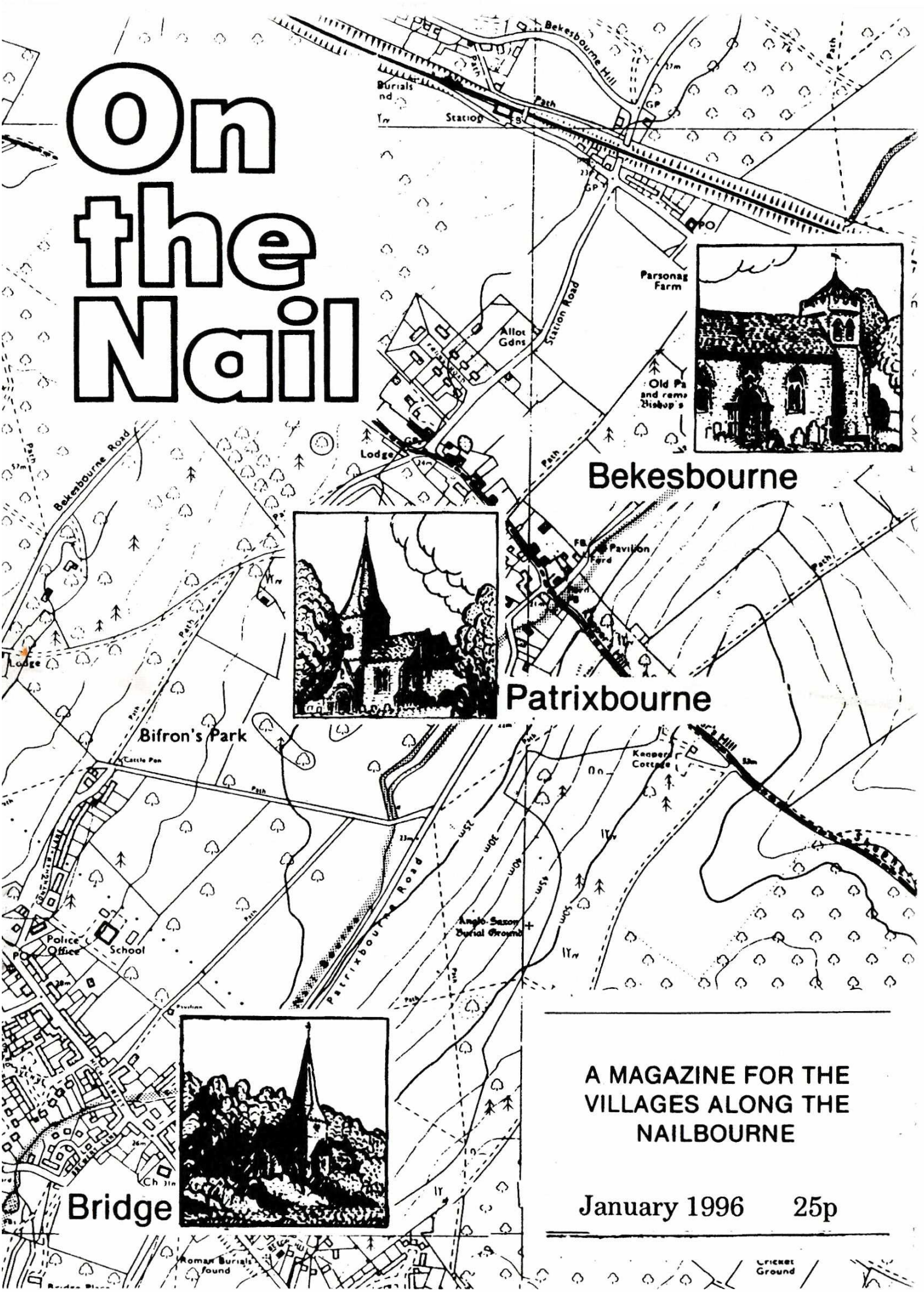


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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN JANUARY

**7th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
11.00am Family Eucharist (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (*Bridge*)

**14th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Patricbourne*)(*Reader*)

**21st** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)

**28th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
11.00pm Family Service (*Bekesbourne*)  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (*Bridge*)

### **4th February**

8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
11.00am Family Service with Baptism (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (*Bridge*)

**Junior Church** meets in Bridge Methodist Church, Patricbourne Road from 9.15 to 10.15am every Sunday except the first in the month. It provides an excellent grounding in Christian faith and practice in the Church of England and is much enjoyed by 4 year olds and upwards, for whom it caters. For details and enrolment please contact either Mrs Sue Watson (830726) or Mrs Jane Martin (830653).

**Bridge Methodist Church** at 11am: *7th*, Mr F Jim Allen *14th*, *Covenant Service*, Conducted by the Revd Mary R Teed: Preacher, The Revd Canon John Packer *21st*, Mrs Beryl P Skinner, RGN, NDN *28th*, The Revd Mary R Teed

**Weekdays** The Holy Communion is celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am. A brief, informal service is held at The New Close on Wednesdays at 2pm, at which outside support and assistance are always most welcome.



## FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st *Naming of Jesus (Circumcision of Christ)*
- 4th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, 7pm
- 6th **Epiphany**
- 7th **First Sunday after Epiphany**  
Today's services will be in celebration of the Epiphany, and the Family Service at Bridge will accordingly be a Eucharist.
- 11th Initial get-together for those who are thinking of being Confirmed this time round, 6pm in the Vicarage. More details on page 7.  
Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 13th *St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367*
- 14th **Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
Bridge Methodists hold their annual Covenant Service at 11am and have issued a warm invitation to the congregation of St. Peter's to join them for this major event in every Methodist Church's year. The Minister, Mary Teed will lead the service and Canon John Packer will preach.
- 17th *St. Antony of Egypt, Abbot, 356*  
Pray for East Bridge Deanery Synod meeting this evening.
- 18th *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity until 25th*  
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 20th Bokesbourne Senior Citizens Party, Bokesbourne Village Hall, 6pm
- 21st **Third Sunday after Epiphany**
- 24th *St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1622*
- 25th **Conversion of St. Paul**  
United Service, St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 7pm, Preacher: The Vicar  
Nailbourne Horticultural Society, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 26th *Timothy & Titus, Companions of St. Paul*
- 27th *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407*  
*Friends of Bokesbourne Church Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 10.30am*
- 28th **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
Bokesbourne families are warmly invited to St. Peter's Church at 11am for the monthly Family Service, which as always will be specifically geared to family worship.

Rosemary and Raymond Gilbert thank all who very kindly sent Christmas greetings. Your friendship, prayers and support are a great uplift in so many ways.

## FROM THE RURAL DEAN

'Speed is of the essence!' That clarion call to step up the momentum when applied to the Church can be positively frightening because it carries the suggestion that matters have reached such a pitch that if we don't hurry all will be lost, alternatively that



someone up there (No, not in heaven!) doesn't like the pace of things and is pointing an accusing finger at us.

In East Bridge Deanery some of us may have felt hassled this year as the changing financial situation began to take hold. Of course, we're not yet over that particular hurdle, but I'm sure we shall take it all in our stride, as we invariably do when we look beyond the need to pay our way to the primary and far more exciting task of proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom and his love.

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Two recently produced reports crave our attention this year; one national and the other of diocesan concern.

The national report is entitled *Working as one Body* but is widely known as the Turnbull Report, after the chairman of the commission that produced it, Michael Turnbull, Bishop of Durham. It aims to re-construct the central organisation of the Church of England and the newly-elected General Synod received it in November, though not without reservations.

The main bone of contention is a proposed National Council to oversee the church, the sticking-point being that membership of the Council would be by appointment not election. I wonder! The god 'democracy' may dominate political life generally but does the Church have to follow suit? Christianity doesn't happen to be a democratic system!

The other is a survey of the Support Services of the diocese and examines all levels of diocesan administration from the bishops to the office junior at Diocesan House. One item in the report would, if implemented, greatly affect us since it proposes the amalgamation of East and West Bridge Deaneries. This is part of an attempted rationalisation of deanery sizes, the main thrust being towards over-large deaneries. No disrespect to Clive Barlow, West Bridge's new Rural Dean, but as he said, the parishes of Ash and Wye have nothing in common. We shall just have to see what, if anything, transpires!

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God bless East Bridge Deanery in 1996, prosper all our endeavours and give us joy and peace in our faith.

## **FROM THE VICAR**

Yes, you're quite right, I *did* write the preceding article! That was with my other hat on and is an annual contribution by the Rural Dean to parish magazines throughout the Deanery. The custom was established by my immediate predecessor, Clive Barlow, then Vicar of Ash, who surely holds some kind of record, having been Rural Dean of first East then West Bridge.

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Three events this month warrant special attention, and I take them in the order they appear in the calendar.



The first is the initial meeting of potential candidates for CONFIRMATION this time round. In 1996 we are to have a Benefice Confirmation, specifically for candidates in Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne. After successive Deanery Confirmations it will be good to be back on home territory, despite the clear advantages of a deanery service where involvement with other parishes is concerned.

The service will be conducted by the Bishop of Dover in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Trinity Sunday, 2nd June at 11.00am, and will be his first service in the benefice.

So far, and without asking, I have been approached by two candidates, one of them an adult, but there are surely others just waiting for the go ahead. Well, this is it! Any adults thinking of Confirmation may like to give me a call and we can meet to talk about procedure. Younger candidates, would you please call at the vicarage for a few minutes on Thursday, 11th January at 6.00pm? You should be at least 12 years old and the decision to come for Confirmation must be yours, not anybody else's. Come along, even if you're not certain: after all, important decisions need careful thought and preparation.

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New Year's resolutions get a mixed reception - except in Methodist circles, where the start of a year is marked by a renewal of their individual COVENANT with the Lord. John Wesley believed every Christian ought to make a personal resolution for God as the first act of a new year and to do so in public. To that end he devised a special form of words for it and those self-same words have served the Methodist Church down the years, until a fairly recent modernisation of them took place. Even so, the purpose is served and the Covenant Service is held as near to 1st January as possible.

For several years now the congregation of St. Peter's have been associated with Bridge Methodists' Covenant Service, and 1996 is no exception. Any who wish to renew their covenant with the Lord are warmly invited to Bridge Methodist Church, Patrixbourne Road for the Covenant Service on 14th January at 11.00am. Mary Teed, the Methodist Minister, will officiate and the preacher will be Canon John Packer.

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Each January Christians throughout the land participate in a week of prayer for Christian unity. It starts on 18th and in the course of it we invariably hold a United Service in St. Peter's Church, Bridge for the Church communities of this village to pray and worship together, with unity to the fore. This year's service is on Thursday, 25th at 7.00pm, followed by refreshments and informal fellowship in the Methodist Church.

**Bekesbourne/Patrixbourne Senior Citizens** are invited by the hall management committee to a party in Bekesbourne Village Hall on Saturday, 20th January between 3.00 and 6.00pm. The closing date for this event will be Saturday, 6th January. Anyone requiring transport to attend please contact Mrs Carol Pay, Hall Secretary on 832122.



## LOCAL RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE

Congratulations and thanks are due to Laurie Shirley who this month completes thirty years as Bridge Sub-postmaster.

His father Sam Shirley died from a heart attack just before Christmas 1965 and Laurie immediately assumed the reins. He's been there ever since - and long may he continue.

### ON PARADE

*by Pat Kusel*

The 1st Bekesbourne Brownie Pack joined the usual congregation at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne on Sunday, 26th November, and assisted Mr Handley Stevens in conducting the Family Service.

The service opened with the Brownies parading their pennant. Later they went on to perform two of Aesop's fables; the boy who cried wolf, and the dove and the ant, chosen to illustrate the Brownie promise of always to tell the truth and to help others. They also sang the song *Kum-by-yah*.

It was a most enjoyable service and the Church were very pleased to welcome the Brownies back to St. Peter's after an absence of many years. We hope this will be the start of at least a yearly visit by them. I would like to thank Brown Owl and Tawny Owl for all their hard work, particularly at such a busy time of the year.

## Nailbourne Group: League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals

A big thank-you to those who braved the ice and snow to support our December Coffee Morning. £80 was made for the League.

On 6th February at 7.30pm at Bridge Methodist Church we shall be having our AGM. If there is anyone who feels they have a little time, we would welcome new members on our informal committee. For a chat about what is involved please phone Elizabeth Stewart, 830344.

## Nailbourne Horticultural Society

*by Billie Anderson*

A Happy New Year to all our members! We start 1996 off on Thursday, 25th January with a talk given by Pat Davidson on *Garden Pests and Diseases*. This will be in the Hunter Room of Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CRIME FIGURES

### Bridge in November

Burglary other than dwelling	1
Theft from Vehicle	1
Theft of Vehicle	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>



## **FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH**

The Christmas Market was an outstanding success and raised the splendid sum of £540 for the Brownies and our Church. Our thanks go to the Brownies and all those who manned the stalls, which were stocked with such lovely goodies, to the organisers of Patricbourne with Bridge's Autumn Fayre for their kind donation, and to all those who came and supported us so well.

Our next event will be a **JUMBLE SALE** on Saturday, 27th January at 10.30am (*see below*) and please note our next **WINE & WISDOM EVENING** will be on Saturday, 2nd March.

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# **JUMBLE SALE**

**Saturday, 27th January**  
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## **CALL OF THE BROWN OWL**

Hello! My name is Julie Brown and I'm the Brown Owl of 1st Bekesbourne Brownie pack. Our meetings are held every Tuesday from 6.15 to 7.45pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

At the moment we have many vacancies for girls aged between 7 and 10 years. If you have a daughter or know of a young girl who would like to join our pack, please feel free to phone me on Canterbury 711481. We have an answer machine: if it's on when you call please leave a message, your name and telephone number and I'll get back to you.

## **Delhi Brotherhood Society**

*Report on child sponsorship*

*by Keith Nicholson*

You will be delighted to learn that Ashu, whom we have supported at Deenabandhu School in Delhi achieved an average of 66% in his class VIII examinations. He has now moved on to a Government school where we wish him every success for the future.

We are now sponsoring Abida, an 8½ year-old muslim girl. She has two younger brothers - Faijin and Ebnej - and a baby sister - Khalida. She lives with her parents, brothers and sister as well as her father's grandparents in their own house in Delhi. The grandparents moved from a village in Uttar Pradesh to Delhi about 30 years ago. Abida's father, who grew up in Delhi, works in a sawmill which produces planks and boards for building and furniture purposes. Whilst he earns a reasonable income by Indian standards, it is not sufficient both to maintain a family and educate his children. As the eldest, Abida, is a girl there is a reluctance to spend money on her education. We are delighted to be able to help Abida and hope she enjoys the same success as Ashu.

### **CANTERBURY RACECOURSE**

*A dip into local history*

*with John Williamson*

A newly-discovered view of Canterbury Racecourse on Barham Downs by Thomas Rowlandson has been bought by the Canterbury Museum.

The racecourse (which was at the top of Bridge Hill on the way to Bishopsbourne) had a long existence throughout the 18th century, and up to 1879 was a popular part of Canterbury's Social Calendar. Some of the visitors included Mozart, who was staying at Bourne Park in 1765, and Jane Austen's brother Henry. The Prince of Wales entered his horse *Barbarossa* and won the King's Plate in 1806.

The picture was sold for £20,000 and grant aid was obtained from the Victoria & Albert museum and the National Art Collections Fund, but £5000 is still needed and any donations should be sent to the Friends of Canterbury Museums.

### **BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - December meeting**

**VILLAGE CLOCK** - Work will soon begin on further renovations to the village clock. The outer casing will be retained, but a new quartz master clock and radio signal receiver will replace the worn-out motors. The clock should then keep accurate time, reset itself after a power cut and automatically change for summer and winter time.

**RECREATION GROUND** - New litter bins are to be installed on the Recreation Ground. They will be fixed at the base and have lockable linings to prevent the previous vandalism which resulted in the contents being emptied out and the bins dumped in the river. Cyclists will soon be able to park their bikes safely once cycle hoops have been installed alongside the tennis courts.



**DOG-FOULING** - Arrangements are to be made for Canterbury City's Dog Warden to visit the village to observe the problems caused by dog-fouling. Councillors heard that the City Council is willing to undertake prosecutions against those who persistently allow their dogs to foul pavements and adjacent grassed areas.

**PARISH APPRAISAL** - The Parish Appraisal Group continues to meet regularly and has almost completed the drafting of a two-part questionnaire for circulation in the new year. A specially-designed computer programme has been bought to help in the analysis of the completed questionnaires.

**PLANNING** - An application to install a 25m telecommunications mast on land at Renville Farm was opposed by councillors. They had given qualified support to an earlier proposal for a series of 15m masts and felt that the new application was unnecessary. An application for a two storey extension to Beechen House, Beech Hill was not opposed. Canterbury City Council has granted permission for a detached house on land adjacent to 3 Bridge Down and for a summer house at 104 High Street.

*Margaret Church, Clerk*

## **THE METHODIST CHURCH, BRIDGE**

On Sunday, 14th January at 11.00am we shall be holding our annual Covenant Service, led by the Minister and the Revd. Canon John Packer, in which we renew our vows of commitment to God and the work of his church. We cordially invite our Anglican friends to share this service with us and assure you of a warm welcome to our Church.

*Mabel Harrison*

## **EPIPHANY VERSE**

What star is this, with beams so bright,  
More lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to announce a new-born King,  
Glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,  
'From Jacob shall a star proceed';  
And lo! the eastern sages stand,  
To read in heaven the Lord's command.

O, while the star of heavenly grace  
Invites us, Lord, to seek thy face,  
May we no more that grace repel.  
Or quench that light which shines so well.



# LIFE IN BIBLE TIMES

## THRESHING AND WINNOWER

*Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain (Deuteronomy 25:4).*

Nearly every village in the Bible Lands has its threshing floor, although they are used less nowadays. It is usually just outside the village, in a flat rocky area well placed to catch the breeze needed for winnowing. If the ground is not naturally hard then it is beaten solid over the years. A village threshing floor would be used from the time of the barley harvest in May, until all the barley and corn had been threshed. Rain during this time, though unusual, could occur and would be a disaster, see Samuel's threat in 1 Samuel 12:17.

Threshing floors are mentioned several times in the Bible and some were obviously well-known landmarks. When Joseph and his brothers, carrying the embalmed body of Jacob, reached the one at Atad near the river Jordan, they stopped and mourned for seven days before going on to Hebron according to Genesis 50:10. Uzzah touched the Ark of the Covenant when it stopped at the threshing-floor of Nacon, and was struck dead (2 Samuel 6:6).

According to 2 Samuel 24, God was angry with King David for conducting a census of his fighting men, and sent a plague which swept through the land until it was halted by an angel at the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite in Jerusalem. David bought the land and the oxen and sacrificed them on an altar which he built there, and in 2

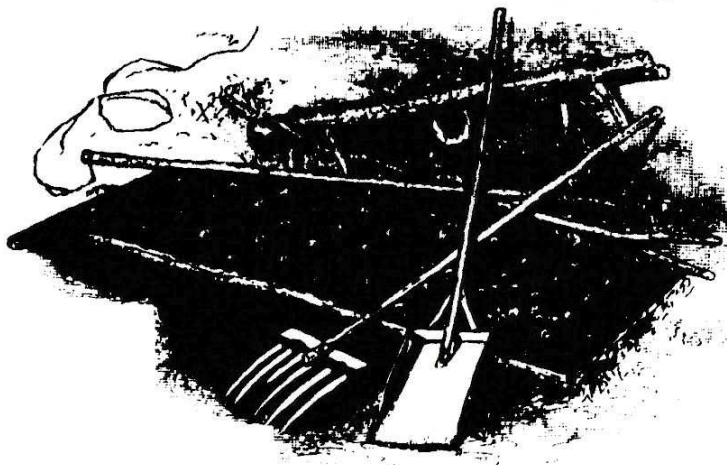
Chronicles 3:1 we read that Solomon built his temple on the same spot, which became a place of worship for the people of Israel for hundreds of years.

"Caraway is beaten out with a rod and cummin with a stick" says Isaiah 28:27, but patient oxen were used for large quantities of grain.

Driven round and round, their sharp hooves separated the grain from the husks and broke down the stalks into chaff. When David bought the threshing-floor, he also bought the threshing-sledge. These sledges are still in use in remote areas. They are made of wood with flints or pieces of rough lava fastened underneath. The farmer stands or sits on the sledge to direct the animals, as shown in the cover picture.

A light breeze is desirable when threshing the wheat, to blow the chaff away. However Gideon had to thresh inside a winepress so that a cloud of chaff would not betray his stock of corn to the marauding bands of Midianites. But he was not hidden from the Lord who appeared to him and called him to defend his people (Judges 6:11).

Matthew 3:12 in the King James version reads, "The Holy Ghost . . . whose fan is in his hand . . . will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garners, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." The drawing shows a winnowing "fan", used to toss the last pieces of straw and husks, and also the underside of a threshing-sledge and a winnowing fork.



**Underside of threshing sledge, winnowing fork and fan**



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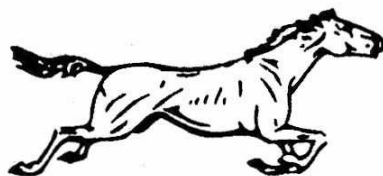


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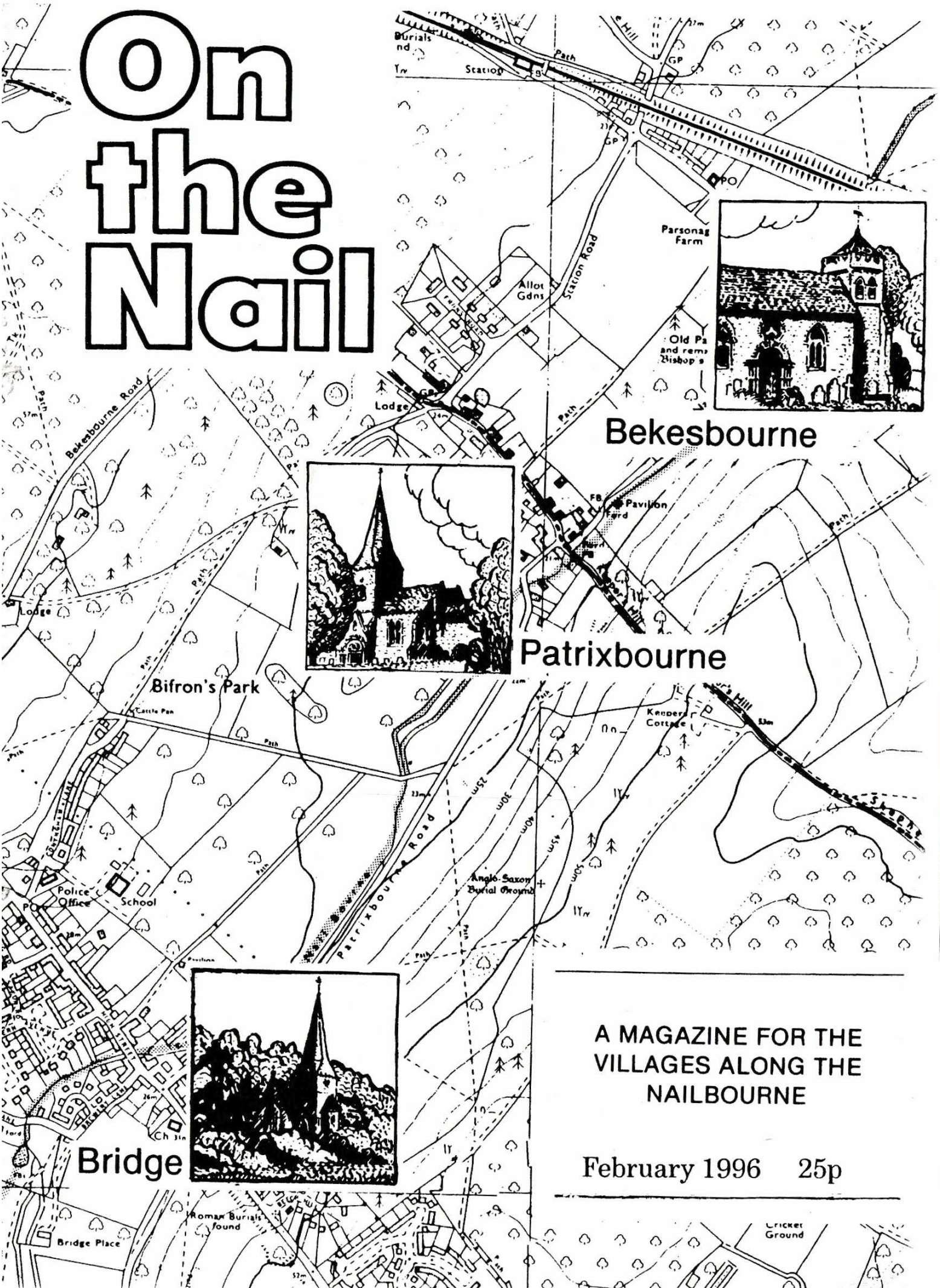
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11.00am Matins (*Patricbourne*)
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9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)
- 25th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
11.00pm Family Service (*Bekesbourne*)  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (*Bridge*)
- 3rd March**  
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**Bridge Methodist Church** at 11am: *4th*, Dr Doreen M Rosman *11th*, Holy Communion, The Revd Mary R Teed *18th*, Home Missions, The Revd. Howard L Skinner *25th*, Dr S John Rogers

**Weekdays** The Holy Communion is celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am. A brief, informal service is held at The New Close on Wednesdays at 2pm, at which outside support and assistance are always most welcome.



## FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm  
2nd ***Presentation of Christ in the Temple***  
Nailbourne Horticultural Society AGM, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm  
4th **Ninth Sunday before Easter: Septuagesima**  
6th Queen's Accession, 1952  
8th Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC meeting, Methodist Church, 7.30pm  
Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm  
11th **Eighth Sunday before Easter: Sexagesima**  
14th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am  
15th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm  
Bekesbourne PCC Meeting, School House, 7.45pm  
18th **Seventh Sunday before Easter: Quinquagesima**  
21st ***Ash Wednesday***  
Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 9.30am  
23rd *St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c155*  
25th **First Sunday in Lent**  
In place of a sermon at Evensong the Vicar will introduce this year's Wednesday evening Lent Course  
28th Lent Address & Compline, St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 7.30pm

## FROM THE VICAR

There have been rumblings in the national press of late to the effect that the Church of England no longer believes in hell. With the press's track record it should come as no surprise to discover this is not so, and what we have is a further example of the media up to its old tricks of skimming through a detailed report, looking for something sensational, to the neglect of what it is actually about.

The report in question is called *The Mystery of Salvation* and was written after careful and lengthy deliberations by the eminent theologians who make up the Church of England General Synod's Doctrine Commission, under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Newcastle, himself no mean theologian.

It is published under the authority of the House of Bishops, which commends it to the Church for study. Subtitled *The Story of God's Gift* the report tackles one of the major themes at the heart of the Christian religion, salvation, hopefully in a way which will make the faith more readily understood 'and more easily accessible to a non-specialist and enquiring public'.

With that positive remit the commission was bound also to deal with negative matters, and that's where hell comes in.

The popular idea of hell is of nether regions under the earth, inhabited by fiends with horns and forked tails, stoking up the fires to which those who lived wicked lives on earth will ultimately be consigned. It has to be said that some of this horror movie scenario crops up in the Bible but it was greatly embellished by puritanical preachers of later ages, who saw their task as frightening people into the kingdom of God by painting terrible pictures of what would happen if anyone stepped out of line. Hell, as the Doctrine Commission explains, certainly exists, but it has none of these ghoulish overtones. Nor is it a destiny any but the really determined are heading for.

God's gift to mankind of free will means we have the choice for or against him, to accept the salvation he lovingly offers or to turn our backs on him and it. It's those who deliberately and knowingly take that road who land in hell - no one gets there by accident.

Let the Doctrine Commission have the last word:

*'Hell is not eternal torment, but it is the final and irrevocable choosing of that which is opposed to God. ... those who make such a final choice choose against the source of life, and they have their reward. Whether thereby any who do so choose, only God knows.'*

'The Mystery of Salvation: The Story of God's Gift' is published by Church House Publishing, price £6.95. It's a good read and you can buy a copy at the SPCK Bookshop, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury.

## **THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

A sincere, if belated thank-you to all who attended, helped and contributed to the Christingle Service at St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Christmas Eve. Seats were definitely at a premium, Christmas got off to a fine start and the splendid sum of £121.50 was raised for *The Children's Society*.

Junior Church was also represented at the cathedral's Christingle Service on 28th December, with Ian and Rachel Watson, Imogen and Sarah Higson, and Toni, Rachael and Nicola Latham joining children from all over the diocese in presenting purses of money for the society to the Bishop of Maidstone.

In 1995 the total of £1,046.53, for which the society is most grateful, was raised in Bridge from the following sources:

Home and Shop boxes	£432.17
House-to-house collection	391.86
Coffee Morning	100.00
Christingle Service	£121.50
Sundry	1.00

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during 1996, to enable it to carry on with its valuable work, through many projects, of helping children, teenagers and families in need. *Kathy Eynon*

## **NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

The AGM of the Nailbourne Horticultural Society will take place on Tuesday, 6th February at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall'

The business will be followed by a talk and refreshments. Members paying their annual subscriptions by or on the date of this meeting will have their names entered for the Chelsea Flower Show ticket draw.

The schedules for the Spring Show will also be available at this meeting.

*B. Anderson*

## **FUNERALS**

Edmund Reed, Old Palace, Bekesbourne, 8th January

Hildegard Batt, 2 Howletts Oast, Bekesbourne, 11th January

Graham Childs, 4 Ford Close, Bridge, 12th January

## **OBITUARIES**

EDMUND WILLIAM REED (Andy to his many friends) came to live at the Old Palace, Bekesbourne after the death of his wife 12 years ago. He was born in Dorset and served all his working life in the Police Force around Weymouth. Since coming to Kent he led a full life and made many friends pursuing his wide interest in walking, gardening and fishing. He was fond of athletics, sport and liked his golf. He made himself part of the Bekesbourne community and supported Church events. He will be greatly missed by all of us, especially his daughters Nichola and Sally and their families, including six grandchildren, and by Jill McGregor, who did so much for him during his illness. Edmund had a stroke last July from which he recovered but sadly he became ill in the autumn and died on 2nd January, aged 78. After a funeral service in Bekesbourne Church he was laid to rest in the churchyard. *John Shorrocks*

Until very recently Mrs HILDEGARD KLARA MARTHA BATT had lived an active life in the Strood area. She lived with her daughter and son-in-law in Howletts Oast for a very short time until her death at the age of 73 on 1st January. Interment in Bekesbourne churchyard followed a service in the church.

GRAHAM STANLEY CHILDS was Valuation Officer for Dover until his retirement. Having come with his wife Muriel to live in Bridge ten years ago he died on New Year's Day at the age of 79. Cremation was at Barham on 12th January.

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- When?** Saturday 2 March until Saturday 16 March
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## Events for the Deaneries of Dover, East Bridge and Sandwich

Wed 6 March

10.00 am - 4.30 pm

**Clergy Day**

(Salem Baptist Church Maison Dieu Road Dover)

7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

**Evening for all P.C.C. and Ministry Teams**

(Archers Court School, Melbourne Avenue, Dover)

Thur 7 March

10.00 am - 12 noon

**Clergy Morning** (venue - as before)

**Outreach Happenings** (afternoon and evening)

1. Meeting with Christian Leaders and Community workers from an 'Urban Priority Area' in each of the three Deaneries.

2. Christian Men's - Invitation Evening Supper  
Christian Ladies' - Invitation Evening Supper

Sun 10 March

3.00 pm

**Combine Service** for all three Deaneries at The Royal Marine's Chapel, Walmer with the Archbishop and Bishop Michael Marshall

Saturday 9 March

10.00am - 4.00 pm

**Mission Impossible (Lay Training Day)**

at Ashford Town Football Centre, Kingsnorth

Registration forms for this lay training day are available from your PCC Secretary or Mrs Pat Donaldson Tel: 01227 459401 or Anne Lehane Tel: 01227 369563



## **RAINBOW GUIDE UNIT**

Rainbow Guides, who are aged between six and seven years, are the youngest age group in The Guide Association. There are five units at present in the Canterbury area and we would like to open a unit in Bridge. I already have one volunteer to run the unit, but need another person aged between 18 and 55 prepared to train as a Guider before the unit can open. I would also like another adult, if possible, just to help.

Please ring me if you would like to know more about assisting with the unit or you have a daughter interested in joining. I would love to hear from you.

*Maggie Field, 830224*

## **TAIZE**

Taizé, in Southern France, is the home of an ecumenical religious community that attracts thousands of young people every year to partake of its unique environment of quiet prayer and worship.

As part of its Summer Challenge Youth Programme, the Diocese of Canterbury is organising a trip to Taizé, which is open to anyone aged 16 - 30, from any denomination - or none. The trip is from 17th to 26th August 1996, travel will be by coach and accommodation will be in tents: those with children will be housed in the Family House.

The trip will depart from Canterbury after a meal on the Saturday evening and return early morning on the following Monday. The cost is £140 approx. for under 25s and £155 approx. for over 25s. In cases of extreme financial hardship, some grant funding may be available. Costs are inclusive of insurance and will be confirmed as soon as possible. It is not anticipated costs will increase by more than £10.00 per person. There will be a meeting of all participants and leaders on the evening of Saturday, 20th July in Canterbury.

The Diocese recruits and trains a team of leaders to lead it's Summer Challenge Youth Programme, two of whom will be John and Lizzie Hopthrow of Kingston for the 1996 trip.

If this interests you or you would like to know more about Taizé the Hopthrows will happily fill you in. For application forms please contact:

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

**Crime Update**

**Bridge**

<b>Type of Crime</b>	<b>In December</b>	<b>Total 1995</b>
Burglary Dwelling	0	10
Burglary other than Dwelling	1	14
Theft	1	11
Theft from Vehicle	1	13
Theft of Vehicle	1	7
Theft of Cycle	0	5
Criminal Damage	0	17
Other Crimes	0	6
<i>TOTAL</i>	4	83



### **Bekesbourne**

<b>Type of Crime</b>	<b>In December</b>	<b>Total 1995</b>
Burglary Dwelling	5	14
Burglary other than Dwelling	1	8
Theft	1	7
Theft from Vehicle	0	5
Theft of Vehicle	0	3
Theft of Cycle	0	3
Criminal Damage	0	5
Other Crimes	0	5
<i>TOTAL</i>	7	45

### **Patricbourne**

No crimes were reported in December but during 1995 there were 9 cases of burglary from dwellings and 3 from other than dwellings. There was 1 theft of a vehicle, bringing the year's total of crimes to 13.

*The Co-ordinator for Bekesbourne/Patricbourne writes:* A vehicle left at Bekesbourne Railway Station over the New Year was broken into at 5.30pm on New Year's Day. A description of a vehicle that was used in this crime and of offenders was passed on to the police. Unfortunately, whilst phoning the police the offenders returned to the car park and set fire to the parked vehicle. Please be extra careful if you park your vehicle for any length of time in this Station Car park.

## **BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Notes on the January Meeting**

**VILLAGE DIARY** The new diary for 1996 has now been put in the Village Shop. Organisers of events are asked to enter them in the diary to avoid clashes of dates, as has happened in the past.

**STREET LIGHTING** Work will shortly be underway to replace a lighting column in Western Avenue and to restore the supply to the light in Conyngham Lane.

**POWER SUPPLIES** As the village continues to be affected by frequent power cuts advice is being sought from the Office of Electricity Regulation on how SEEBOARD can be induced to improve its service.

**FOOTPATHS** Most of the footpaths have recently been inspected ready for the Spring: some require re-instatement after ploughing, some waymarks are still needed and there will be brush cutting to be done once the growing season begins.

**RECREATION GROUND** Water has recently damaged the pavilion, and there has been further vandalism. Councillors are concerned that the building should be properly maintained and will raise the matter at the next meeting of the Bridge Village Sports Trust, which manages the building.

**PROPOSED SERVICE STATION ON BARHAM DOWNS** An appeal by the developers against Canterbury City Council's decision to refuse planning permission for a new service station on Barham Downs has been lodged. The Parish Council, along with others in the area, remains opposed to the scheme which has been put forward in a number of guises over the last fifteen years.

**PARK AND RIDE SCHEME** Plans are expected shortly for the City Council's proposed Park and Ride Scheme on land adjacent to the Gate Inn. The Parish Council objected to the site proposed and recommended an alternative site closer to Canterbury adjacent to the Barton Road estate. The Parish Council will be seeking the support of City Councillors for its views.

### **FISH NEWS**

As usual, the Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall will take place on the second Wednesday of the month. This month that will be 14th February, from 10.15 to 11.45am. Everybody is welcome, especially new-comers to the villages. Telephone Ann Medhurst (830762) if you would like transport.

We are always needing more volunteer drivers. Please contact Ann if you think you might be able to help with the occasional local run.

A.R.

### **LENT ADDRESSES AT BRIDGE 1996**

Wednesday evenings during Lent will once again be given over to a series of Addresses with Compline, at 7.30pm. This year the spotlight is on the Church, and under the general title *Four Adjectives and a Noun* will look at it with reference to the Creed, which describes it as One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.

Following that order the programme with speakers is as follows:

<b>28th Feb</b>	<i>You'll never walk alone</i>	Canon Alan Dawkins
<b>13th March</b>	<i>Holier than thou</i>	The Vicar
<b>20th March</b>	<i>Knows no bounds</i>	Canon Clifford Pollard
<b>27th March</b>	<i>Down the line</i>	Canon John Packer

The Vicar will introduce the course at Evensong on 25th. We hope for a good response and look forward to welcoming back to St. Peter's both Alan Dawkins, Kent Ecumenical Officer and Clifford Pollard.



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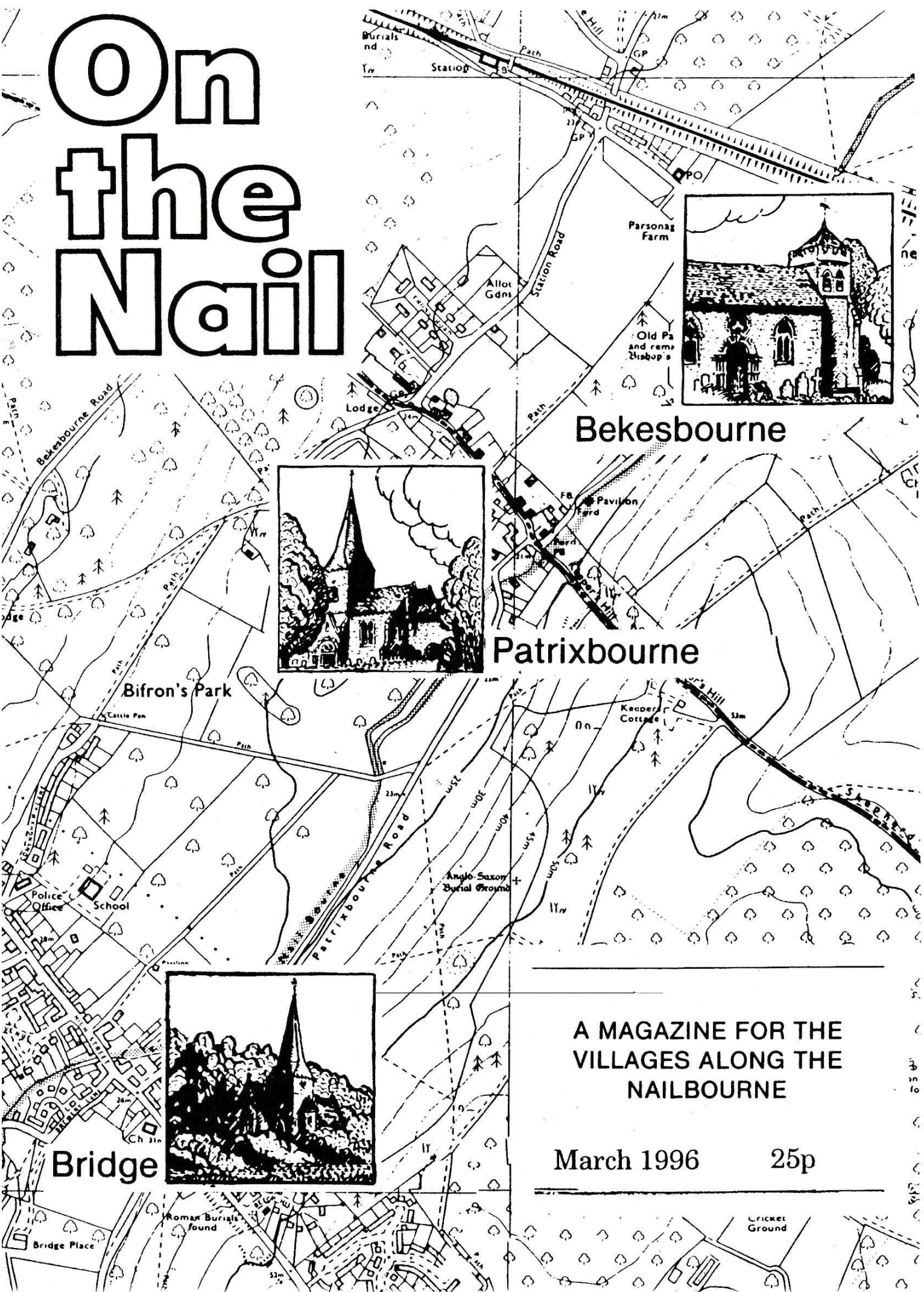
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- 10th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Patixbourne*)  
3.00pm Three Deaneries Service (*Royal Marines Church, Deal*)
- 17th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Mothering Sunday Service (*Bekesbourne*)
- 24th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)  
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11.00pm Matins (*Bekesbourne*)  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (*Bridge*)
- 31st** 10.30am Procession & Benefice Eucharist (*Bridge*)
- 7th April: EASTER DAY**  
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**Bridge Methodist Church** at 11am: *3rd*, Ms Sheryl Anderson *10th*, Holy Communion, The Revd Mary R Teed *17th*, Miss Cathryn M Spiller, MA *24th*, Mr John Whalan *31st*, The Revd Mary R Teed



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## **FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST**

- 1st *St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, c601*  
Women's World Day of Prayer Service, Bridge Methodist Church, 11am  
[NOTE the new time and place for this service, which this year will be conducted by the Revd. Mary R Teed and the Address given by Mrs Audrey Ramsey, a Methodist Local Preacher from Broadstairs.]
- 2nd *St. Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672*  
Pray for Rebecca Lee and John Downing who are to be married at Bekesbourne this morning.
- 3rd **Second Sunday in Lent**
- 7th *St. Perpetua and her Companions, Martyred at Carthage, 203*  
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 10th **Third Sunday in Lent**  
There is an open invitation to attend an act of worship in the Royal Marines Church at Deal at 3pm. It is a joint service for the three deaneries of East Bridge, Dover and Sandwich, and is held as part of the Springboard Travelling School. The preacher will be Bishop Michael Marshall and the Archbishop will be present.
- 13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am  
Lent Address & Compline, St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 14th Pray for the governing body of Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP School, which meets today.  
Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 17th **Fourth Sunday in Lent: Mothering Sunday**  
The traditional Mothering Sunday Service is in St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne at 11am, replacing Matins, which moves to the 24th.
- 19th *St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20th *St. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687*  
Lent Address & Compline, St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 21st Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 23rd Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP School Auction of Promises
- 24th **Fifth Sunday in Lent: Passion Sunday**
- 25th *The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- 26th Nailbourne Horticultural Society Spring Show, Bridge Village Hall
- 27th Lent Address & Compline, St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 7.30pm



### 31st **Palm Sunday**

Being a fifth Sunday we shall have the regular Benefice Eucharist, this time at Bridge. It will start in **Bridge Methodist Church** at the slightly earlier time of 10.15am. After the Blessing of Palms, with a prayer and reading of the Palm Sunday Gospel we shall go in procession to St. Peter's Church for the customary Eucharist.

## **FROM THE VICAR**

It's been a long, hard winter - or so it seems to me! We've had our measure of snow and our bout of flu, the temperature for days on end plummeting to almost arctic levels, and a succession of dark, sunless days when it never got really light, succeeded in getting us thoroughly down. As you read this that will hopefully all be over, life should have returned in a big way and we can look forward to the lazy, hazy days of summer.

It's stating the obvious to say that the Church's year traditionally reflects the changing seasons, since it was largely built around them. Yet this month of thirty-one days, every one of them in Lent, isn't entirely seasonal if you think of Lent as in some way the winter of the Church calendar, the time when metaphorically we draw the curtains upon ourselves to focus on our limitations where relationships with God are concerned. Lent is intended to be the time for us to conduct a re-appraisal of our spiritual standing and take whatever steps we find necessary to redress the balance in our relationships with God. Sin is the operative word, in that the object of the exercise is to make a more determined effort than usual to flush out our own particular sins, confessing them to God and receiving the assurance of his forgiveness, coupled with his promised help, just so long as *we* pull our weight and try to live better lives in the future.

Such a lengthy exercise can easily plunge us into the spiritual equivalent of the blackest days of winter, perhaps even what one Christian mystic described as the dark night of the soul. A depressing thought in springtime? It needn't be because, like the worst of the winter, it doesn't continue indefinitely. From looking into our own soul and dealing with the blackness we find there we turn, in the second part of Lent, towards the cross of Jesus, the great event in history that makes the first exercise of Lent feasible and eminently worthwhile.

The heavy concentration the Church makes on the death of Christ is a fitting prelude to the great jamboree of Easter when we firmly put the 'winter' behind us and celebrate 'the spring of souls', as the Easter hymn puts it, life from the grave, hope from despair, resurrection from the dead.



In all sorts of ways the quality of our Lent determines the quality of our Easter, which is why the Church encourages us to make a good Lent. One way to do that might be to attend the Lenten Addresses on Wednesdays, 13th, 20th and 27th in Bridge Church. Each session starts at 7.30pm and ends about 8.30 with the late evening service of Compline.

This year's theme is 'One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church' with the umbrella title *Four Adjectives and a Noun*. Full details of each evening are on church noticeboards and, of course, everyone will be most welcome.

## **JOYS and SORROWS**

### **Holy Baptism**

Three baptisms took place in February, one at Bridge and two in St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne:

- 4th      Aiden Eriq Bell, 38 Western Avenue (*Bridge*)  
          Melissa Hannah Blackford, 1 Cranmer Close (*Bekesbourne*)
- 11th     Timothy Charles Geoffrey Ede, The Unicorn (*Bekesbourne*)

### **Funerals**

'Vicky' Moss, Ragstone Cottage, Meadow Close, Bridge  
Tony Fullaway, Snaefell, Adisham Road, Bekesbourne

## **OBITUARIES**

The death at the age of 79 of Mrs VICKY MOSS has left her devoted family utterly bereft. Vicky (a lifelong nickname: she disliked both her Christian names) enjoyed a very active, fulfilling lifestyle, until arthritis set in. She and husband Geoff came to Bridge from Canterbury and Faversham respectively 12 years ago and were married in St. Peter's Church at a very private ceremony with the vicar as officiant and Bill and Joyce Rose (most willing witnesses and at that time still living in Church Cottage) as the only others present. Vicky supported the church in every way and we were all very sorry when increasing lack of mobility forced her to give up attending services. Geoff's gentle and loving support enabled a very determined woman to battle against the unwelcome pain and discomfort that marred an hitherto happy existence. A large congregation of family and friends attended her cremation service at Barham Crematorium on 30th January, at which addresses were given by her neighbour, Canon John Packer and the Vicar.

As expected, St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne was full for the funeral service followed by interment in the churchyard of Churchwarden TONY FULLAWAY on 2nd February. The congregation was led by Tony's loving family and comprised representatives of his working life in charge of the theatre



staff at the Kent & Canterbury Hospital and fellow-members of the church community at Bekesbourne.

Former hospital chaplain, Canon Peter Heartfield spoke of Tony's working life, paying a sincere and at times humorous tribute to Tony's skilful handling of those under his authority.

The Vicar then remarked on Tony's time as Churchwarden, giving thanks for his valuable support and the important part he played in the recent flowering of the church in Bekesbourne. Though Churchwarden for a short time Tony has left his mark on both church people and building, lasting memorials being the new kneelers, most worked by Tony, and the Advent wreath and Easter Candle he provided at his own suggestion and expense. Tony couldn't do enough for his church, his every contribution stemming from a deep personal faith and trust in God, in whose care and keeping we pray he may find rest and peace and glory. Thank you so much, Tony!

### **CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

Every six years a completely fresh Electoral Roll of church members has to be prepared by every parish for presentation at its Annual Parochial Church Meeting. To be on the roll everyone must complete a new application form, since the custom in other years of names automatically staying on from one year to the next won't apply in 1996.

As usual only one Electoral Roll is drawn up for Patrixbourne and Bridge Churches, they being one parish. This means the one application serves for both congregations. A separate roll has to be prepared for Bekesbourne, though it's perfectly legal to apply for membership of both Electoral Rolls if you habitually go to church in both parishes. Application forms are available in all three churches, and when completed should be returned to the respective Electoral Roll Officers, Rosemary Whatley (Patrixbourne with Bridge) or David Millyard (Bekesbourne). For the sake of convenience, forms delivered at the vicarage will get to their appropriate destinations.

To qualify for membership you must be at least 16 years of age, and it's important that those who do qualify make sure they get on the list, as not only does it give those most concerned a say in the work of the church, it also determines how many represent us on the Deanery Synod.

### **RAINBOW GUIDE UNIT - correction**

Maggie Field spotted an error in last month's *On The Nail*. The age range for membership of the proposed Bridge Rainbow Guide Unit is five to seven years.



## **Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute**

New members and visitors will be made very welcome at the WI meeting on Tuesday, 19th March at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall.

*Inspector Gadget* is the title of a talk by Mr J Dickson, and the monthly competition will be a framed or edged picture depicting a song title. It should be no larger than A4 size and can be in any medium, i.e. painting, embroidery, etc.

*J.H.*

## **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

The Spring Show will take place in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday, 26th March. The hall will be open to stage exhibits at 6pm and judging will start at 7.15. During judging refreshments will be available. Schedules may be had from Mrs E Cartwright, c/o Bridge Post Office, or from Mrs B Anderson, Show Secretary.

I take this opportunity to thank all our members who turned out on a very cold night to support the AGM.

*B Anderson*

## **St. Peter's Church, Bridge Cleaning**

Our numbers are reducing but our ages are increasing, along with creaking joints! We are also busy people with other commitments. PLEASE, are there any younger folk out there with a bit of time to spare, willing to take pity on these 'Mrs Mopps'?

If you can offer approximately one hour or two once a month we would be so grateful. It would help keep our church clean and polished, and we feel sure you would enjoy working in pairs with our team.

