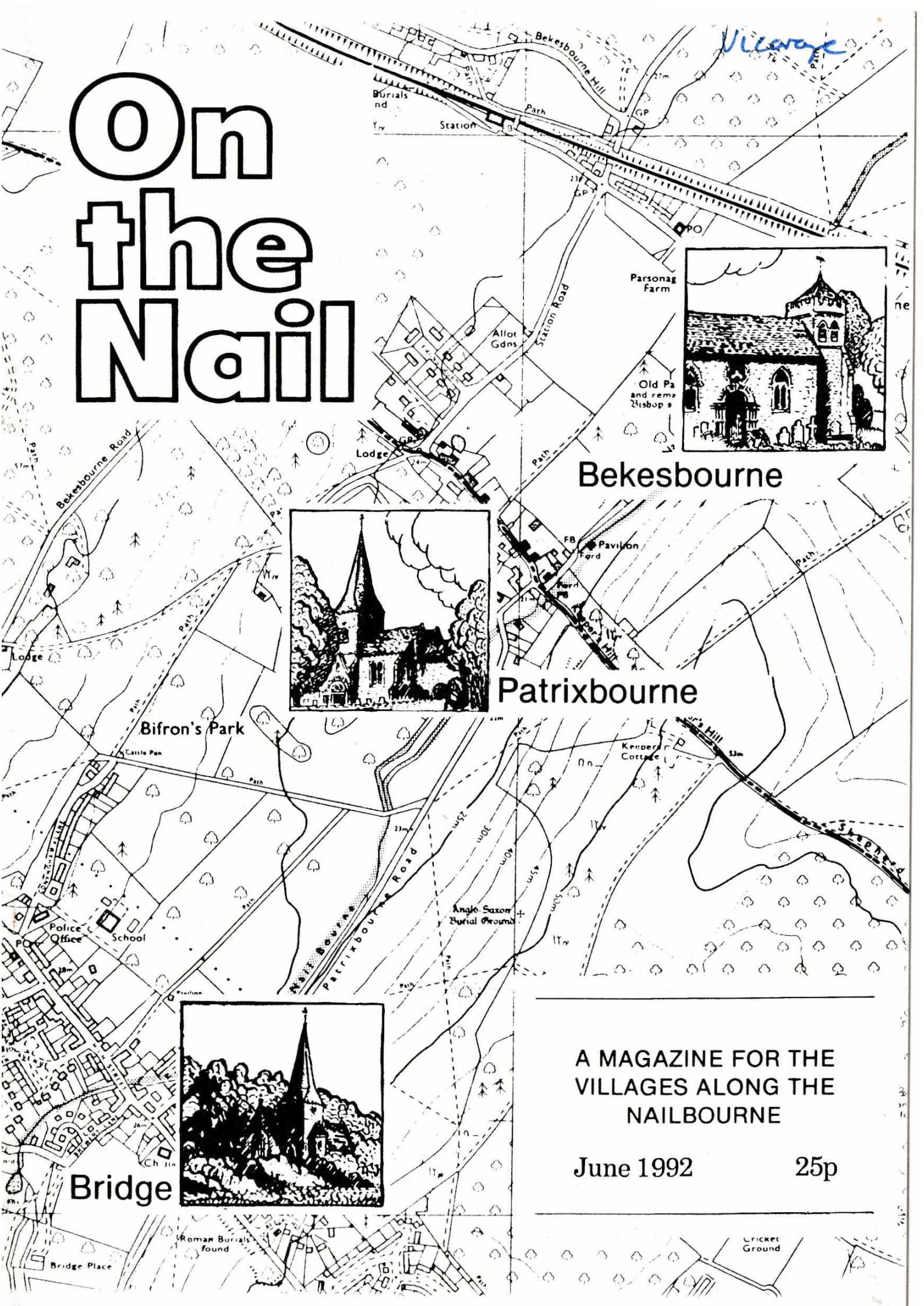
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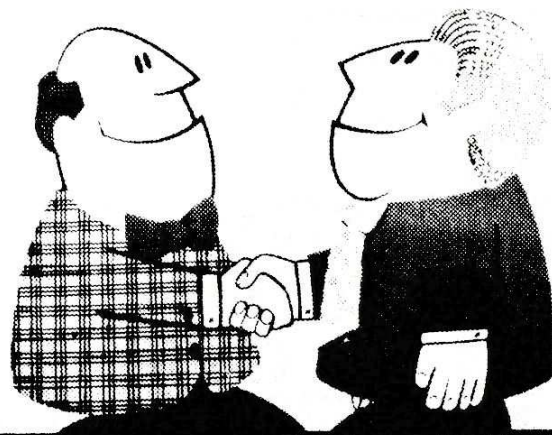
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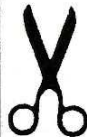
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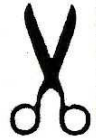
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Sunday Worship in June

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7th:

11am Family Eucharist with Holy Baptism
6.30pm Hospice Service in the Cathedral

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

14th:

9.30 The Eucharist (Rite A)
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

11am Matins

21st:

9.30 Parish Communion (Rite A) with TRIO Presentation
6.30pm Evensong (Mr Handley Stevens)

11am Matins with TRIO Presentation

8am Holy Communion

28th:

8am Holy Communion
6pm *Peter's Praise* (Preacher: Fr Kenneth Sharp)

9am Holy Communion

11am Matins

5th July:

4pm Eucharist with Confirmation (Bishop of Dover)

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

Junior Church meets in Bridge Village Hall at 9.30am every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month. All children from four years old are very welcome.

■ *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: 7th, Mr Charles Robertson 14th, Holy Communion, The Revd Sheila Foreman 21st, Mr Alistair Barwick 28th, The Revd Stanley Taylor

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge are held on Wednesday mornings (BCP) at 9.30am, except 3rd, and on Fridays (Rite A) at 7.30am. Holy Communion at Churchill House is on Wednesday, 3rd at 10.15am. The New Close Service is each Wednesday at 2.30pm, and non-residents are always most welcome to share in this short, informal act of worship.

For your diary and prayer list

- 1st *Justin, Martyr at Rome, c165*
4th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
Bridge Folk Dance Group Party Night, Village Hall, 8pm
5th *St Boniface, Bishop, Missionary, Martyr, 754*

- 6th Fish Scheme Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy, Bridge Village Hall, 10.30 - 12 noon.
Pray for Susan Foster and Roy Harlow, to be married this afternoon in St Peter's Church, Bridge.
- 7th **Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**
It being the feast of Pentecost the Family Service today will be a Eucharist at which Holy Baptism will be administered.
Bridge Evensong is cancelled in deference to the tenth anniversary Service of Thanksgiving for the Pilgrim's Hospice, in the cathedral at 6.30pm. The preacher is the Abbot of Ramsgate.
- 9th *St Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597*
- 10th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15 - 11.45am
- 11th ***St Barnabas the Apostle***
Samaritans Fund-raising, 18 Conyngham Lane, 10am - noon, 2 - 3.30
Interchurch Group, Bridge Methodist Church, 7.30pm
Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 13th **BRIDGE VILLAGE FÊTE** *See you there!*
- 14th **Trinity Sunday**
Today's services at Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne are interchanged for this month only.
- 16th Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC meeting, St Peter's Church, 7.30pm
Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Methodist Church, 8pm
- 20th Pray for Susan Foster (not the same one) and Stephen Briant, to be married today in St Peter's Church, Bridge.
Parish Barbecue and Cricket Match, Riverside Cottage, Patrixbourne from 5.30pm
- 21st **Second Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity 1**
In the course of the Parish Communion at Bridge and Matins at Patrixbourne Mrs Susan Rennison, Diocesan Stewardship Adviser, will present TRIO, a scheme we are adopting for the parish's financial purposes.
- 22nd *St Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c209*
- 23rd Bekesbourne PCC meeting, School House, School Lane, 8pm
- 24th ***Birth of St John the Baptist***
- 28th **Third Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity 2**
For *Peter's Praise* we shall welcome as preacher Fr Kenneth Sharp, a member of the Indian Community of the Ascension, which is based in Delhi.

The responsibility is ours

This is the message that the PCC of Patrixbourne with Bridge will be putting to you in a big way at both churches' morning service on Sunday, 21st June.

Actually presenting the idea to both congregations will be Mrs Susan Rennison, Canterbury Diocesan Stewardship Adviser, but the gist of it is

that when it comes to financing St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne and St Peter's Church, Bridge the onus is very firmly on those who are members of the parish.

On this occasion we're not talking about responding to special appeals or urgent repairs but attempting to deal with the parish's day-to-day running costs. TRIO (for short) will urge us all to face up to the soundness of adjusting our individual or family giving to the church in such a way that its very heavy regular outgoings are covered for some time to come, so that we can concentrate instead on the more important spiritual aspect of any church's work, *i.e.* promoting the kingdom.

We feel sure, especially in the light of last September's Church Day, that you will appreciate this time round being spared the more strenuous activities of a full blown Stewardship Renewal Campaign, and will welcome the simpler approach made by TRIO, dealing solely with parish housekeeping.

Given that the responsibility in this *is* ours do please come to either the Parish Communion at Bridge or Matins at Patrixbourne on 21st and hear at first hand from an expert what is involved.

Family Joys

At the Family Service on 3rd May the baptisms took place of **Andrew Robert**, son of Glenn and Helen Daley, 7 Filmer Road and **Joshua George**, son of Clive and Mary Relf of Canterbury.

On 2nd May in St Peter's Church, Bridge the wedding took place of **Harley William (Chas) Jones** and **Amanda Jane Chandler** of 3 Riverside Mews, and on 16th May in St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne **Stephen Kenneth Vince**, 51 High Street, Bridge, married **Sally Jane Curtis** of Folkestone. We offer our good wishes and prayers to both couples for a long and happy life.

Our Fête is sealed

The Village Fête Committee is now well on with arrangements for this year's fête, to be held this year on **13th JUNE**. Helpers are desperately needed and volunteers should contact either Keith Watson (830726) or Stephen Pike (830708).

The fête will start at 12 noon with a Grand Chariot Race. Entrants are to make their own chariots and compete with a team of four persons over a short marked course. First prize is a Barrel of Beer! Further details, including entry forms, are available from Keith Watson.

Donations of all kinds are needed and you are asked to give generously to the collectors who will come knocking on your door over the next couple of weeks. Bottles, cakes, groceries, gifts, toys and books are all needed, but please, most important of all, do come on the day!

Church Urban Fund News

At the end of April Rosemary and Raymond Gilbert delivered to Sheffield our contributions to the Genesis shop. Thank you to everyone who again collected, donated or stored clothing. As always our gifts are most appreciated. I have had a letter from the Revd Sue Thompson thanking us for our donations. She writes:—

“Thank you for all the clothing you sent up for the shop. We really do appreciate all the care and attention you give to us, and I assure you all your gifts will find good homes. I was in the shop yesterday and a young mum came in with three daughters. She was looking for a new summer dress for each of them because they were going to have a school photograph taken all together and she wanted them to look nice. Needless to say, she found just what she was looking for – she was thrilled and so were we. It is good to see people’s lives made just a bit easier when you know for sure that they are having a hard time making ends meet.”

I know next May seems a long way off, but if anybody has any potential gifts for the Genesis shop could they please start setting them aside now. For the last two years we have supplied a considerable amount of clothing to the shop and I think we owe it to our friends there to do equally as well next year. The shop is the Church Urban Fund in action and is a very practical way we can help keep this initiative going.

Two years ago we held a very successful barbecue for the Church Urban Fund. By popular demand a repeat occasion is planned for this year, with the added attraction of a parish cricket match. The date is the 20th June from 5.30pm onwards at Riverside Cottage, Patricbourne. Tickets cost £3 each or £2 for children and can be obtained from Andrea Nicholson (830947) or Hilary Pike (830708). Team captains for the cricket will be Stephen Pike and Keith Nicholson. All volunteers for the teams – mixed ability, age etc! – please contact the appropriate captains. Come and enjoy the fun – could this be the occasion of the Patricbourne v. Bridge cricket match of the century? Come and find out!

Andrea Nicholson

Junior Church News

by Hilary Pike

Junior Church has decided to raise money this term for the *Life for Laura* Appeal. Richard Walder will be doing a sponsored run and the young people will be organising a pet show and painting competition. On 21st June they will be selling home-made cakes, large and small, after the 9.30 Parish Communion. We do hope that everyone will support them in this and buy their cakes for tea.

Whilst on the subject of cakes, we are responsible for the cake stall at the Summer Fête and last year we could have sold many more than we had. So we would be very grateful for donations of cakes. These can be brought to the school on the day of the fête or to 12 High Street the evening before.

On The Nail Noticeboard

Bridge Folk Dance Group

We have only one meeting in June before our summer break. It is, as usual, in the Village Hall on Thursday, 4th June at 8 o'clock. As it is our party night please bring a plate of food to add to the buffet table. New dancers are made very welcome, with or without a partner. Enquiries please ring 830652.

J.H.

Samaritans Fund-raising Day

The annual fund-raising day for the Samaritans is at 18 Conyngham Lane on 11th June, from 10am to 12 noon and from 2 to 2.30pm. Bring and Buy, Raffle and all the usual stalls. Please support us.

M.E.J.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16th June at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Our speaker will be Mrs R. Ball, and her subject - *Dorset Delights*. Competition, flower arrangement in an egg cup. We welcome new members.

P.H.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

A talk on herbs and their uses will be given at the Methodist Church, Patrixbourne Road on Thursday, 18th June at 8pm. Members and non-members welcome. Refreshments as usual.

B. Anderson

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On behalf of **The Friends of The New Close** I would like to thank all who supported the Spring Fayre held on 9th May, and helped to make it a financial success.

O. I. Knight

Bekesbourne goings-on

The delightful concert in St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne given by the University of Kent Chamber Choir and Ensemble attracted many members of Canterbury's musical society and raised £150 for church funds. On behalf of the PCC I record our most grateful thanks to all the talented musicians who gave of their time and expertise this way.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee was held on 14th April. It was attended by seven people, all seven being the committee. We would like to see more villagers attend and take an interest in the running of the hall. It only takes an hour of your time, so come on all you Bekesbourne people, we need your views and help on matters concerning the Village Hall, so let's hopefully see a few more at our next Village Hall meeting.

Joan Atkins, Secretary

The Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Annual Parish Meeting took place on Monday, April 27th 1992 in Bekesbourne Village Hall, Councillor R.I. Johnston, Chairman of the Parish Council, in the chair.

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Low-cost Housing: the proposal was now going forward quite quickly. Last year, after a public meeting, it had been agreed to offer the allotment site; consultation with the city council as local planning authority had indicated that they would approve this development whereas any other development of this site would be refused. The NAC Rural Housing Trust, having now assessed demand locally, was expected to build eight units, four for rent and four for 'shared equity' purchase.

Government funding had been agreed for the rented units and was expected to be agreed soon for the others. A number of builders had been invited to tender by the end of May. Planning permission would then be sought by the successful tenderer with a view to a start on site being made by the end of the year and occupation of the first units in the second half of 1993.

Neighbourhood Watch: Mr M. Howells, the village neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, reported on a successful start to this scheme since October 1991.

Village Hall: Councillor Gater reported that the hall had made a small profit from a steady income during the year. Much work still needed to be done and it was hoped one day to be able either to replace the hall or at least extend it. He asked for greater support from residents: there was still a number of vacancies on the Hall Committee which the Parish Council hoped could be filled soon.

Sports Club: a report from the Chairman of the Sports and Social Club was read to the meeting. Negotiations with the club for a new lease were still continuing.

Footpaths: Councillor Ash had recently attended a meeting called for representatives of Parish Councils by the County Council. One good piece of news was that the KCC had a footway along the road to Howletts zoo park in its next five year plan, although it would probably not be built until late in that period.

Other matters noted included problems of car parking in Bifrons road, erection of signs on Old Palace Road and the bad state of that road, and renewed anxiety about increased traffic through the village from proposed developments at Aylesham.

David Millyard

Walkers' Report

The Pike family's hundred mile trek along the Pennine Way during the Easter holidays generated a lot of local interest, not least because many of us had sponsored them: we also admired their stamina and determination.

To date all the sponsor money isn't in - if you personally haven't squared up with them yet, please don't wait to be asked: it's a terrible job asking all over again - but they estimate a final figure is excess of £800, which is a marvellous effort.

To find out how they got on 'On The Nail' will be serialising Stephen's day-to-day report of the walk. He starts early on Good Friday morning, rather a long way from the beginning of the walk proper.

Okay! So fourteen miles a day didn't sound too bad at the planning stage but after the first day we started to realise just what we had taken on. The weekends of long walks we had done to get ourselves in shape really paid off, but let's start at the beginning.

On Good Friday morning we loaded up the car with rucksacks and off we went. First stop St Aidan's Church in Sheffield where we joined them in an hour's devotion from 2 to 3pm and then went back to an excellent tea laid on for us by Denise and Alan Vallance.

After tea we said our goodbyes and pushed on further north to Earby (just outside Skipton) where we were to spend our first night. The warden of the Youth Hostel was a little worried that we didn't know what we were doing when we arrived in our best clothes, but a quick change into our walking togs reassured her.

Saturday dawned – it was raining! After breakfast we set off across fields to join the Pennine Way at Thornton-in-Craven, then on to Gargrave where we took refuge in a bus shelter whilst we had our lunch. After lunch we went on across more soggy fields (Eshton Moor) until we found the River Aire which we followed to Hanlith where the rain stopped; then on to Malham. However, the day was not over yet as the river had flooded just outside Malham and our bridge across was under several inches of flowing water. Katie found a way across by using the handrail and its supports, so we didn't get our feet soaked after all. We then dried out in a café in Malham until the Hostel opened while father put in an extra couple of miles to see Gordale Scar.

Easter Sunday was dry and bright as we set off to Malham Cove, which was really beautiful; then up to the limestone pavement at the top which we had to cross to find the path to Malham Tarn. This really was our best day, the weather was perfect and the scenery was lovely. At Fountains Fell we came across our first patches of peat bog, but it wasn't too bad. Down once more to Dale Head, we had covered ten miles before we saw Pen-y-Ghent rearing up in front of us – we still had that to climb and a long walk down into Horton-in-Ribblesdale where we were welcomed with hot baths in our Bed-and-Breakfast lodging and good pub food just over the road!

Monday was dull and dry as we set off again on our way to Hawes via Cam High Road (an old Roman road which crosses the moors). Generally a dull and boring walk which will be remembered for the cold wind which blew most of the time, although there were one or two exceptions, notably Ling Gill Bridge and the small gorge were quite attractive.

THE PILGRIM HOSPICE ANNIVERSARY

by Ann Robertson, Chairman

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the opening of Pilgrims Hospice in Canterbury and the completion of the new hospice building in Thanet.

This incredible achievement is due, in no small measure, to the loyalty and unwavering support of the community throughout East Kent.

To celebrate this milestone in our history we are holding a Service of Thanksgiving and Re-dedication in Canterbury Cathedral on Whit Sunday,

7th June at 6.30pm.

Over the years the churches have shown considerable interest in the hospice contributing practically and spiritually to its well-being, whilst many have experienced at first hand the work carried out in its name.

We are hoping that your congregation will feel able to join us and help to make this an enjoyable and memorable service.

■ *In view of what Mrs Robertson says and knowing the warmth of local feeling for the hospice we are foregoing our usual Evensong at Bridge that evening, as I am sure that many of you will want to attend this service. The preacher is to be the Abbot of Ramsgate.*

Fish News

DON'T FORGET our **Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale** in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday, 6th June from 10.30am to 12 noon. This is our only fund-raising event of the year, which enables us to provide support and services to the very large number of elderly residents we have in our four villages, and also to any other residents who need our help. With increasing cut-backs on statutory services the help of our volunteers is needed more than ever.