The cleaning can be done at any time during the week allocated, as suits the pairs best. Please contact Kathy Eynon (tel: 830466) or any of those mentioned below, who would be delighted to receive offers of help or give more information.

### **CLEANING ROTA FOR MARCH**

Week ending 2nd	Kathy Eynon	Vera Ford
Week ending 9th	any offers?	
Week ending 16th	Pat Hulyer	Joan Monk
Week ending 23rd	any offers?	
Week ending 30th	Kathy Eynon	
<i>BRASSES</i>	Gladys Lemar	Kath Pierce

**Mrs Olive Marshall** has been delivering the church magazine in Meadow Close for precisely 25 years, so it's both appropriate and scarcely surprising that she has chosen this landmark to call it a day, and who could deny her a well-earned retirement.

She has carried out the task most conscientiously and her friends at church are most grateful for all she has done. Thank you so much, Olive!

Rosy Green has kindly offered to take over the Meadow Close round and will assuredly give it the attention it deserves.

## FISH NEWS

Looking ahead, the Blossom Tour is on Wednesday, 1st May. The coach will cost £2.50 but the tea is provided by the proceeds from a generous legacy. Please telephone Mrs Joy Monk (831903) if you would like to go, and please pay before getting on the coach. It's hazardous collecting money on a swaying coach using the scenic route.

The fund-raising Coffee Morning will be on Saturday, 11th May. We have found in past years that the cake stall, raffle and plants are the great success. So if you are planting seeds - taking cuttings - dividing plants, remember May 11th please - someone would love them.

Have you any spare knitting wool taking up space? If so please telephone Mrs Rosy Green (830204) as we badly need it.

The monthly Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall is on Wednesday, 13th March between the usual times. A.R.

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - An April Change of Plan

Instead of a house-to-house collection in Bridge for *The Children's Society* this year we propose to have a Coffee Morning on Saturday, 13th April in the Village Hall, from 10.30 to noon, with a cake/preserves table, Bring & Buy, etc. and a raffle, all proceeds going to *The Children's Society*.

When the time comes please support this event by coming along to it, and of course any offers of help or contributions will be greatly appreciated.

*Kathy Eynon, 830466*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH January Crime Update

<b>Bridge</b>	
Burglary Dwelling	5
Burglary other than Dwelling	2
Theft from Vehicle	3
Theft of Vehicle	3
Criminal Damage	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>



### **Bekesbourne/Patrixbourne**

Burglary Dwelling	2
Burglary other than Dwelling	2
Theft	2
Theft from vehicle	1
Criminal Damage	1
<i>TOTAL</i>	8

The Bekesbourne/Patrixbourne Co-ordinator reports that there were 58 incidents in both areas in 1995. He also draws residents' attention to a spate of burglaries in the area which seem to occur at lunchtime. He suggests that anyone seeing someone acting in a suspicious manner should please ring the police on 999 or 762055, giving a description of the person concerned and if in a vehicle its number, make and colour and if possible the direction it was seen last heading.

### **ALL ABOARD FOR ASHBURNHAM**

To draw our parishes closer together and enjoy a day out in the process, a coach trip for members of Bekesbourne, Bridge and Patrixbourne churches is being planned for Saturday, 27th April. Our destination is the Christian-run 'stately home', Ashburnham Place near Battle in Sussex and we hope there will be lots of takers.

Ashburnham Place is set in acres of parkland with delightful woodland walks and a beautiful lake, and the extensive house is used for Christian groups of all kinds for a variety of purposes - away-days being one. We are being given exclusive use of the very spacious orangery.

The coach will start from Bekesbourne Village Hall at 8am and pick up at various points in Patrixbourne and Bridge. We start back from Ashburnham at 4pm. Our programme there is being arranged to allow for a relaxed visit, with coffee or tea on arrival, a well-equipped crèche for tinies and activities for young people. Adults will have their own programme and we shall all come together at the end of the afternoon for an informal Eucharist, using input from the day's events.

The cost for the day, which includes coach fare and use of the premises, is £5 for adults, children of school age free. Please also bring a picnic lunch. Leaflets are being prepared with a slip at the bottom to book your place. Do come! It promises to be a great occasion, appealing to all ages, and will enable us to get to know one another better.

In case you're wondering, yes it will be a nuisance if it's wet, but it needn't ruin the day as we can be undercover throughout if necessary.

### **BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - February Meeting**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:** The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday, 28th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Items on the agenda will include the proposed Park & Ride development between Bridge and Canterbury, the proposed service station on Barham Downs, shops in rural areas and ideas for marking the millennium. Refreshments will be served and there will be a guest speaker.

The village clock has been removed to Croydon for a complete overhaul and is expected back before the end of February. The work should ensure that the clock keeps accurate time, resets itself after a power cut, and adjusts automatically for winter and summer time.

Planning proposals considered included the erection of a house and garage on land adjoining 8 High Street, a house and garage adjoining 3 Bridge Down and the change of use of the Old Depot, Mill Lane to a Scout and Guide HQ. Councillors continue to oppose the siting of a Park & Ride between Bridge and Canterbury, expressing particular concern that no adequate traffic surveys had been carried out on the implications of the scheme for the Bekesbourne Road-Town Hill-A2 slip road area. Mr Tony Austin of Kingston Parish Council sought the council's support in opposing the planned service station on Barham Downs and the matter will be raised at the Annual Parish Meeting.

An oak tree, donated by Men of the Trees, will be planted in the school grounds this month to commemorate the centenary of the formation of parish councils.

*Margaret Church, Clerk*

*Don't forget the*

## **LENTEN ADDRESSES**

**with COMPLINE**

**Bridge Church**

**Wednesdays**

**13th, 20th, 27th March**

**7.30pm**



Vicar The Revd Raymond Gilbert, AKC, 23 High Street, Bridge (830250)

Reader Mr Handley Stevens, MA, 6 Bridgeford Way, Bridge (831376)

### **PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE**

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Miss J Carpenter, 3 The Green, Patrixbourne

Hon Secretary Mr MF Leggatt, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge (830251)

Hon Treasurer Mr K Nicholson, Riverside Cottage, Patrixbourne (830947)

Covenants Officer Mr NC Francis, 54 Riverside Close, Bridge (830945)

Organist (Bridge)

Organist (Patrixbourne) Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patrixbourne (830205)

Verger (Bridge) Mr J Hopkins, Old Station Cottage, Bishopsbourne

### **BEKESBOURNE**

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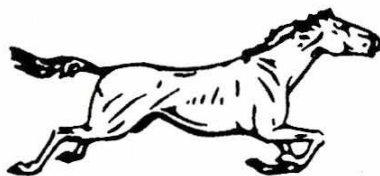
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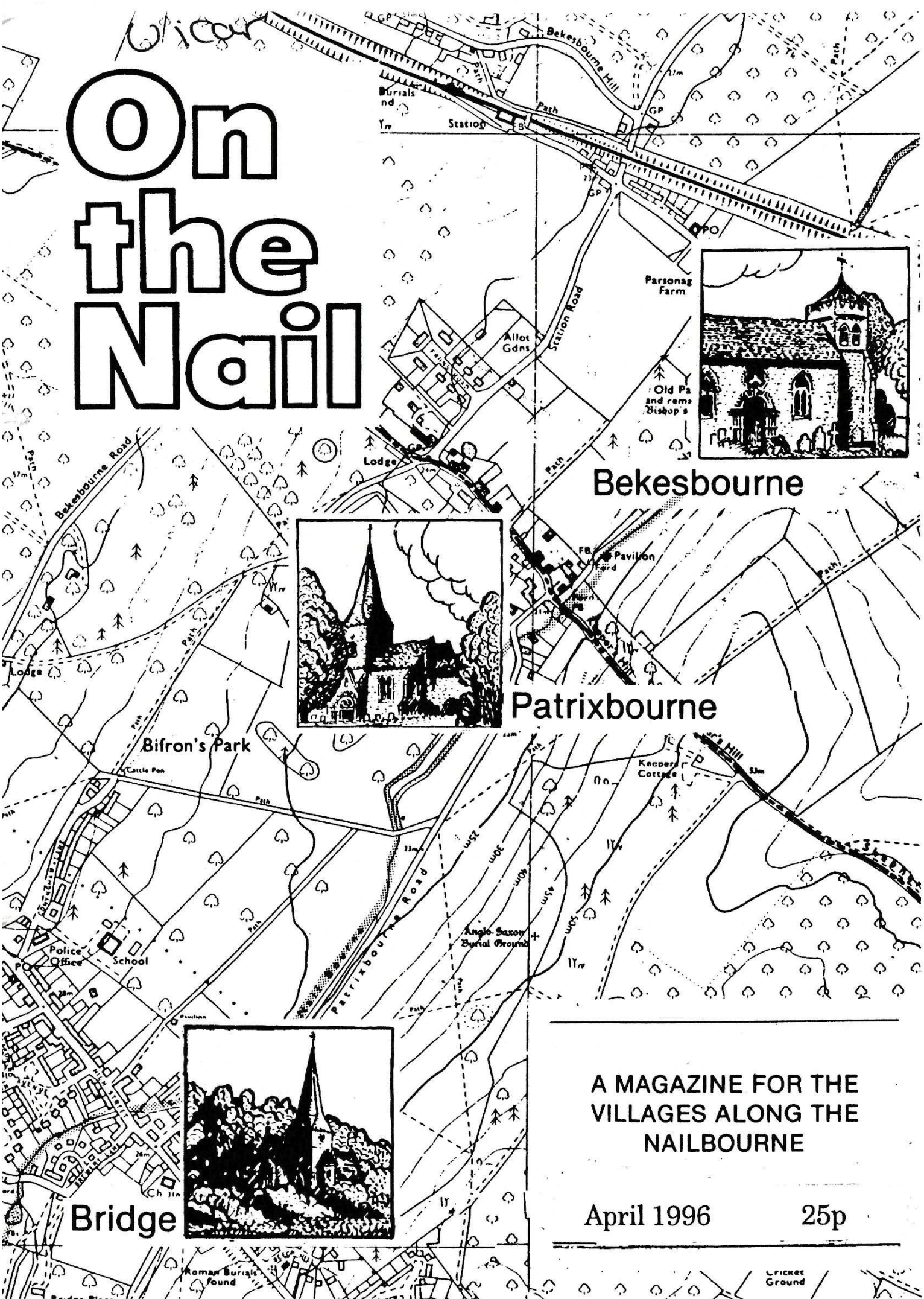
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN APRIL

### 7th: EASTER DAY

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)
- 11.00am Easter Eucharist with Baptism (*Bridge*)
- 11.00am Easter Eucharist (*Bekesbourne: Revd J Shorrocks*)
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong (*Bridge: Reader*)

- 14th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)(*Canon John Packer*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)(*Revd John Thackray*)  
11.00am Matins (*Patricbourne*)(*Canon John Packer*)

- 21st** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)

- 28th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)(*Preacher: Reader*)  
11.00pm Family Service (*Bekesbourne*)  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (*Bridge*)

### 5th May

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)
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## FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st **Monday in Holy Week**
- 2nd **Tuesday in Holy Week**  
9.30am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
Illustrated presentation of a Holy Land visit, Methodist Church, 2.45pm
- 3rd **Wednesday in Holy Week**  
9.30am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)
- 4th **Maundy Thursday**  
School Service, St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 1.30pm  
Eucharist and stripping of the altars, St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 5th **Good Friday**  
"The Way of the Cross" - a pilgrim walk from Bridge to Bekesbourne via Patricbourne with devotions in each church. Meet Bridge Church, 10.00am.
- 6th **Easter Eve**  
Service of Light at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, 8.30pm
- 7th **EASTER DAY** [See top of previous page for service details.]
- 8th **Monday in Easter Week**  
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 9th **Tuesday in Easter Week**  
Bekesbourne Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm
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- 12th **Friday in Easter Week**
- 13th **Saturday in Easter Week**  
'The Children's Society' Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall, 10am-noon
- 14th **First Sunday after Easter**
- 16th Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, 7 Windmill Close, 7pm  
Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 21st **Second Sunday after Easter**
- 23rd *St. George, Patron Saint of England, 4th century*
- 25th **St. Mark the Evangelist**  
Patricbourne with Bridge Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Bridge School Hall, 7.30pm  
Hospital League of Friends Quiz Evening, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27th **BENEFICE AWAY DAY**, Ashburnham Place
- 28th **Third Sunday after Easter**
- 29th *St. Catherine of Siena, Mystic, 1380*
- 30th Bekesbourne Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Parsonage Farm, 7.30pm

## **Easter Communion for the housebound**

The Vicar will be pleased to make arrangements for anyone unable to get to church at Easter to receive communion at home. Those unfamiliar with home communion might like to know that communion is given from the sacrament reserved in Bridge Church, in a brief and private service that doesn't call for any domestic upheaval whatsoever. Contact the vicar on 830250 any day but Monday.

## **FROM THE VICAR**

Writing a few days after the Dunblane massacre and conscious that you're maybe reading this at Easter makes me wonder if there's any connection between the two.

A crazed gunman blazing away at a class of five and six year olds is outrageously wicked and in a civilised society unique. On the other hand the Bible reports an almost parallel carnage with King Herod slaughtering the innocents in an attempt to kill the infant Jesus. In both cases evil and death rampaged through wholly unsuspecting, harmless communities, making what happened seem a million miles from the feast of Easter with its strong emphasis on new life and future hope.

We can only speculate as to the fears and sorrows that assailed the people of Dunblane. On the other hand we can register our awed amazement at their pluck, expressed so eloquently by the school's headteacher. His exact words escape me, but on TV he assured the nation that Dunblane would survive, that his school has a future, that there are grounds for hope. Whether these were the words of a man of faith or of a brave optimist aware that he must say the right thing is beside the point. Whichever, he sensitively sought to give a positive response to a thoroughly evil occurrence, presenting to that particular city and the world outside his conviction in the teeth of utter disaster that in the end all will be well. Mr Taylor spoke of new beginnings, of a fresh start, of eventual light after darkness, and although he didn't actually say so, of Easter joy, for Easter, the season of resurrection, also promises life after death, victory after defeat, remembering another occasion when a tightly-knit community prematurely and cruelly lost one who was very dear to them, but whom God raised from the dead.

Jesus said, "Because I live, you will live also" and through his Easter rising we can all take his words personally, whether we live here in East Kent, up in Dunblane or anywhere in the world.

## **EASTER TRIUMPH! EASTER JOY!**

Our celebrations on the most significant day in the Christian calendar begin on the Saturday of Easter Eve after dark with what is called *The Service of Light*. This is



a new venture for us, although the cathedral has had such a service for many years, and it will be held at Bekesbourne Church on Saturday, 6th April at 8.30pm.

The precise service details have to be finalised but, quoting from the book of words, this is roughly what this special service is about.

'In the Service of Light the resurrection is proclaimed in both spoken word and dramatic ceremony, the Easter Candle symbolizing Christ, the light of the world, risen from the darkness of the grave. Its main feature is the joyful procession through the church, during which the light is passed progressively to all present, and it may culminate in a version of the ancient Easter Song of Praise.'

The service usually begins with the lighting of a fire outside the church, from which a light is taken to light the Easter Candle (in our case donated two years ago by Tony Fullaway). The procession enters the darkened church and gradually moves to the altar, where the Easter Candle burns at all services until Pentecost, lights being taken from it at stages to light the congregation's candles and those on the altar. Readings from the Old Testament lead on to the renewal of baptismal vows, reminding us that Easter was originally the time for baptisms. At the climax of the service all the electric lights are switched on and the organ sounds a fanfare. We join in saying the Gloria, the Easter Collect is read and an Easter hymn sung before making for home. In effect the service continues with the 11.00am Eucharist on Easter morning.

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The full list of Easter services is on page 4. Do come on the Good Friday walk, starting in Bridge Church at 10.00am and ending at Bekesbourne about noon.

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For Good Friday our churches are traditionally stripped bare of all decoration and altar hangings but, in contrast, at Easter they will be resplendent with festive hangings and flowers in abundance.

As the flowers don't get there of their own accord I've been asked to put out a plea from Viv Brasier at Bridge and Christine Ash at Bekesbourne for flowers and help in arranging them. Viv writes: 'Flower arranging for Easter at St. Peter's, Bridge will begin at 10am on Saturday, 6th April. All hands welcome, especially newcomers. Anyone wishing to give money for Easter lilies please contact Viv Brasier, 830981.'

Christine Ash will also be pleased to receive donations for lilies and all available help decorating Bekesbourne Church on the Saturday morning at 10.30.

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The object of this away day is to build up relationships right across the congregations of our three churches and a relaxed day in this beautiful environment is as good a way as any to do this. An interesting programme of events has been arranged that will have something for everyone and we hope that many will take the opportunity to join us, whether individuals or families. Booking forms are available at all three churches.



**Bridge Methodists** offer an invitation to join them in their church at 2.45pm on the Tuesday of Holy Week, 2nd April, for a slide presentation of the Holy Land to be given as part of Holy Week observances by the minister, the Revd. Mary Teed. Mabel Harrison, Church Steward, says a cup of tea will be on the agenda too.

**Holy Baptism** was administered in St. Mary's Church, Patricbourne on the afternoon of Mothering Sunday, 17th March, to DAVID DARYUSH BAGHERZADEH-POPE

**Joined together by God** in Holy Marriage at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on 2nd March were REBECCA LEE, Hop Pocket, School Lane and JOHN DOWNING from Buckland, Dover. We wish them every blessing and happiness in their life together.

### **TEMPTATION IN BEKESBOURNE CHURCH**

No need for tabloid journalists to descend in force because, as Pat Kusel reports, this was the theme of the Family Service held at St. Peter's, Bekesbourne on 25th February. As it was the first Sunday in Lent it was felt appropriate to take the story of Jesus in the wilderness and his temptations. The service began with a hearty rendering of the old hymn 'Forty days and forty nights', followed by a question and answer session using a blackboard to investigate the congregation's idea of wilderness.

Later Jeanette read the story of Jesus being tempted by the devil, during which each temptation and his response was displayed on posters. The vicar concluded the service by making the congregation consider temptation in today's setting and clearly made the point that it is not sinful to be tempted but it is sinful if we give in to temptation.

**Bekesbourne's Family Service** in March took place a week earlier to fit in with Mothering Sunday and took the form of the usual and highly popular flower service.

Plans are well in hand for the Family Service at St. Peter's on 28th April when a play will be staged on something that happened to Jesus' disciples between his resurrection and ascension. The play calls for a large cast of actors and there adult contributions will also be needed, so would any children or adults willing to take part in the service please see Pat Kusel on 830272, who would be delighted to have your support.



A lot of hard work is going into this service and it promises to be both interesting and exciting, so we hope very much for a good turn-out from local families. Make a note - **Sunday, 28th at 11am!** See you there!

### **ON THE NAIL NOTICEBOARD**

There will be a meeting of the Nailbourne Horticultural Society in Bridge Methodist Church on Thursday, 18th April at 7.30pm. The talk will be on *Dahlias* and will be given by Mr M Browning. Members and non-members welcome!

*B Anderson*

At the April meeting of Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute Mr J Dickson will give his talk *Inspector Gadget*, postponed from March. This will be on Thursday, 16th April at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall, when visitors and new members will be given a warm welcome. Please see the WI noticeboard for the competition of the month.

*J.H.*

Nailbourne League of Friends of the Canterbury Hospitals is having a quiz and supper evening on 25th April at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. Quiz, supper and soft drinks (bring your own wine) tickets from Mrs Cartwright, Bridge Post Office or phone 830344.

Please support this and other League of Friends events. In the last year the Nailbourne group has helped purchase equipment for the children's ward, operating theatre, endoscopy and Nunnery Fields.

*Rosy Green*

### **FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH**

*by Jane Shorrocks*

THE JUMBLE SALE raised a total of £151 and the Friends Committee would like to thank all those who kindly donated items for it and those who came along and supported it in spite of the changed date.

The WINE & WISDOM EVENING was also a great success and all those who came had a very enjoyable evening as they pitted their wits against the searching questions posed by Brian and Jenny Skinner, and produced the splendid sum of £240 for our funds. A big thank-you to all who helped!

Our next events will be the ROGATIONTIDE WALK on Sunday, 12th May, and Lady Mount is again kindly opening her lovely garden on Sunday, 19th May. More details next month!

**FISH NEWS** May we remind you that the annual fund-raising Coffee Morning will be in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday, 11th May. There's a Bring & Buy of plants and cakes and a raffle. Please support this effort to help our three villages help themselves.



The next Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday, 8th May and don't forget to book your place on the Blossom Tour on 1st May by telephoning Mrs Joy Monk on 831903. A.R.

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### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

It's once again time for Annual Parochial Church Meetings; that for Patrixbourne with Bridge being in Bridge School on Thursday, 25th and Bekesbourne's at Parsonage Farm on Tuesday, 30th April. Both meetings start at 7.30pm and attendance is open to church members whose names appear on the respective Electoral Rolls. These have just been completely revised, with every member having had to re-apply, so doubtless we can expect a good turn out on both occasions. At these meetings churchwardens are elected, reports presented by church officers and elections held to the Parochial Church Councils.

### **BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - March Meeting**

**PARK & RIDE:** City Councillor Martin Vye attended the March meeting to hear councillors' views on proposals by Canterbury City Council to build a third Park & Ride facility on the A2050 south of the Gate Inn. Parish Council Chairman, Mervyn Gulvin emphasised his Council's support for the principle of traffic reduction within Canterbury, but outlined councillors' unanimous objections to current proposals on environmental and road safety grounds. An additional



concern was the possibility that a long-term coach park might subsequently be added to the site. Mr Gulvin suggested that the Park & Ride facility would be better placed on Barton Business Park and provide at the same time an opportunity to improve the junction of the Old Dover Road and the A2050. Councillor Vye, who supported the City Council's proposals, agreed to discuss the issues raised with the appropriate City Council officers. However, he shared the Parish Council's concern with regard to coach parking and, should such a scheme be proposed, would oppose it.

**PARISH APPRAISAL** questionnaires will be distributed throughout the village in the next few weeks, offering residents an opportunity to give their views on a wide range of village matters. Completed questionnaires will subsequently be collected to encourage as many people as possible to take part.

**DOG-FOULING OF FOOTWAYS AND VERGES** continues to be a serious and offensive problem. Letters are to be sent to all households, asking for their co-operation in stopping the nuisance. While reluctant to invoke Canterbury City bye-laws, councillors felt that prosecution of those whose dogs persistently offend might be the only way to reduce the health hazards to the rest of the community.

**THE VILLAGE CLOCK** has been restored to its proper place and, after some teething problems, is keeping good time. It is hoped that it will be another forty years before another major overhaul is necessary.

**BARHAM DOWNS ACTION GROUP** is flexing its muscles in an effort to counter the proposed erection of a petrol station, hotel, truck stop, restaurant, coach park and tyre bay along the A2.

John Gilbey, a member of the group, informed *ON THE NAIL* that the complex will cover an area greater than Wembley Stadium, in a nationally designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and a Special Landscape Area, dominating the open Downlands above Kingston, and will be operational day and night.

Barham Downs Action Group, re-activated by Kingston Parish Council to counter the application and raise funds for legal representation required at the inquiry in December, is asking for readers' moral support and hopes we will be able to attend one or more of the functions the group is planning in the coming months in its fund-raising campaign.

An immediate request is being made by Laurie Dwyer (830538) for books for a forthcoming Boot Fair.