Annual Blossom Tour

We were fortunate to have a fine sunny afternoon for our outing. Our party of fifty enjoyed a delightful tour of the local countryside followed by a delicious tea at *Age Concern*, Hythe.

... and lastly

Our next **Coffee Pop-In** will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, 10th June from 10.15 to 11.45am.

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Confirmation at Bridge

The present Bishop of Dover pays his last visit to the parish on Sunday, 5th July, when he comes to celebrate the Eucharist and confirm about a dozen candidates drawn from Bridge and Wingham.

The service is at four o'clock in the afternoon, as a result of which there won't be a Family Service or Evensong that day, in the hope that everyone will want to be at the Confirmation.

To be confirmed from Bridge are two of our menfolk, Ted Smith and Malcolm Barnard and four young people, Emma Lockley, Catherine Pike, Simon Flisher and James Hopkins. Please include them in your prayers from now on, and we shall be glad of your company on the day, both to welcome them into the full worshipping life of St Peter's Church and also to welcome our visitors from Wingham – they were our hosts for last year's Confirmation.

ARCHAEOLOGY IN BIBLE LANDS

Treasure from the sea

What may be the world's oldest known nearly-intact sea-going ship has been disgorging its cargo on the Mediterranean floor, off the coast of central Israel near Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael.

The vessel probably dates from the 5th century BC, hundreds of years before the Kyrenia Boat raised off Cyprus in the 1960s. Older ships have been found, but not at sea, and although wrecks dating nearly 1,000 years earlier have been discovered under the ocean, only cargo and small fragments of those boats remained, according to Dr Elisha Linder, director of the Centre for Maritime Studies at Haifa University.

Ancient wrecks usually carry cargoes of oil or wine. The holds of the Ma'agan Michael wreck, however, are revealing artistically wrought bowls and pitchers, ritual objects, ropes and woven baskets – with the main cargo still to be uncovered.

Dr Linder believes the vessel may have come from Phoenicia or Carthage (site of present-day Tunis). Excavations will resume in the spring. For the winter months, the vessel has been reburied in deep sand.

5,000 year old temple

An Early Bronze Age temple has been discovered in the Hartuv area near Beit

Shemesh, southwest of Jerusalem. The finding of the temple and the cultic objects associated with it make an important contribution to the understanding of the development of religion and society in Israel.

The temple was found in the centre of a large settlement on the bank of the Sorek river. It is part of a complex of public buildings which has yet to be fully excavated and is the second from this period. The first was found some 30 years ago at Tel Magiddo. The Hartuv temple's shape is that of an elongated hall about 15 metres long. Its ceiling was supported on a row of wooden pillars that rested on stone bases.

The ritual nature of the building is attested to by a row of standing stones which were placed along the southern wall of the building. Such stones are known in Canaanite and Israelite practices in much later times, and are mentioned often in the Bible. Their meaning is disputed: some think they represented various gods of the local pantheon, and others think they were used in ancestor worship, as memorial stones. In any case, the standing stones at Hartuv are one of the earliest and best preserved examples of this important ritual practice discovered thus far in Israel.

From The Bible Lands Society magazine



Hartuv Temple, showing standing stones, with Beit Shemesh town in the background

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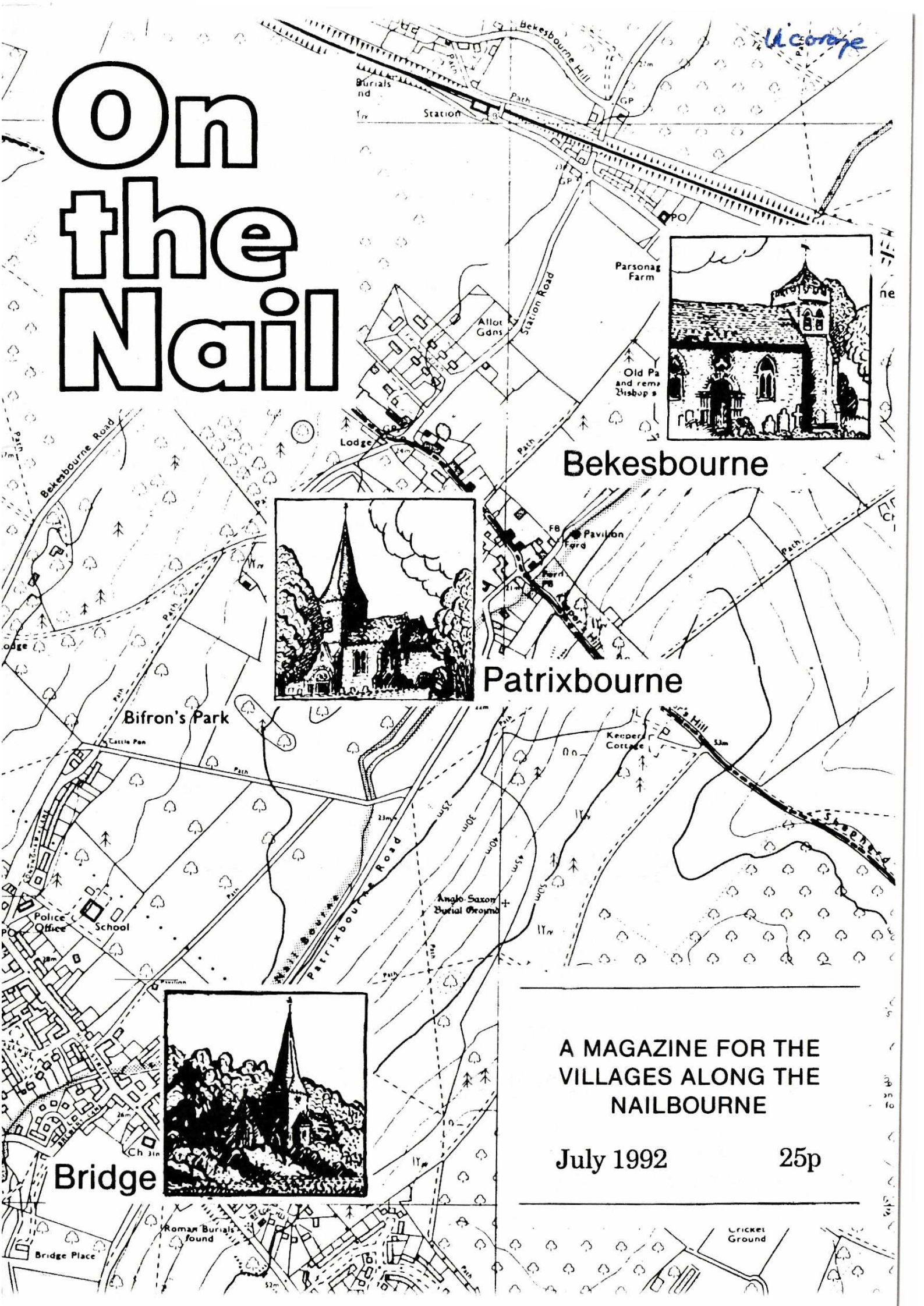
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5th:

11am Eucharist with
Confirmation
(*Bishop of Dover*)

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

12th:

9.30 The Eucharist
(*Revd J Shorrock*)

11am Matins
(*Revd W Owen*)

8am Holy Communion
(*Revd C Verity*)

6.30pm Evensong
(*Revd J Shorrock*)

19th:

9.30 Parish Communion
(*Revd J Shorrock*)

8am Holy Communion
(*Revd C Verity*)

11am Matins
(*Revd W Owen*)

6.30pm Evensong
(*Revd J Shorrock*)

26th:

8am Holy Communion
6pm *Peter's Praise*

9am Holy Communion

11am Matins

2nd August:

11am Family Service
with Holy Baptism

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Junior Church meets in Bridge Village Hall at 9.30am every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month. All children from four years old are very welcome.

■ *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *5th*, Mr E R O'Mahony *12th*, Holy Communion, The Revd Sheila Foreman *19th*, Mrs B P Skinner, RGN, NDN *26th*, The Revd John Forster, BD, DipEd

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge are held on Wednesday mornings (*BCP*) at 9.30am, except 15th and 22nd, and on Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am, except 17th and 24th. Holy Communion at Churchill House is on Wednesday, 1st at 10.15am. The New Close service is each Wednesday at 2.30pm, and the assistance of non-residents at this short, informal act of worship is always most welcome.

Vicar's Holiday The vicar will be on holiday from 11th to 25th July inclusive, during which time anyone urgently requiring a priest may contact the Revd John Shorrock on 832123.

For your diary and prayer list

- 1st The Kent Chorale (Director: John Carney) is singing Evensong in St Peter's Church, Bridge at 7.30pm. This will be a cathedral-type service to which everyone is invited. The music will be Responses, *Sanders*; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, *Stainer in C*; Anthem, Greater Love, *Ireland*.
- 2nd Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 3rd *St Thomas the Apostle*
- 5th **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity 3**
The Family Service at 11am will be a Eucharist with Confirmation, conducted by the Bishop of Dover. Those to be confirmed from Bridge are Edgar (Ted) Smith, Malcolm Barnard, Emma Lockley, Catherine Pike, James Hopkins and Simon Flisher. They will be joined by three adult candidates from Wingham. Let's have a large congregation to support and welcome these new members into the wider fellowship.
- 6th *Thomas More, Martyr, 1535*
- 7th Pray for the Deanery Clergy who assemble this morning for a Eucharist in Bridge Church, followed by breakfast and a Chapter Meeting at the vicarage.
- 8th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15 - 11.45am
- 9th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 11th *St Benedict, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c550*
- 12th **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity 4**
- 16th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, 'Orana', Brewery Lane, 7pm
- 22nd *St Mary Magdalen*
- 25th *St James the Apostle*
Pray for Paul Ditcher and Denise Miller, to be married this afternoon in St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne.
- 26th **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity 6**

Let's all be firmer

It's been said that what America does today Britain does tomorrow! If that's true it should explain some of the more extraordinary Americanisms that are creeping into our mother tongue. Take for example the American expression for confirming an appointment. "Let's firm it up", they will say. If we were to take a leaf out of their book therefore we might say the Bishop of Dover is coming to Bridge on Sunday, 5th July to firm up nine people.

Perhaps in this case, ugly as it sounds, it's not far from the truth since through Confirmation, as the Catechism says, "the Holy Spirit is received to complete what he began in Baptism, and to give strength for the Christian life" — make them firmer, in fact.

Where most confirmation candidates are concerned, baptism — the chief rite of initiation into the Church — was administered while they were

babies. Now whereas God's Holy Spirit indeed came upon them at that time, his presence within them needs making firmer (firming up?) when they are maturer, able to repond to his influence and arrive at a point where they wish to take matters of faith into their own hands.

Whether we speak of firming them up or confirming them, in Confirmation they publicly take a stand for Christ in what is an important occasion both for the candidates and the rest of us. Its importance for them doesn't just lie in the laying-on of the bishop's hands at a splendid service, but in the declaration of faith that each of them makes at the time. At their baptism this was made for them by their parents and godparents, for obvious reasons. But it was a temporary measure pending the age when they could speak for themselves.

In Confirmation they act off their own bat, aware that in choosing Christ they are not merely choosing to follow a wise leader. In coming for Confirmation they opt to throw in their lot with one who both lived once, leaving some sound advice for future generations, but in addition – and this is the best bit – still lives within us and through the power of his Holy Spirit works to make possible that present day life style of worship, work and witness to which every Christian is committed.

Pray for those to be confirmed on 5th July (their names are in the Diary column) and for yourself that you may be true to your profession and serve God faithfully in the power of his Spirit all your days.

Other family news

Made members of Christ

In St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on 24th May the vicar officiated at the Baptism of **Natasha Jane**, daughter of Carole-Ann (née Payne) and Alan Cassidy of Wadebridge, Cornwall.

During the Eucharist at Bridge on the feast of Pentecost, 7th June the baptism took place of **Daniel Thomas**, son of Catherine (née Hawkins) and Colin Irwin of County Antrim, Northern Ireland, and first grandchild of Bridget and Eric Hawkins.

Joined in the unity of love

It was a novelty having Bridge weddings a fortnight apart at which the brides had the same name: calling the banns made a few people think, until it was explained to them. The first wedding was on 6th June when **Susan Foster**, 14 High Street was married to **Roy Harlow**, 3 Bifrons Gardens, Patrixbourne. The other **Susan Foster**, formerly of Bridge Down married **Stephen Briant**, 11 Filmer Road on 20th June. Every happiness to each couple in their respective future!

Resting in the peace of Christ

A true son of Bridge, **Leonard John Reynolds**, who spent the bulk of his working life as the village grocer with Prices, having married the daughter in course of it, died at his home in The Foreland, Canterbury on 20th May,

aged 88 years. The vicar officiated at a service of cremation in Barham crematorium on 27th May and his ashes were laid to rest in Bridge churchyard on 4th June. We extend to his widow and daughter our sincere sympathy.

A Legion of thanks

The Bridge & District Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to express its thanks to all those who participated in the splendid service in St Peter's Church that was held when our new Standard was dedicated a few Sundays ago.

Special thanks must go to the Vicar for the provision of the service. In addition, the support of the Legion members and general congregation who participated and joined fully in every aspect made this a truly memorable event. Once again, thanks to all.

Jim Stripe, Hon Secretary

Bridge Village Fête – A great Do.

The days when the school and the church had separate summer fêtes seem a distant memory: it makes you wonder why we did it! For a time after the amalgamation we tried to spread the work load equally between the two, but now thankfully even that seems to have died a death, due as much as anything to the impossibility of deciding which body any one worker was representing.

What we had on 13th June was a truly village affair with four hours of activity, plenty to see and do, perfect weather conditions, splendid support, a wonderful atmosphere and excellent value for money. This year's fête committee is to be congratulated heartily on a magnificent achievement, for which I hope, through this medium they will accept the thanks of the entire village. The school and church (Patricbourne as well as Bridge in both instances) have particular cause for gratitude for the record proceeds of £3,400 shared between them.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Thank you!

£611 was raised for *Christian Aid* this year in the three villages. A big thank you to everyone who gave and everyone who collected, from all the people in the world who will benefit from your generosity. *Wendy Durell*

CAN ANYONE HELP ME . . .

asks Claire Brasier

I am studying the village of Bridge for my GCSE Geography project. I would be very grateful if anyone could tell me stories of the village, its life and its works or could lend me any photos of Bridge (I am having all photos reproduced so originals will not get lost).

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Why not join the enthusiasts this year and help your local church? All three churches desperately need support and this way you have an enjoyable day out and also help swell the funds. Get your neighbours and friends to sponsor you.

Which way to go?

If this is your first effort and you need help in planning a route, your local organiser will be pleased to assist you. She will help to plot the route on a land-ranger or path-finder map, either of which is more detailed than most other road maps.

If you haven't got a bike, quite a few walkers took part last year, and it is fun tracing footpath routes over stiles and through meadows with no danger from passing traffic!

Contact your local organiser before the holidays begin to get your sponsor form. Pick up one each, or if you ride as a family include everybody on one form. Local organisers are : —

<i>Bekesbourne</i>	Christine Ash (830214) and Jill Gillanders (830894)
<i>Patricxbourne</i>	Andrea Nicholson (830947)
<i>Bridge</i>	Kath Pierce (830844)

Bridge with Patricxbourne WI

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st July at the earlier time of 7pm. This will be a garden meeting, venue to be advised. The competition will be for a single bloom.

P.H.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The annual emptying of boxes held locally has now been completed and the excellent sum of £256.24 was raised for the funds of the Society. Thank you to all box-holders for your continuing support.

Kathy Eynon

Walkers' Report

Stephen Pike resumes his account of the family's hundred mile trek along the Pennine Way. The sponsor money brought in by this marathon walk now tops £900.

Before leaving Hawes we took Katie to a doctor to check on her ankle which was beginning to cause her trouble towards the end of each day. She was determined to continue however, so off we went on our fourth day across the fields to the little village of Hardrow where it started to rain as we climbed the five and a quarter miles up to Great Shunner Fell, avoiding the worst of the peat bog as we went. We stopped at the top for lunch and just then the sun came out giving us wonderful views all round. The descent of Great Shunner Fell was notable for almost being a continuous bog which we had to negotiate our way round, and we felt we had earned our cup of tea when we reached Thwaite. By now Katie's ankle was quite sore but we still had another three miles to go to reach the hostel at Keld so she struggled gamely on. This was a really lovely part of the walk which I don't suppose Katie noticed very much and the rest of us were too concerned for her to enjoy properly.

On Wednesday the party split up. Elizabeth and I continued with the walk whilst Hilary and Katie headed back to Earby to collect the car and try to meet us at the next stop. That in itself was quite a journey as the railway was ten miles away, the weekly bus went the day before and the taxi went to the wrong village, so they missed the train and had to wait two hours for the next.

Meanwhile, back on the Pennine Way we climbed steadily, crossing Black Moor to Tan Hill and the Tan Hill Inn which is reputed to be the highest pub in England. We didn't stop however, which may have been an error, but we still had eleven miles to go and it didn't look very inviting in the mist and drizzle which was just starting. So we donned our waterproofs again and set out across Sleightholme Moor, four and a half miles of very desolate landscape, featureless, completely water-logged and home to a lot of Grouse. It wasn't long before we gave up trying to keep our feet dry and only deviated from the path across the marshes (well marked by cairns) to avoid the worst of the peat mires. We were very glad to see the back of Sleightholme Moor, finally stopping for lunch in mid afternoon, sheltering against a dry stone wall in the mist.

We continued on the main route, avoiding the town of Bowes and crossing the River Greta (which was virtually dry) close to the A66. On we went in brighter weather, overtaking a group of four girls who were on the first leg of a four-day expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award and were having to carry tents etc. as well as clothing – we were glad that we were staying in hostels each night. Climbing again across more moorland and marsh to Race Yate we could at last see the two Baldersdale reservoirs which were our destination. Hilary and Katie turned up about one and a half hours after us just as we had decided to splash out on a hostel dinner, so we ate à la Vesta after all but were very glad to see them.

THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS 1991-A YEAR OF ADJUSTMENT

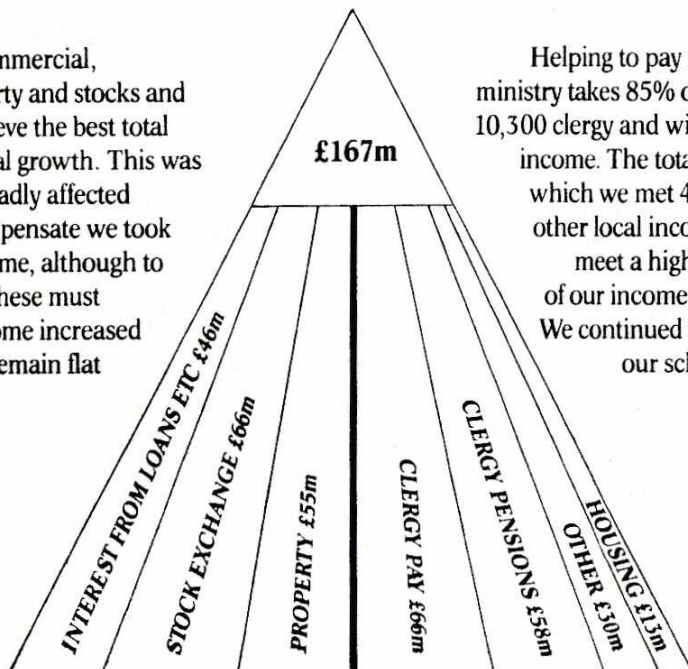
In 1991 we had to revise our financial targets in response to the deepening recession. The Church remains committed to providing a nationwide ministry. We are determined that this should not be put at risk by the present economic difficulties. But with our income flat and our expenditure on clergy pensions growing, we are having to reduce our allocations to dioceses for clergy pay and housing. Giving by Church people needs to rise to make up the difference. Although we do not underestimate this challenge to Church people, we are confident that they will respond, so helping to maintain and develop the Church's mission in this Decade of Evangelism.

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Our investments are mainly in commercial, agricultural and residential property and stocks and shares. They are managed to achieve the best total return – that is income and capital growth. This was difficult in 1991 as the recession badly affected property values and rents. To compensate we took special measures to maintain income, although to secure the needs of future clergy these must gradually be phased out. Our income increased very little in 1991 and is likely to remain flat for the next few years.

Helping to pay for the Church's serving and retired ministry takes 85% of our investment income. Providing 10,300 clergy and widows' pensions is a first call on that income. The total clergy pay bill was £145 million of which we met 45%. The rest came from giving and other local income. Church people will be asked to meet a higher proportion in the future as more of our income is spent on a growing pensions bill. We continued to help with clergy housing, though our schemes for capital works have had to be suspended until the financial situation improves.



Fish News



Thanks to the support of the Community and the hard work of our volunteers we reached our target of £200 for the Coffee Morning on 6th June. In addition we were given some very generous donations, which brought our final figure to £268.30.

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The next **Coffee pop-In** will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, 8th July from 10.15 to 11.45am.

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August *On The Nail*

Contributions for the August edition of *On The Nail* should be sent not to the vicarage but to Lawrence Dunderdale, 37 High Street, Bridge by the usual date, i.e. 15th He will edit that issue, which goes to press while the vicar is on holiday.



Editor: My apologies that no Bridge Parish Council news appeared in June's 'On The Nail' due to mislaying the Clerk's report.

Bridge Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 11th June.

Down at the Recreation Ground The Clerk is to arrange for grass cutting of the strip of land bordering the Ground in Patribourne Road and for eliminating the weeds overgrowing the path on the way up to the school. She is also to seek expert advice on the cherry tree by the tennis courts, which appears to be dying. The recently planted large Antarctic beech by the football pitch has died and will be replaced by the nursery who supplied it during the next planting season.

Since there has been no real increase in maintenance costs etc. for the Recreation Ground, the Council have been able to hold at current charges the fees payable by the various sports clubs for their use of the Ground next season.

Future Projects The Council are still keen to find a suitable design for a village sign. Anyone interested in submitting one should contact Cllr Reg Franklin of 20 Windmill Close for

further details. The Council are also considering producing a *Newcomer's Guide to the Village*, to give details of activities and services locally. Due to popular demand and interest, the 'Hanging Basket' competition is likely to be reinstated, at least for traders, next year.

Village Hall Facelift The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Ann King has arranged for maintenance work to be carried out to the external staircase at the rear of the Hall. She has also entered for the Eurotunnel Award and will submit details showing proposed improvement plans for the area at the rear.

Proposed South Canterbury Business Park The Chairman, Cllr John Hill was concerned that residents were not fully aware of the action taken by the Parish Council to oppose proposals contained in the Canterbury Draft District Local Plan for a proposed business park in South Canterbury, which had been the subject of a recent article in the *Kentish Gazette*. A letter for distribution to all residents had therefore been prepared.

Other Planning Proposals The Council had no objections to a proposed two-storey extension and relocation of double garage, 100 High Street, to the additional use of Brookside Lodge, Patribourne Road for the care of up to six children or to the replacement of existing shopfront 'Bridge News', 80 High Street.

They did, however, not change their views of opposition, following a further amended plan, for an extension at 'Beechen House', Beech Hill, due to the proposed siting of the replacement garage. They also objected to a further application, this time for two bungalows (outline) at 'The Plat', Beech Hill.

Planning permission had been granted by the City Council for the re-opening of a fireplace, 14 The Close, Union Road, and for the installation of a pitched roof to dormer window at the

front of 'Coppice', Bridge Hill.

The Parish Council's own application for a replacement bus shelter at the post office has been deferred again by the City Council. On the advice of the Parish Council's Architects it was decided to resubmit the plans unmodified for determining.

It was also decided to take action in an attempt to have reinstated the old K6 telephone kiosk in front of the Post Office. This had been removed without giving the Parish Council time to object, due to an administrative error by British Telecom at the time.

Who does what? For the record, and should any parishioner wish to contact a Councillor regarding a specific matter or problem, the Chairman of the Council for this year remains the same, namely John Hill and Mrs Ann King continues as his Vice-Chairman. The Councillors responsible for the Recreation Ground are Mervyn Gulvin, Mrs Margaret Jones and Ken Greenaway, who is also the Council's representative on the Bridge Village Sports Trust. Streets, Footways and Lighting are looked after by Cllrs Mrs Jones and Ken Greenaway, whilst Environmental Matters are the province of Reg Franklin, Mrs Joan Monk, Mrs Meriel Connor, who is responsible for Public Rights of Way, and Mrs Billie Anderson who is the Tree Warden for the Parish. Planning applications are considered by a Sub-Committee comprising the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs Connor. The Council's representatives on the Village Hall Management Committee are the Vice-Chairman and Ken Greenaway, and on the Area Committee of the Kent Association of Parish Councils are Mrs Monk and Reg Franklin, who is also the Community Adviser. The next meeting will be on Thurs. 9th July at the regular time of 7.30pm in the Hunter Room, Village Hall.

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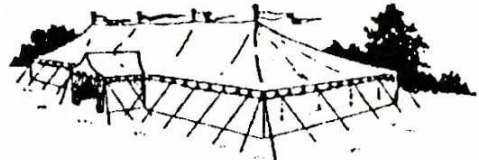


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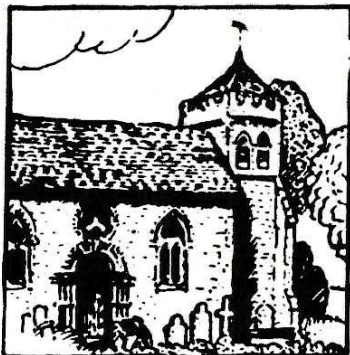
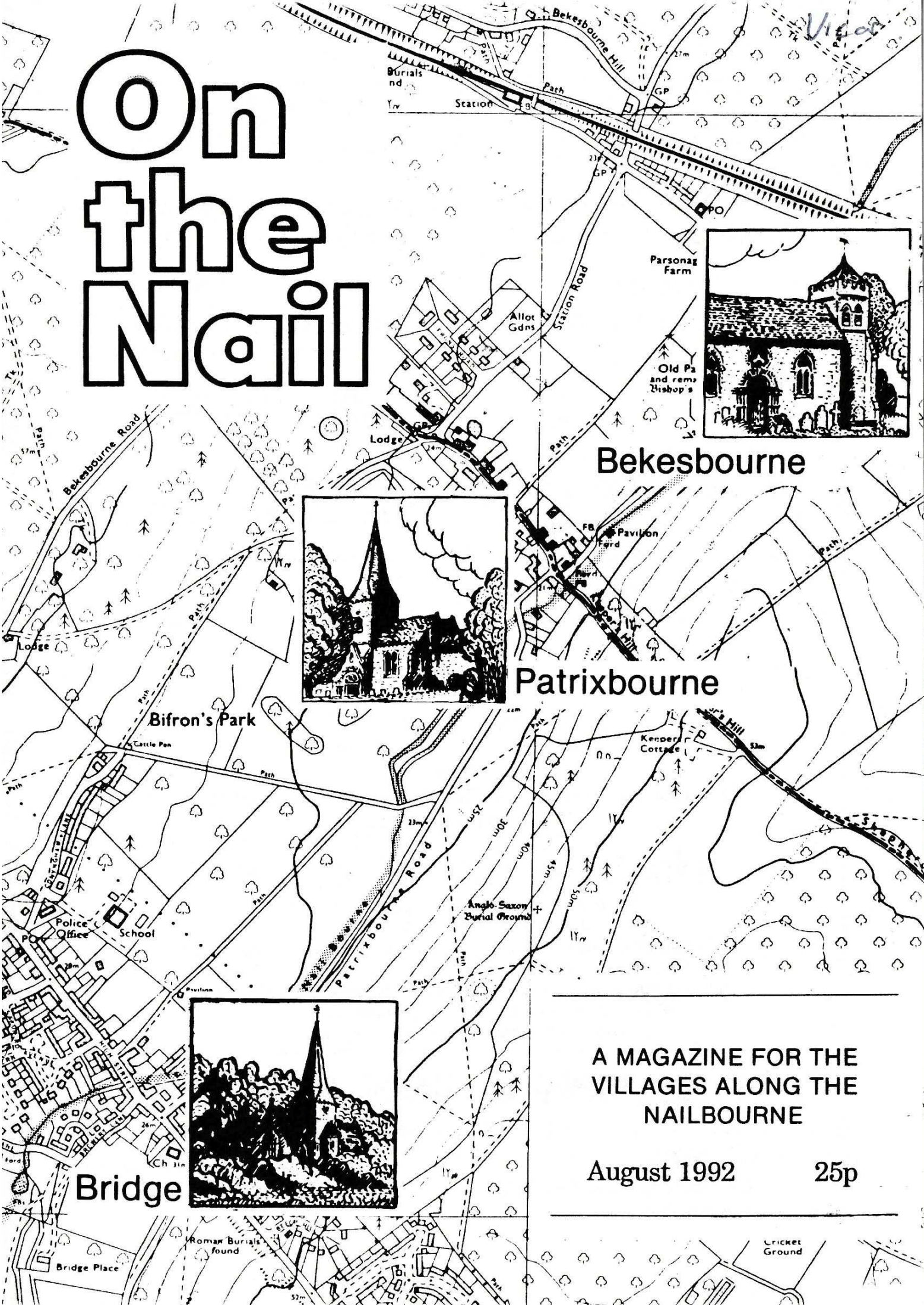
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6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion

9th:

9.30 The Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

11am Matins 8am Holy Communion

16th:

9.30 Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion 11am Matins

23rd:

8am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

9am Holy Communion 11am Matins

30th:

9.30 The Eucharist
(*Revd J Shorrocks*)
6.30pm Evensong
(*Revd J Shorrocks*)

11am Matins
Revd W Owen

8am Holy Communion

6th September:

11am Family Service
(*Canon J Packer*)
6.30pm Evensong
(*Revd J Shorrocks*)

8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion
(*Revd W Owen*)

Junior Church (except in August) meets in Bridge Village Hall at 9.30am every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month. All children from four years old are very welcome.

■ *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: 2nd, Mr S Kentish 9th, Dr J R Butler, MA 16th, Dr D M Rosman 23rd, Mr A P Barwick BSc 30th, Mr H A Foad

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge are held on Wednesday mornings (*BCP*) at 9.30am, and on Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am. Holy Communion at Churchill House is on Wednesday, 4th at 10.15am. The New Close service is each Wednesday at 2.30pm, and the assistance of non-residents at this short, informal act of worship is always much appreciated.

VICAR'S HOLIDAY The vicar will be on the second part of his holiday from 28th August to 12th September inclusive, during which time anyone urgently requiring a priest may contact the Revd John Shorrocks on 832133.

For your diary and prayer list

2nd **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** : Trinity 7

5th *St Oswald, King of Northumbria, 642*

6th **Transfiguration of our Lord**

Prayers for Health & Healing Concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm

9th **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost** : Trinity 8

10th *St Laurence, Deacon, Martyr, 258*

11th *St Clare of Assisi, Virgin, 1253*

16th **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost** : Trinity 9

20th *St Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153*

Prayers for health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm

23rd **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost** : Trinity 10

24th *St Bartholomew the Apostle*

28th *St Augustine, Bishop of Hippo in North Africa, Teacher of the Faith, 430*

Pray for Martin Chandler and Marie-Louise Corteen, also James Talbot and Michelle Corteen, to be married in a double wedding ceremony at Patrixbourne this afternoon.

30th **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost** : Trinity 11

31st *St Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651*

So much joy

There is no ulterior motive behind what follows; merely a grateful review of church goings on over the past weeks, on the basis that some exciting things have happened that deserve wider publicity.

After any particularly successful event someone invariably says, "That was great: what a pity many more people weren't here to enjoy it". Well, accepting that second-hand information is always second best, I'd like to try and give you a flavour of some of our recent happenings.

The Responsibility is ours

The morning services at Bridge and Patrixbourne on 21st June each took on an added dimension by the presentation Susan Rennison, the Diocesan Stewardship Adviser gave. With the aid of an overhead projector and some personalised acetates of our finances, she helped us see how we might put ourselves on a firmer footing.

The general feeling amongst those who came along was that it was a very valuable exercise, most revealing, though tinged with a sense of disappointment that relatively few of the many invited were able to attend. The turn out was not good and that was sad considering we had a guest who had gone to a lot of trouble on our behalf.

But never fear! Any regrets at the time have been more than compensated by the very encouraging responses so far made to TRIO, and not just from those who came along on the 21st. Clearly it's a case of money matters rarely drawing a crowd, however attractively packaged!

It's early days to consider final details: not everyone's response is in yet. However we hope in the September issue of *On The Nail* to give you an accurate overall picture. Meanwhile, those who have already responded to TRIO can be assured of our deep appreciation and gratitude for their generosity.

STOP PRESS – TRIO

Of the one hundred and twenty two Appeal Envelopes circulated to church members within the parish, fifty-nine response forms have been returned to the Covenants Officer, sixty-three forms therefore are currently outstanding.

If you have not yet completed and submitted your form, it would be greatly appreciated if you could kindly do so as soon as possible, please.

D R Hill

Peter's Praise

The fourth Sunday evening service in June was all set to welcome Fr Kenneth Sharp of the Delhi Brotherhood Society. Very sadly Fr Kenneth, well into his eighties, collapsed when he landed at Heathrow from India and had to be admitted to the Kent & Sussex Hospital at Tunbridge Wells, where he died a few days later.

Compared with the sad loss and shock sustained by his elderly sister and brother, our own loss of a preacher pales into insignificance. We were greatly looking forward to having Fr Kenneth back again in Bridge as part of our specially drawn up service on the theme *The Cost of Discipleship*. In a sense it might be said he paid the ultimate price of discipleship. It was therefore with grateful thanks but mixed feelings that Canon David Marriott, Vicar of Wye and a frequent visitor to India agreed to take his place at very short notice and helped us to see what price discipleship can exact from Indian youngsters who want to become Christians where the Christian faith is very much a minority religion.

The service was very moving, particularly when at the end four of our own young people told us in their own words the cost of their own discipleship amongst their school mates. It was in itself a courageous act of witness to stand up in church and speak for themselves, and we should be proud to number amongst our church membership young people with such a strong sense of commitment to Christ.

A splendid Confirmation

The Confirmation Service at Bridge on the morning of 5th July was also very moving, and not just for those the Bishop of Dover confirmed. The large congregation formed a fair cross-section of Bridge church life and one could feel the warmth and intimacy of our fellowship at this important time in the lives of six of our friends (not to mention the three from Wingham, who were very touched by the welcome they received from everybody).

Bishop Richard Third was his usual stimulating self, and it was sad to realise that this would be his last visit to us before retirement. We were

particularly delighted to have Mrs Third with us too, especially on a day when she was set to entertain eleven people to lunch.

But there was one incident we could cheerfully have done without. Poor Emma Lockley nearly missed her confirmation due to a nasty accident at home within a couple of hours of the service. However our own emergency ambulance service, in the person of Stephen Pike, sprang into action and ferried her to hospital, where the casualty department stitched her up in double quick time so that she was dressed and in her place with time to spare before the service began. I might say there were not a few, including the Bishop, who held their breath until Emma finally appeared.

There was a short reception afterwards in the school hall, and that was followed by a bumper Confirmation lunch party put on by the candidates' families, complete with a specially baked Confirmation cake that Sam Bernard and I were given the privilege of cutting. Altogether it was a Confirmation to remember, accidents apart, and that's how it should be! Hope you saw the happy photograph in the *Kentish Gazette* of 10th July!

Who's for Coffee?

After every second Sunday morning Eucharist at St Peter's, Bridge, coffee or tea is available for members of the congregation to meet less formally before heading for home. It also provides an ideal opportunity for meeting any newcomers or visitors who may have come along.

More helpers are needed, male or female. If you are willing to join the band please get in touch with me. It isn't an onerous job, and of course the more helpers, the less often any one person is called upon.

Rosemary Gilbert

New brooms needed

Since Mrs Elsie Apps moved to Saxon Lodge the job of cleaning Bridge Church has been gallantly borne by a small group of not particularly young ladies. However, we cannot rely solely on their generosity to do what isn't a particularly light job.

We would be grateful, therefore, to hear of anyone willing to go on a cleaning rota for St Peter's Church. Some younger ladies have already offered their services, but as with the coffee, the more the easier. If you can find the time and are prepared to join the list please get in touch with Churchwarden Peter Lawrence (830472), who will be delighted to hear from you.

Bridge Tapestry Kneeler Group

On a perfect summer evening some of the Tapestry Kneeler Group from Bridge visited Wye Church. Our guides explained to us the design of this unique and charming series of pew runners and kneelers, all of which have been made by members of the parish, and which relate to the life around the church. The work was begun in 1970 and has culminated in a beautiful altar frontal which was dedicated this Trinity Sunday.

A.J.W.

Sad family news

We record three recent deaths, all of Bridge people, and extend our sympathy to their families.

On 17th June the death occurred of Miss **Ellen Townsley**, formerly of 37 Union Road but lately a resident in Saxon Lodge. The vicar officiated at Barham Crematorium on 1st July.

Her many friends in Bridge and beyond followed with great sorrow the progressive illness of Mrs **Joan Wickens**, 19 Riverside Close and helped swell the congregation in St Peter's Church for her funeral service prior to cremation on 8th July. Joan was a truly lovely person, full of joy and care for others, and a most active supporter of both the Women's Institute and Embroiderers' Guild. In connection with the latter Mrs Loo Round, its current Chairman, paid a most moving tribute on behalf of the Guild at the service, striking just the right note to honour one who secured universal and unqualified admiration just by being herself.

The very sudden and wholly unexpected death of Mrs **Bessie Izzard**, 36 Union Road naturally came as a tremendous shock to her husband Bill and family. A cremation service took place at Barham on 9th July, at which the vicar officiated.

On The Nail news items

Bridge Church Choir News

On Tuesday 16th June the newly elected choir committee had its first meeting under the chairmanship of Malcolm Barnard.

Amongst various items on the agenda, new membership of the choir was discussed. In September openings for further Junior members (Fourth year children – 11 year-old) will be available.

Interested parents should contact Choir Secretary Bill Rose or telephone 830560 for details. The choir would also welcome a further alto and/or tenor voice.

This Choir has always been affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music and as such enjoys membership activities.

Bill Rose

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Summer Show will be at the Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne on Saturday 8th August, and it opens at 2.30pm. There will be teas and a raffle as usual.

Please come and support us; everyone is welcome.

Would all Exhibitors please note that their entries *must* be in by Thursday, 6th August. Entries should be left with Martin Leggatt at 5 Dering Road, or with Billie Anderson at 7 Dering Road.

B Anderson

Samaritans

Rather belatedly, I am afraid, I should like to thank *all* my wonderful supporters for their unfailing support once again. We were able to send £377.45 to the Canterbury Centre and I have received their grateful thanks.

M. E. J.

Royal British Legion, Bridge & District Branch

Although it is now the height of summer, the Legion in Bridge is still very active.