Vicar The Revd Raymond Gilbert, AKC, 23 High Street, Bridge (830250)

Reader Mr Handley Stevens, MA, 6 Bridgeford Way, Bridge (831376)

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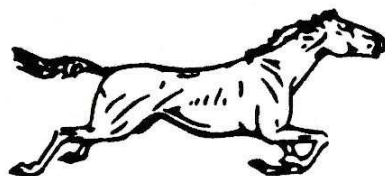


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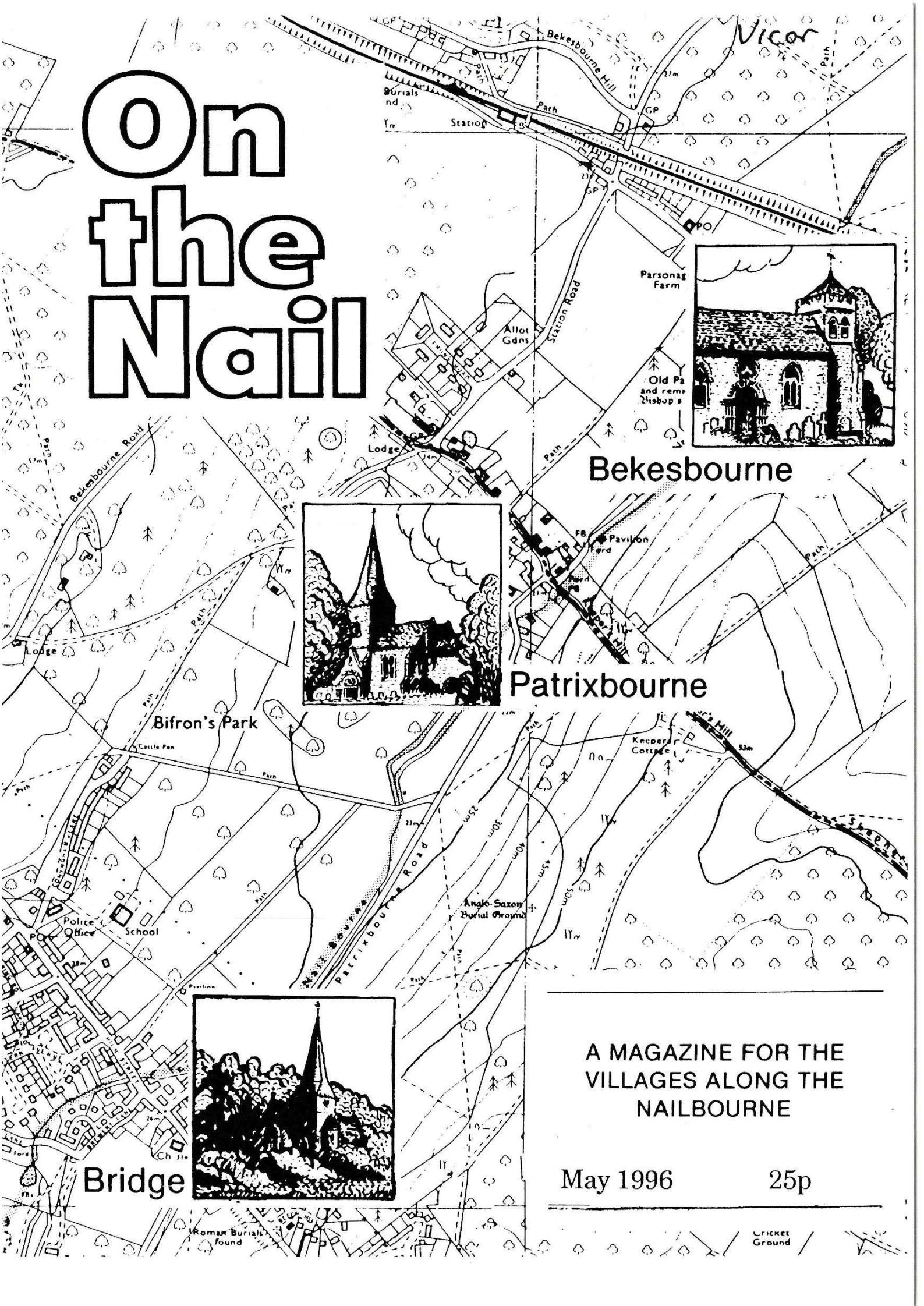
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN MAY

**5th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
11.00am Family Service with Baptism (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

**12th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
*See p.14 for Bekesbourne Rogation Walk*

**19th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Patricbourne*)

### **26th: Pentecost**

8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
11.00pm Family Eucharist Rite A (*Bekesbourne*)  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (*Bridge*)

### **2nd June**

11.00am Benefice Confirmation (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bekesbourne*)

**Junior Church** meets in Bridge Methodist Church, Patricbourne Road from 9.15 to 10.15am every Sunday except the first in the month. It provides an excellent grounding in Christian faith and practice in the Church of England and is much enjoyed by 4 year olds and upwards, for whom it caters. For details and enrolment please contact Mrs Sue Watson (830726).

**Bridge Methodist Church** at 11am: *5th*, Mr Alistair P Barwick, BSc *12th*, Holy Communion, The Revd Mary R Teed *19th*, Dr Doreen M Rosman *26th*, Mr E Ron O'Mahony

**Weekdays** The Holy Communion is celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Wednesdays (*BCP*) at 9.30am and Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am, except 17th. A brief, informal service is held at The New Close on Wednesdays at 2pm, at which outside support and assistance are always most welcome.

## FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

1st *St. Philip and St. James, Apostles*



- 2nd *Friends of Bekesbourne Church Quiz Evening, The Unicorn, 7.30pm*  
*St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher, 373*  
 Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 5th **Fourth Sunday after Easter**
- 8th *Julian of Norwich, Mystic, c1417*  
 Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 9th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.00pm
- 11th Fish Scheme Coffee Morning and Sale, Bridge Village Hall, 10am
- 12th **Fifth Sunday after Easter: Rogation Sunday**  
 See p.4 for a change in services today and next Sunday, to accommodate the Rogationtide Walk around Bekesbourne Parish, starting from Bekesbourne Village Hall at 10.45am.  
*Christian Aid Week* begins today. Please give generously.
- 13th *Rogation Day*
- 14th ***St. Matthias the Apostle: Rogation Day***
- 15th *Rogation Day*
- 16th **Ascension Day**  
 7.30pm Eucharist (*Bridge*)  
 Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 19th **Sunday after Ascension Day**  
 See p.4 for a change in service venues today.  
 Lady Mount's Garden Opening for the *Friends of Bekesbourne Church*, 2-5pm
- 21st Bishops' Visitation, The Cathedral, 7.30pm [This occasion is normally conducted by the Archdeacon and is when churchwardens, sidesmen and PCC members go to the cathedral to be sworn into office. At present there is no Archdeacon.]  
 Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute Resolutions Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 22nd The newly-elected Deanery Synod meets for the first time this evening in Barham Village Hall.
- 23rd Bridge School Governors meet.
- 24th *John and Charles Wesley, Priests, Poets, Teachers, 1791, 1788*  
 Pray today for the worldwide Methodist Church, especially for Bridge Methodists and Mary Teed their minister.
- 25th *Venerable Bede, Priest, Monk of Jarrow, 735*
- 26th **PENTECOST: Whit Sunday**  
 To mark Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, the 11am Family Service at Bekesbourne will be a specially shortened Rite A Eucharist with particular appeal to youngsters.
- 31st *Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth*

## FROM THE VICAR

This month we celebrate the Church's birthday. Which Church? The Church as a whole: not any specific building, nor any particular denomination but the vast company of faithful souls stretching right back to Jesus' disciples, who took him as their Lord and Saviour.

This Church was created by God as the climax of all Jesus did in his life, death and resurrection. It embraces living and departed, men, women and children from east and west. It is into this fellowship that all members are admitted by baptism, and its birth occurred at Pentecost or Whitsun, when the Holy Spirit was given to the first disciples, transforming them from hesitant followers into determined apostles.

You might start to wonder how closely the Church that we know shapes up to that grand ideal. Before coming to too hasty and depressing a conclusion try to gauge the measure of it. The first thing we must do is clear our minds of preconceived ideas to do with keeping ancient buildings open and viable, the constant lack of financial resources, shortage of clergy, the Church Commissioners and their missing millions. Instead look in the direction of *Christian Aid*, whose annual fund-raising week starts on 12th May, and similar organisations that carry Christ's message of salvation through service to poor and underprivileged people. Read the diocesan paper *Outlook* which comes to you each month with *On the Nail*, where you'll discover what the parishes in Canterbury diocese are doing in Christ's cause.

The best and only really successful way to understand the Church is to join it. It's not enough to have been christened as a baby or to put C/E on official forms. To get the full impact of what the Church is and why it's important, quite apart from the bricks and mortar and having enough to pay its way, come and take your place in the company. Experience at first hand the warmth of Christian fellowship to be found in any of the local churches. Perhaps you feel you *can* be a Christian without going to Church, if so you're smarter than those who do go, who find it essential to be together for worship on a regular basis, through which we derive strength for living, not to mention the joy of each other's company.

I'm with a BBCTV producer, who as a Christian writer makes the point that 'If we wish to enter the Christian experience we have no other option but to enter the community of faith and try it out. There is no safe ground from which to survey the territory of faith from a distance without putting our feet on the road.'

Come and join the Church's birthday party, which we shall be celebrating in all three churches on 19th May. I guarantee you won't be disappointed!



## JOYS AND SORROWS

### Baptism

The Christian Church in its early days administered baptism only at Easter, so the Eucharist on Easter morning at Bridge formed the ideal setting for the baptism of GEORGE WILLIAM JOHN NEEDHAM, 3 Bridge Down.

### Obituaries

The sudden death of ALBERT WILLIAM (ALAN) CHARLTON, 2 Bridgeford Way on 25th March came as a terrible blow to Joan, the family and Alan's many friends and acquaintances. Born in East Ham Alan pursued a naval career that included war service in the North Africa Campaign and on convoy support ships. At the cessation of hostilities he moved to Chatham, working at the Naval Dockyard. He and Joan came to Bridge in the sixties, where they enjoyed a happy, fulfilled retirement.

The yet more sudden death of Churchwarden JOAN CARPENTER in the early hours of Easter morning removed from Patrixbourne community and church its most fervent champion.

Joan *was* Patrixbourne and her impact on the community was tremendous, considering what a quiet, reserved person she was. Her life touched all sorts and conditions of people, far more than those who almost filled the Church for her funeral on 19th April. Her body lies in the churchyard, in a spot she chose for herself alongside the graves of her parents. Most of her last day on earth was spent in the church, as Andrea Nicholson records.

On many occasions in the last few months Joan had appeared tired, but on Holy Saturday morning she was animated and happy and gave no cause for concern. She had been planning for Easter for the past few weeks. As in previous years, we had discussed which flowers would be ready; this year the spring was late, so we would have daffodils but no fruit blossom.

When I arrived at the church, Joan's meticulous attention to detail had ensured that all the flowers had arrived and their display in the church was being attended to by her many willing helpers. The Easter lilies were already in place in their vases. Joan helped me to find containers for the windows which we filled with foliage and daffodils. When all was finished throughout the church, she surveyed the results - all was to her satisfaction. After the bleakness of Lent, the sight of the church full of flowers again, filled her with delight.

I then helped Joan fix the 'four seasons' frontal to the altar and again she told me how the plain panels were made from the silk from Mrs



Money's wedding dress. (Mrs Money's memorial window is in the north aisle; she had died in 1946.) We then looked at the lilies by the altar, some of which were from Joan in memory of her parents. She explained how her mother had preferred to see flowers in the church, rather than for them to be outside and caught by the frost.

Going into the Bifrons Chapel, we stopped and looked at the stained-glass window. Joan explained that this Easter window was her favourite. She pointed out the green hill with its three stark crosses on the crucifixion panel and remarked that it always appeared to her that the colours of the Resurrection panel on the right were brighter. We looked carefully at the details of the faces on both panels and at the jewel-encrusted robes of the risen Christ.

She pointed to the crowns above the panels. Here too the colours of the crown above the Resurrection were brighter. Then high at the top of the window we looked at an angel and the words 'Alleluia, Alleluia'. To the left side of the angel there is a coloured alpha motif and to the right an omega: "the Beginning and the End" Joan said.

Joan's life began and ended in Patrixbourne. She knew everyone in the village and often told me stories of past residents and of her childhood here. She had also led an interesting life in service at many grand houses, both hereabout and further afield. Joan loved St. Mary's Church and our lasting memorial of her must be to see that it is cared for, cherished and enjoyed by the myriads of visitors who appreciate its simplicity and peacefulness, as it has been in her lifetime, as both the Churchwarden's daughter and later Churchwarden herself.

### **Bekesbourne Kneelers**

I have a leaflet and order form if anyone would like to make a kneeler for Bekesbourne Church. Tony Fullaway was very enthusiastic about this project, which he got underway, and it would be good if we could continue it. Kneelers cost between £18 and £20, depending on design, plus postage at £3.50 for one, though much cheaper if we order several. Let me know if you would like to look at the designs available.

*Jane Millyard, 830256*

**Bridge with Patrixbourne WI's** annual resolutions will be discussed and voted on on Tuesday, 21st May at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. This will be followed by a 'getting to know you' session led by Gill Harvey, and the month's competition is a bloom from your garden. Volunteers are needed for the top team quiz team on Thursday, 30th May.

*J.H.*

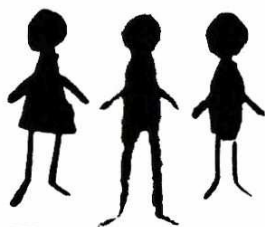


## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 1996, 12-18 May**

In the Canterbury area Christian Aid Week aims to get off to an encouraging start with a special service in the Cathedral at 6.30pm on Sunday, 12th May, when the Bishop of Dover will be the preacher. It is hoped that many people will share in that service and in the week that follows.

Last week there were some roads in our Benefice which were not covered in the annual house-to-house collection and we very much hope that this year we can cover the whole of Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne and Bridge. The more collectors we have, the more people can be given the opportunity to contribute to the world-wide work of Christian Aid, and the more of the world's poorest people could have the hope of *Life BEFORE Death*. Please ring 830003 to offer your help with the collecting and please give as generously as possible.

*Wendy Durell*



## **The Children's Society**

The change this year from house-to-house collection to a Coffee Morning in Bridge proved to be very successful. Thanks to all who donated, contributed, attended and not least the willing helpers, the splendid sum of £476.58 was raised for *The Children's Society*, which gratefully appreciates your support for its work.

*K. Eynon*

### **BENEFICE CONFIRMATION**

After two years when we have had to share with other parishes of the deanery, I am pleased to say that our yearly Confirmation service will once again be focussed on the three churches of this Benefice.

The Bishop of Dover will be in St. Peter's, Bridge on Trinity Sunday morning, 2nd June to celebrate the Eucharist and confirm into full membership of the Church Tony Curran, Louise Andrews, Catherine Dunderdale, Julia Lanaway and Edward Dunderdale. The service is at 11am and will be for all three of the Benefice's congregations. We hope for a 'full house' to give the confirmees a rousing welcome into the community of the Church. Meanwhile, please, lots of prayers for them!

Although Bishop Richard has been to Bridge Church before it was but a fleeting visit when he and the Bishop of Maidstone came to meet the deanery clergy and we all said Evensong together in the church beforehand. However, this will be the first occasion on which he has officiated, so it is appropriate that we come together as a Benefice and welcome our bishop as well as those who are being confirmed by him.

### **Friends of Bekesbourne Church**

The Friends have three events this month which we invite you to support:

- Wednesday, 1st May*      QUIZ EVENING at The Unicorn on Bekesbourne Hill - 7.30pm (Sponsored by The Unicorn) Please enter Teams of Six and book with Cheryl or Clive on 830210 for a fun evening.
- Sunday, 12th May*      ROGATIONTIDE WALK around the Parish - starting 10.45am from Bekesbourne Village Hall and finishing at The Unicorn. A different route this year - guess how far? An outing for all the family - and the dog!
- Sunday, 19th May*      LADY MOUNT'S OPEN GARDEN 2 - 5pm  
Lady Mount has kindly agreed to open her lovely garden again in aid of Bekesbourne Church. There will be a Plant Stall, a Cake Stall and Games for all the family + Teas and delicious Cakes. Do come and join us!

### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

The May meeting will be at the Methodist Church on Thursday, 16th May at 7.30pm. There will be a talk and demonstration on *Floral Art* by Mrs G Snashall.

*B Anderson*

**A Fund-raising Day** in aid of The Royal College of Radiologists' Appeal for the detection and treatment of cancer will be held on Thursday, 6th June at 18 Conyngham Lane.

### **BEKESBOURNE CHURCH**

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**PARISH OF BRIDGE**  
**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING**

More than forty people attended the Annual Parish Meeting to hear reports on the year's work from Parish Council Chairman, Mervyn Gulvin. Summarising the interests and responsibilities of individual councillors he thanked them for their hard work and support throughout the year, and paid particular tribute to Cllr John Hill, who had stood down as Chairman in May 1995 after sixteen years service. Cllr Gulvin looked forward to the completion of the Village Appraisal and the publication of its findings, which he felt would provide a framework for the coming decade. Planning issues had occupied much of the Council's time and current concerns were for the proposal by private developers to build a service station and other facilities on the Downs above Barham, and Canterbury City Council's proposal for a Park and Ride site on land adjacent to the Gate Inn. The Parish Council opposed both proposals and this opposition was shared by a majority of those present.

Reports from both City Councillor David Pentin and County Councillor Martin Vye were read in their absence. Cllr Pentin supported the Park and Ride proposal but would oppose any plans to locate a coach park at the site, should such a proposal be revived by the City Council. Cllr Vye noted the constraints on the County Council budget but stressed the positive aspects for education. He also stated his opposition to the proposed service station on Barham Downs.

Mr John Round, Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, reported a satisfactory year for the hall during which income rose, improvements had been undertaken and a healthy financial balance for the coming year had been achieved.

Following a discussion of various village matters, including the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and traffic calming, Cllr Emily Shirley asked for support for local shops and facilities. She stressed their importance in the life of the village and asked for suggestions to encourage greater numbers of local people to shop locally.

The evening closed with an interesting illustrated talk by Mrs Ann Shirley, formerly a curator at the National Maritime Museum, on the early exploration of the Arctic and Antarctic.

## **FISH NEWS**

Please come to the annual fund-raising coffee morning and sale on Saturday, 11th May at 10am in Bridge Village Hall. As usual there will be excellent bargains in the way of cakes and plants.



There will also be a Blossom Tour on the 1st May and the Coffee Pop-In on the 8th.

The Fish Scheme needs a volunteer for a pleasant and greatly appreciated job in connection with the Housebound Library Service. For the past twelve years Mr Bill Johnson has met the Mobile Library at about 9.50am on Tuesday each fortnight on Town Hill. He delivers the books to four people in the village and returns them to the Mobile Library at Western Avenue at 4.45pm on Thursday. Bill would like to pass this on to somebody younger but he will take time to show you the ropes and introduce you to the recipients. He thinks a car is essential but a mileage allowance is paid. Please give serious thought to helping some villagers in this way. You will make some good friends. A.R.

### **Bridge Parish Council Meeting - April**

The last meeting of the Parish Council's year took place on Thursday 11th April. After dealing with minor points rising from the Annual Parish Meeting, councillors dealt with various items concerning environmental matters. The commemorative oak has been planted in the Recreation Ground and is being cared for by Cllrs Emily Shirley and Joan Monk. Traffic surveys will shortly be carried out in the village by Kent County Council to assess the need for a pedestrian crossing.

Following views expressed at the Annual Parish Meeting, councillors confirmed their opposition to the siting of a Park and Ride south of the Gate Inn. City Councillor David Pentin will be invited to the May meeting to discuss the various issues with councillors.

It was agreed to offer financial assistance, if required, to Kingston Parish Council to meet possible legal costs at the forthcoming public inquiry into the proposed service station and other facilities on Barham Downs. The meeting confirmed that such assistance would be met from Parish Council reserves.

The next meeting of the Parish Council, at which the chairman and vice-chairman for the coming year will be elected, will take place on Thursday, 9th May at 7.00pm.

### **BRIDGE CHURCH LIBRARY**

For anyone who doesn't know, the shelves of books in the open space at the back of St. Peter's Church are a lending library, from which all are welcome to borrow, but PLEASE record the fact in the book provided. Currently twenty titles are missing, unaccounted for. Could you please check to see if you have borrowed a book but haven't returned it. All books have the church's name inside the front cover. Don't worry, there are no fines!



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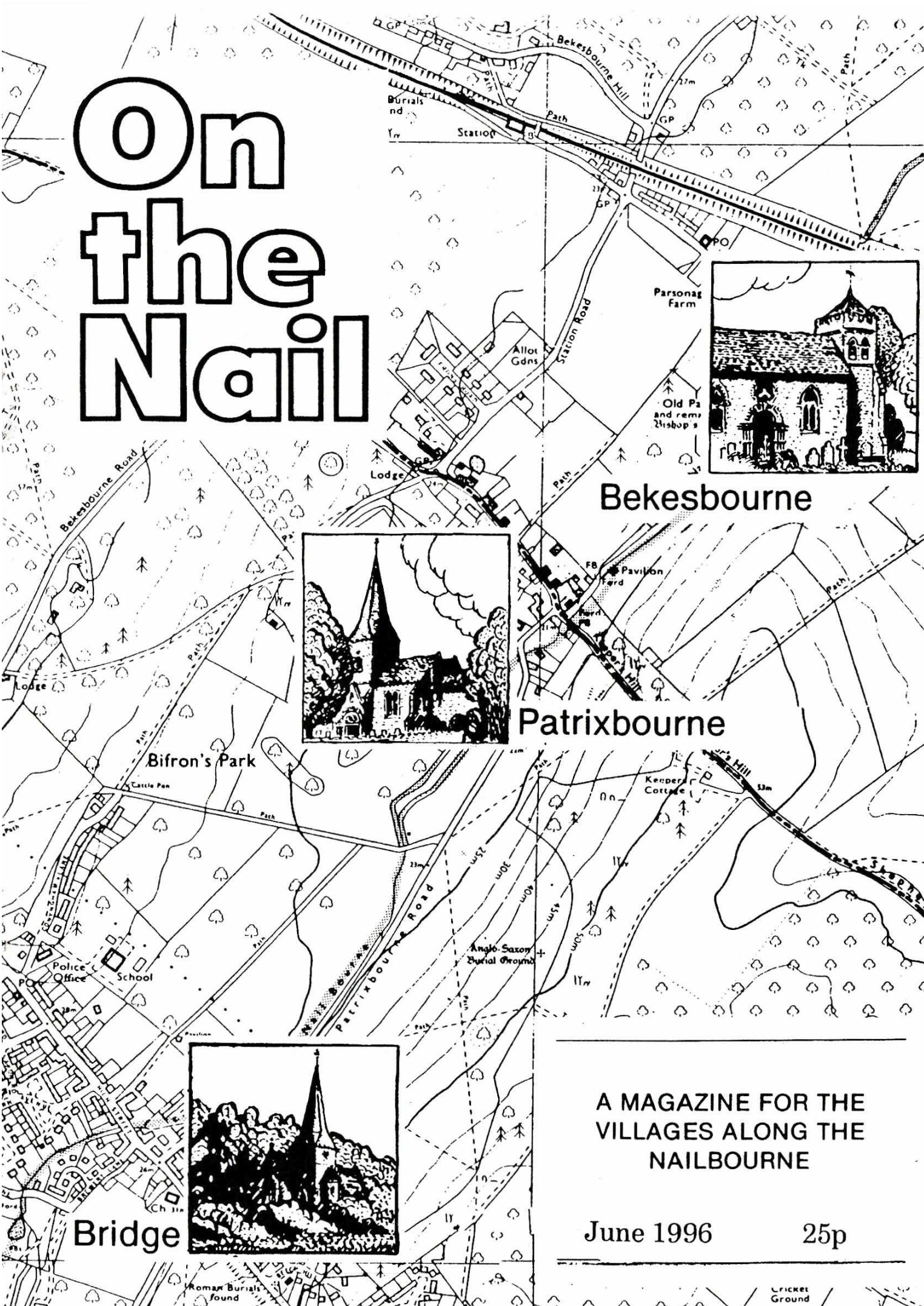
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN JUNE

- 2nd** 11.00am Benefice Confirmation (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bekesbourne*)
- 9th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Patricbourne*)
- 16th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)
- 23rd** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
11.00pm Family Service with Baptism (*Bekesbourne*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)
- 30th** 10.30am Benefice Eucharist (*Patricbourne*)(*Revd J Shorrocks*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bekesbourne*)(*Mr Handley Stevens*)
- 7th July**  
8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)(*Revd J Shorrocks*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)(*Revd J Shorrocks*)  
11.00 Family Service (*Bridge*)(*Mr Handley Stevens*)  
7.00pm Organ Recital: Frank Conley (*Patricbourne*)

**Junior Church** meets in Bridge Methodist Church, Patricbourne Road from 9.15 to 10.15am every Sunday except the first in the month. It provides an excellent grounding in Christian faith and practice in the Church of England and is much enjoyed by 4 year olds and upwards, for whom it caters. For details and enrolment please contact Mrs Sue Watson (830726).

**Bridge Methodist Church** at 11am: *2nd*, Mr Leslie Dron *9th*, Holy Communion, The Revd Mary R Teed *16th*, The Revd David Marshall, Superintendent *23rd*, Chapel Anniversary, The Revd Mary R Teed *30th*, Mrs Christine Ovenden

**Weekdays** The Holy Communion is celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Wednesdays (*BCP*) at 9.30am, except 26th and Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am, except 7th and 28th. A brief, informal service is held at The New Close on Wednesdays at 2pm, at which outside support and assistance are always most welcome.



## FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st *Justin, Martyr at Rome, c165*
- 2nd **Trinity Sunday**  
The one morning service is the Benefice Confirmation at Bridge at 11am, conducted by the Bishop of Dover. Those to be confirmed are Louise Andrews, Catherine Dunderdale, Julia Lanaway, Tony Curran and Edward Dunderdale. Evensong this evening is at Bekesbourne at 6.30pm.
- 5th *St. Boniface, Bishop, Missionary, Martyr, 754*
- 6th *Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion*  
Fund-raising at 18 Conyngham Lane, 10.00-noon & 2.00-3.30. Raffle, Bring & Buy, etc  
Celebratory Eucharist, St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 9th **Second Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity 1**
- 11th *St. Barnabas the Apostle*
- 12th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 13th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 14th *St. Basil the Great, Bishop, Teacher, 379*
- 16th **Third Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity 2**  
The churches of this benefice are invited to a picnic lunch at Riverside Cottage, Patrixbourne at 12.30pm. Further details on page 8.
- 18th Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 21st Pray for the Clergy of East Bridge Deanery who meet this morning in Chapter.
- 22nd *St. Alban, First English Martyr, c209*  
**BRIDGE VILLAGE FETE**
- 23rd **Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity 3**  
The 11am Family Service at Bekesbourne will include a baptism.
- 24th *Birth of St. John the Baptist*
- 28th *St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Martyr, c200*
- 29th *St. Peter the Apostle, Patron of Bridge and Bekesbourne*  
*Friends of Bekesbourne Church Boot Fair*
- 30th **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity 4**  
The Revd John Shorrock will celebrate today's Benefice Eucharist in St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne at 10.30am. 6.30pm Evensong, conducted by Reader Handley Stevens is at Bekesbourne.