This notice is to remind people that the next meetings will be held on Wednesdays July 29th, August 26th and September 30th – all at the *Plough & Harrow*, High Street, Bridge starting at 8pm.

Jim Stripe (830761)

Help!

We have 12lb of Blackcurrants in our freezer to be made into jam for the Autumn Fayre – but no jars. If you can help by providing a few jam jars please contact Hilary Pike on 830708.

Bridge with Patricxbourne WI

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18th August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Bridge. Our speaker will be Mrs L. Parsons on *The Body Shop policies and products*. The competition is for a Beauty Hint!

We are always delighted to welcome new members.

P.H.

Walkers' Report

Stephen Pike concludes his account of the family's sponsored walk along a hundred miles of the Pennine Way. The final total of their sponsor money is £992.70. Does anyone feel like rounding it off for them?

LEAVING Baldersdale Youth Hostel we crossed Hanna Hauxwell's farm, loitering to watch a new born lamb trying to stand whilst its sibling was still being cleaned by Mum. The weather was fine and dry as we crossed meadows and rough pasture to Grassholme Reservoir, and then over semi-moorland and down into Middleton-in-Teesdale where Hilary and Katie were waiting for us. We all walked a couple of miles along the Tees river bank before stopping on a grassy knoll for lunch, after which they turned back whilst Elizabeth and I continued along a very well made-up path to the waterfalls of Low and High Force. The others were there before us but on the other bank, so we could only shout at each other across the roar of the waterfall. It was but three more miles up river to Langdon Beck Youth Hostel which is the highest in England and we took our time, enjoying the comparatively easy walking of the day, thankfully unaware of what was in store for us on the morrow.

Friday dawned, raining and very windy! Elizabeth and I set off to cross the Pennines from East to West along Teesdale and we hadn't gone very far before I was wondering whether it was really wise to continue. Elizabeth had more confidence however, and we struggled along a very rocky river bank around Cronkley Scar with the wind and rain in our teeth until we reached Cauldron's snout. In better weather it would have been quite a spectacular waterfall, fed from Cow Green Reservoir – but in those conditions we were more interested in trying to find a safe route up the wet rocks to the top!

We made it safely, and were just setting out again on the path when a young lamb, obviously deciding that it had had enough of the weather, came up and nuzzled against our legs much to the horror of its mother who was a few feet away and trying to get its lamb back to safety.

From here on we had very heavy going across marshy moorland with the rain stinging in our faces. To make matters worse there were very few cairns to guide us, so we had to be very careful not to stray too far off a path which wasn't always easy to see. As Teesdale gave way to Maize Beck conditions worsened as the the cloud came down, reducing visibility to about ten yards or so. Thank goodness for a map and compass! Eventually we found High Cup and thanks to a sudden break in the clouds we had a view down the valley to the Vale of Eden which was bathed in sunlight.

The elements hadn't quite finished with us yet, and as we set off on the final leg down into Dufton along a path on a shelf called Narrow Gate, we were assaulted once more but this time by a hail storm. Eventually we made it down to lower ground and finally stopped on a walled path for our lunch – we were starving by this time! A short walk later we emerged in the village of Dufton – our journey's end – and were met by Hilary and Katie who had come out to meet us with the good news that the pub was open!

I put my head round the door and seeing the fitted carpets, asked if the landlord really wanted soggy walkers in his lounge, but he immediately invited us to take our boots off, sit round the fire and dry off. What a warm welcome! We returned later that evening to celebrate and were presented with toasted sandwiches 'on the house'.

We had completed our hundred miles in seven days and have all gained from the experience and feel a sense of achievement. We shall continue walking but will try to find a route where we can have dry feet next time!

Cancer Relief Macmillan Nurse Appeal – *Guinness Book of Records*

Will you help us by having a Coffee Morning On Friday 25th September, thereby helping us to remain in the *Guinness Book of Records* as having held the largest Coffee Morning in the World?

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P Pope, County Organiser

Just a reminder!

The Sponsored Bike Ride is on Saturday 12th September 1992, with the churches open from 10am to 6pm.

Have you obtained your sponsor form yet? Get your forms now and give yourself time to collect a lot of sponsors. More sponsors mean more money for your Church!

Just to remind you of your local organisers, the list is printed again. Any of the organisers will be pleased to help you plan a route if this is your first attempt and will also give you a list of the churches open in this area.

Local organisers are:—

Bekesbourne	Christine Ash	(830214)	and
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Bridge	Kath Pierce	(830844)	

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Fish Scheme

At a recent meeting of the Committee I told members that, with much regret, owing to a heavy family commitment I shall have to hand over the work I do for the Fish Scheme. At the same meeting some of the committee members who have given considerable help to the Scheme during the twelve years of its existence felt they must now reduce the extent of their involvement.

The Committee considered that the most practical arrangement for the future would be to divide the activities into discrete groups each with an organizer, whilst retaining an overall co-ordinator. The groups requiring organizers are Transport arrangements (it is suggested that a telephone answering machine be provided to help with this), the Luncheon Club and the general welfare and information activities. The Coffee Pop-In will continue to be arranged by Ann Medhurst and Rosie Green, and Joy Monk has agreed to be responsible for the Annual Blossom Tour.

The Committee hope that volunteers will come forward to organize the groups and for membership of the Committee. It is hoped that the new proposals can be put to the next Annual Meeting of the Scheme to be held in late September. Anyone wanting further information about the proposed changes and details about the work involved in the groups can 'phone me.

The Luncheon Club will be closed during August. Details about its next meeting will be given in the next issue of *On The Nail*.

The Coffee Pop-In will meet as usual on the second Wednesday of the month, 12th August.

Joan Warren, 830233

Bridge Parish Council

Smartening up for Summer
The Council have had two dead trees removed from the Recreation Ground, as well as the path leading up to the school cleared of overhanging vegetation, the boundary with the rear gardens of Riverside close strimmed and cleared and fresh bark put under the swings. The new circular seat around one of the mature trees should also be in position before the end of July.

The County Council are due to start work on the footways in the High Street on Monday, 20th July, followed shortly afterwards by re-surfacing work to the road itself. The layby on Town Hill is now tidier with the recent addition of two further containers for the bottlebank to cope with the overflow. The external staircase at the rear of the Village Hall has now been renovated.

Concerns The Parish Council continued to express their concern over the proposed South Canterbury Business Park. They were still actively pursuing the provision of affordable housing for the village and the Chairman, Cllr John Hill, was to agree a date for an informal meeting with City Councillors to discuss the matter further. The Parish Council were also worried by minor vandalism at the Recreation Ground.

Decision time It was agreed to enter into an agreement with Works & Services Department of Canterbury City Council to maintain the street lighting columns in the side roads of the village as from 1st April, 1992.

The Council also agreed, subject to the concurrence of Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne and Bishopsbourne Parish Councils to re-appoint Mrs A McKeever as the minor authority governor of Bridge with Patrixbourne CE Primary School for a new four year term of office commencing on 1st September, 1992.

On Planning, the Council had made no objections to a change of use to educational resources unit for people with learning disabilities, The Old Depot, Mill Lane; or for a change of use from Gents Hairdresser to residential at 84 High Street.

Planning permission has been granted for a change of use to children's home, Brookside Lodge, Patrixbourne Road, for a two-storey side extension to dwelling and erection of a double garage, Beechen House, Beech Hill and for a two-storey side and garage extension to front of 100 High Street. The City Council have refused planning permission for two bungalows and garages on land at The Plat, Beech Hill and also for the Parish Council's own application for a replacement bus shelter at the Post Office. As a result of that decision, it was agreed to repair the existing one as it became necessary.

The Parish Council does not now meet again until after the summer recess, on Thursday, 10th September at 7.30pm in the Hunter Room of the Village Hall.

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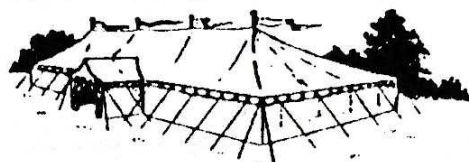
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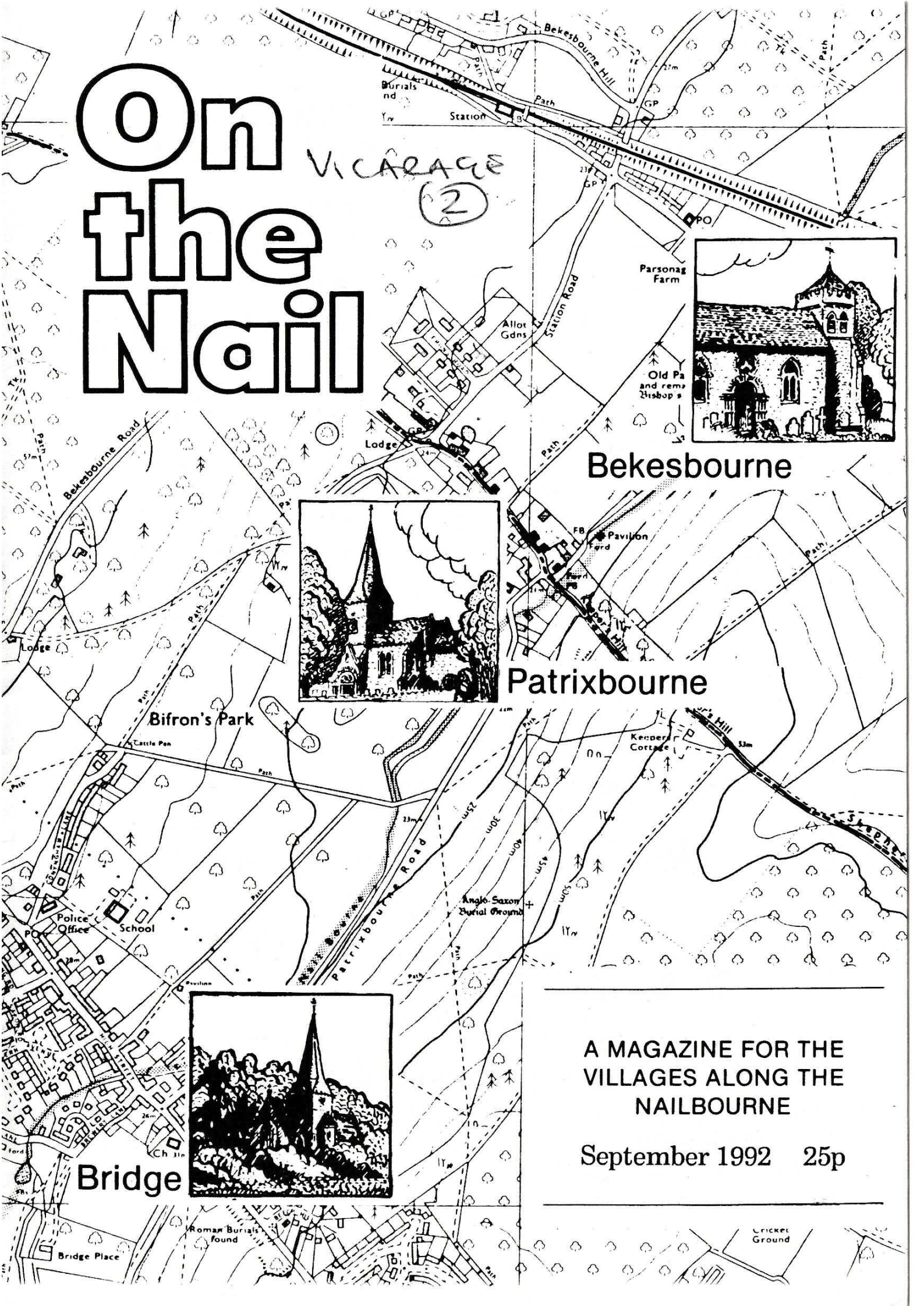
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Sunday Worship in September

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6th:

11am Family Service
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8am Holy Communion
(Revd W Owen)

9.30 Parish Communion
(Canon A Dawkins)

6.30pm Evensong
(Revd J Shorrocks)

13th:

9.30am The Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

11am Matins

8am Holy Communion

20th:

9.30 Parish Communion
6.30pm Evensong

8am Holy Communion

11am Matins

27th:

8am Holy Communion
6pm Peter's Praise

9am Holy Communion

11am *Harvest Matins*
(Preacher: Revd J
Shorrocks)

3.30pm Holy Baptism

4th October:

11am Harvest Family
Service

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

3.30pm Holy Baptism

6.30pm Harvest Evensong

Junior Church meets in Bridge Village Hall at 9.30am every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month. All children from four years old are very welcome.

■ *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge are held on Wednesday mornings (BCP) at 9.30am, except 2nd and 9th, and on Fridays (Rite A) at 7.30am, except 4th and 11th. Holy Communion at Churchill House is on Wednesday, 2nd at 10.15am. The New Close Service is every Wednesday at 2.30pm, and outside assistance at this short, informal act of worship is always much appreciated.

Vicar's Holiday The vicar will be on the second part of his holiday until 12th September inclusive and at a Diocesan Conference at Sussex University from 28th to 30th September. During those times anyone urgently requiring a priest may contact the Revd John Shorrocks on 832133.

For your diary and prayer list

3rd *St Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604*
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, 8 Ford Close, 7pm
Bridge Folk Dance Group, Village Hall, 8pm

- 6th **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity 12**
 8th *The Blessed Virgin Mary*
 9th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15 - 11.45am
 13th **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity 13**
 14th *Holy Cross Day*
 17th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
 Bridge Folk Dance Group, Village Hall, 8pm
 Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Methodist Church, 8pm
 20th **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity 14**
 21st *St Matthew the Apostle*
 22nd Fish Scheme AGM, Bridge Methodist Church, 8pm
 25th *Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626*
 27th **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity 15**
 29th *St Michael and All Angels*

Guess who's the new Rural Dean!

Having held the fort in an acting capacity since March the Bishop of Dover has now appointed your vicar full-fledged Rural Dean of East Bridge.

My duties have already begun but in due course I will be commissioned, either by the Archdeacon of Canterbury or the next Bishop of Dover when a suitable deanery opportunity presents itself. I am hoping it can be on an occasion when my parishioners can be present, as I would very much like you also to be with me.

So what's it all about?

When a friend of mine became a Rural Dean he overheard one member of his congregation tell another, "Our vicar's been made the aural dream!" I don't know about that, but in case you're interested, a Rural Dean is, to quote F L Cross's *Dictionary of the Christian Church*,

' . . . the head of a group of parishes in a given area (Rural Deanery). He is appointed by the Bishop of the diocese, usually, but not necessarily, from among the beneficed clergy of the Deanery, and may be removed by the Bishop at any time. The office is ancient and formerly the duties were important; but they were gradually absorbed by the Archdeacons. The office was revived in 1836; and since the later 19th century, Rural Deans have again come to play a considerable part in the life of the diocese, e.g. as a channel of communication between the smaller parishes and the Bishop. The Rural Dean is president of the Ruridecanal Chapter, i.e. the incumbents and clergy licensed under seal in the Deanery.'

Much of that still applies, but since Cross's day synodical government has come about, with the result that the Rural Dean acts as chairman of the Deanery Synod in conjunction with a lay person, chosen by the house of laity of the synod. Our lay chairman at present is Miss Mary Ambrose, a very energetic leading light in the parish of Kingston.

A further duty a Rural Dean has to perform not covered by Dr Cross is the responsibility, shared with the churchwardens, for a parish that is

temporarily without an incumbent. At the present there are two such benefices in this deanery; Ash, where our last Rural Dean, Clive Barlow, was vicar, and the united benefice of Nonington, Chillenden, Goodnestone, Wymynswold and Knowlton. Happily a new vicar for this last is due to be inducted on 30th October.

Despite Cross's words the Rural Dean has an important job to do and it is one I am looking forward to tackling. But rest assured it will not detract from my role as your vicar or take me away from the parishes to a degree that might give anyone cause for concern.

What I ask is your continued prayers for me, including from now on the added responsibilities I have been given.

Bishops moves

Out . . .

I imagine that by now everyone knows Bishop Richard Third is retiring as Bishop of Dover at the end of this month. His has been a quite outstanding ministry, notably from the pastoral angle, and here we have been abundantly blessed by it. A visit from him has always been a joy and we shall miss his very approachable friendship and those fine Confirmation addresses that were always prepared with great thought and invariably delivered as if he spoke to everyone individually.

There will be an opportunity to bid him farewell at a service in the cathedral on **Friday, 2nd October**. Doors open at 7pm for an informal gathering in the Nave with Bishop Dick and Mrs Helen Third. A presentation will be made at 7.30pm followed by the evening service of Compline in the Quire. No tickets are required, so just turn up.

. . . and In

His replacement, another Richard, is presently Suffragan Bishop of St Germans in the Cornish diocese of Truro. He is to be invested as Bishop of Dover in the cathedral on the evening of 9th, the new Bishop of Maidstone, Gavin Reid having been consecrated also in the cathedral that same afternoon.

There has been an episcopal re-organisation in the diocese; the Bishop of Dover taking the bulk of the Archbishop's diocesan responsibilities off his shoulders (hence his other title 'Bishop in Canterbury') and both bishops functioning diocese-wide. This means we may quite likely have the Bishop of Maidstone confirming in this part of the diocese, and not just the Bishop of Dover as heretofore.

We shall pray for both men as they take up the reins here and for the diocese as it embarks upon this new stage in its life.

Family matters

At the Family Service on 2nd August and immediately after she was baptized the congregation welcomed into the Lord's family **Megan Marie**, the

second daughter of Caroline and Gordon Blackwell, 10 Brewery Lane.

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During the vicar's recent holiday the man who built the present Bridge vicarage passed away at the age of 85 years. A cremation service for **John Albert (Bert) Robson**, 18 Windmill Close was conducted at Barham by the Revd John Shorrock.

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Following her cremation, as reported last month, the ashes of **Bessie Violet Izzard** were laid to rest in Bridge churchyard at a brief ceremony on 6th August.

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The death of **Stanley Herbert Grey**, 63 High Street during the evening of 6th August was not entirely unexpected yet he is a tremendous loss to his wife Ruth, their children and grand-children. It also marks the end of an era because Stan was known by and influenced a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, especially at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne where he had been a leading light for very many years. Stan's 'little church' of St Peter was brim full for his funeral on 14th, conducted by the vicar, escorted by the churchwardens, and with Stan and Ruth's old friend Dorothy Ratcliff playing the organ over which he had presided with such devotion and love.

I received the following soon after Stanley died:

I would like to convey my thanks to all our friends, for their love and sympathy shown to us following Stanley's death. It has been a wonderful help to me. Bless you all. Ruth and Family.



Stanley was a great family man, as was said at his funeral. Here he is seen with a few of his family some years ago.

STAN GREY was born in mid-June, 1906, right in the heart of Canterbury in Rose Lane, and he went to St Mary Bredin School which then was very close to his home.

His father worked in the Hotel trade, and found that he needed to move the family to Ramsgate, so Stanley found himself in his early teens at Ellington School. Some good many years later Canon John Packer was to be a teacher there! It must have been a good school.

After schooling Stan worked in a number of jobs and finally took over as landlord of The Imperial public house off Wincheap. He married Ruth, and when war came in 1939 joined the Army and ended as a Sergeant in the Military Police. One of Stan's enduring memories was that of being on guard at Epsom Racecourse when the King, George VI, attended. Stan threw up the best salute he was capable of as the King went past, and he was very proud of the moment for the rest of his life.

After the war he and Ruth tried their hand at farming, and finally came to live in Bekesbourne in 1956, where the church became the centre of Stanley's attention after his family. He held every office in the Church except PCC Secretary, and – self taught, although he played the piano well – he tackled the organ when the post became vacant. This led in time to the introduction of *Songs of Praise* during the long weeks of Trinity, to a carol-based service on Christmas morning where he persuaded the young children to come up into the choir to sing for everyone, to a wonderful Mothering Sunday service and countless hours of organ playing when a Flower Festival was mounted.