## FROM THE VICAR

Apart from half a page of advertisements page 17 of *On The Nail* invariably lists those who hold certain official positions in the churches here. Because they

appear every month I suspect few bother to consult the list, though admittedly the names, addresses and phone numbers are printed purely for purposes of reference.

Coming at the end of April it was too late to mention the Annual Parochial Church Meetings of either parish of this benefice in the May edition of *On The Nail*, so I do so now specifically to draw attention to one or two changes to the page 17 names and addresses. Over the past twelve months two of our churchwardens have died: Tony Fullaway of Bekesbourne in January and Joan Carpenter of Patrixbourne at Easter, and both needed replacing.

Andrea Nicholson has taken over from Joan as second churchwarden of Patrixbourne with Bridge, and her appointment was received with pleasure at the APCM in Bridge School on 25th April. Andrea supported Joan Carpenter in many ways, the two working well together since they shared a like enthusiasm for all things Patrixbourne: Andrea's very moving obituary to Joan in the May issue shows just what an understanding relationship existed between them.

For several years Bekesbourne has only had one churchwarden, although there should always be two to a parish. Tony's death meant we were without even one, so it was with some relief and much delight at the annual meeting that we welcomed as the new churchwardens of St. Peter's, Bekesbourne Jane Millyard and Ian Gillanders.

The office of churchwarden is a very ancient one and until a few years ago was open to any resident of the parish concerned, irrespective of their religious affiliations or lack of them. Nowadays the position is the most senior one a lay person can hold in a parish and the precise details were spelt out by the Bishop of Dover when he formally admitted them to office in the cathedral last month. In his address to the assembled churchwardens he described their duties thus: 'In broad terms they are twofold - you are an officer of the Bishop in the parish, and you are a custodian of church property. ... You are the Bishop's *lay* representatives in the parish, while the parish priest is the Bishop's *episcopal* representative.'

In welcoming the three new churchwardens of this benefice I want to pay a grateful tribute to Churchwarden Peter Lawrence, who over many years has carried out his duties with a diligence and devotion few are aware of, at the same time bringing a sense of ministry to it that is so valuable for the life of the church here.

Please remember to include all four churchwardens regularly in your prayers for the work of the church in the Benefice of Patrixbourne with Bridge and Bekesbourne.



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## JOYS AND SORROWS

### Baptism

Bridge Family Service on 5th May welcomed into the Christian Church through Baptism baby MEGAN LAURA LATHAM, 16 Riverside Close. This was very much a family occasion since the Lathams are regular attenders at Bridge and Megan's father, David is one of our Deanery Synod Representatives and also a member of the PCC.

### Funerals

Barham Crematorium Chapel was filled to overflowing with family and friends for the funeral of JAMES (JIM) TAMSITT, 45 Union Road, on 15th May. Jim was a Bridge man through and through, had been a very caring psychiatric nurse in his working life and a popular village resident in retirement. His interest in local history made him an obvious choice for chairman of the recently formed Bridge Historical Society. As a boy in wartime Canterbury he was chosen to be a child actor in the feature film *A Canterbury Tale* that has become an interesting

historical archive of Canterbury after the blitz. Jim had a speaking part in the film and it was a proud moment when he and Wyn were invited to a special re-run in the local cinema a few years ago.

A large company of ex-colleagues and friends gathered in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on 21st May for the funeral prior to cremation at Barham of WILLIAM CARR, "Wayside", 18 High Street. William and his wife Thea came to Bridge about twelve years ago and quickly adhered themselves to the local community and all involved in the musical and theatrical life of Canterbury. Their contacts were, however, much wider, in the main through William's earlier working life as a stage actor, when he appeared in both plays and musicals. Just prior to his retirement he was chief immigration officer at Dover and since retiring he and Thea have travelled widely visiting Thea's family in Australia, New Zealand and North America.

William was a man of wide interests and skills, an accomplished pianist and composer of songs, a poet, potter and singer. Bridge Choir was always glad of his and Thea's help at Carol Services and on other big occasions.

The cremation of GEORGE STILL, Palma, Beech Hill, took place at Barham on 24th May and on the same day at Canterbury Cemetery ERNEST OVENDEN, Dering Road was laid to rest following a service in the cemetery chapel.

### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

Members of Bridge and Patricbourne Women's Institute are asked to take a knife and fork, plate and glass to the June meeting for a birthday supper. This is on Tuesday, 18th June at 7.30pm. Please see the WI noticeboard for details of the June competition. J.H.

### **BENEFICE PICNIC LUNCH**

Members of our three churches are invited to bring a picnic lunch to the garden of Riverside Cottage, Patricbourne on Sunday, 16th June at 12.30pm. A barbecue will be available if you would like to cook your own sausages, etc, and please also bring a rug or garden chairs. In addition to the lunch, for the more energetic there will be a game of rounders or a treasure hunt around the village. If on the day the weather is unsettled ring the Nicholsons on 830947 to see if the picnic is on or not.

### **FISH NEWS**

First, very many thanks to everyone who supported the Fish Sale on 11th May. Over £250 was raised. The Fish Scheme is particularly grateful to the village businesses who gave so generously when so many demands are made of them.



The next Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, 12th June at the usual times.

If you would like to help or be helped by the Fish Scheme please telephone Ann Medhurst on 830762 or Jean Johnson on 830376. A.R.

### **FISHERS OF MEN**

*by Pat Kusel*

This was the theme of the April Family Service at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. Following the opening hymn the children acted out the story of Jesus appearing to the disciples at Lake Galilee and telling them where to find fish to get a huge catch. He asked Peter three times if he loved him, thereby forgiving Peter for denying him three times, and finally instructed him to be a fisher of men.

The children then sang the old chorus *I will make you fishers of men*, the congregation joining in for a second rendition. The vicar then spoke about Peter and his place among the disciples and the vital role he played in establishing the Christian Church. To round off the service the Vicar taught everyone a new hymn connected with the theme of the service and they tackled it with gusto.

This month's Family Service is on 23rd and will include a baptism. Hope to see you all there!

### **FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH**

First, our thanks to Cheryl and Clive at The Unicorn, who very kindly sponsored a QUIZ NIGHT on 1st May, which raised £82.05 for our funds, and everyone present had a most enjoyable evening. We do appreciate all that Cheryl and Clive do to support Bekesbourne Church.

Our second event in May was the ROGATIONTIDE WALK, when again we were blessed with a lovely day (although farmers and gardeners longed for rain). 47 walkers of all ages, plus numerous dogs, came along for a delightful walk around our parish, with appropriate stops when the Vicar led us in prayer to ask God's blessing on the produce of our farms, our work, on our travelling and on our homes. Once again we included a visit to the ruined Well Chapel and had the opportunity to remember those who worshipped there before its active life came to an end in the fifteenth century.

*Stop Press* The garden opening at Woolton Farm, about which a more detailed and accurate report will appear next month, raised in the region of £570-590.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Our second BOOT FAIR will take place on Saturday, 29th June - please book pitches with Zan Clifford on 830328.

### **Bekesbourne Church - Cleaning & Flower Rota**

1st, Jane Millyard 8th, Mrs Watson 15th & 22nd, Zan Clifford 29th, Lois Whigham

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

#### **Bridge Crime update: April**

Burglary Dwelling	1
Theft from Vehicle	3
Theft of Vehicle	1
Criminal Damage	1
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>6</i>

These figures bring the crime total in 1996 so far to 42!

### **USPG**

#### **The United Society for the Propogation of the Gospel**

Every year donations are made by Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC to various bodies who in one way or another assist the Church in its worldwide work. This is done not only to help them but to help us identify with Christians and their activities beyond our parish boundaries.

For many years now we have linked ourselves specifically with the missionary society USPG, which assists certain dioceses of the Anglican Communion beyond these shores. Of late missionary societies have felt the pinch not just from the National Lottery but also from charities of a more immediate and high-profile nature. With that in mind, when deciding how the annual sum to be given away shall be allocated, I make sure USPG receives most of it.

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Under the headline *Sharing Faith in Action* I recently received a letter of introduction from Richard Sewell, USPG's Fieldworker for the Dioceses of London, Southwark, Rochester and Canterbury, in which he writes:

'May I invite you to join with me in promoting mission and the world church in this area. USPG seeks to convince every Christian of their responsibility to participate in the mission of God in the whole world. I



need a team of volunteers to work out what this means locally, supported and resourced by USPG's paid staff.'

Among the tasks he mentions are parish representatives to act as links between USPG and the local church, presumably on similar lines to Kathy Eynon's work for *The Children's Society*. The degree of involvement is up to the volunteer but it would be useful to have someone here who could keep us abreast of USPG and its work. If this appeals to you or you would like to know more see me and I will put you in touch with Richard Sewell, who is based at Tooting in London.

### **BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL: MAY MEETING**

At the May meeting of the Parish Council, which was also the Annual Meeting of the Council, Reg Franklin was elected Chairman for the coming year, and John Hill is the new Vice-chairman. Membership of the various sub-committees was also agreed.

There was no fresh information on the proposed Park and Ride facility and councillors hope to have the opportunity of putting their views to City Councillor David Pentin at the June meeting.

New surveys for the proposed work on the Nailbourne Stream have now been completed by consulting engineers Messrs WS Atkins Water and they hope to organize a public meeting in the village shortly to present their proposals. All interested parties and particularly those residents affected by the scheme, together with any other local residents and representatives from Canterbury City Council are welcome to attend. The date will be publicised on the village notice board as soon as it is arranged.

New legislation to control dog-fouling is expected to come into force in the summer and a letter will be delivered to all households asking for their co-operation in reducing this nuisance. Dog owners are asked to clear up after their pets where necessary and all residents are reminded that Canterbury City bye-laws do apply in the village and can be enforced for persistent offences.

Recent planning applications included 32 Conyngham Lane - single storey side extensions to dwelling; The Dacha, Patricbourne Road: two storey rear extension to dwelling; 15 Green Court - erection of brick wall and repositioning of fencing. Planning permission has been granted in respect of alterations to High Beech, Patricbourne Road, renovations to Bridge Hill House, Bridge Down and the change of use of the Old Depot, Mill Lane for use as a scout and guide headquarters.

*Margaret Church, Clerk*

## **What does the Commissioners' good financial performance in 1995 mean for the parishes?**

***Why must the parishes pay more towards clergy stipends and pensions if the Church Commissioners' assets have gone up?***

The Commissioners' performance in 1995 shows that the reforms and improvements in investment policy and management over the last few years are bearing fruit. However, because the Commissioners are still distributing more money than they can afford if their assets are to grow to support tomorrow's clergy, they must continue the planned reductions in allocations towards clergy stipends. They must also, with the rest of the Church, plan to share the cost of clergy pensions.

***But surely if the assets have gone up by £300 million, this money can be used towards stipends and pensions?***

The capital values of assets rise and fall. The increase of £300 million is a rise in the capital value of the Commissioners' assets, but many other funds also prospered in 1995. Not every year will be the same. The Commissioners' long term strategy is for their resources to grow in line with their commitments to protect all their beneficiaries, who are tomorrow's clergy as well as today's. This requires a sustainable level of expenditure which can survive rises and falls in capital values.

***But why can't the Commissioners continue to distribute high levels of income if that is what their assets are earning?***

The Commissioners have extracted a high level of income from their assets in recent years to meet growing expenditure commitments. This has led to the assets becoming too heavily weighted in investments which produce this higher income, but at the expense of capital growth. To achieve income growth at the same rate as expenditure, the Commissioners are rebalancing their assets towards stock exchange equities which will produce both capital *and* income growth. This rebalancing process reduces income in the short term - which is why the Commissioners' financial contribution to the ministry is reducing - but enables future growth.

***Will the Commissioners ever be able to pay a higher proportion of clergy stipends again?***

Whether the amount provided in the future can increase depends on long term investment performance. The Commissioners will continue to pay for past service pensions and to target their more limited funds on the neediest dioceses. The good performance in 1995 continues progress towards more stable support for the Church's nationwide ministry.

***Where can I find out more?***

Further information, including the Commissioners' Annual Report, is freely available from the Communications Department at the Commissioners (0171 222 7010/1 ext. 4269).



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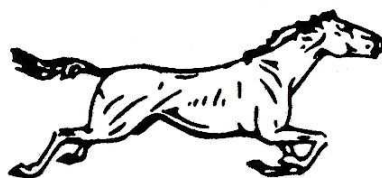
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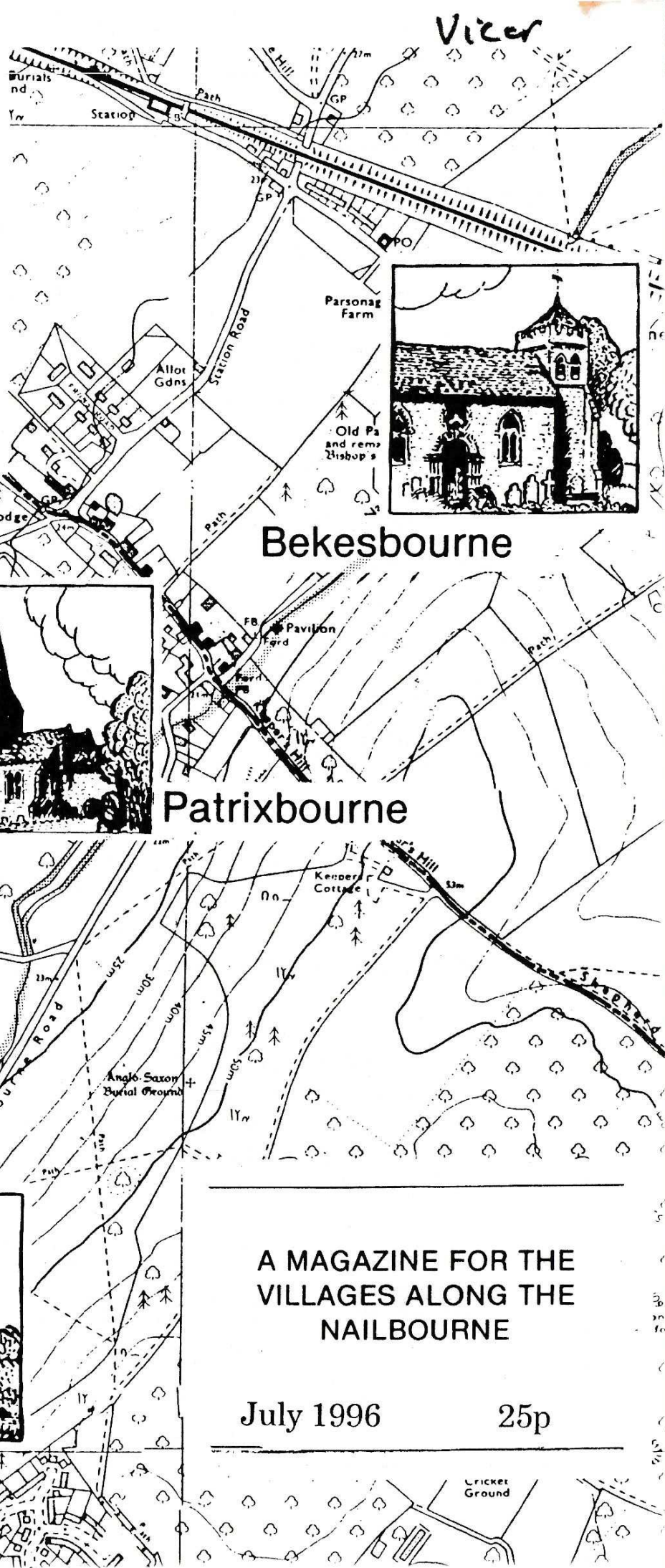
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN JULY

- 7th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)(*Revd J Shorrocks*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)(*Revd J Shorrocks*)  
11.00 Family Service (*Bridge*)(*Mr Handley Stevens*)  
7.00pm Organ Recital: Frank Conley (*Patricbourne*)
- 14th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Patricbourne*)
- 21st** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)
- 28th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
11.00am Family Service (*Bekesbourne*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)
- 4th August**  
8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
11.00am Family Service with Baptism (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

**Junior Church** meets in Bridge Methodist Church, Patricbourne Road each Sunday, except the first in the month from 9.15 to 10.15am. It provides an excellent grounding in Christian faith and practice in the Church of England and is much enjoyed by 4 year olds and upwards, for whom it caters. For details and enrolment please contact Mrs Sue Watson (830726).

**Bridge Methodist Church** at 11am: *7th*, Mr John Whalan *14th*, Dr. Christine Pilkington *21st*, Holy Communion, The Revd Mary R Teed *28th*, Mrs Rita Maxwell

**Weekdays** The Holy Communion is celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Wednesdays (*BCP*) at 9.30am, except 3rd and 10th and Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am, except 5th and 12th. A brief, informal service is held at The New Close on Wednesdays at 2pm, at which outside support and assistance are always most welcome.



## FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 3rd ***St. Thomas the Apostle***
- 4th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, 7 Windmill Close, 7pm
- 6th ***St. Thomas More, Martyr, 1535***
- 7th **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity 5**
- 10th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 11th ***St. Benedict, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c550***  
Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 14th **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity 6**
- 16th Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute, 'Caldy', Patrixbourne Road, 7.00pm
- 18th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 19th Pray for Marie Bridger and David Heward, to be married this afternoon at Bridge.
- 20th Pray for Sarah Millyard and Colin Cole, to be married today at Bekesbourne.
- 21st **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity 7**
- 22nd ***St. Mary Magdalen***
- 25th ***St. James the Apostle***
- 26th ***St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary***
- 27th A Service of Words and Music in memory of William Carr, St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 3pm
- 28th **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity 8**

## FROM THE VICAR

If your name is Anne, or even Ann, then you may be interested to glance at the diary column just above where you're reading, to discover the origin, though not the meaning, of your name.

St. Anne, according to the Church's calendar, though she doesn't appear in the Bible, was the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Obviously Mary *had* a mother, though the historical evidence about her and her name is far from reliable. In fact, our only source of information about St. Anne is a second century writing known as the *Protevangelium of James*, a collection of stories about Jesus's infancy believed to have been compiled by a Jewish Christian named James, who may or may not have been St. James the apostle. It consists of a highly embellished version of the account of the events recorded at the beginning of St. Luke's Gospel. Where the author got his information no one knows but he it is who names not only Mary's mother, Anne but her father, Joachim as well. The writer claims Mary's birth was promised to the aged and childless Anne and Joachim by the message of an angel, a story strangely parallel to that of the birth of the Old Testament prophet Samuel. To anyone of a critical turn of mind it's

rather significant that Samuel's mother's name was Hannah, the original of the names Anna or Anne.

None of this affects anyone's eternal salvation, but it's an interesting saga. Mary's parents certainly existed, whatever they were called, but with some Saints whose names appear in the Christian calendar there is every likelihood they had no reality outside some pious person's imagination. Take St. Christopher, for example. The story of the gigantic 'Christ bearer' (that's what 'Christopher' means) though intriguing is probably purely legendary. Indeed the RC Church some years ago removed him from the calendar on the basis that he never existed. The same fate befell England's patron St. George, who was also given the papal chop.

To be hyper-sceptical I suspect the majority of names that currently appear in the Church's calendar would be hardpressed to keep their place, so dubious is their claim to existence, let alone sainthood. In which case we'd be left with only a minority of the present list, survivors being the likes of St. Peter, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Thomas Becket, for whom there is plenty of reliable evidence.

So what? Does any of this really matter? After all, whoever they were they're all dead and gone, and no matter how they lived and died it won't affect us either way in our modern, high-tech world. Yes, it does matter, for we neglect the saints to our disadvantage. In even the more questionable cases we have an example of devotion to our Lord that it's in all our interests to copy, but more importantly, the Saints, like the Lord they served, live on in the kingdom of their Father and ours. Saints are not dead Christians, but living Christians who once died, and that makes all the difference between rejecting them out of hand and rejoicing in their heavenly company, as the church does in its worship every time 'with angels, and archangels, and with all the company of heaven' we praise God's holy name.

## **JOYS & SORROWS**

### **Baptism**

The baptism took place in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on 9th June of GABY ALEXANDRA FREEMAN, 15 Querns Road, Canterbury. Gaby's parents are Tracey (née Vaughan) and Michael Freeman, she is Rae and Brian Vaughan's grand-daughter.

### **Funerals**

Family and friends gathered in Canterbury Cemetery Chapel for the funeral of



ERNEST JAMES OVENDEN on Friday, 24th May. He died at St. Martin's Hospital after a long illness.

Ern was born on Boxing Day 1913 at Brook Place, Bridge. He was the seventh child in a family of four boys and four girls. Their father was Head-Gardener for Mr Anderson at Bridge Hill House. The family moved to a lovely house called 'The Gardens' and lived there until the second world war.

Ern attended Bridge School and started work as a gardener. Later he became a lorry driver for Yeomans of Canterbury which became part of British Road Services. He travelled to many parts of the country as a result of his work and was always glad to get back to his home and family at Bridge.

Ern and Emma Julia were married at Bridge Church in October 1937 and they lived in the same house in Dering Road, Bridge until his death. He will be greatly missed by all his family and many old friends.

Those at The New Close are naturally accustomed to deaths among the residents but the passing of DOROTHY MAY WHITCOMBE on 3rd June was greeted with particular sadness by all who knew her. Her only local contact was as a New Close resident but in her time there she became much loved as a pleasant, appreciative, quiet lady. A simple cremation service took place at Barham on 11th June, at which the vicar officiated.

Older residents of Bekesbourne well remember Mrs KATHLEEN DEEBANK as the life and soul of the village's social scene, most notably in the now defunct Bekesbourne Women's Institute, of which she was treasurer and a leading light.

Known to everybody as Mrs Deebank she first came to live at Bekesbourne with her husband in 1943. Before the war and from their marriage in 1932 the Deebanks ran a small-holding at Knutsfield in Surrey. When the war came they moved to Wingham (Mrs Deebank had lived there as a child) before coming to Bekesbourne to run yet another small-holding at St. Quentin in Bekesbourne Lane. When Mr Deebank died the small-holding was broken up but Mrs Deebank carried on living in the house and spent the rest of her life there. She would have been 96 next month.

The vicar officiated at a funeral service in Bekesbourne Church on 18th June and at the interment in the churchyard afterwards.

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Mrs Thea Carr has asked me to pass on to all concerned her most grateful thanks for the very many tokens of affection and support sent on the sad occasion of her husband William's death. She and William greatly appreciated the warmth and friendship shown to them by so many throughout their 15 years in Bridge.

Those who knew William will wish to know of the Memorial Service for him to take place in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Saturday, 27th July at 3pm. Included in the service will be tributes from William's actor friends, Ronnie Stevens and Flo Kingdon and an address from BBC producer Tony Broughton. Members of the London Bach Society will sing two Bach chorales and anthems by Purcell and Brahms, and Elizabeth Poole will sing three of William's songs.

### **Friends of Bekesbourne Church**

**OPEN GARDEN:** We were fortunate to have a fine and sunny afternoon for the second occasion on which Lady Mount has very kindly opened her lovely garden in aid of Bekesbourne Church. We do thank her for her support and for the excellent facilities which enabled us to raise £570 (exactly the same as last year!). 165 people came and we had more stalls than last year. Everyone worked hard and our thanks to all who supported us and contributed to a very successful afternoon.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** BARN DANCE on Friday, 20th September in Bekesbourne Village Hall and HARVEST FESTIVAL in church on Sunday, 6th October.  
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The annual Summer Show will be held on Saturday, 27th July at the Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne: open to the public at 2.30pm. As usual teas will be served during the afternoon and the presentation of cups, etc will be at 4.00pm.



There are classes for all members to exhibit, including the children. Please help to make it a success. Schedules are available from Bridge Post Office and Mrs B Anderson, 7 Dering Road.

### **BENEFICE CONFIRMATION, 2nd JUNE**



A most inspiring Benefice Confirmation Service took place in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Trinity Sunday, 2nd June, when five people were confirmed by the Bishop of Dover, who was making his first official visit to the benefice.

The service was in the setting of the Eucharist, with the bishop celebrating and preaching. After the service, at which 77 made their communion, drinks were served in the open area at the back of the church and a specially-made, iced confirmation cake was eaten. We were delighted to welcome back for the occasion the Barnard family and Eric and Jean Hopkins, who had come to support past members of Junior Church at their confirmation.

Pictured outside the church immediately after the service are the bishop, vicar, four churchwardens and the candidates *from left to right* Edward and Catherine Dunderdale, Louise Andrews, Julia Lanaway and Tony Curran.

## THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS' APPEAL

*Dr Stuart Field writes:*

Once again the Royal College of Radiologists' Appeal has benefited from the generosity of Mrs Margaret Jones.

The object of the appeal is to raise money for further research into improved methods of diagnosis and treatment. Fellows and Members of the College comprise **Clinical Radiologists** (Radiologists or X-ray Doctors) who spend much of their time diagnosing diseases using X-rays, and **Clinical Oncologists** (Radiotherapists) who spend all of their time treating patients with cancer. The appeal was launched in 1995 and already over £½ million has been raised. Some of this money has been used to "pump prime" a number of research projects which have been approved by the College.

Last year Margaret donated the £600 raised from her very successful fund-raising day to the appeal and this year she has kindly agreed to do the same. She tells me that even more money was raised this year but we will have to wait until next month for the final total, because the money is still coming in!

Fellows of the College living in Bridge (Drs Bodger, Coltart and Field) are most grateful to Margaret for her great generosity and thank all those people who supported her successful fund-raising day and so enabled such a generous donation to be made.

**THE RED CROSS WEEK** house-to-house collection (and the street collection in Bridge) proved to be most successful again and the society is so grateful to all who donated and collected.

The following splendid amounts were raised:

*Bekesbourne* £25.41

*Bridge* £304.15

*Patixbourne* £63.67

## CHRISTIAN AID

Donations to *Christian Aid* this year from Bridge, Patixbourne and Bekesbourne came to £493.04. Thank you very much to all who gave time and/or money to this worthy cause.

*Wendy Durell*



## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Grateful thanks to the 31 holders of the boxes which were emptied in April and May and raised the total of £301.94 for the Society's funds, proving once again how quickly the pence can become pounds when saved.

If anyone else would like to join in this painless but valued way of saving your small change to help the charity, home boxes can be obtained from Kathy Eynon, Bridge Down, tel:830466. They are normally emptied once a year or when they are full.

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The Kent Committee is holding a SUMMER FAIR on Sunday, 21st July from 1.00 to 4.00pm at Torry Hill, Frinstead, near Sittingbourne, all proceeds going to *The Children's Society*. Admission is free, there will be many events and stalls, raffle, refreshments, etc, and all are welcome to join in a fun afternoon.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MAY UPDATE

### Bekesbourne/Patrixbourne

<i>Type of Crime</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Total 1996</i>
Burglary Dwelling	-	3
Burglary other than Dwelling	-	4
Theft	1	5
Theft from Vehicle	1	4
Theft of Vehicle	-	1
Theft of Cycle	-	2
Criminal Damage	-	1
Other Crimes	1	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Co-ordinator, Malcolm Howells warns those tempted to leave windows, especially at ground-floor level, open of their vulnerability, where burglary is concerned and encourages you to keep your NWS link person posted if you are going away on holiday, as provision for security of your property can be made.

**Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute** meets on Tuesday, 16th July at the earlier time of 7 o'clock and in the garden of 'Caldy', Patrixbourne Road, by kind permission of Mrs Mary Lanaway. There won't be a speaker but there will be a Bring and Buy Stall and raffle.

*J.H.*

## BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - JUNE MEETING

**Park and Ride Site** Councillors met City Councillor David Pentin to put the Parish Council's views on the proposed Park and Ride site. In the light of fresh information from the City Council's Planning Department, the Parish Council continues to press its case with the Canterbury District Draft Local Plan Inquiry Inspector.

**Flowering Tub and Hanging Basket Competition** The annual competition for commercial premises in the village will again take place, with judging in the middle of July. The Council decided to suspend the competition for private households this year, thanking all those who had taken part and hoping that the fine displays of previous years would nevertheless be repeated.

**Planning matters** Planning applications considered were CA/96/0410/BRI: 5 The Close, Union Road - 660mm single brick wall to boundary front, on which the Council made no comment. The Council raised objections to the following: CA/96/0434/BRI: 2 Western Avenue - two storey and first-floor extension to shop with flat over. CA/96/0499/BRI and CA/96/0020/BRI: 84 High Street - demolition of three garages and erection of detached house with integral garage. CA/96/0424/BRI: land at Whitehill Woods and CA/96/0392/BEK: land at Highland Court, both for the erection of 15m telecommunications masts with associated dishes, antennae and ground level fencing and equipment.

*Margaret Church, Clerk*

## FISH NEWS

The next Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday, 10th July. Please remember that new faces are very welcome and transport can be arranged by telephoning Ann Medhurst, 830762.

Our thanks go to all the volunteer drivers. Please consider whether you can help with the occasional lift for somebody. It is always greatly appreciated and enjoyable.

*A.R.*

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*20th Wedding*

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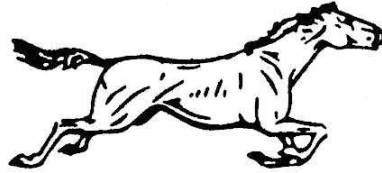
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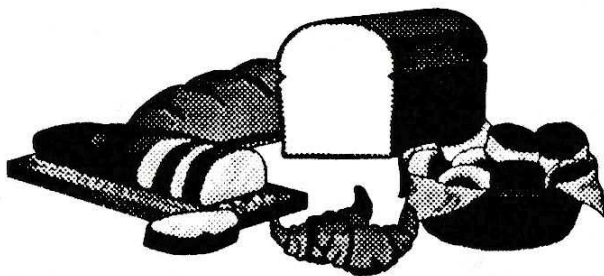
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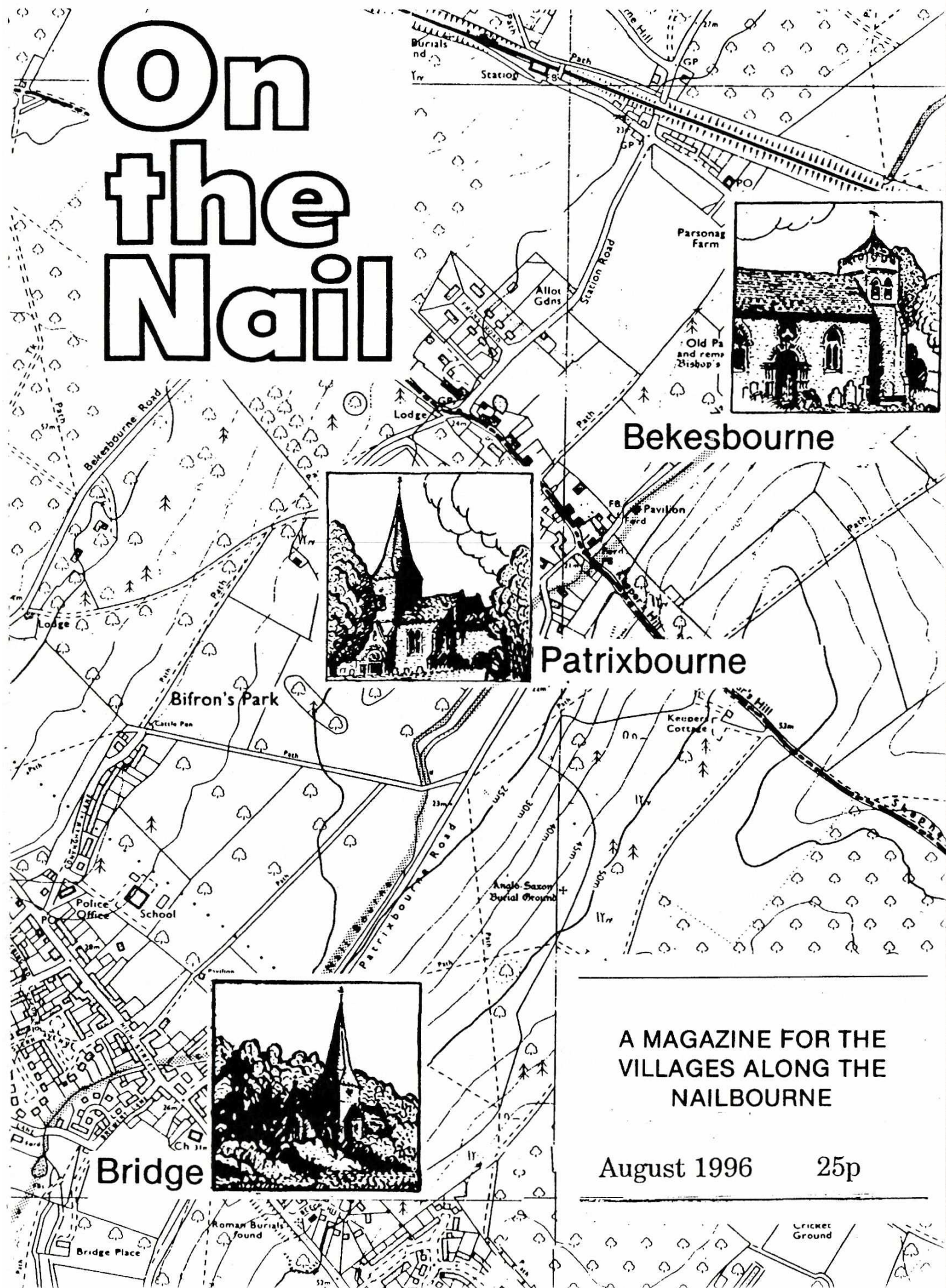
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN AUGUST

- 4th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
11.00 Family Service with Baptism (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)
- 11th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Patricbourne*)
- 18th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)(*Preacher: Revd J Thackray*)  
11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)(*Mr Handley Stevens*)
- 25th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
11.00am Family Service (*Bekesbourne*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)
- 1st September**  
8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
11.00am Family Service (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

**Junior Church** is on holiday in August, recommencing with the new school term. It meets in Bridge Methodist Church, Patricbourne Road each Sunday, except the first in the month, from 9.15 to 10.15am. It provides an excellent grounding in Christian faith and practice in the Church of England and is much enjoyed by 4 year olds and upwards, for whom it caters. For details and enrolment please contact Mrs Sue Watson (830726).

**Bridge Methodist Church** at 11am: *4th*, Mr E Ron O'Mahony *11th*, Mrs S Sigfrid *18th*, *Holy Communion*, The Revd Albert Ball *25th*, Mr Alistair P Barwick, BSc

**Weekdays** The Holy Communion is celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Wednesdays (*BCP*) at 9.30am and Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am. A brief, informal service is held at The New Close on Wednesdays at 2pm.



## FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 3rd Pray for Joy Palmer and Frank Manista, to be married this afternoon at Bekesbourne.
- 4th **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- 5th *St. Oswald, King of Northumbria, 642*
- 6th ***Transfiguration of our Lord***
- 10th *St. Laurence, Deacon, Martyr, 258*
- 11th **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
- 14th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 15th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 17th Pray for Susan Cooper and Philip Colbeck, to be married today at Bridge.
- 18th **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
The preacher at Bridge's Parish Communion will be the Revd John Thackray, our local Scout Leader.
- 20th *St. Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153*  
Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 24th ***St. Bartholomew the Apostle***  
Pray for Melanie Easter and David Hando, to be married this afternoon at Bekesbourne.
- 25th **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- 28th *St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430*
- 31st *St. Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651*  
Pray for Sarah Merton and Stuart Leatherby, to be married this afternoon at Patrixbourne.

## FROM THE VICAR

I'm writing at the end of an eventful week that has produced mixed reactions throughout this nation and beyond. Two events occurred in the UK but at a distance, the third was much too close for comfort.

In case you're wondering, we've just witnessed the fracas of the Ulster Protestant Orangemen's marching season; a prize example of stubborn allegiance to a tradition based on distant history superceding common sense, if ever there was one. Those not members of an Orange Lodge don't understand the pull of this annual demonstration, but in a political (no, you can't really call it religious) environment as brittle as that in Northern Ireland one would think a body that

purports to have a Christian background and is supposedly made up of sane individuals would forego it this time round in the interests of peace and human harmony for which their faith stands. But no! It had to go ahead, come what may, hang the consequences!

While across the water feelings were running high and we feared for the future of that oh so battered community, on these shores there was great rejoicing brought about by the state visit of President Nelson Mandela, a statesman-and-a-half whose achievements in South Africa provide a lesson for discordant factions the world over. Where the key and very basic Christian quality of love seemed totally lacking in the one it shone bright and clear in the other, and at least where this onlooker was concerned eclipsing it. But then love always does gain the upper hand, as you would expect of something that emanates from God. That's why it's so important and worth preserving at all costs!

For part of that week of mixed emotions I was away from home but was brought hurriedly back hearing over the airwaves the familiar place names of Nonington, Goodstone and Chillenden. Murder and sudden death are seldom out of the news, but never so near to home and within one of the benefices of my own Deanery. What the future holds for the surviving daughter and her distraught father doesn't bear thinking about and naturally we prayed for them and our neighbours at the Parish Communion and Matins the following Sunday, also I assured their Rector, Pat Goodsell that they were in our prayers and thoughts, for which he was profoundly grateful.

The theme of that particular Sunday was 'The More Excellent Way', i.e. love, and in a week when we had been faced with what happens when God's love doesn't get a toe hold in people's lives and when it does, the need to throw ourselves daily on his mercy and to open our hearts to that love became very apparent.

### **BAPTISM**

During Bekesbourne's Family Service on 23rd the christening took place of ZACHARY STONIER, Hillside Cottage, Bekesbourne Road.

### **MARRIAGE**

The marriage of MARIE BRIDGER, 43 Bridge Down to DAVID HEWARD of Ospringle took place in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Friday, 19th July. The next day, Saturday, 20th SARAH MILLYARD, School House, School Lane married PHILLIP COLE of Stoke Gifford near Bristol. It was very much a family



occasion with the ceremony performed by one of Sarah's uncles and another playing the organ. We wish both couples every happiness in their lives together.

## OBITUARIES

The death of FRANCIS GEORGE SMEDLEY on 3rd June was very sudden, as he had always wished.

George was born in Leeds and had been married to Trudie for 50 years. For most of his working life in the brewing industry they lived near Stone in Staffordshire but, on his retirement ten years ago, they came to Bridge to be near their younger daughter and her husband in Littlebourne. George and Trudie were a very friendly addition to the community in Bridge and became well-known in the village and at St. Peter's Church.

The funeral took place on 10th June in St. Vincent's Church, Littlebourne, followed by burial in the churchyard. The Vicar of Littlebourne took the service and George's friend and neighbour, Canon John Packer, gave the address.

After a very long illness which she bore with great patience and fortitude ROSALIND HOPKINS died in the Pilgrim's Hospice on 29th June at the early age of 40 years.

Ros and Simon were married in Bridge Church and spent their all too brief life together in the village, in the process acquiring a wide circle of friends and entering fully into village life.

A funeral service in St. Thomas's Church, Canterbury on 9th July was followed by interment in Patricbourne Churchyard.

SHEILA PATRICIA BOYLE and her mother (who died aged 107) must have covered much of the last two centuries between them!

Sheila was born in 1913 and died on 10th July 1996. She married Arthur Boyle in 1936; he joined the RAF on the outbreak of World War II but was shot down and became a prisoner of war in Stalag Luft III. Mr and Mrs Boyle and their two sons came to live in Meadow Close, Bridge in the fifties until Mr Boyle was seconded by Overseas Development to Zambia, where Sheila worked with Zambian Airways. They returned to live in Riverside Close, Bridge, where Arthur died in 1985 and Sheila continued to live until a fall led to her spending her last year in Saxon Lodge.

Her funeral at Barham was a family one on 16th July, conducted by Canon Packer. Sheila was a lively, independent lady, who will be sadly missed by family and friends.

## Royal College of Radiologists' Appeal

Further to Dr. Stuart Field's acknowledgement in the July magazine, the total sum raised by us all was £675. This has been sent to the Royal College. Please accept my sincere thanks for all your hard work and generosity on what was a rather hot day!

*M.E.Jones*

## BRIDGE VILLAGE FÊTE

A grand total of £3,500 was raised at this year's Fête on 22nd June. Thanks go to all who helped make the Fête such an enjoyable and successful occasion.

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Next year's Fête has been fixed for 21st June! It may seem a long way off but it's never too early to make a start on preparations. In that connection, anyone willing to join the Fête Committee will be most welcome. I shall be delighted to hear from you - please ring me on 830960.

*Evelyn Andrews*

### BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The August meeting is on Tuesday, 20th at 7.30pm, when local writer Peter Elgar will recount his '*Experiences as a Film Extra*'. New members and guests will be made very welcome.

## BRIDGE JUNIORS TRIUMPH IN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Bridge Juniors Football Club's Under 10s Team were the winners of the Folkestone Primary League Six-a-Side Football Tournament on 29th June.

Fifteen teams competed all day for the (very large) shield and Bridge were the eventual winners. They played seven games in all; won four, drew three and lost none. They scored seven goals with only one goal scored against them. All team members are pupils at Bridge School. The squad who collected the winners' shield were: Wayne Stirrups, Glen Stirrups, Jack Barnard, Jonathan Wake, Richard Starling, James Jackson, Gareth Davies and James Disney.

*Continued on page 17.*



Every member of the team played very well and most importantly the team worked very hard for each other and showed excellent team spirit.

Well done, lads!

*Malcolm Barnard*

### **SPONSORED BIKE RIDE 1996**

This year's Sponsored Bike Ride, organised by the Friends of Kent Churches, takes place on Saturday, 14th September and all our three churches are once again taking part in it.

The money raised by cyclists from their sponsors is split fifty-fifty with the Friends of Kent Churches and the particular church each one designates, so the aim is to persuade as many cyclists as possible to ride for one or other of our churches. Application forms are available from any of the contact ladies, who are

<i>Bridge</i>	Mrs Jane Martin 3 Union Road Tel: 830653
<i>Patricbourne</i>	Mrs Pauline Pritchard 2 St. Mary's Road Tel: 830685
<i>Bekesbourne</i>	Mrs Jill Gillanders Cala, Aerodrome Road Tel: 830894

If you prefer it's permitted to do a sponsored churches walk, though driving round in the car would be deemed unfair competition so is not allowed. The most profitable way to walk is, of course, round the city churches in Canterbury.

Those who aren't into either cycling or walking can still render a vital service on the day by doing a turn of duty at one of the churches, offering a welcome to cyclists as they call, doling out refreshments or signing cyclists in.

A further and most important contribution the less energetic might make would be to agree to sponsor one of our own cyclists. Donations of refreshments would also be much appreciated.

About all matters to do with the Sponsored Bike Ride please get in touch with whichever local organiser you wish for details and to proffer your services. This is a useful source of revenue, which we would like to make full use of, as we

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### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

#### **Bekesbourne/Patrixbourne Update**

<b>Nature of Crime</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>1996 total</b>
Burglary Dwelling	1	4
Burglary other than Dwelling	-	4
Theft	-	5
Theft from Vehicle	1	5
Theft of Vehicle	-	1
Theft of Cycle	-	2
Criminal Damage	-	1
Other Crimes	-	3
<i>Total</i>	2	25

A number of sheds, garages or outbuildings have recently been broken into, the target being workshop tools, drills, power saws, etc. This mostly happens during the hours of darkness but has happened during daytime. Make sure you lock all items up securely before retiring to bed. Shed alarms can be purchased from your co-ordinator. Should you require one ring 830892 for details.



## **SEATED ONE DAY AT THE ORGAN**

*by Andrea Nicholson*

The recently restored organ at St. Mary's Church, Patricbourne was used to full effect at an organ recital on Sunday, 7th July. A delightful programme of organ pieces, including works by Edward Elgar and Sigfrid Karg-Elert, was played by Frank Conley, Organist of West Hougham Church in the Alkham Valley.

An audience of about 60 enjoyed the performance and much appreciated Mr Conley's informative introduction to each item. As a token of our thanks for his recital Mr Conley was presented with a bottle of wine and a print of Bifrons House. The latter was particularly apt, as Mr Conley, earlier in the evening, had proffered the information that his grandmother once worked at the house.

The evening raised £317, which will be given to the fabric fund and the flower fund at St. Mary's in memory of Joan Carpenter. I would like to extend many thanks to Frank Conley for giving so generously of his time and artistry, also to those who decorated the church so beautifully with summer flowers, and helped make the evening such a success by assisting with the arrangements for the recital or by coming on the evening. Mr Conley said he would be happy to play for us again - perhaps this may be the first in a series of such events!

## **FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH**

*by Jane Shorrocks*

**BOOT FAIR:** Many thanks to all who helped and supported our second Boot Fair. We are especially grateful to John Ash for the use of his field, and to all those who turned up at 7am to prepare. 50 pitches were taken up and brisk business ensued, with a constant stream of cars bringing in the customers. We were fortunate to have a fine and sunny day and the result of all the hard work was £485 raised for our funds. This was our second successful Boot Fair and we hope to make it an annual event.

Our **BARN DANCE** at Harvest-time will take place in Bekesbourne Village Hall on Friday, 20th September. An excellent Caller has been booked and tickets will cost £6.00, including supper. We hope all our Friends and supporters will come along and support this event. Please phone Zan Clifford on 830328 or Gill Moon on 832134 to book your tickets.

Advance notice that the **HARVEST FESTIVAL** at Bekesbourne Church will be on Sunday, 6th October at 11am.

## BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - JULY MEETING

*by Margaret Church, Parish Clerk*

At its last meeting until September the Parish Council noted applications for planning permission for the following properties: 31 Union Road; Beddgelert, Meadow Close; The Old Depot, Mill Lane and land at Nackington Farm. A further application for the conversion of outbuildings at the rear of 61 High Street was opposed.

Cycle racks have now been installed by the play area on the Recreation Ground to enable users to lock their bicycles securely while using the Recreation Ground. Grass cutting has been improved and the Parish Council hope the improvement will be maintained. The new litterbins have been well used and the Parish Council hopes that the amount of litter dropped around the Recreation Ground will now be reduced. Two short stretches of vandalised fencing along the boundary with Riverside Close will be replaced.

Entries from commercial premises for the Hanging Baskets, Window Box and Floral Tub competition have brightened up the High Street again this year. Although judging will take place shortly the flowers will be enjoyed throughout the summer.

The Parish Council heard details of the Kent Social Services Link Family Scheme (*See page 18 of this magazine*).

### FISH NEWS

The next Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday, 14th August at Bridge Village Hall between 10.15 and 11.45am.

If you have any spare knitting wool please bring it along then and enjoy a cup of coffee.

A.R.

### *BEKESBOURNE CHURCH*

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*24th - Mrs Watson*

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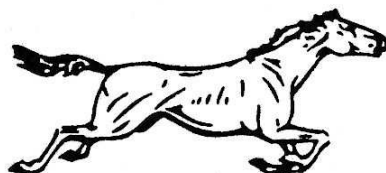
*On The Nail Editor:* The Vicar

Items for *On The Nail* should reach the editor by the 15th of the preceding month.

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**PICTURE FRAMING**

Peter Langley regrets that owing to ill health he is unable to frame at the moment. Apologies to the people who have called over the last month or so. He will put another notice in to say when he will be active again.



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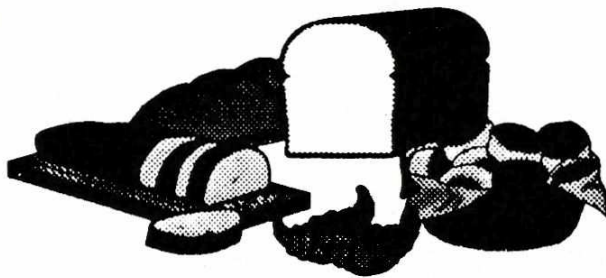
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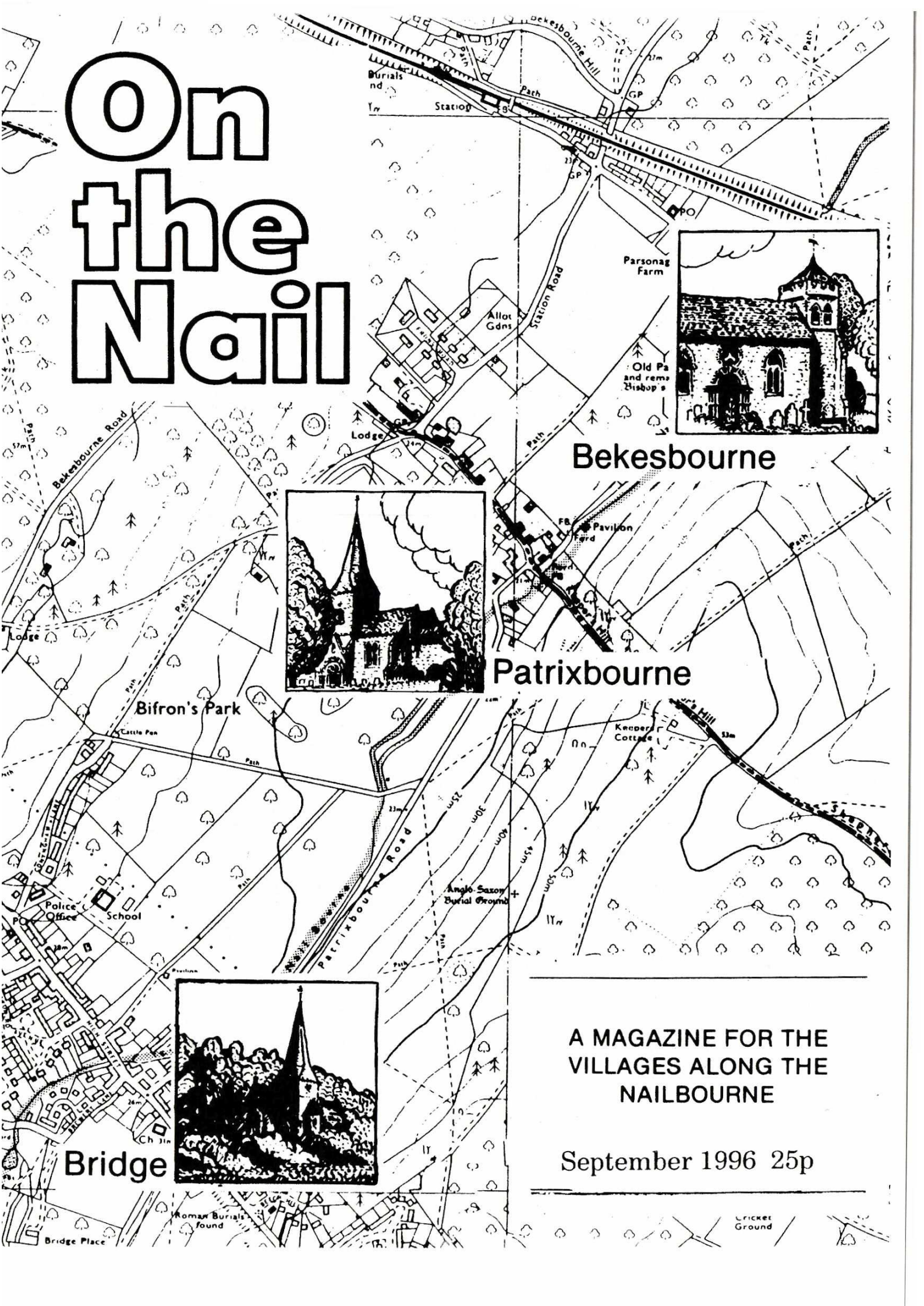
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

- 1st** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
11.00 Family Service - Eucharist (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)
- 8th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)(*Revd J Shorrock*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)(*Revd J Shorrock*)  
11.00am Matins (*Patixbourne*)(*Mr Handley Stevens*)
- 15th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)(*Revd J Shorrock*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)(*Revd J Shorrock*)  
11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)(*Mr Handley Stevens*)
- 22nd** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patixbourne*)  
11.00am Family Service (*Bekesbourne*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)
- 29th** 10.30am Benefice Eucharist (*Bekesbourne*)
- 6th October**  
8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)  
11.00am Harvest Service (*Bekesbourne*)(*The Vicar*)  
11.00am Harvest Family Service (*Bridge*)(*Mr Handley Stevens*)  
6.30pm Harvest Evensong (*Bridge*)(*The Vicar*)

**Junior Church** recommences with the new school term. It meets in Bridge Methodist Church, Patixbourne Road each Sunday, except the first in the month, from 9.15 to 10.15am. It provides an excellent grounding in Christian faith and practice in the Church of England and is much enjoyed by 4 year olds and upwards, for whom it caters. For details and enrolment please contact Mrs Sue Watson (830726).