Stan had an endearing way of coping with any small mishap such as a wrong hymn tune being started. He would stop, turn in the seat and declare himself sorry from the organ for what had happened and start again. He and his family were much loved, and it is certainly true, in the old phrase, "We shall not see his like again".

J.P.

Delhi Brotherhood Society

Reading of the sad death of Father Kenneth Sharp in the August edition of *On The Nail* reminds me that many parishioners may not be aware that we sponsor a child through the Delhi Brotherhood Society. I thought this would be an opportune time, therefore, to bring you up to date with Rakesh Kumar's progress at school.

Rakesh is twelve and has just started the new academic year in class 9 at a government school. In his class 8 final examination he attained an average of 50% over all subjects; a most creditable performance.

Rakesh has no father and his mother works in a school doing odd jobs such as dusting and preparing tea for the teachers. She is just able to meet the basic needs of her family – she has three children, including Rakesh, all of whom are at a government school. They have built a single-room house in which they now live. The family comes from Punjab and visit their relations and friends whenever possible.

Keith Nicholson

Just a reminder!

Hopefully you have made a note of the date of the **Sponsored Bike Ride**, which is on **Saturday, 12th September**, starting at 10am from your local church.

Sponsor forms are still available from your local organiser, so if you have not obtained yours, please hurry! If anyone taking part for the first time would like advice on planning a route, your local organiser would be pleased to assist. She is:

<i>Bekesbourne</i>	Christine Ash,	830214
	Jill Gillanders,	830894
<i>Patixbourne</i>	Andrea Nicholson,	830947
<i>Bridge</i>	Kath Pierce,	830844.

There should be a list of riders in each church and they would be only too pleased to have members of the congregation sponsoring them. Don't wait to be asked! Offer your sponsorship to them and help swell the final total for your church. Remember, half of what they make comes back to the church! Thank you!

Kath Pierce

The Responsibility is Ours

by Douglas R Hill

In the August *On The Nail* it was reported that of the 122 TRIO Appeal envelopes circulated to church members, 63 return forms had not been completed and submitted to the Covenants Officer. This number has since shown a moderate reduction to 44 forms now outstanding. At this late stage it would be most helpful if those who have not yet dealt with their forms could kindly do so at their earliest convenience.

Once a reasonable majority of replies have been received it will be possible to arrive at a more accurate assessment of the likely results of the TRIO Appeal. I can report, however, that the general response from the 78 replies received so far is most encouraging and reveals marked increases in the standard of giving. The total potential Planned Giving, net (excluding Income Tax reclaimable) arising from these promises, amounts to approximately £11,000. This includes both Deeds of Covenant and Freewill Offerings. The full benefit of these promises will not be immediate, but will be effective in stages over the next six months or so, dependent on the commencement dates of individual promises.

It is confidently hoped that this most encouraging trend will continue as the remainder of the replies are received. Then, with a marked improvement in our church income, worries of not being able to meet our commitments will be dispelled.

A sincere expression of appreciation and thanks is extended to all those whose promises have already contributed to laying the foundations of this happier state of affairs.

1st Bridge Guides

by Maggie Field

As District Commissioner I was delighted to present the highest Guide award, the Baden Powell Trefoil to two Bridge Guides, Claire Brasier and Lucy Wilmshurst. Both girls worked hard to achieve this award both personally and in the community. Many congratulations!

On Saturday, 17th October there is to be a Guide County Concert at the Simon Langton Girls School at 2.30pm and 6.30pm. Guides and Brownies from all over East Kent will be taking part and two of the items in the concert will be from Bridge Guides. Emma Lockley is to perform a Joyce Grenfell recitation and a small drama group comprising Laura Brodie, Beverley Fry, Emma Flisher and Joanne Brockhurst will perform a short sketch. If anyone would like to support the Guides by attending the concert, tickets are £1 adults and 50p children and are available on the door or in advance from me (830224).

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The show in the Conrad Hall was very well supported. Many thanks to everyone who did this and contributed to its success.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 17th September at the Methodist Church, when the talk will be on Fungi, etc; members and non-members welcome!

B Anderson

Bekesbourne Boot Fair

A successful boot fair was held at Parsonage Farm on the morning of Saturday, 1st August. The weather was kind this year and the event attracted lots of customers. £205 was raised from the sale of pitches, teas and cakes etc. and we hope that everyone who took a pitch had an enjoyable and profitable day.

Many thanks to all who helped, especially to Christine Ash and Zan Clifford for organising the event, John Ash for the loan of his field, Tony Clifford for the advance publicity, Jill Gillanders and Pam Farbrace for doing the teas and Malcolm Howells, Bill Paine and Tony Fullaway for manning the gate.

No thanks at all, however, to whoever it was who 'removed' from the field one of the tables kindly loaned by the village hall, and which is likely to cost us £70 to replace.

*David Millyard, Hon Treasurer,
Bekesbourne PCC*

Royal British Legion Bridge and District Branch

As the autumn draws near, the Legion is starting to prepare for its main fund-raising effort, the Poppy Appeal. This will be held this year during the two weeks, starting October 26th for house to house collections culminating on the public day, Saturday November 8th.

In Bridge and Bishopsbourne, the Poppy Appeal collection is organised by Mr Ken Greenaway. He is responsible for ensuring that boxes are placed in public places, organising collections, and ensuring the money collected is safely banked.

Help is needed with this; we are particularly short of collectors for house to house work. Anyone who can help please contact Ken on 830388.

Bridge Folk Dance Group

Jim Stripe (830761)

Fresh from our summer break we resume our meetings on 3rd September at eight o'clock in the Village Hall. Two or three new dancers are enjoying the evenings and most dances are not too energetic. You don't need to bring a partner, so please join us then and on the 17th. Enquiries, please ring 830652 or 830285.

J.H.

Make a note now that there will be a HARVEST SUPPER in Bridge Village Hall on 10th October. We'll give you more details later, so watch this space!

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Fish News

We shall be holding our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 22nd September at 8pm in Bridge Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road. I hope that as many people as possible will attend because decisions will have to be made about the future of the Fish Scheme. I got no response to my appeal in last month's *On The Nail* for help with the running of the scheme. Many elderly people have been helped and provided with services during the past twelve years. As central and local government services increasingly rely on volunteers it is vital for this work to carry on.

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Luncheon Club meetings start again at The New Close on Monday, 7th September. The **Coffee Pop-In** for September will be in Bridge Village Hall on 9th from 10.15 to 11.45am. The mobile **Chiropody Clinic** will be at The New Close from Monday, 21st to Friday, 25th.

Joan Warren

Ed; Joan's situation is getting quite desperate; it's not that she wants to give up running the Fish Scheme, she has to! If no one comes forward to help shoulder the burden of it the future of the Fish Scheme on which so many have come to rely could well be in jeopardy. The answer may not be another Joan Warren (some people really are unique) who will oversee the entire organisation, but several persons each willing to take charge of just one aspect of the scheme. Over to you out there!

Bekesbourne Church Cleaning and Flower Rota

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Surgery by Gaslight by *Kenneth Bindoff*

Our first family doctor – GPs were unheard of in my childhood – was a large, austere man who wore a top hat, frock coat and striped trousers, and made his calls in a horse-drawn carriage driven by his coachman. He scared the daylights out of me.

Doctors were surgeons as well as physicians in those days and there was no doubt which was Dr Lee's preference. If organ transplants had been possible in the first world war I think he would have had his patients walking around with each other's kidneys, just for the fun of it. Tonsils were God's gift to him – every child had them, so it followed that every child would be better without them.

He came up against a formidable opponent in my Canadian mother, who believed that what the Lord gave you was given for a purpose and should be kept, except in dire circumstances. She refused to allow him to remove mine unless they became diseased. Dr Lee never gave up hope, and every time he came to see a member of the family he would grasp me between his knees while he pressed down my tongue with an inverted table spoon. I must have been a forgiving child for I would fight down the resulting nausea when I should have vomited down his trousers.

My tonsils remained stubbornly healthy, but Dr Lee triumphed in the end. Like many children who drank unpasteurised milk from infected cows I developed TB glands, which had to be removed. Hospitals were filled with soldiers wounded in the battles raging in France, but Dr Lee was undismayed. He decided to perform the operation on our kitchen table. New mantles were fitted to the gas jets to provide more light and the table was scrubbed with carbolic.

I was reminded of Dr Lee while listening to the radio programme *Medicine Now* presented by Geoff Watts, about Government plans to reduce hospital waiting lists by encouraging GPs to perform minor operations in their surgeries. A good idea you may think, except that many GPs have never acquired the necessary skills, or have forgotten them.

In order to prevent doctors having to practise on patients one resourceful GP has devised a simulated patient on which his colleagues can get their hands in (no pun intended). He found that some grades of plastic foam are very similar, surgically speaking, to human tissue. Pig's skin, shaved to the appropriate thickness, is a good substitute for the real thing. Stick the two together and the result is a DIY patient.

On the evening of the programme the GP demonstrated the removal of a sebaceous cyst, simulated by a vitamin C tablet moistened in water and inserted under the skin. As the 'operation' progressed the dialogue went like this:

Doctor: "Blast, I've burst the wretched thing."

Watts: "Which means that a lot of rather messy fluid has been released into the surrounding tissue."

Doctor: "Yes, I shall have to remove more than I thought. But, of course, a real patient would have been given a local anaesthetic."

Watts: "Thank God for that."

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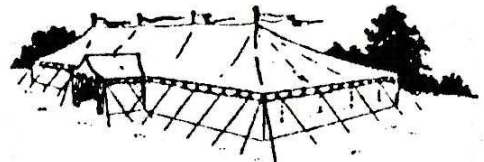
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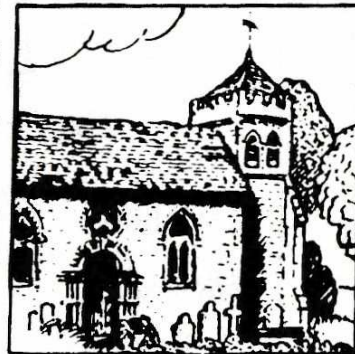
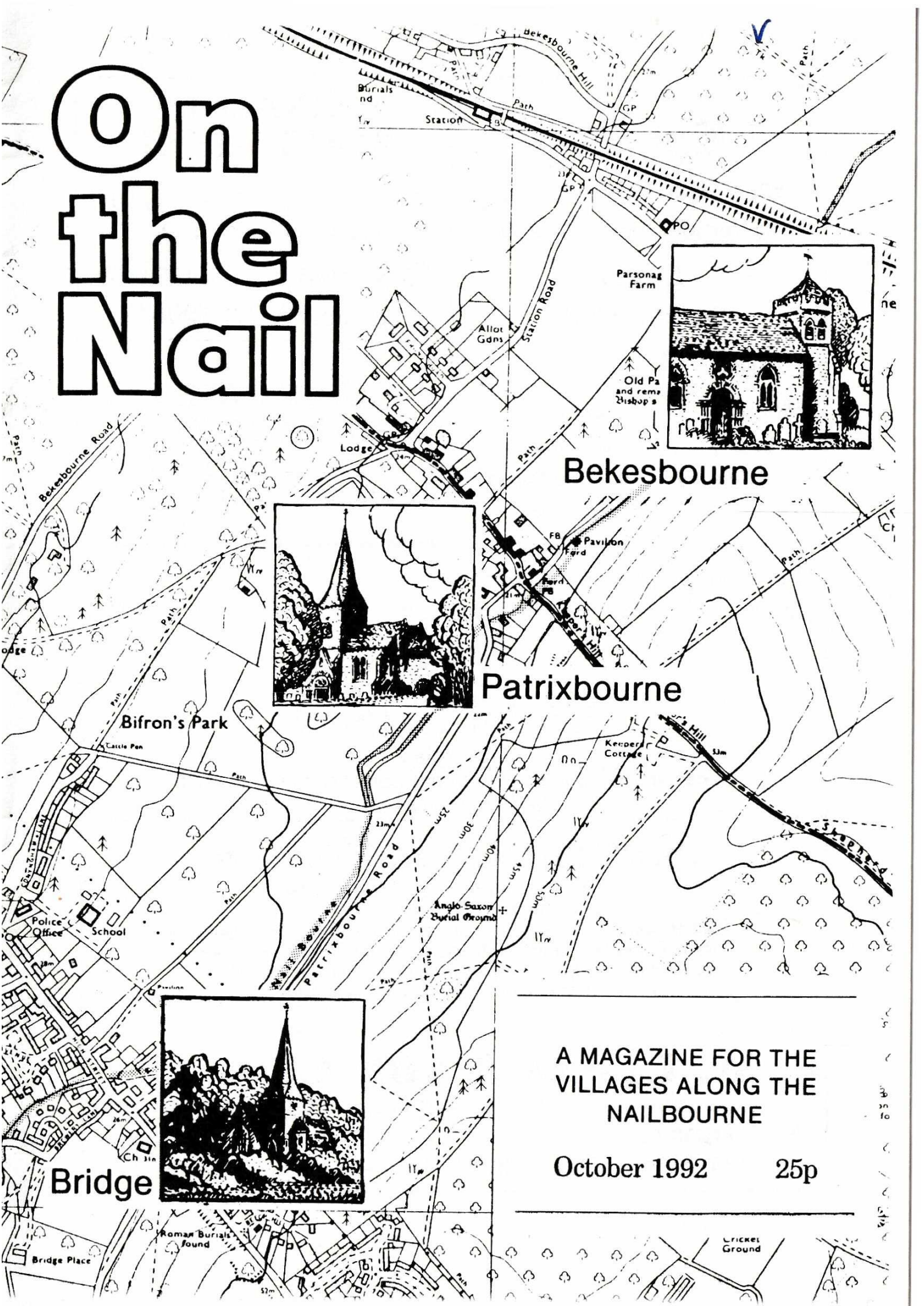
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Sunday Worship in October

Bridge Patrixbourne Bekesbourne

4th:

11am Harvest Family Service 8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion

3.30pm Holy Baptism

6.30pm Harvest Evensong

11th:

9.30 The Eucharist 11am Harvest Matins 8am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evensong

18th:

9.30 Parish Communion 8am Holy Communion 11am Matins

6.30pm Evensong

25th:

8am Holy Communion 9am Holy Communion 11am Matins

6.30pm Evensong

1st November: All Saints' Day

11am Family Eucharist 8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion

4pm *Deanery Service for
10 year olds and over*

Junior Church meets in Bridge Village Hall at 9.30am every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month. All children from four years old are very welcome.

■ *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: 4th, Mrs H Colyer, BA 11th, Mr F J Allen 18th, Holy Communion, The Revd Mary R Teed 25th, The Revd Albert Ball

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge are held on Wednesday mornings (BCP) at 9.30am, except 14th, and on Fridays (Rite A) at 7.30am. Holy Communion at Churchill House is on Wednesday, 7th at 10.15am. The New Close service is every Wednesday at 2.30pm, and outside assistance at this short, informal act of worship is always much appreciated.

For your diary and prayer list

- 1st Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
3rd Pray for Zöe Bickerton and Michael Royce who marry each other this afternoon at St Peter's Church, Bridge.
4th **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity 16**
Bridge Harvest Festival will be kept at both the 11am Family Service and 6.30pm Evensong. Each family is encouraged to bring a gift in

- kind to the morning service both as a family act of thanksgiving but also to provide for those in need at the Canterbury women's refuge.
- 6th Saxon Lodge Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy, 10am
- 8th Pray for the Deanery Clergy who meet this morning at Barham.
 Bridge Methodist Church Coffee Morning & Sale, 10.15am
 Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC meeting, Methodist Church, 7.30pm
 Bridge Parish Council meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 9th Pray for Gavin Reid, to be consecrated Bishop of Maidstone this afternoon in the cathedral, and for Bishop Richard Llewellyn, to be invested as Bishop of Dover this evening.
- 10th *St Paulinus, Bishop, Missionary, 644*
 Pray for Linda Fairbrass and Darren Theobald who marry each other this afternoon at St Peter's Church, Bridge.
- 11th **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost : Trinity 17**
 Patrixbourne Harvest Festival is celebrated at 11am Matins
- 13th *St Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066*
 There will be a special Eucharist in St Peter's Church, Bridge this evening at 7.30pm, during which the Archdeacon of Canterbury will commission the vicar as Rural Dean.
- 14th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15 - 11.45am
- 15th *St Teresa of Avila, Mystic, 1582*
 Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 17th *St Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c107*
- 18th **St Luke the Evangelist**
- 20th Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
 Bekesbourne Neighbourhood Watch AGM, Village Hall, 8pm
- 25th **9th Sunday before Christmas : Trinity 19**
- 28th *St Simon and St Jude, Apostles*
 Royal British Legion Bridge Branch AGM, Plough & Harrow, 8pm
- 30th Pray for Patrick Goodsell, to be inducted to the benefice of Nonington, Goodnestone, Chillenden and Wymnswold this evening.

So great a cloud of witnesses

Do you notice, let alone think about the saints whose names infiltrate the local information contained in the above Diary column?

Each one appears on the annual date assigned by the universal church, and whereas some are Bible saints – chiefly our Lord's Apostles or other Church leaders from New Testament times – most lived and bore their witness in subsequent centuries. The former are called Red Letter Saints (because their names were printed in red ink in service books) and given greater honour; the latter Black Letter Saints (in black ink, of course) and not accorded the same honour. It's these last who tend to get the least attention and thus are less well-known. To redress the balance, therefore, the following potted histories are given of the Black Letter Saints of October.

Paulinus, Bishop & Missionary

St Paulinus (died 644) was one of a small band of missionaries sent by Pope Gregory to help St Augustine in the evangelization of England. When Edwin, King of Northumbria, married Ethelberga of Kent, Paulinus was consecrated bishop and went with her to York, where he began the building of a cathedral. As a result of his preaching, Edwin was converted; but on Edwin's death he returned with Ethelberga to Kent and became Bishop of Rochester.

Edward the Confessor, King of England

The last king before the Norman conquest, Edward the Confessor (c1004 - 1066) was quickly revered by ordinary people as their champion, and during the bitter times after 1066 they looked back to his reign as something of a golden age. He was a pious and good king, and his remains still lie in their shrine at Westminster Abbey which Edward himself had founded.

Teresa of Avila, Mystic

St Teresa (1515-82) was one of the greatest, most attractive and widely appreciated women saints of all time. She wrote forcefully and yet with great care, whether it was to Popes, kings or ordinary lay people. She was a great reformer and combined a life of contemplation with intense activity. Her writings are down-to-earth and practical, and yet she writes of the highest levels of communion with God.

Ignatius of Antioch, Martyr

Bishop of Antioch in the first century, St Ignatius (died c107) was a prominent church leader as well as one of the earliest martyrs. On his way to his death in Rome he wrote many letters to neighbouring Christian communities. These show his passionate commitment to Christ, his joyful faith, and his longing for martyrdom.

The Deanery at Bridge

St Peter's, Bridge will be playing host to the Deanery on two occasions.

The first is on Tuesday, 13th October (see Diary column) and I want to enlarge upon the special circumstances surrounding the Holy Communion which Archdeacon Michael Till will celebrate at 7.30pm.

The Deanery Synod meets in Bridge that evening, so it's a good opportunity to commission the vicar as Rural Dean, when church members from the deanery and the home parishes can support him with their presence and prayers. Apart from providing a welcome for our deanery visitors I particularly want you with me at this important turning-point in my ministry, so please come! In view of it the normal Wednesday morning communion will not be held that week.