**Bridge Methodist Church at 11am:** *1st*, The Revd George Baugh *8th*, Harvest Festival, Mr Leslie Dron *15th*, The Revd Mary R Teed *22nd*, The Revd David Marshall *29th*, Holy Communion The Revd Mary R Teed



**Weekdays** The Holy Communion is celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Bridge only on Wednesday, 25th (*BCP*) at 9.30am and Friday, 27th (*Rite A*) at 7.30am. A brief, informal service is held at The New Close on Wednesdays at 2pm.

## **FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST**

- 1st **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity 13**  
Bridge Family Service today will be a Rite A Eucharist.
- 3rd *St. Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604* [7pm]
- 5th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, Wayside Cottage, High Street,
- 8th ***The Blessed Virgin Mary***
- 12th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 13th *St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258*
- 14th *Holy Cross Day*
- 15th **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity 15**
- 17th Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, 7 Windmill Close, 7pm
- 21st ***St. Matthew the Apostle***
- 22nd **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity 16**
- 25th *Launcelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626*  
Pray for the clergy of East Bridge Deanery as they meet in chapter this lunchtime.  
Patrxbourne with Bridge PCC meeting, the Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 27th *St. Vincent de Paul, 1600*
- 28th Pray for the Revd John Pritchard, to be installed today as Archdeacon of Canterbury.
- 29th ***St. Michael and All Angels***  
Today's Benefice Eucharist (Rite A) is at Bekesbourne at 10.30am and is the only service of the day.

## **FROM THE VICAR**

Observant worshippers at Bridge Church may have noticed a pair of spectacles on the pew by the door which have been there for the past three months. They were found on a window ledge in the north-west corner (where the pews have been removed) when we were clearing up after the Confirmation Service on 2nd June. They were put near the door so that their owner would find them easily. The strange thing is they are still there. One or two people have commented on them and yet no one - but no one - has asked if we've found their glasses.



Finding lost property isn't uncommon at St. Peter's - we regularly have one or two items hanging around by the door that someone forgot to take away with them, anything from gloves and scarves to the occasional umbrella, and they can be there for months without ever being reclaimed. Strange to relate, we seldom find lost property at Bekesbourne or Patricbourne, only Bridge!

For certain organisations there's a thriving business in lost property - or there used to be. The first umbrella I ever bought as a student in London came from the railway lost property shop in the Strand. I imagine the shop is no longer in existence, but in their heyday (there was more than one in the metropolis) these shops were invariably well stocked with a wide range of goods of excellent quality, all reputedly lost by rail travellers. Rumour has it that amongst the many and varied items left on trains have been false teeth and artificial limbs. Where the latter are concerned the mind boggles as to how anyone (a) could leave their pot leg on board (b) get off the train without it (hop?) and (c) neither report its loss nor attempt to get it back.

Nowadays the railways are so security conscious that they make repeated announcements to 'customers' (as BR preferred to call us) about keeping one's personal belongings with one at all times and at termini thanking everyone for travelling, wishing them a pleasant onward journey and following it up with a careful reminder to take all their belongings with them. No danger of leaving your dentures behind these days!

Jesus told several parables with a 'lost' theme to them, one of the longest being the parable of the lost son, better known as the Prodigal Son. Two sons feature in the story; the younger, prodigal one and his elder brother who stayed at home but got very uptight when the prodigal returned and was fêted by his father. In an attempt to make him see reason the father said of his younger brother, '... he was lost and has been found'. The moral of this where we're concerned is that whenever through our sins and shortcomings we become lost property, the Lord takes every possible step to restore us, and rejoices when we come to our senses.

As to the lost specs - they're still missing their owner, so if anyone reading this can bring the two together again the glasses at least will be relieved. I suspect they're heartily fed up with languishing at the back of Bridge Church, being the butt of the occasional comment from an observant passer-by.

A man that looks on glass,  
On it may stay his eye;  
Or, if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
And then the heaven espy.



There's a moral in George Herbert's words somewhere, which has little to do with lost property! A change of direction in life plus a vision of God? - Ah, there's a possibility! That's something we all need to aim at to avoid being handicapped through life!

## **JOYS & SORROWS**

### **Baptism**

During Bridge's Family Service on 4th August the christening took place of ROSEMARY JANE BEER, 4 Windmill Close, and the following Sunday afternoon saw the baptism, also at Bridge, of SIÂN ROSE BENZIES of Sandwich. Siân's mother, Wendy née Lewis, was a member of the congregation here as a young girl, being the daughter of our one time assistant organist, Selwyn and the late Sheila Lewis.

### **Marriage**

St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne was the setting for the marriage of JOY PALMER to FRANK MANISTA on 3rd August, and on 17th August SUSAN COOPER, Mount Charles House, Union Road was married to PHILIP COLDBECK of Brixton in St. Peter's Church, Bridge.

### **Funeral**

WALTER HERBERT TURNER, known to most of his friends as Wally, was a Londoner by birth. Born in 1916, he served in World War II as an Instrument Repairer in the RAF. Twenty-five years ago he moved to Bridge. Sadly his wife, Eileen, died just at the time of the removal, but Wally was well supported by his son, Eric, and daughter, Susan, and by his sisters. He was very proud that his home, the Shippe, in Bridge High Street was a "Historic Building of Kent" and, with his brother David, sought to restore it.

As an antique dealer and collector Wally was well-known. Music and the world of nature were a great joy to him. He and his dogs walked far and wide and made friends everywhere. Wally's honesty and integrity were rock-solid. As his sisters, Ruby and Evelyn, said: "He was a lover of Bridge and everyone in it." That Bridge responded fully was amply proved by the large number of villagers who attended his funeral at Barham, conducted by Canon John Packer on 15th August.

### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society**

*Billie Anderson, the Show Secretary writes:*

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Summer Show. It was a very enjoy-



able and pleasant afternoon. Amongst the main cup holders were the Revd J and Mrs Shorrocks, for their flower garden, and Mr and Mrs Walder for their best kept vegetable garden.

The judges commented that, although it was quite a small show, the standard of exhibits was high.

For those who are perhaps new to the area, the Nailbourne Horticultural Society arranges a programme covering every month of the year and most activities are open to non-members. Details are advertised in this magazine and on notices displayed locally.

On Sunday, 8th September there is an outing to Rye and Great Dixter at Northiam. The coach will leave Bishopsbourne at 9.45am, picking up in Bridge at 10.00am. It is intended to spend the morning in Rye, going on in the afternoon to Great Dixter to visit the delightful house and gardens there and returning home probably around 6.00pm. The cost of the outing, including entrance to Great Dixter, is £8.50 for members and £9 for non-members. Anyone interested should contact Mrs Ethel Cartwright on 831095 as soon as possible.

### **Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute**

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 17th September in Bridge Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30pm, when Mrs K Robertson will be showing her *Slides on Australia*. Guests and men members will be made very welcome and the competition is a bloom from the garden. J.H.

### **NAILBOURNE SCOUT GROUP**

News from the three sections of the Group is good. On a beautiful warm summer's evening in mid-June the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all joined together along with parents and friends on the Recreation Ground in Bridge to enjoy an evening of fun activities and a barbecue.

The Beavers had as usual several different activities arranged for their evening meetings throughout the term. They went swimming, had a camp fire evening and cooked sausages, had a family bike ride to Bishopsbourne, a hike to Patricbourne and also spent one meeting making kites.

During the summer term, the Cubs organised a day's outing to London and a weekend camp for all the boys at Northbourne. They have also spent a number of evening meetings out and about, including two at Covet Wood playing wide games and working for their activity badges. A day out canoeing and absailing is planned in September for the older boys.

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The Scouts have continued their activities right through the summer and the end of the school terms saw the majority of them off to the New Forest for their annual week's camp. There has been an objective amongst some of their number to climb the highest peak of each of the five countries in Great Britain and Ireland. At the time of writing, John Thackray, the Scout Leader, and Patrol Leaders Robert O'Rourke and Richard Walder made it to the top of Ben Nevis, and Snowdon is to be attempted en route for a visit to Ireland later in August by the Leaders and older Scouts. Seven members of the troop are half way through working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, whilst five members joined David Walder in achieving their Chief Scout's Award during the last school year, namely James Bourner, Robert Embry, James Medhurst, James O'Rourke and Craig Westwood.

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And now, looking further ahead into September, there will be a

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**FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH**

Tickets are now available for our HARVEST SUPPER & BARN DANCE to held in Bekesbourne Village Hall on Friday, 20th September at 7.30pm, price £6.00 including supper - contact Gill Moon on 832134 or any member of the Committee (Joan Atkins, Jenny Skinner, Joy Smith, David Friend, Jane Shorrock or Zan Clifford).

HARVEST FESTIVAL will be at Bekesbourne Church on Sunday 6th October at 11.00am.

The Friends have organised Working Parties to tidy up the Churchyard and these will be ongoing through the autumn. If anyone would like to assist with this challenging task, your help will be very much appreciated either at a Working Party or any time you could spare an hour or two. Perhaps families would like to

'adopt' particular areas of the churchyard and be responsible for keeping them tidy and cared for? Please contact Jane Shorrock on 832133 for information.

## **PARKING AT BEKESBOURNE CHURCH**

*Churchwarden Jane Millyard writes:*

Thanks to the efforts of the *Friends of Bekesbourne Church* (and of Brian Skinner in particular) we now have some much-needed new gravel on the path up to the lych-gate, which runs through the garden of Cobham Court. It would help to keep the path mud-free if motorists didn't drive up it unless it is really essential.

If you do need to take a car up to the lych-gate, Mrs Whigham, who owns the land on which the pathway is situated, would prefer it if you could park on the right-hand side when facing the church, to prevent damage to new shrubs and trees on the left.

## **AU REVOIR**

*from the Pike family*

Just a note to say a very big 'Thank You' to all our friends for the 'Kitchen Warming Party' and the lovely painting of St. Peter's Church. You really couldn't have chosen a better present and it is one we shall always treasure. It will be a constant reminder of 15 happy years and a lot of very good friends.

It is always hard to leave a happy home and especially so when we also have to leave such good friends, but if Holt proves to be half as welcoming and friendly as Bridge then we shall consider ourselves very lucky indeed.

We won't say 'Goodbye' as it is so final, and we fully intend stopping off occasionally to see you on our trips through to Deal, so we shall say 'Au Revoir' instead!

With grateful thanks,

Hilary, Stephen, Elizabeth and Katie

## **THE SOWER**

*by Pat Kusel*

The parable of the Sower was the theme of the Family Service at Bekesbourne on 28th July. The story was told in two parts beginning with the story itself. A large landscape tray was used as a visual aid by Paul, who summarized the types of hearers in the story and members of the congregation supplied labels to stick in the 'land'. After a hymn Jeanette read the explanation of the parable and the vicar summarized this again, adding appropriate labels alongside those already planted.



Then the course of the service changed to a short meditation in preparation for the coming holiday time. *Desiderata* was read slowly for the congregation to absorb its message and copies handed out for them to take away. There followed a series of prayers which left the congregation in a contemplative mood.

The tray depicting the story of the sower was viewed by many of the congregation afterwards and then left in church for visitors to see.

*[Editor: Pat made the tray and it really is worth seeing.]*

## FISH NEWS

The Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday, 11th September in Bridge Village Hall. The Fish Scheme AGM will take place on Thursday, 17th October at 8.00pm in the Methodist Church.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

### Bekesbourne & Patrixbourne

### July Crime Figures

<i>Type of Crime</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Total 1996</i>
Burglary dwelling	1	5
Burglary other than dwelling	1	5
Theft	-	5
Theft from vehicle	-	5
Theft of vehicle	1	2
Theft of cycle	-	2
Criminal damage	1	2
Other crimes	-	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>

## A TALE TOLD IN OLD JERUSALEM

### The Saucepan that had a baby

*For centuries the tales of Johar have been told in the Arab world. He is a jester, a wise fool. Everyone laughs at him, but they learn from him too. This is one of his moral tales.*

Johar had a troublesome neighbour, who was always borrowing things and never giving them back. Johar decided that the time had come to teach the neighbour a lesson, and he and his wife agreed on a plan. Johar's wife went to the neighbour and borrowed a big saucepan. She returned it the following day, together with a tiny saucepan. "What's this?" asked the neighbour. "Oh, your saucepan had a baby in the night, so I am returning the baby too," replied the woman. The

neighbour was convinced that both Johar and his wife were mad, but he was glad to have two saucepans, and said nothing.

A few days later, Johar's wife borrowed the saucepan again, and did not return it. When the angry neighbour came demanding the saucepan back, Johar told him sadly that the saucepan had died. "Died? Don't be absurd!" said the neighbour. Johar looked him in the eye and said firmly, "If you believe that a saucepan can give birth, you must surely believe that it can die." The neighbour went away speechless, and never borrowed again.

## PALESTINIAN AGRICULTURE

### Fields of 'cure all' chamomile flowers

The fragrant smell of chamomile fills the air as you approach the vilage of Abasana in southern Gaza. Chamomile used to be grown only in small gardens, but now hundreds of farmers are cultivating the herb in large quantities.

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Wild chamomile (*Anthemis chia*) is found all over the Bible Lands and most families have a store of it. Some people think chamomile is one of the 'flowers of the field' mentioned in Isaiah 40:6-8 or the 'flower of grass' in 1 Peter 1:24, flowers that bloom and fade in a few days. Chamomile can be made into a tea or poultice, and is used as a cure for everything, from headaches to stomachaches to sore throats and arthritis, spasms and toothache for children and adults alike. Besides that, it makes a sweet smelling tea that soothes the senses and eases the nerves.

### *BEKESBOURNE CHURCH*

#### *Cleaning & Flower Rota*

#### *for September*

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*21st - Christine Ash*

*28th -Pip Riccini*



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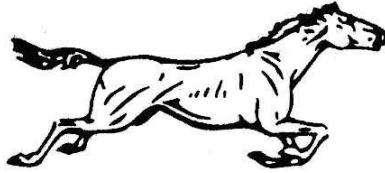
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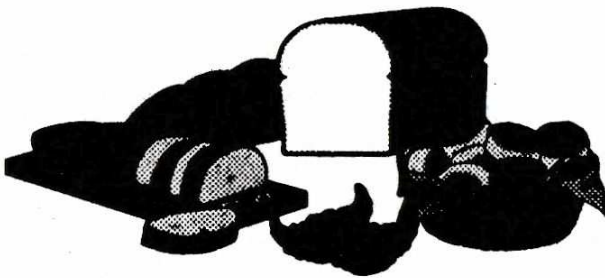
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- 6th 8.00am Holy Communion (Patixbourne)  
11.00am Harvest Service (Bekesbourne)  
11.00am Harvest Family Service (Bridge) (Mr Handley Stevens)  
6.30pm Harvest Evensong (The Vicar)
- 13th 8.00am Holy Communion (Bekesbourne)  
9.30am Parish Communion (Bridge)  
11.00am Harvest Matins (Patixbourne)
- 20th 8.00am Holy Communion (Patixbourne)  
9.30am Parish Communion (Bridge)  
11.00am Matins (Bekesbourne)
- 27th 8.00am Holy Communion (Bridge)  
9.30am Parish Communion (Patixbourne)  
11.00am Family Service (Bekesbourne)  
6.30pm Evensong (Bridge)
- 3rd November  
8.00am Holy Communion (Patixbourne)  
9.30am Parish Communion (Bekesbourne)  
11.00am Family Service (Bridge)  
6.30pm Evensong (Bridge)

Weekdays Holy Communion is celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Wednesdays (BCP) at 9.30am and Fridays (ASB Rite A) at 7.30am. A short informal service for the residents of The New Close is held on Wednesdays at 2.00pm. Help with this service from non-residents is always much appreciated - it generally lasts under half an hour.

Junior Church meets every Sunday but the first in the month at 9.15am in Bridge Methodist Church, Patixbourne Road. It caters for children from all three villages, aged four years olds and upwards. For enrolment and further information contact Mrs Sue Watson, 830726.

Bridge Methodist Church at 11.00am 6th, Mr E Ron O'Mahony 13th, The Revd Albert Ball 20th, Holy Communion, The Revd Mary R Teed 27th, Dr S John Rogers

HARVEST DECORATION for St Peter's Bridge will begin at 10.00am on 5 October. All help would be gratefully appreciated. Anyone interested in flower arranging, however inexperienced, would be very welcome

Viv Brasier



## FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 2nd Pray for the Deanery Synod which meets this evening at Wymynswold
- 3rd Prayers for Health and Healing concerns, the Vicarage, 7.00pm  
Bridge Methodist Church annual coffee morning, 10.15am
- 4th St. Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226
- 5th Pray for Catherine Ash and Alan Granger to be married this afternoon at Bekesbourne.  
Harvest decorations at St Peter's Bridge at 10.00am
- 6th Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Harvest Festival services at Bridge and Bekesbourne (see page 4.)
- 9th Bekesbourne PCC meets in School House at 7.45pm  
Fish Scheme coffee pop-in at the Village Hall 10.15-11.45am
- 10th St. Paulinus, Bishop, Missionary, 644  
Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 12th Pray for Emma Barker and Geoffrey Ede to be married this afternoon at Bekesbourne.  
Harp recital by Camilla Pay at St Mary's Patrixbourne, 7pm
- 13th Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Harvest Festival at Patrixbourne, 11.00am  
Bridge & District History Society - visit to Bourne Park, 2.00pm
- 15th St. Teresa of Avila, Mystic, 1582  
Traidcraft sale at Bridge School, 3-6.00pm  
Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17th St. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c107  
Prayers for Health and Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7.00pm  
Nailbourne Horticultural Society Village Hall, 7.30pm  
Fish Scheme AGM, Methodist Church, 8.00pm
- 18th St. Luke the Evangelist
- 20th Last Sunday after Pentecost
- 24th Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths Village Hall 10-12 noon
- 26th Pray for Rebecca Gilbert and Frank Peeters to be married this afternoon at Bridge
- 27th 9th Sunday before Christmas
- 28th St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

## FROM THE VICAR

It has been quite a season for weddings, despite the fact that the matrimonial ball did not start rolling here until July. Even now it is not over, as the diary column above amply demonstrates. So much for those who reckon getting married is going out of fashion!

However, barring any late-comers, October sees the end for 1996, although I already have a few bookings for 1997. On a personal note, it is a particular joy that the last village wedding this year is that of our youngest daughter, and Rosemary and I would welcome your presence at Rebecca and Frank's service in Bridge Church on the 26th at 3.30pm. As with our eldest daughter, Rosalind, I intend to play my part as father of the bride and leave the ceremony in the capable hands of our good friend Peter Brownbridge, Rector of Wingham.

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To return to this matter of the popularity or otherwise of getting married, some of my professional colleagues say they have noticed a distinct drop in the number of church weddings, though whether this is due to a general thumbs down for marriage as such or because of religious apathy is debatable. If there is a decline, I would not be surprised if the possibility of having a civil marriage elsewhere than in a register office may have some bearing on the issue. Certainly this recent change in matrimonial law caters for those with no religious affiliations whose only option hitherto has been the formality of the registrar's office. Mind you, having attended register office weddings, I have nothing but admiration for the way civil ceremonies are conducted and the tasteful decor of the room set aside for weddings. On these occasions the Registrars are far from being the impersonal officials many might imagine. However, if you are definitely not of a religious bent and would feel out of place in a church, the availability of getting married in something like a stately home is quite a bonus, particularly as it often affords the added convenience of being able to have the reception there as well.

Yet if this year has been anything to go by a marriage in church remains the priority, even if the need to book the venue for the reception well in advance means that that initially determines the date of the wedding rather than the church or vicar's availability. In my experience, however, it is usually quite easy to get round this one because couples readily admit the wedding is the chief consideration.

Provided there are no impediments, of which being divorced can be one, a person is legally entitled to be married in the parish church where he or she lives, and the priest is legally bound to make provision for it. That is a situation this particular priest is very glad about as it stops clergy who might have other views on the subject from being selective and refusing to marry someone who does not go to church, as they do over baptisms - and some clergy would be quite capable of adopting such an attitude. For me it's a great privilege not only to conduct a wedding for a parishioner but to prepare the couple beforehand both for the ceremony itself but also for



married life. I would feel I had failed in my duty if I simply put on a wedding and did not point those getting married to the future, as the words of the marriage service clearly do. By my reckoning the wedding is one thing, the marriage is another, and I want to help them approach both after careful preparation.

The wedding service describes marriage as 'a gift of God in creation', from which we can deduce that he who started the whole thing off will continue to shower bride and groom with his manifold gifts of grace throughout their married life. That is why a church wedding does not just 'tie the knot' but includes prayers asking for God's blessing on the happy pair both in their life together and with regard to the children that hopefully will follow. All who choose to have a church wedding go forth from the church doubly blessed and greatly endowed with the best wedding present of all, the assured love and constant support of God from whom all true love and goodness come. And that remains so, whether husband and wife class themselves as believers or not!

HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTIONS at Bridge and Patrixbourne will again be given to the Canterbury Diocesan Poverty & Hope Appeal, about which the Bishop of Maidstone writes: 'Your gift will bring hope to communities and families in Madagascar, Brazil, the Philippines and Palestine. It will also help develop a deeper understanding of the world among the people of our own diocese, through our development education programme.'

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

6th October

BEKESBOURNE

11.00am

BRIDGE

11.00am & 6.30pm

13th October

PATRIXBOURNE

11.00am

## BAPTISM

On Sunday, 18th August in St. Peter's Church, Bridge the baptism took place of JOSHUA PHILLIP GLEW, Gilman Close, Hawkinge, whose parents Darren and Lynn hail from Bridge and were married in the church.

ANNABELLE MARIE HOGBEN was baptised at bridge Church on Sunday 15 September. her father and mother, Christopher and Karen, now living at Mark Avenue Ramsgate, were married at Bridge Church. Annabelle's grandparents, Philip and Helen, and her great grandfather, Cyril Hogben, are long time residents of Bridge. Her other great grandfather, George Packman, lives in Thanet.

## MARRIAGE

The vicar officiated at the marriage of MELANIE EASTER, Lion Cottage, Patricbourne and DAVID HANDO of Birchington in St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on 24th August, and at the marriage of SUSAN MURTON, Western Avenue, Bridge and STUART LEATHERBY of Harpenden on 31st August in St. Mary's Church, Patricbourne.

## FUNERALS

JOHN CRAGG, and his wife Phyllis, have been well-known residents in Brewery lane since they moved to Bridge and became regular members of St Peter's Church until his illness. John was born in Frodsham and educated at Chester Grammar School, University College London and Lille University in France. He was from his early days devoted to becoming a schoolmaster. At Bemrose School Derby he taught French until war broke out and he was called up in the Naval Intelligence Service and reached the rank of Lieutenant Commander. In 1945 John became deputy head of the newly founded Moseley Hall School, responsible for recruiting its first staff and pupils. From 1952 to 1971 he was headmaster of Bridgenorth Grammar School Shropshire where he was greatly respected by his staff and the many pupils he taught. He always took part in teaching which he regarded as absolutely essential for a headmaster to know his school. His funeral in Bridge Church on 11 September was conducted by Canon John Packer. The family was fully represented and Phyllis warmly supported by their three daughters and their families and, among others, John's sister, Madge.

LILIAN JANET CORBIN spent her early years in South Africa and later lived in London and the West Country before coming to Bridge to her flat in the home of her devoted daughter Meriel and son-in-law Joe. Lilian was a devout and loving lady, an active member of St George's Baptist Church Canterbury. She attended regularly the Women's World Day of Prayer in



Bridge and settled happily in the village community. Throughout her final illness she maintained her friendliness and good humour. Her family funeral on 11 September was conducted at Barham by the Baptist Minister, Revd Samuel Reading, with contributions from Lilian's eldest daughter, Alison, and her son-in-law, Joe Connor.