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The second chance we shall have to welcome the deanery to Bridge is on Sunday, 1st November, when the Deanery Synod will stage a special act of

worship for All Saints' Day at four o'clock in the afternoon. The service will be aimed specifically at the ten-plus age group though it will appeal to all ages. The deanery Education Group, whose brainchild it is, picked All Saints' in an attempt to counter what it sees as the unhealthy goings-on attached to Hallowe'en, so the service will travel from darkness to light. Here again, I hope the local representation will be large, so that it doesn't come over to our visitors as a take over, which would be very unfortunate. There won't be Evensong that day, and the 11am Family Service will be a celebration of the Eucharist marking the feast of All Saints. This special occasion will also affect Peter's Praise on 25th October, which will instead be a normal Evensong at 6.30pm.

Joys and Sorrows

A happy occasion at St Mary's Church, Patricbourne was the double wedding on Friday, 28th August of two sisters. Double weddings are quite uncommon and this was the first the vicar had officiated at.

In case you are wondering how it's done, the introduction to the service, scripture reading and prayers are all read once for both couples, whereas the actual marriage ceremony has to be done for each couple, since there are in effect two separate weddings.

First to be married were **Marie-Louise Corteen** and **Martin Douglas Chandler**, then **Michelle Jillian Corteen** and **James Peter Talbot**. The sisters are from 1 The Street, Patricbourne, whereas Martin hails from St Peter's Lane, Canterbury and James from Renville.

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The funeral took place in St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, followed by interment in the churchyard of Mrs **Marjorie Amelia Smith**, formerly of Holly Cottage. Mrs Smith, whose late husband Bob managed the Village Hall for many years, died in the Pilgrims' Hospice and the burial service, conducted in the vicar's absence by the Revd John Shorrocks, was on 4th September.

On The Nail Noticeboard

Bridge Methodists' Annual Event

The Coffee Morning and Sale held annually in their church by Bridge Methodists is on Thursday, 8th October from 10.15am. The proceeds are usually divided between Church Funds and charity and the pleasure of your company is requested. Hope you can make it!

Harvest Supper

Last month's *On The Nail* promised further details of the Harvest Supper and Entertainment being put on by Bridge Church Choir on Saturday, 10th October at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall, so here they are.

Tickets are £3 a head and can be obtained from either Sheila Fenn or Emma Medhurst. Numbers are limited due to the change of venue, so

please buy early to avoid disappointment!

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 20th October, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm. Our speaker is Mrs P Savage and her subject, *Quilting*. Competition - an Autumn landscape photograph. New members are assured of a warm welcome.

P.H.

Bekesbourne Neighbourhood Watch

The Bekesbourne Neighbourhood Watch Scheme AGM will take place at Bekesbourne Village Hall at 8pm on Tuesday, 20th October. All households in Bekesbourne/Patricbourne areas are invited to attend this meeting. A video which has recently been compiled to combat crime in the city car parks hopefully will be shown. Please come and support your NWS! All volunteers are working on everyone's behalf!

M Howells, Co-ordinator

Royal British Legion, Bridge & District Branch

The AGM of the branch will take place on Wednesday, 28th October at 8pm at the Plough & Harrow and all members are asked to attend.

About this time the Poppy Appeal collections will be in full swing. To reiterate, these will be held during the two weeks starting 27th October for house-to-house collections, culminating on the public day, Saturday, 7th November. Please support this as generously as in the past! Collectors are still required: contact Ken Greenaway on 830388.

Jim Stripe, 830761

RESULTS

declared by Hilary Pike

Cancer Research Collection

I have been asked by the Cancer Research Campaign organisers to thank the collectors and all who gave so generously, for their help in the recent appeal. The total raised was £183.22.

Pennine Walk

The final figure for the Pennine Way Walk Sponsorship is an amazing £1,015 which we have divided between the *Save the Children* fund and Bridge Church Choir fund. Many, many thanks to all who gave so generously!

The Responsibility is Ours

My last report, in the September issue of *On The Nail*, indicated that forty-four replies to our TRIO Appeal were still awaited, and asked if these outstanding forms could be completed and kindly returned to me as soon as possible.. This number has now been reduced to twenty-nine outstanding replies, of which it is understood that a number have been delayed due to the intervention of annual holidays.

For the above reason, I am not yet in a position to present a final report

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on the outcome of our TRIO Appeal. However, I can reveal that arising from the promises received, the total potential Planned Giving (exclusive of Income Tax recoverable) now amounts to approximately £11,400, comprising fifty-one Deeds of Covenant, and seventeen under the Freewill Offering Scheme.

Douglas R Hill

Fish News

The Luncheon Club will be holding its last meeting at The New Close on 28th September. We first met in the old chapel of The Close in Union Road on 6th October, 1980 at the invitation of the Matron, Mrs Diana Holway. We moved with the residents to The New Close in 1982 and are grateful to the staff who have given us so much help and tolerated our weekly invasion over the years. Happily, our members have been invited to join the new Luncheon Club, which has just been started at Churchill House by the warden on behalf of the City Council. We shall be celebrating our twelve happy years with a final luncheon party in the Village Hall on 19th October.

Lost One of our wheelchairs has been missing from the Village Hall for some time. If anyone has borrowed it or knows of its whereabouts would they please let me know.

The Coffee Pop-In will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 14th October from 10.15 to 11.45am. If you need transport please contact Mesdames Rosy Green on 830204 or Ann Medhurst on 830762 by 9am on the day of the pop-in or make a regular booking.

Joan Warren

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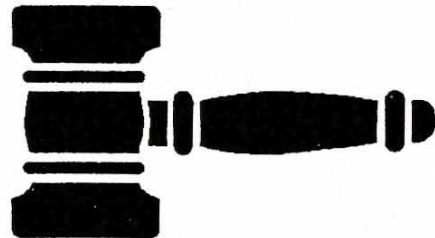
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PLOUGHING MATCH *by Kenneth Bindoff*

THE local paper I joined as a trainee reporter had a tradition that the newest recruit was sent to cover the annual ploughing match – perhaps because it involved a long slog from seven o'clock in the morning until tea time, after which the report, complete with a column of results, had to be ready for the ancient printing press to start rolling sharp on the stroke of 10pm.

It was probably my favourite job among the often hum-drum tasks ambitious journalists had to perform in those days before they were considered fit to join the rough and tumble of Fleet Street.

I remember how the country lanes were astir with unaccustomed activity that misty morning in late autumn nearly sixty-five years ago. Men and animals had risen before the sun, for there were many last minute jobs to be done. In farmyards and stables competitors were brushing and grooming the patient plough horses, plaiting manes with straw and ribbons, and giving a final burnish to brasses which jingled as they set off to the assembly point.

Farmers acted as host to the ploughing match by rota. The event included every kind of husbandry besides ploughing. Men in breeches with pork pie hats were examining trusses of sweet smelling hay. They argued, prodded and finally pressed their noses into the fragrant crop, taking a long sniff. In the corn tent other judges played waterfalls with the ripe grain, running it between their fingers to make a golden cascade.

But it was in the wide fields that the real action was taking place. The land, which had been taking a well earned rest after the harvest was gathered in, was being turned like an old garment in preparation for the next one. The great shaggy horses moved with measured rhythm, each team trailing its white wake of wheeling gulls, as the gleaming blades revealed ever widening furrows of corrugated earth so straight that they might have been drawn by some gigantic ruler.

There was a break at noon and I joined the trek to a big marquee in which lunch was served. Inside the ground had been carpeted with straw which came up over your ankles and provided welcome warmth for feet chilled by the cold fields.

As your eyes became accustomed to the dim light you saw rows of benches and scrubbed trestle tables loaded with ribs of beef, whole hams and huge veal and ham pies, with cheese and farmhouse bread to follow. There was beer, and for the adventurous, home-made cider – but that's something I don't want to talk about here.

Bekesbourne Church Cleaning & Flower Rota

3rd, Mrs Gillanders 10th, Mesdames Smith & Hogben, 17th, Mrs Farbrace
31st, Mrs Whigham

PARISH PUMP

Parish Council
News



Bridge Parish Council

The Council met after the summer recess on Thursday, 10th September.

Successful conclusions The circular seat around one of the mature trees in the Recreation Ground, made possible because of a grant from Shell, is, as promised, now in position. The Chairman, Cllr John Hill, thanked Cllr Mrs Billie Anderson for all her endeavours in bringing this about.

The Council were pleased with the recently carried out resurfacing in the High Street which had also helped to reduce the level of traffic noise, and the Clerk was to write a letter of appreciation to the County Council.

Not so happy conclusions

The Clerk reported that following enquiries she had made of the City Council and British Telecom itself, there was no possibility of having the old K6 telephone kiosk, which had been removed by BT as the result of a series of unfortunate errors, replaced.

Failures — but not this Council's! The Council noted a copy of a letter which itemised power failures in the village this year sent by a resident to SEEBOARD. Members decided to write in full support to express their dissatisfaction with the service provided by SEEBOARD.

Chasing up The Clerk was to contact the City Council's Environ-

mental Health Department again about the rubbish disposal for the pavilion and the replacement of the missing litter bin on Bridge Hill.

A quotation was still awaited for repairing the bus shelter by the Post Office following the City Council's decision not to grant planning permission for its replacement. The Chairman and Council are still keen to organise a village sign and Cllr Mervyn Gulvin is to bring all entries received in the competition to the October meeting for further consideration.

The noise created in closing the gate into the Recreation Ground by Mansfield Court was still causing a disturbance to the adjacent resident and the Chairman and Cllr Gulvin were to arrange for it to be made free swinging.

Planning proposals The Council had had no observations to make on applications for the renewal of planning permission for the erection of a detached bungalow at The Plat, Beech Hill; alterations and a first floor extension at 4 Brewery Lane, and an extension to the garage on land adjoining 23 Union Road. The latter had subsequently been granted planning permission as had applications for a change of use of part of ground floor from hairdressers' to residential at 84 High Street, a dwelling and garage on land adjoining 8 High Street and for a change of use for the Old Depot, Mill Lane to an educational resources unit for people with learning difficulties, incorporating external alterations. Another application for the same place for a change of use to blacksmith's forge and wrought iron works had been with-

drawn.

The Parish's forward planning
The Council arranged to plant bulbs which Cllr Mrs Margaret Jones had had donated by the entrance to Highland Court to brighten up that approach to the village in the Spring. Bulbs have already been planted in previous years in other locations in the village.

After three years or so as an experiment with play bark around the swings which had posed probl-

ems of maintenance and cleanliness for the Council, it was decided to make arrangements for rubberised safety surface to be laid underneath and around the swings.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Thursday, 8th October at 7.30pm in the Hunter Room. The Council's meetings are, of course, open to the public and members are always pleased to see residents there.

K A Walder, Clerk

Thank you for everything, John

In church circles the name of John Purchase has been synonymous with Bekesbourne for very many years and for most of my time he has served St Peter's Church as both churchwarden and PCC secretary – the latter for rather longer. He has also been its lay representative on the Deanery Synod, for much of the time as secretary. He has kindly offered to continue as synod secretary for the immediate future, howbeit in a purely administrative, non-voting capacity.

Everyone must be aware of the sad misfortune that befell John and Anne's printing business in Wincheap, as a result of which they have had to move from Mill Cottage to St Nicholas's Hospital, Harbledown. This means John will no longer be closely involved in Bekesbourne Church, other than the occasional visit which we very much hope that he and Anne will make. Heaven forbid we should lose them altogether!

Over the years John's work for the church has been enormous and he has carried on the role of churchwarden with commendable distinction, working tirelessly, as is his wont, on the church's behalf. We shall miss him tremendously!

Readers of *On The Nail* will be glad to know that John still intends to set the magazine and prepare it for photocopying, as he has been doing since his business closed down.

John, your friends thank you from the depths of their hearts for everything and pray that you and Anne will enjoy many years of happiness in the very pleasant surroundings and fellowship of St Nicholas's.

■ Anne and John respond, "We came to Bridge originally thirty years ago, buying the old vicarage there, and were swept into village and community life at once. It has been a great privilege to have lived and worked in the villages. Remember the fun we had with the Bypass campaign? When we have sorted out all our belongings at St Nicholas we shall be happy to see people there. Our move was organised by senior clergy whom we thank very much for their kindness and tremendous support in difficult times".

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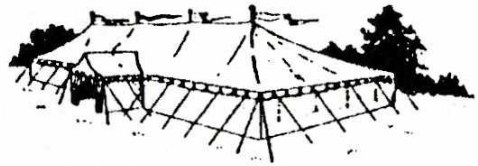
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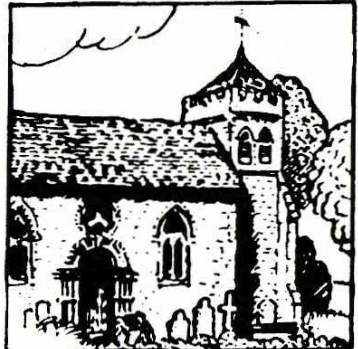
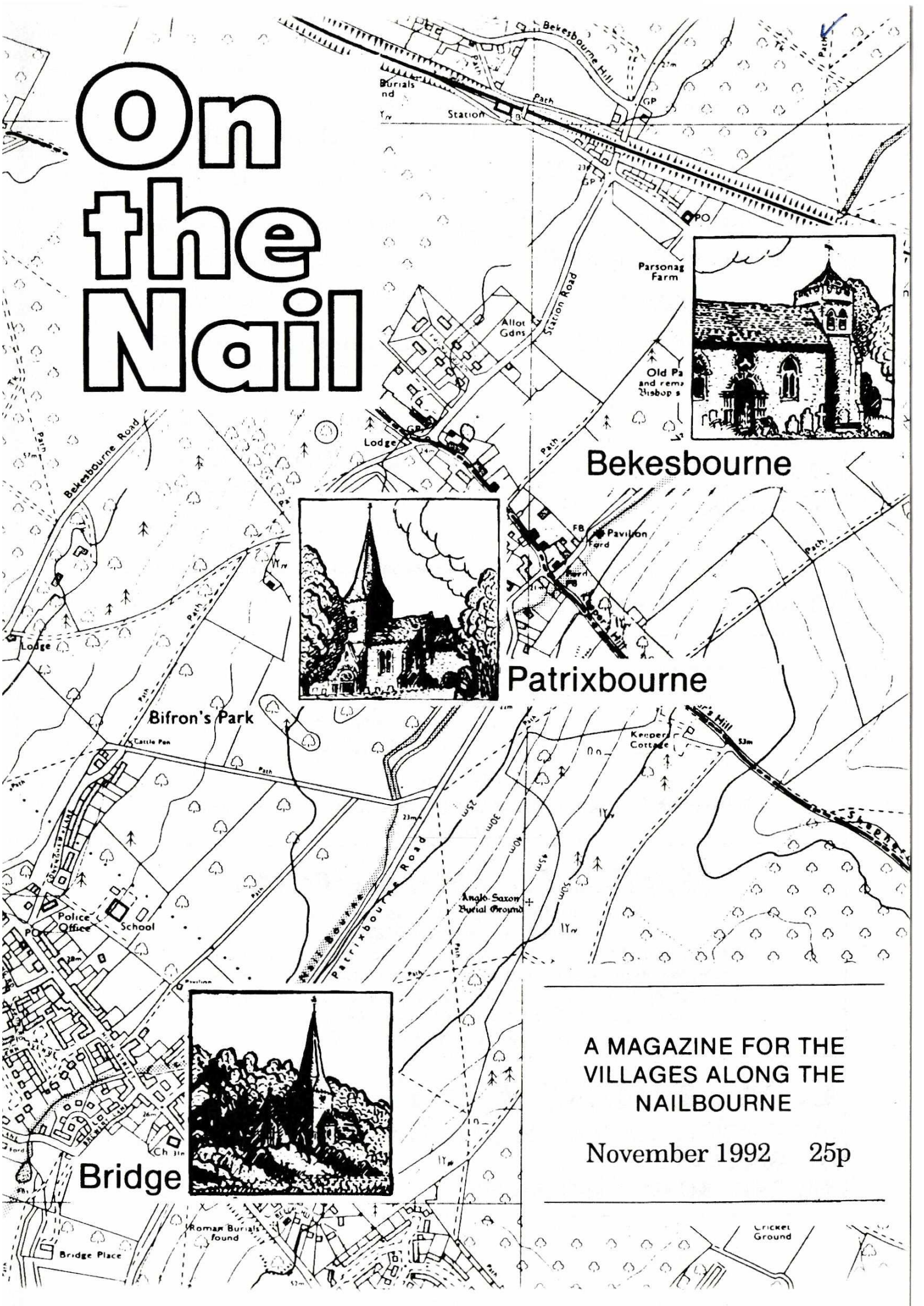
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Bekesbourne

1st:

11am Family Eucharist 8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion

4pm *Deanery Service for*

10s and upwards

(Preacher:

Revd Roger Ellis)

8th:

9.30 The Eucharist

11am Matins

8am Holy Communion

11am *Service of*

Remembrance

(Revd John

Shorrocks)

3.30pm Evensong

15th:

9.30 Parish Communion 8am Holy Communion 11am Matins

6.30pm Joint Evensong

(St Dunstan's, Canterbury)

22nd:

8am Holy Communion 9am Holy Communion 11am Matins

6pm *Peter's Praise*

(Guest: Canon Alan Dawkins)

29th:

9.30 The Eucharist

11am Matins

8am Holy Communion

with the Laying-on
of Hands

3.30pm Evensong

with Holy Baptism

6th December:

11am Family Gift

8am Holy Communion 9.30 Parish Communion

Service with Holy

Baptism

3.30pm Evensong

Junior Church meets in Bridge Village Hall at 9.30am every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month. All children from four years old are very welcome.

■ *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *1st*, Mr L Dron *8th* Mr E R O'Mahony *15th*, Holy Communion, The Revd Mary R Teed *22nd*, Mr J Whalan *29th*, The Revd Stanley Taylor

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge are held on Wednesday mornings (BCP) at 9.30am, except 14th, and on Fridays (Rite A) at 7.30am. Holy Communion at Churchill House is on Wednesday, 4th at 10.15am. The New Close service is every Wednesday at 2.30pm, and outside assistance at this short, informal act of worship is always much appreciated.

For your diary and prayer list

- 1st **All Saints' Day**
2nd *Commemoration of All Souls*
5th Pray for the newly-convened Bridge School Governing Body, meeting for the first time this evening.
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
Bridge Folk Dance Group, Village Hall, 8pm
6th The Children's Society Christmas Fair, The Old Palace, The Precincts, Canterbury, 10am to 2pm
8th **Seventh Sunday before Christmas : Trinity 21 Remembrance Sunday**
11th *St Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397*
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15 - 11.45am
12th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
14th Nailbourne Craft Club Coffee Morning, Bridge Methodist Church, 10am - 12 noon
BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE AUTUMN FAYRE, Bridge School from 2pm
15th **Sixth Sunday before Christmas : Trinity 22**
16th *Margaret of Scotland, Queen, Wife, Mother, 1093*
17th *St Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680 & St Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200*
Bridge with Patribourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
19th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
Bridge Folk Dance Group, Village Hall, 8pm
20th *St Edmund of East Anglia, King, Martyr, 870*
21st **BEKESBOURNE CHRISTMAS MARKET**, Bekesbourne Village Hall from 2.15pm
Pray for today's Diocesan Synod
22nd **Sunday next before Advent : 5 before Christmas**
26th Patribourne with Bridge PCC, Methodist Church, 7.30pm
Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall, 8pm
28th Coffee Morning for the Homeless, Bridge Vicarage, 10.30 - 12 noon
29th **First Sunday in Advent**
30th *St Andrew the Apostle*

November variations

The ever-changing services pattern in all three churches can be confusing, especially to newcomers. This month at Bridge is going to require constant checking, as you will see. A major change that will be with us throughout the winter months is Sunday Evensong at 3.30pm, but watch for certain irregularities this month.

First Sunday - Parish & Deanery

1st November is the day when the universal Church honours all those Christians of the past whose lives and in some cases deaths earned them the prefix 'Saint'. Each of them is celebrated individually in the course of the year, but towards the year's end they are remembered *en bloc* on All Saints' Day.

It should be a day of rejoicing but regrettably gets eclipsed by the party-going of the night before in the popular observance of Hallowe'en. I wonder, why are we attracted to darkness rather than light when pleasure-seeking?

As an attempt to redress the balance the Education Group of the Deanery Synod has devised an act of worship on the theme of 'from darkness to light', specifically addressed to young people but of all-age appeal. It will take place in St Peter's Church, Bridge on All Saints' Day (a Sunday this year) at 4pm. An old friend, the Chaplain of St Edmund's School, Roger Ellis, will preach the sermon and we are hoping to fill the church with young people and others from all round the deanery. Make sure you are there, whether you're young in years or young in heart!

On the strength of this, and to honour all the saints, the 11am service will be a celebration of the Eucharist.

Second Sunday - Remembrance

On 8th November, as has happened in recent years, there will be an addition to the normal services, in the form of a Service of Remembrance in St Peter's Church, Bridge starting if fine with a wreath-laying and 11am two minutes silence at the village war memorial in the churchyard. I understand poppy sellers are still urgently required by the Bridge branch of the Royal British Legion. Please offer your services to Ken Greenaway on 830388.

Third Sunday - Joint Service

There won't be Evensong at Bridge on 15th November because the choir and hopefully congregation will be joining St Dunstan's Church in Canterbury for a joint Evensong. The service is at 6.30 and we hope a good crowd will go from Bridge.

Fourth Sunday - Hearsay in charge

Peter's Praise at 6pm on 22nd November, is being arranged in conjunction with *Hearsay* and we are delighted that our young people's group wants to be associated in this way with the church's worship. We shall welcome as our guest Canon Alan Dawkins, County Ecumenical Officer.

Fifth Sunday - Healing Ministry

At the 9.30am Eucharist on 29th November the healing ministry of the Laying-on of Hands with prayers will be offered to all who wish to receive it. This will be in the Lady Chapel immediately after the administration of the communion, and can be received either for oneself or another person.

With such a variegated month there should be something for everyone but if you are for the tried and tested you can rely on Patixbourne and Bekesbourne to provide it, for services there will follow the regular monthly theme.

Joys and Sorrows

Holy Baptism

Benjamin John, the infant son of Sally and David Tunbridge, Greatstone, New Romney was baptized in St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on the afternoon of Sunday, 27th September. The following Sunday, 4th October the baptism took place at St Peter's Church, Bridge of Karen and Christopher Hogben's son, **Alexander Philip Oliver**.

Holy Matrimony

The last Bridge weddings of 1992 took place on successive Saturdays, the vicar officiating at both. On 3rd October, **Zoë Jane Bickerton**, Lantern Cottage, Higham Lane married **Michael Royce** of Bedfont in Middlesex, and on 10th October the wedding took place of **Linda Ann Fairbrass**, 9 Dering Road and **Darren Theobald** of Ash. We wish long life and happiness to both couples.

Departed this life

Harold De-Cent, 19 Union Road who was a life-long Bridge resident passed away suddenly on 24th September, aged 80 years. His was a record of stalwart service to the community, including the long defunct Bridge Fire Brigade, and he was a mine of information on local history particularly from the social angle. The vicar officiated at his cremation service in Barham crematorium on 2nd October. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Dorothy in her sad bereavement.

A service in St Peter's Church, Bridge was followed by the cremation of **Launcelot (Launce) Young**, formerly of 28 Conyngham Lane. Launce, who was in his ninetieth year, had had a very distinguished career in the oil industry, having arrived in Kuwait with his wife 'Doodie' when it was still a tiny desert village. As a chartered electrical engineer with BP he had been heavily involved in building the vast oil fields that Saddam Hussein set alight during the Gulf War. His last assignment before he retired was with NATO in Paris. Launce and Doodie shared a most contented and lengthy retirement in Bridge, during which they collected a wide circle of friends. They were regulars at Bridge Evensong in the days when the choir rehearsed immediately before the service and always made a point of being there in time to see the choir being put through its paces: they probably enjoyed it far more than the choir did. Failing health necessitated Launce going into the Hythe nursing home where he died very peacefully on 26th September.

Sponsored cycle ride reports

The weather was excellent on 12th September when five families set out from Bridge, and between them raised £122.30.

The response was very disappointing this year, but those who did take part enjoyed their day out. Tim and Emma Flisher excelled by visiting fifty churches, taking in all the Canterbury churches before cycling on to Whit-

stable and Herne Bay: the rural churches in East Bridge Deanery were most popular for the other riders. Our grateful thanks and admiration go out to them all: Tim and Emma Flisher; Jean and Eric Hopkins, James and Nick; Pat Wilmshurst and Lucy; Beverley Fry; Handley Stevens.

During the day one hundred and forty-four cyclist called in at St Peter's Church, Bridge, which kept the tellers very busy and I record my gratitude to those who manned the church and signed in the riders: Sheila Fenn, Joan Monk, Lena Sanford, Bill and Joyce Rose, Douglas and Joan Hill and Jean Scarborough. The refreshments we provided were eagerly devoured by the riders!

Kath Pierce

On the day of the Sponsored Bike Ride, Christine, David and Mary Sladden, Ian Gillanders, the Revd John and Jane Shorrock plus Joan Atkins rode to raise funds for St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne.

The overall total was £235.80 (the best ever), half of which will go to Bekesbourne Church, the rest to the Friends of Kent Churches. Christine Ash and I would like to thank the riders for such a splended effort.

Thanks also to Tony Fullaway, Pam Farbrace and Savannah Young for manning the church. A total of a hundred and forty-four booked in, including a party of fifteen walkers from Chatham – yes, Chatham among them an old primary school friends of forty years back.

Jill Gillanders

Andrea Nicholson reports a record-breaking year for Patnixbourne with £300 in so far and more still to come. Grateful thanks to all who rode for Patnixbourne: Marion Harlow, Sarah and Graham Hollister, David and John Morris, Joan Carpenter, Jonathan Nicholson. Megan and Viv Pritchard. Many thanks too to Ben Pratten who although riding for his church of St Thomas, Canterbury also gave a hand with the organisation at his home village of Patnixbourne.

Cheques payable to the church

From 1st January, 1993 all cheques issued by the banks will have the words 'Account Payee' pre-printed in the crossing on your cheque books. This means that cheques can only be paid into the account of the person named on the pay line – 'The Payee'. I have, to date, been able to place in the church bank account cheques made payable not only to the church itself but others made out to 'The kneeler fund', 'The Autumn Fayre' or 'The Lady Chapel'. I will no longer be able to do this. Can you please note that the correct title for cheques drawn in favour of the church is '**Patnixbourne with Bridge PCC**'. Can you please help me by using the correct payee on your cheques, so that I do not have to spend time getting them altered so that they can be banked? Remember if the money is for a specific fund then please attach a note – do not write it on the cheque – so that it can be allocated in the church's own books.

What Keith Nicholson writes with respect to Patnixbourne with Bridge applies also to Bekesbourne, as indeed to cheques in general irrespective of who the payee is. In this case cheques should be made out to 'Bekesbourne PCC' with a covering note if it's given for some specific purpose.

Grateful thanks

Life for Laura

Many thanks from the Special Baby Care Appeal at Kent & Canterbury Hospital. Over £3,000 has been raised in Bridge to my knowledge since we started this new push last April. Junior Church in particular have been marvellous. A sponsored run organised by Richard Walder, Simon Dunderdale and Niel Watson raised £120, along with a cake sale. Please continue to put your change in the collection boxes in the village. The appeal has now raised nearly £700,000 – but still has £300,000 to go.

Anne Rooke

Methodist Church Coffee Morning

The autumn Coffee Morning and Sale held at Bridge Methodist Church was a resounding success. Our sincere thanks to all who supported us – also to those who cooked, baked, sewed, made coffee, etc, etc. The total raised amounted to £255 and at our church Council it was unanimously agreed that £100 would be sent to the *Life for Laura* appeal and a further £100 for famine relief in Africa. Both cheques have been sent. Again many thanks.

P A Grant, Church Steward

Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths

The Coffee Morning held at 4 Meadow Close raised £812 profit and over £200 worth of cards was sold. I would like to thank everyone who made this amazing amount possible.

I would like to thank the members of Junior Church who had a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Sale in the Village Hall and raised £144.35 for Cot Death Research.

Elizabeth Stewart

Whatever else you do . . .

. . . don't miss the excitement of the annual **PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE AUTUMN FAYRE**, which this year is on **Saturday, 14th November** in Bridge School Hall from 2 o'clock onwards. Always a great attraction, this year's no exception. Jot it down straight away! You'll kick yourself if you forget it, I kid you not!

On The Nail Noticeboard

Bridge Folk Dance Group

Why not cheer up a couple of winter evenings in November by joining us on 5th and 19th in the Village Hall at 8 o'clock. It's not a closed club but a friendly, open meeting with our ever-patient caller Alf Matthews. For information please ring 830205 or 830652.

J.H.

Nailbourne Craft Club

The Nailbourne Craft Club will be having a coffee morning and an exhibition of crafts in Bridge Methodist Church on Saturday, 14th November, 10am to 12 noon.

Contributed

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 17th November, at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. This will be our Annual Meeting, when a ballot for Committee and President will be held.

P.H.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

Cheese and Wine, quizzes and meeting fellow members. Thursday, 28th November, 8pm in Bridge Village Hall. Non-members welcome! Come and join our fun evening. Admission £1!

Billie Anderson

Kent Trust for Nature Conservation

The annual Christmas Gift Stall will be held at 9 High Street, Bridge on Saturday and Sunday, 28th and 29th November from 10am to 6pm. Also from Monday, 7th December to Monday, 13th, from 2 to 6pm.

Dot Whittaker

Bekesbourne Flower Festival

by David and Jane Millyard

Bekesbourne PCC is planning to organise a FLOWER FESTIVAL over the late spring Bank Holiday weekend next year – 29th to 31st May 1993 – to raise money for St Peter's Church. Please book the date in your diary now, as we hope a lot of people from the village will be willing to help in some way.

Even at this stage it is not too early to be looking ahead. We will be running a plant stall – always a good money spinner – and would be grateful for any contributions. So, if you are clearing up your garden for the winter, perhaps you could pot up a few plants rather than throwing them away. We'd prefer to have them next spring, but will take them now if you can't store them for us.

Any offers of unwanted flower pots would also be welcome.

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- c) Group homes offering low-key support – twenty-one bed-sits are already occupied in The Pines, Canterbury.
- d) Bed-sits offering almost complete independence. Still to be provided.

The *Friends of the Cyrenians* exist to help the Cyrenians by raising funds, collecting furniture and household equipment and promoting publicity about the organisation.

If you are grateful that you have a comfortable and secure home please come to a Coffee Morning at the Vicarage, Bridge on Saturday, 28th November from 10.30am to 12 noon and help raise funds for this cause. There will be a cake stall and raffle.

Rosemary Gilbert

Bridge Parish Council

At the Parish Council meeting on 8th October, the major item discussed was the City Council's Planning Committee's consideration of the report of the public consultation on the Canterbury Draft District Local Plan. Cllr Mervyn Gulvin had attended their meeting and he outlined to Members the two items which had a direct bearing on Bridge.

He stated that although the 'South Canterbury Special Policy Area' was to be omitted from the Plan (land between the Gate Inn and the Bypass for use as a business park), the City Council were still to retain land there for a Park and Ride and long-term coach park, with a new inclusion of an overnight lorry park. This latter, particularly, he advised could have serious consequences, if implemented, for Bridge since lorries from Dover, stopping at the park could be redirected south towards Bridge along Bekesbourne Lane to rejoin the London bound carriageway of the A2 Canterbury bypass. The Council decided to take immediate action on this, to include the prompt submission of a strong objection to the City Council and the instigation of a small public meeting of those most affected by the proposal.

As far as the proposal put forward by the Parish Council in partnership with Savills, the agents for the Conyngham Estate for development of the land adjoining the north-east side of Bridge was concerned, consideration was deferred for a further report and additional information. In connection with this proposal, the Chairman, Cllr John Hill, referred to the presentation arranged by the Parish Council in conjunction with the Conyngham Estate on 24 September to which the Planning Committee of the City Council was invited. Five members of that Committee had attended together with the Deputy Lord Mayor, the local City Councillor David Pentin, the local County Councillor Martin Vye and two officers from the City Council, the Assistant Director of Planning, Jean Morgan and the Principal Engineer Peter Ellershaw.

Jobs done There is now a new safety surface around the swings similar to that around most of the other equipment, but this time in green.

Several Councillors planted bulbs at the entrance to Highland Court and in the verge along Conyngham Lane.

Work required Cllrs Gulvin and Mrs Billie Anderson are to carry out remedial works to the beech tree by the play equipment in an attempt to save the tree which is badly split down its trunk.

Cllr Gulvin is also to arrange for the replacement of the broken glass in the doors of the Parish noticeboard.

Support The Council agreed to support a Lottery Fund application from the Nailbourne Cubs for £170 towards the purchase of a fly sheet for a tent.

They were also to support an application by East Kent to receive Assisted Area Status under the Government review this autumn.

A Planning lull No applications had been received in the last month. Notification had been received that renewal of planning permission for the erection of a detached bungalow on land at 'The Plat', Beech Hill had been granted.

Parish Diary Sadly, twice in recent weeks, events have been arranged which have clashed with other similar things going on in the village or for village residents. This, needless to say, can be a great disappointment to the organisers and can be detrimental to the success of the event. It is obviously time, therefore, to remind all clubs, societies, groups and their secretaries that at the Village Shop there is a Parish Diary in which dates of village events can be entered. It has nothing to do with the actual booking of the Village hall. This has to be done separately through Doug. Cartwright.

If those organising events would consult and write in any known dates, hopefully we can go some way to avoiding future clashes.

The Parish Council next meet on Thursday, 12th November at 7.30pm in the Hunter Room of the Village Hall.

K A Walder, Clerk

Fish News

Cllr John Hill was in the chair for our Annual Meeting in the Methodist Church on 22nd September. The scheme had had a successful year with calls on its services increasing as statutory services were being cut. The financial position was sound with interest from invested capital contributing towards our running costs.

Financing the transport system was discussed and it was generally agreed that it would be easier for all concerned if users are asked to contribute a fixed sum towards transport costs – £2 for a return journey to Canterbury and 50p for a journey within the villages, e.g. to the surgery or chiropody clinic.

There was disappointment that the Luncheon Club had had to close but as the majority of the members and some of the volunteers were transferring to the new club at Churchill House, the gap was being filled.

The future of the scheme was discussed at length. Bill McCarthy has volunteered to take over from Bill Johnson, who has been our treasurer for many years. Rosie Green and Anne Medhurst will carry on with the Coffee Pop-In and Joy Monk has offered to be responsible for the Blossom Tour. We are still looking for an over-all Co-ordinator for the Scheme and a Transport Organiser.

Cllr Hill concluded the meeting by thanking the volunteers for their work. We would like to thank Cllr Hill for chairing the meeting and members of the Methodist Church for their hospitality.

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Our missing wheelchair has re-appeared! Unfortunately in its absence a cupboard has been built in its storage space, so in future it will be housed at Churchill House. Other chairs can be borrowed when needed.

The next Coffee Pop-In will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th November from 10.15 to 11.45am.

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The Chiropody Clinic will be at The New Close from Monday, 23rd to Friday, 27th November. Several appointments were missed last time – please ring 0304-840474 or ring me (830233) if you can't keep your appointment. We usually have patients waiting for treatment who can be fitted into a cancelled space. I shall be continuing to deal with the Chiropody transport. Please contact me if you have any problems.

Joan Warren

Editor: No doubt Cllr Hill's thanks singled out Joan Warren but modesty forbade her from mentioning it. Her contribution to the community has been incalculable and we thank her most warmly. Without her the Fish Scheme would never have been.

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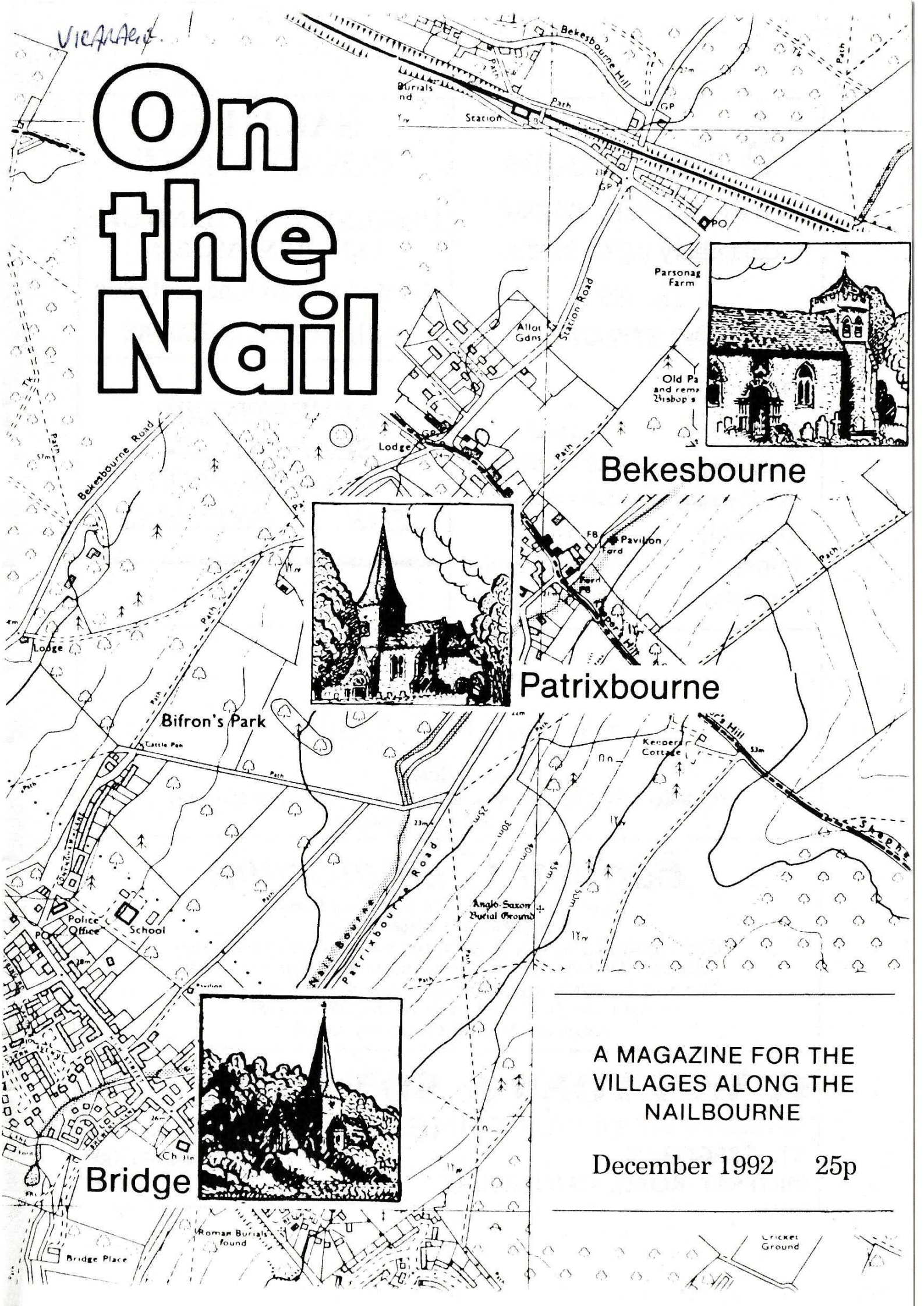
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Sunday Worship in December

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6th:

11am Family Gift
Service with Baptism

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

3.30pm Evensong

13th:

9.30 The Eucharist

11am Matins

8am Holy Communion

3.30pm Nativity Play
(Junior Church)

(Revd J Shorrocks)

20th:

9.30 Parish Communion

8am Holy Communion

11am Matins

6.30pm *Carol Service*

27th:

11am Holy Communion
(Rite A)

No Service

No Service

3rd January:

11am Family Service

8am Holy Communion

9.30 Parish Communion

3.30pm Evensong

Junior Church meets in Bridge Village Hall at 9.30am every Sunday except the first Sunday in the month. It provides an excellent grounding in Christian faith and practice in the Church of England for children of four years old and upwards. Enquiries are always welcomed by Hilary Pike (830708), Evelyn Andrews (830960) or Jean Hopkins (830942), who will gladly provide details of what is involved.

■ *Following the 9.30am Eucharist at Bridge on the second Sunday of each month coffee is served at the back of the church.*

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *6th, Holy Communion*, The Revd Mary R Teed *13th*, The Revd John Forster, BD, DipEd *20th*, Mr E R O'Mahony *27th*, Mr R Chadwick, MA, DMS

Weekdays Celebrations of Holy Communion in St Peter's Church, Bridge are held on Wednesday mornings (*BCP*) at 9.30am, except 23rd and 30th, and on Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am. Holy Communion at Churchill House is on Wednesday, 2nd at 10.15am. The New Close service is every Wednesday at 2.30pm, except 16th when there will be a Carol Service at 6.30pm instead.

For your diary and prayer list

3rd Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, Netherbury, Meadow Close, 7pm

5th Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy, The New Close, 10am to 12 noon
Saxon Lodge Winter Fayre for the Special Care Baby Unit, 2pm.

6th Second Sunday in Advent

Families attending the 11am Family Gift Service at Bridge are invited to bring with them a Christmas present for a resident of The New Close. As usual we ask you to bring it gift-wrapped and to indicate whether it's for a man or woman. If you want suggestions the home recommends toiletries as the ideal present. An assistant manager from The New Close is coming to receive them.

7th *St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397*

10th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7pm

Bekesbourne PCC meeting, School House, 8pm

12th Bekesbourne Neighbourhood Watch post-coding, Village Hall, 10am - 1.30pm

13th Third Sunday in Advent

Junior Church's Nativity Play takes place in St Peter's Church, Bridge at 3.30pm and all are welcome. This will replace Evensong.

14th *St John of the Cross, Mystic, Teacher of the Faith, 1591*

15th Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7pm

16th Senior Citizens Christmas Entertainment, Bridge School, 1.45pm

The New Close Carol Service, 6.30pm, to which visitors (especially singers) are particularly invited.

17th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm

20th Fourth Sunday in Advent

Bridge Carol Service by Candlelight, 6.30pm

22nd Patrixbourne Carol Service, 7pm

24th Christmas Eve

4pm. Christingle Service, St Peter's Church, Bridge

11.30pm, First Communion of Christmas at Bridge (The Vicar) and Bekesbourne (Canon Alan Dawkins)

25th CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)

9.30am Communion with Carols (*Patrixbourne*)

11am Carol Service (*Bekesbourne*)

26th *St Stephen the First Martyr*

27th First Sunday after Christmas

There will just be one service in the benefice today, a Eucharist at St Peter's Church, Bridge at 11am.

28th *Holy Innocents*

29th *St John the Evangelist* (transferred from 27th)

St Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170

No Room at the Inn

My favourite school nativity play story is of the boy who, for being naughty, was demoted from the star role of Joseph to inn-keeper. The teacher responsible was advised to watch out as he would be sure to get his own back. He certainly picked his moment – in mid-performance when

Joseph knocked at the inn door to ask if there was any room. "Yes, plenty!" came the boisterous reply, "Come on in!"

St Luke tells us the birth of our Saviour was harsh in the extreme, for although to us the crib scene is one of tranquil beauty the reality must have been very grim indeed. Not that the inn would have been any more salubrious, for it was communal dosing of the worst kind: at least the manger afforded privacy.

The harshness of this birth wasn't from choice: indeed, it wasn't anybody's fault. Cæsar Augustus wasn't to know how inopportunistly he had timed the introduction of his poll tax, and the question of not complying with the directive to register never entered Joseph's head.

Some say none of this really happened, the whole story being a figment of St Luke's fertile imagination. But it's more helpful to shelve our scepticism and take it at face value, to realise that

*He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall.*

It shows the full extent of God's love for the human race, what he was prepared to undergo from birth to save us, how he wished to share the lot of the most unfortunate, to be with mankind at the profoundest depths of deprivation. This birth allied him with the poor and the outcast and set the pattern for a life devoted to others, from which suffering was never absent, and which ended in an ignominious death on a common gibbet.

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For many people there's still no room. We shall be particularly conscious this Christmas of the scourge of homelessness in our supposedly civilized, cultured, progressive society. It will look particularly tragic against the background of our annual pre-Christmas shopping spree, which I fancy the current recession will barely affect. This is why Patricbourne with Bridge PCC has decided to direct this year's Christmas collections in both churches towards the homeless in Canterbury.

The Christmas collections are extras, outside our stewardship scheme, and will be taken during the services and not as you arrive. The services concerned are the midnight and Christmas Day services. The Christingle collection on Christmas Eve afternoon as always will go to *The Children's Society*.

St Peter's Church, Bridge: the Christmas Cleanse

The pre-Easter cleaning 'party' in April this year was a very successful Spring-clean; the Church looked much brighter after we had finished; moreover it was an enjoyable occasion, everybody happily beavering away, welcoming a cuppa at half-time, generously provided by a band of 'angels' in mob-caps, then finishing off most of the job just before lunchtime.

We propose to repeat the exercise on Saturday, 5th December, commenc-

ing 0930, to make things look a little cleaner and better inside the building for our Christmas-tide celebrations.

Once again we will welcome all the help we can muster, personnel and equipment, in order to cope with the work in just one morning. Ladders, steps, vacuum-cleaners, window cleaning gear, electric extension leads, brooms and so on will be required. Particularly welcome will be carpet shampoo/cleaning equipment (ideally with the Owner operators); if you could turn up with your machine after the dusting and the sweeping has been completed, at about 1045, this will be a great help. The carpet runners are looking somewhat grubby, they do need a good clean again.

Do please join the cleansing gang, 0930 Saturday, 5th December.

H.P.M.L

Churchwarden

Christmas Decorations at Bridge

There will be a meeting at 'The Archways', Conyngham Lane to discuss Christmas decorations for St Peter's Church, Bridge on Wednesday, 9th December at 7.30pm. I also hope to compile next year's flower arranging rota. If you are unable to attend but wish to be included on the rota please ring me. I hope to see you all, with your own ideas for decoration.

Viv Brasier, 830982

Cheques payable to the church

From 1st January, 1993 all cheques issued by the banks will have the words 'Account Payee' pre-printed in the crossing on your cheque books. This means that cheques can only be paid into the account of the person named on the pay line - 'The Payee'. I have, to date, been able to place in the church bank account cheques made payable not only to the church itself but others made out to 'The kneeler fund', 'The Autumn Fayre' or 'The Lady Chapel'. I will no longer be able to do this. Can you please note that the correct title for cheques drawn in favour of the church is '**Patricbourne with Bridge PCC**'. Can you please help me by using the correct payee on your cheques, so that I do not have to spend time getting them altered so that they can be banked? Remember if the money is for a specific fund then please attach a note - do not write it on the cheque - so that it can be allocated in the church's own books.

What Keith Nicholson writes with respect to Patricbourne with Bridge applies also to Bekesbourne, as indeed to cheques in general irrespective of who the payee is. In this case cheques should be made out to 'Bekesbourne PCC' with a covering note if it's given for some specific purpose.

Water, water everywhere . . .

Drought is tightening its grip on Kent which is at its driest since 1745 but explanations are hard to come by.

Scientists studying records of temperature, rainfall and sunshine back to 1659, have failed to find any long-term cyclical pattern. A permanent shift in climatic conditions cannot be ruled out.

Warmer winters tend to push the usual rain-bearing depressions further north. Lack of flow in streams and rivers cannot dilute effluent to acceptable levels.

Water consumption at home has jumped from an average 11 litres per day in 1945 to a massive 150 litres nowadays. **Save water wherever and whenever you can – it is a precious commodity.**

R.J.F. (For Bridge Parish Council)

Royal British Legion, Bridge and District Branch

At the AGM of the Branch held on Wednesday, October 28th at the Plough and Harrow, the following officers were elected:

<i>Chairman</i>	Mr K Greenaway
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	Mr J T S Stripe
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	Mr B Vaughan

Members are reminded that the annual subscription of £4 is now due and should be paid to any of the above.

The Remembrance Sunday service was held at the village church at 11am. After assembling at the War Memorial, the Royal British Legion wreath was laid by Col R Hearn, President of the Branch, and the silence was observed. During the service that followed, the theme of the sermon was that a time of remembrance should also equally be a time for looking forward.

The Standard was carried with great effect by Maurice Smith, but we are still in need of a trumpeter or bugler. Any volunteers?

The Legion would once again like to thank the Church and the Village for their support during the past year. This particularly applies to the Poppy Appeal, which at the time of writing, is still being counted.

Jim Stripe (830761)

May they rest in peace

The funeral of Dr **William (Bill) Bullen** who lived for a time in the Court House, Patricbourne and had an eventful life that included the practice of medicine and vine-growing, took place in St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on 5th November. The service, followed by interment in the churchyard, was conducted by his son-in-law, the Revd William Mowll.

The ashes of **Kathleen Scarborough**, a former active member of Bridge Church before she moved to Dover, were laid to rest with those of her husband Walter in St Peter's Churchyard after the Parish Communion on 15th November.

The cremation of **Frederick Foster**, 14 High Street, who died on 15th November, was conducted by the vicar on 23rd at Barham crematorium. His ashes were laid to rest the following day in Bridge churchyard, with those of his son David, who was tragically killed in a road accident three years ago.

Sponsored Bike Ride Patrixbourne Total

Andrea Nicholson says the total raised at Patrixbourne in last September's Sponsored Bike Ride was the splendid sum of £337 — a record. She wants to say thank you to those who manned St Mary's Church during the day

Thank you . . .

. . . to all those who helped to make this year's Autumn Fayre such a success, *writes Stephen Pike*. We were competing with at least three other fund-raising events on 14th November and the afternoon was cold and wet. However, in spite of this we were able to raise approximately £1,000, which is an excellent result in the middle of a deep recession. Very many thanks are due to the stall-holders for their hard work, and to the traders and other benefactors who very kindly made donations and contributed to the success of the afternoon. Finally, we must also thank Bishopsbourne Village Hall Committee for kindly lending us their tables.

[Ed: The clash of dates was very regrettable for all the fund-raisers involved, highlighting the advisability of consulting the diary of village events kept in the Village Shop.]

On The Nail Noticeboard

The New Close

Please support the Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy on Saturday, 5th December from 10am to 12 noon in The New Close, Conyngham Lane. Proceeds for The New Close Amenity Fund. O.I.K.

Bekesbourne Neighbourhood Watch

Bekesbourne Neighbourhood Watch Scheme will be holding a security post-coding session at Bekesbourne Village Hall on Saturday, 12th December. Anyone wishing to have items coded please come to the Village Hall between 10am and 1.30pm. Donations will be gratefully received in aid of Bekesbourne NWS. M Howells

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The Christmas meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th December, Bridge Village Hall, at the earlier time of 7pm. The Drama Group will be providing entertainment and supper will be served, including a delicious punch (liquid!) and Christmas cake. Always delighted to welcome new members. Competition for this meeting — embroidered Christmas card. P.H.

Bridge School and Senior Citizens

The Staff and Children of Bridge School warmly invite all Senior Citizens to an afternoon of music and entertainment on Wednesday, 16th December in the School Hall at 1.45pm. Light refreshments will also be served. Those wishing to come along please telephone the school on 830276; also if you require transport we can arrange it. Evelyn Andrews, School Secretary

The Children's Society

Canterbury Cathedral Diocesan Christingle Service will be held on Monday, 28th December, Holy Innocents' Day, at 2.30pm. The Bishop of Dover will be the preacher and will receive the purses. Our Junior Church will as always be represented there.

Our own Christingle Service will be in St Peter's Church, Bridge on Christmas Eve at 4pm, when Junior Church present their donation envelopes for *The Children's Society*. (Extra envelopes will be available should adults wish to join in.)

Kathy Eynon

Bridge and Littlebourne Surgeries

The Doctors

Dr Somer of Littlebourne is retiring on 4th January 1993 and will be succeeded at Littlebourne by Dr Peter Sykes.

Dr Mary Rafla will be joining the practice and will hold surgeries at both Bridge and Littlebourne.

Dr Mark Jones will continue at Bridge and also commence surgeries at Littlebourne.

Additional Services

Osteopathy Miss Alison Ley, an experienced and highly-qualified osteopath will commence clinics at Littlebourne Surgery from January. Although this is not a service which is at present available on the National Health Service, she will be available for consultation to all patients at Bridge and Littlebourne.

Chiropody We are hoping to negotiate the introduction of chiropody services at Littlebourne, which will be available to all NHS patients. It is hoped that this will begin in April 1993.

Bridge Brownies and Guides

Brownies' Jessica Cup

Hannah Ludlow, aged 7 years 11 months of 1st Bridge Brownie Pack writes:
On Saturday October 3rd my pack and many others competed for the Jessica Cup. We met at Chartham School. We had to dress a Teddy Bear as a sporting personality. We dressed ours as Martin Bell the British Skier. We won Third Prize for that.

There were lots of activities. My favourites were Wellie Throwing, Kicking a ball under a table scoring goals (I got 3 out of 4), and pin-pong tennis. Half way through the afternoon's fun we stopped for drinks, biscuits and apples. At five o'clock mummies, daddies, sisters and brothers came to collect their children after a lovely afternoon.

Guides' Theatricals

This report of a fun-packed day was written by Laura Brodie of 1st Bridge Guides:

At 10.30am on Saturday, 17th October, Emma Flisher, Jo Brockhurst, Beverly Fry and myself arrived at the Simon Langton Girls School to take part in a Guide County Concert organised by Miss Haswell. After a lot of

hard work (and help from Jill, my mum) we got through the audition and today was our 'big day'. We had made up a short sketch called *Wet Paint*. Everybody who was in the show did a rehearsal in the morning. This gave us the chance to see everybody else's act and at the same time practise our own. Most of the acts were singing or dance, so ours made a nice change.

After lunch there was a frantic rush of costumes and make-up. Emma was a painter, Jo a business woman, Beverly a hippy teenager and I got the 'old woman' part. Huh!

Emma Lockley also performed a monologue and was very good as Jester in the final part of the show.

The show began at 2.30pm, the matinée performance. Mrs Field and Debbie Kemsley from our own Guides helped behind the scenes. The Lord Mayor was in the front row! We were nervous but everything went well. The same with the evening performance. We got plenty of laughs and everybody enjoyed themselves. To add to the fun my mum took us to McDonalds for tea!

Bridge Parish Council

There were several problems to discuss at the Parish Council meeting on 12th November. Cllr Mervyn Gulvin had carried out an urgent temporary repair to the bus shelter outside the Post Office. The Council were undecided as to whether to refurbish it as it was or submit a further planning application in an attempt to replace it with something more æsthetic. Their first application to do so had been refused by the City Council. The Chairman, Cllr John Hill, was to make further enquiries whilst Cllr Gulvin sought other quotations for complete refurbishment of the existing one.

The Parish Council were also concerned at dumping in the layby on Town Hill alongside the recycling banks and this was to be reported to the City Council, as well as dumping in a site on the Bridge Road beyond the old station.

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Ann King advised that the village hall floor was rising in one area, but that this was being kept under review. She added that the village hall, other than the main hall itself, was in the process of being redecorated under the Community Service Programme Scheme. Cllr Mrs King was also to look into having a regulator fitted to the memorial clock

outside the hall to try to solve the problems with it whenever there was a power failure.

Whilst mentioning power failures, the Parish Council has received a reply to their letter from SEEBOARD. They propose to take positive action to improve the power supply to the village and are arranging for a detailed patrol of the high voltage line that feeds from Wingham to Bridge to be carried out to see where action can be taken which would result in an improvement to the circuit performance. Furthermore, a major cable laying scheme at Wingham to be started before Christmas will, on completion, reduce the length of network from which Bridge derives its supply. Meanwhile the northern part of Bridge village has been transferred onto an alternative overhead feed from Canterbury and the situation there is to be monitored to see if that results in an improvement.

Planning Only two applications had been considered in the last two months, one for a footway crossing and hardstanding for motor vehicles at 11 High Street, and the other for replacement windows at the front of 33 High Street. There was no objection to either of these.

Fish Scheme and Luncheon Club

The Chairman spoke with regret of the end of the Luncheon Club in its present form and asked that thanks be recorded to all the volunteers who had helped over the years during the successful lifetime of the Club. He also expressed his appreciation on behalf of the residents of Bridge of all the work which Mrs Warren had put into

organising both the Fish Scheme and the Luncheon Club, which had brought a great deal of pleasure and assistance, particularly to the elderly of the village.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, 10th December at the slightly earlier time of 7.00pm in the Hunter Room of the Village Hall.
K A Walder, Clerk

Fish News

Past and present members of the Luncheon Club and their guests gathered for a final birthday party in the Village Hall on 19th October. We are grateful to The New Close catering staff who cooked the main course and for the hard work of a small band of volunteers who helped to make the meal a real celebration. Many of our volunteers, past and present, joined us for coffee and refreshments at the end of the meal.

Cllr John Hill thanked the volunteers for their work during the past twelve years and made presentations to the people who had organised the club. A presentation was also made to Bill Johnson on his retirement as Treasurer of the Fish Scheme. I would like to thank everyone who contributed towards my generous retirement gift and flowers.

It was a happy occasion but tinged with sadness that the Luncheon Club had come to an end. A lot of hard work has gone into the running of the club over the twelve years of its existence — my sincere thanks to all those who helped me to make the whole thing possible.

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I shall be giving up my work as organiser of the Fish Scheme on 31st December. We are still looking for an over-all co-ordinator for the Scheme and a Transport Organiser. I hope that someone will come forward so that I can give details of the future arrangements in my final contribution of *Fish News* in the January issue of *On The Nail*.

Joan Warren

Bekesbourne Church

Christmas Cleaning and Flower Arranging

All hands are requested at 10.30am on 23rd December to decorate St Peter's Church for Christmas. If your name appears on the flower rota, however infrequently, this appeal is addressed to you. Please make every effort to help so that it doesn't all fall on Christine Ash's shoulders.

Bekesbourne Christmas Market

This year's market broke all records, ending with the splendid figure of £480, £90 up on last year's. Bekesbourne Church and Brownies thank everyone for their generous support.

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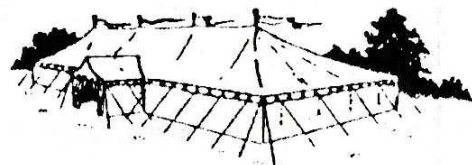
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