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	Peggy Spencer.....	830735
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Bring & buy.....	Pauline Pritchard.....	830685
Plants.....	Rosie Green.....	830204

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BEKESBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH reports that there were seven reported crimes in August bringing the total to 36 for the year to date. Malcolm Howells, the local organiser, reports that cars being left at Bekesbourne Station car park are still being vandalised.

## VILLAGE EVENTS

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE** - Members were unable to learn about Mrs Pauline Hart's "Other people's children" in February owing to bad weather. However, all will be revealed on 15 October at 7.30pm when guests and visitors will as usual be made very welcome. The competition is the most amusing newspaper cutting mounted on A4 paper; the winner to go forward to the group meeting.

**FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF INFANT DEATHS** - Coffee morning at Bridge Village Hall on 24 October from 10.00am to 12 noon. Christmas cards, plants, raffle, toys, cakes etc. Please come and bring your friends.

**NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** - A talk by Mr Lush on 'Herbs and salads for health' on 17 October at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. All are welcome.

**BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH** - Annual coffee morning and sale is on 3 October at 10.15am in the Methodist Church. They look forward to meeting all their friends and hope you will be able to come along and support them.

**BRIDGE & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY** - The second season commenced on 3 September with the first of five talks: 'The social life of Bridge in the 19th century'. The forthcoming talks include 'The restoration of period cottages in Canterbury', 'The effects of railways on East Kent', 'Canon John Bargrave' and 'Bishopsbourne in view'. Also planned are six visits, including a rare opportunity to view Bourne Park. More information and a copy of the programmes are available from Bill Dawson on 831044.

**TRAIDCRAFT** - Shop early for Christmas. A sale of Traidcraft goods will be held at Bridge School on 15 October between 3.00pm and 6.00pm. Christmas cards, paper and gifts will be on sale as well as the usual items of tea, coffee, dried fruits etc. So come and have a cup of tea and select your Christmas goods and avoid the last minute panic. Traidcraft goods are available on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month at Bridge Church. They are also available at 32 High Street Bridge.

### FISH SCHEME

The Fish Scheme is run by volunteers in the local villages to help us in whatever way we need. It has been running for 13 years. The AGM is on 17 October at 8.00pm in the Methodist Church in Bridge. Do come along if you want to hear more about it.

Miss Sheila Fenn has kindly offered to take over the running of the housebound library service from Bill Johnson. If you would like to hear more about this service please telephone her on 830284.



## FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Many thanks to all those who came and worked so hard in the churchyard recently as we made a start on clearing areas which had become overgrown. This has revealed a number of old gravestones which were completely hidden and has begun to open views of the church.. We have made a new bin for all flower refuse, which we hope people will now use, so that we can clear the area near the west door of the church. It would be great help if people doing flowers in the church or in the churchyard would kindly take any non-degradable materials (plastic bags etc) home with them. All offers of help for future working parties will be very welcome.

Clive and Cheryl at The Unicorn have once again kindly offered to have a Conker competition in aid of Bekesbourne Church, and this will take place on 27 October. Telephone 830210 for details and to book you lunch on what was a very jolly occasion last year (barbecue if weather suitable).

ADVANCE NOTICE - 16 November disco evening with Jimmy Lennox; tickets from Zan (830328) or Gill (832134).

30 November - Christmas bazaar at 10.30am.

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At the first meeting after the summer break the Parish Council noted six planning applications, objected to one and suggested modifications to another.

Among highway matters discussed were a request for a seat in the bus shelter, the need for a new display case and timetable, the continuing problems of cars parked in the bus bays and the possibility of lowering additional kerbs to assist invalid and wheelchair users.

The winner of this year's hanging basket and flowering tub competition for commercial premises was White Horse P H. Second was the Plough and Harrow, third the Red Lion and Skipper's Restaurant was highly commended.

The Council will be writing to complain about the cutbacks in the rail service between Canterbury West and Charing Cross. Local residents

experiencing inconvenience or difficulty with this service are asked to write to R Feany, Managing Director, The South Eastern Train Company, Friars Bridge Court, 41-45 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NZ.

Kent County Council plan to produce a photographic record of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Beauty and John Hill has been taking photographs around the parish for inclusion in Kent County Council's Jigsaw Project. He would welcome suggestions for picturesque locations that might have been overlooked.

### LEST WE FORGET

A few days ago I was privileged to meet the last three surviving members of a once national organisation called 'Lest We Forget'. Apparently they are desperately hanging on in Margate.

That this sorry state of affairs exists may, or may not, suggest that gratitude for those who gave their lives in past wars has declined, perhaps faded with time. More importantly, does it suggest that concern those who survived is also waning?

While 'Lest We Forget' is not represented in Bridge - and now, no longer is the Royal British Legion - it still beholds us all to remember the many victims of war who still survive and still suffer the consequence of physical or psychological injury or other hardship.

Therefore I appeal to the very generous nature of Bridge folk once again to give unstinting support to this year's Poppy Appeal which takes place from 28th October to 10th November.

Every year we lose two or three collectors for various reasons and therefore I appeal for a few more volunteers to take their place. The more helpers we have, the less anyone has to do.

Do please consider giving an hour or so this year to ensure another splendid donation of at least £800 which we have achieved for the last three years. If interested please contact Barry Whiting on 830506. Thank you.

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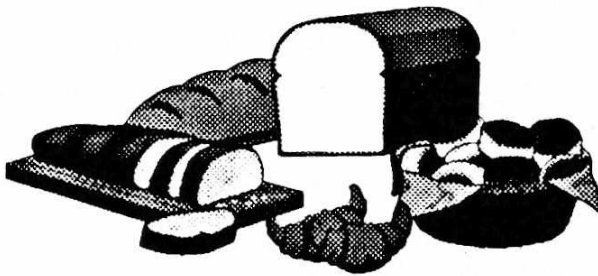
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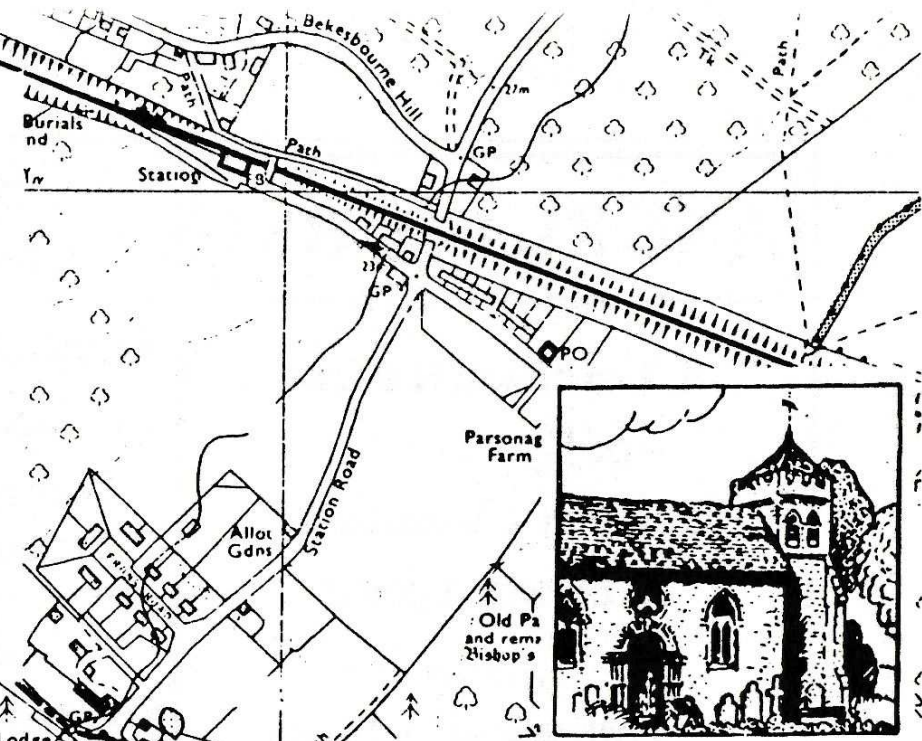
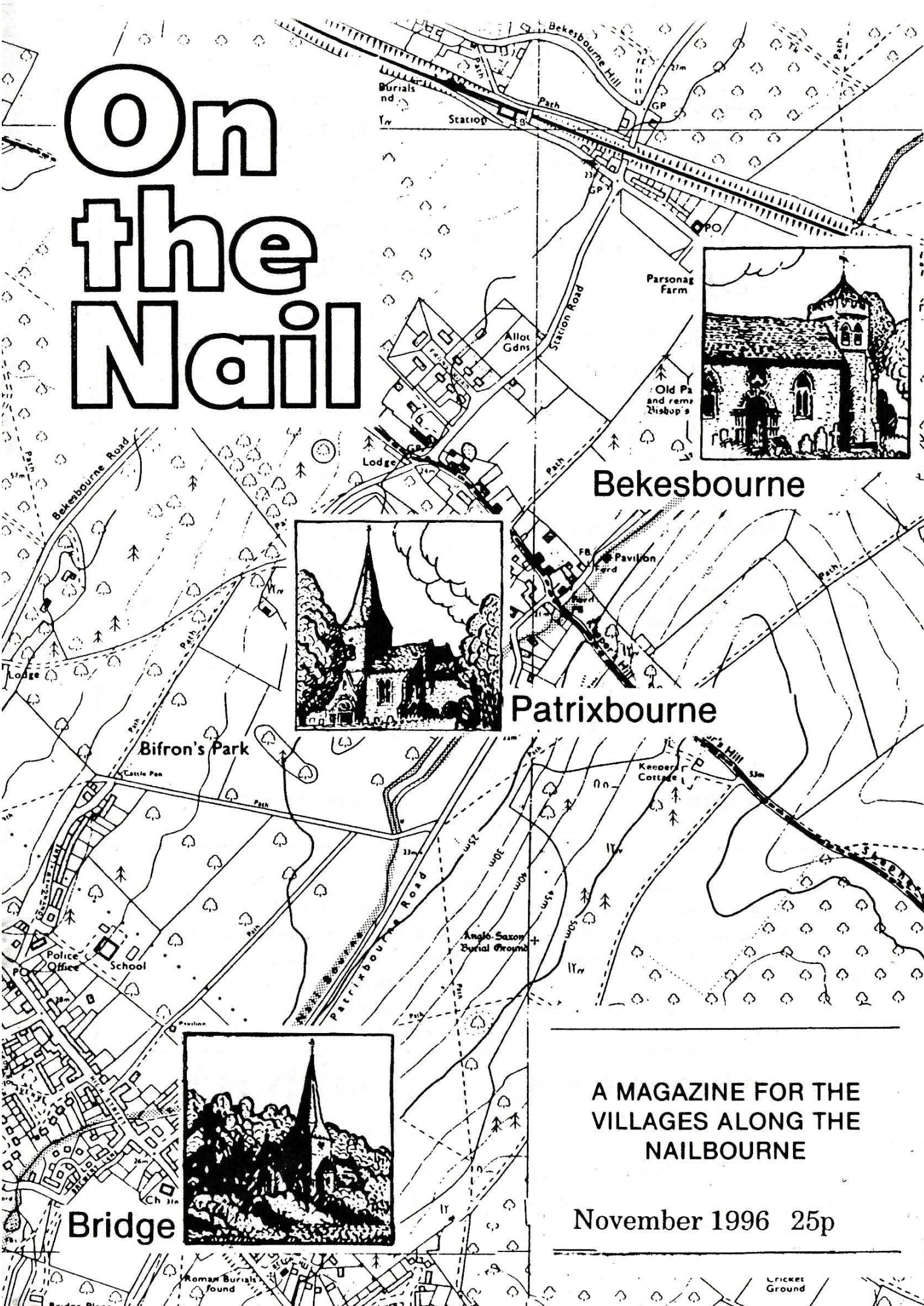
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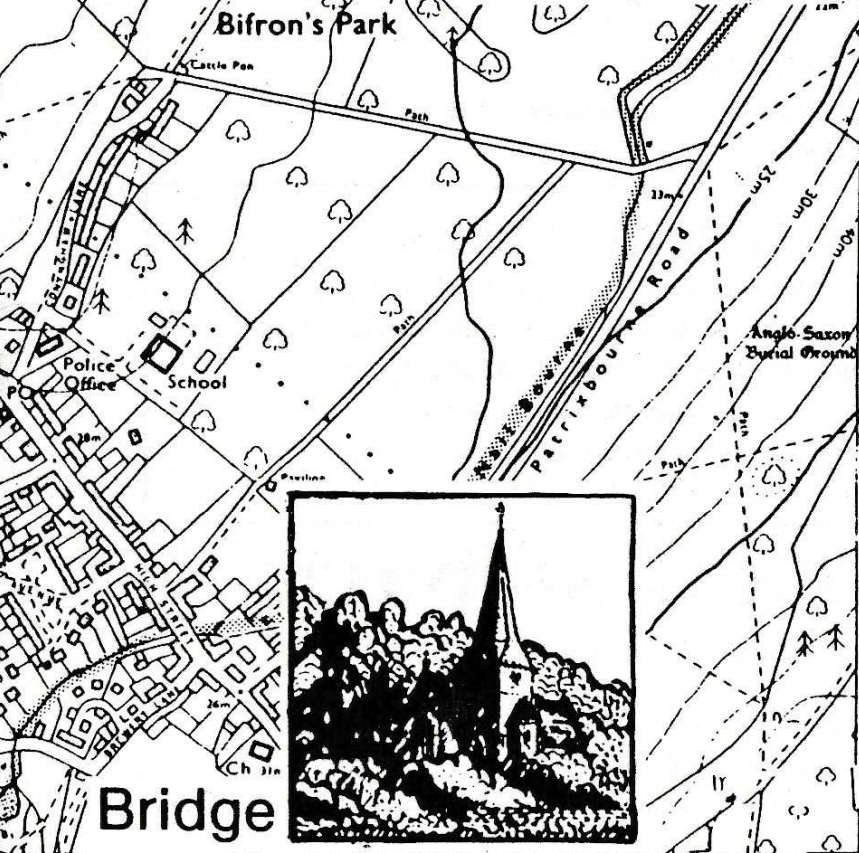
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

- 3rd** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
11.00 Family Service with Baptism (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)
- 10th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion of Remembrance (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Remembrance Service (*Patricbourne*)
- 17th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)
- 24th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
11.00am Family Service (*Bekesbourne*)  
6.30pm Songs of Praise (*Canterbury Cathedral*)
- 1st December**  
8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
11.00am Family Service (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Advent Carol Service (*Bridge*)

**Junior Church** meets in Bridge Methodist Church, Patricbourne Road each Sunday, except the first in the month, from 9.15 to 10.15am. It provides an excellent grounding in Christian faith and practice in the Church of England and is much enjoyed by 4 year olds and upwards, for whom it caters. For details and enrolment please contact Mrs Sue Watson (830726).

**Bridge Methodist Church at 11am:** *3rd*, Miss Cathryn M Spiller, MA *10th*, Holy Communion The Revd Mary R Teed *17th*, Dr John R Butler, MA *24th*, The Revd Albert Ball

**Weekdays** The Holy Communion is celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Bridge only on Wednesday, 25th (*BCP*) at 9.30am and Friday, 27th (*Rite A*) at 7.30am. A brief, informal service is held at The New Close on Wednesdays at 2pm.



## FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st **All Saints' Day**
- 2nd **Commemoration of All Souls**  
Pray for Canterbury Diocesan Synod which meets today at Christ Church College.  
Bridge School Bonfire Night, Church Meadow, Brewery Lane
- 3rd **8th Sunday before Christmas: Trinity 22**
- 7th Bridge School Governors' meeting. Please pray for those newly elected to the governing body of this and other schools in Kent.  
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 9th Patricbourne and Bridge Churches' Coffee Morning and Sale, Bridge Village Hall, 10am to 12 noon
- 10th **7th Sunday before Christmas: Trinity 23**
- 11th *St. Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397*
- 13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 14th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 16th *St. Margaret of Scotland, Queen, Wife, Mother, 1093*  
Friends of The New Close Christmas Fair, Bridge Village Hall, 10.00am-2.00pm  
*Friends of Bekesbourne Church Autumn Dance, Bekesbourne Village Hall*
- 17th **6th Sunday before Christmas: Trinity 24**
- 20th *St. Edmund of East Anglia, King, Martyr, 870*
- 21st Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 24th **5th Sunday before Christmas and next before Advent**  
There will be no Evensong at Bridge as people may like to go to the cathedral where 'Canterbury sings *Songs of Praise*' at 6.30pm.
- 30th *St. Andrew the Apostle*  
**BEKESBOURNE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Village Hall, 10am**

## FROM THE VICAR

November is the month of remembrance; ranging from remembrance of Saints who lived at the dawn of Christianity on the 1st, via the unsaintly Guy Fawkes on the 5th, to the dead of two world wars on the Sunday nearest to the 11th, which this year is the 10th. Along the way remembrance is also made of the saints and martyrs of England on the 8th and a general commemoration of all faithful souls, our own nearest and dearest departed among them, on the 2nd.



For most people I fancy the annual remembrance of the war dead is the main November observance, certainly for any with even the vaguest recollections of life in wartime Britain. We shall be honouring those who gave their lives for king/queen and country on the second Sunday of this month at both Bridge and Patrixbourne, though in a different format from previous years when the Bridge branch of the Royal British Legion was still in existence.

This year's services will be those for a normal second Sunday, with two exceptions. At Bridge there won't be a separate Service of Remembrance at 11 o'clock, instead the 9.30am Parish Communion will focus on the fallen, with special collect, readings and sermon. Part way through we shall leave the church for a short wreath-laying ceremony and brief silence at the war memorial in the churchyard, before returning for the communion. We hope those who hitherto attended the Remembrance Service will join us for the first part of the Parish Communion, even if they prefer not to return for communion. Otherwise it is anticipated that the churchyard ceremony will take place round about 10.00am.

At Patrixbourne the usual service of Matins at 11.00am will be replaced by the official Service of Remembrance, preceded by the observance of the two minute silence at the appointed hour. The preacher at this service will be Mr Handley Stevens, our Licensed Reader.

The effect of this change of events is that on Remembrance Sunday there will be two acts of remembrance at Bridge, the second one being that of every Eucharist when, by our Lord's express command, we share bread and wine 'in remembrance of him'. Just as at the annual Remembrance recollection of past events and people brings them momentarily into the present, so at every Eucharist our Lord becomes, through the bread and wine, a present reality and those who partake of his sacramental presence, as the service says, feed on him in their hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## **FAMILY OCCASIONS**

### **Holy Baptism**

The vicar being on holiday at the time, Canon Packer officiated at the baptism in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on 15th September of **Annabelle Marie Hogben**.

### **Holy Marriage**

**Catherine Ash and Alan Granger, Bekesbourne, 5th October**

**Emma Barker and Geoffrey Ede, Bekesbourne, 12th October**

**Rebecca Gilbert and Frank Peeters, Bridge, 26th October**



## FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

Christine Beer and Jane Martin record thanks to Sheila Fenn and Bill and Joyce Rose for helping to man a very cold Bridge Church on 14th September, and report fewer cyclists visiting than in previous years. Thanks also to Christine Hoare, the sole rider for St. Peter's, Bridge and to Margaret and Robert Eaton, also Bridgeway Stores for kindly supplying refreshments.

*For Patrixbourne Pauline Pritchard writes:* We would like to say another big thank you to all those involved in the sponsored Cycle Ride. Between them, Marian Harlow, John Martin, Tom Morgan-Evans, Peter Morris, Megan and Viv Pritchard and Bill Pullman (making a flying visit from Australia) raised the fine sum of £243.65 for St. Mary's Church and the Friends of Kent Churches. Behind the scenes, of course, were those who manned the church, provided refreshments and sponsored the riders. We are very grateful for all your efforts.

*Jill Gillanders:* A successful cycle ride took place in which Clive, Cheryl and Laura Barker, Richard Cage, Hugh Pearson, Syd and Gill Moon, Joan Atkins and Ian Gillanders raised a fantastic £407.78 for St. Peter's, Bekesbourne. Sincere thanks to them all and to Ralph Barnes and Mrs Watson, who helped me man the church and serve refreshments. Seventy-two cyclists visited the church.

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## IN MEMORY OF TONY FULLAWAY

Following the death of Bekesbourne churchwarden Tony Fullaway, his family requested donations in his memory to Bekesbourne Church or to the Pilgrims Hospice where he died. Bekesbourne PCC decided to buy something which would be used regularly in the Church which Tony loved, and has now acquired a new lectern Bible. It is the Revised English Bible, the version from which Tony habitually read the lessons. Tony, who was much in demand for his calligraphy, would have approved of the beautifully written bookplate which Pleasance Kirk inscribed for us.

The bible was used for the first time at the Bekesbourne Harvest Festival service at the beginning of October.

*Jane Millyard*

**BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH** The minister and members would like to thank all our friends from St. Peter's, Bridge and all other villagers and friends who so kindly supported us on our Coffee Morning on 3rd October. We raised £180.15, a proportion of which will be going to the Mayor of Folkestone's Flood Relief Fund.

*Mabel Harrison, Church Steward*

### **NAILBOURNE SCOUT GROUP**

The Jumble Sale on 14th September made a profit of £225 for Group funds. A big thank you to all helpers who gave so generously of their time and to all those who supported the event.

*Kathy Walder*

### ***FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH***

16th November: Village Hall AUTUMN DANCE, music by Jimmy Lennox. Tickets available from Zan Clifford (830328) or Gill Moon (832134). This was a very happy evening last year, so do come and join us.

30th November: Village Hall Christmas Bazaar

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We are hoping to arrange a further working party for the churchyard, and all offers of help will be greatly appreciated. Please phone Zan Clifford for details.

**FRIENDS OF THE NEW CLOSE** Christmas Fair in Bridge Village Hall on 16th November between 10am and 2pm. There will be craft items and soft toys for sale as well as tombolas, bottle stall and plant stall. Plus a raffle, prizes being a portable TV, £50 cash, a radio alarm clock and many more.

**Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne churchfolk** BOOK NOW Saturday, 14th December, for the annual Church Family Christmas Party in the School Hall from 4.00 to 7.00pm!



## **BEKESBOURNE FAMILY SERVICES - JOYS TO COME!**

*Pat Kusel whets our appetite.*

The November Family Service on the 24th was to have been a church parade for Bekesbourne Brownies but due to a clash of dates with the district Guide and Brownie Carol Service their visit will have to be re-organised. But we stay with our chosen theme of stained glass and explore the role this plays in worship. Dr Sebastian Ströbl, who lives in the parish and is an expert on stained glass, is going to join us and share some of his knowledge of Bekesbourne's stained glass windows with us.

In December the Family Service on 22nd will look at Christmas traditions with the theme of giving and will be of particular interest to children. I would like about eight children to volunteer to do short readings, so if you are interested please give me a ring on 830272.

### **JOAN CARPENTER MEMORIAL**

At a recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council it was agreed that as a parish we would like to remember the life and work of the late Joan Carpenter by placing a wall plaque to her memory in Patricxbourne Church. Joan worked quietly and ceaselessly to maintain St. Mary's Church and her family had been associated with the village for generations, her father having been churchwarden, as was Joan at the time of her death. Her presence is greatly missed. If you would like to contribute towards the memorial please contact Churchwarden Andrea Nicholson on 830927 for further details.

### ***THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY***

David Burns of Sittingbourne, who ran in the London Marathon for the society, has finally gathered in a total of £2,105 and thanks all who sponsored him, including some residents of Bridge.

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Christmas Cards are again being sold for *The Children's Society* and leaflets with order forms are available from the local representative, Kathy Eynon, 19 Bridge Down (tel: 830466).

Ian Harrison, Divisional Appeals Manager says: 'The profit from each card is used to fund our work with children and young people, especially today those adrift on the streets of our cities. Many are not yet sixteen years old, yet we know from talking to them that a number of these boys and girls resort to prostitution to survive. These children need to be protected from those who exploit and abuse them. Yet it is the children who are treated as criminals,



prosecuted and returned to the streets. As a result we are now in discussion with police, and other agencies involved, to introduce procedures to protect these children. However, there is still much to be done, and this will only be possible with the support you give us.'

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In case you're wondering, yes, there will be the customary Christingle Service this Christmas Eve at 4 o'clock in Bridge Church!

### **HARVEST AT PATRIBOURNE**

St. Mary's Church, Patribourne was beautifully decorated by Margaret Marsh and her willing band of helpers for the Harvest Festival on Sunday, 13th October. Grateful thanks are expressed to them for all their talented and artistic effort - the church was a marvellous display of the bounty of nature.

It was therefore fitting that the Harp Recital on the Saturday evening started with a stirring rendition by all present of 'Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home'. Brilliant young harpist Camilla Pay's programme included works by J.F. Bach, Hasselmans and Naderman, and a modern piece by Natra evocative in mood of the problems of the modern state of Israel. The audience greatly appreciated the lovely music by Camilla and our thanks are expressed to her for it. The evening was completed by pieces on the violin and recorder by Mary Stevens and a piano item, played on the keyboard by Jonathan Nicholson. We are grateful to all three young musicians for a delightful evening and to all who supported the event. The sum of £170 was raised for the Fabric Fund of St. Mary's Church.

**Patribourne with Bridge PCC** is arranging some fund-raising events for the two churches which you might like to make a note of.

**CAROL SINGING** Saturday, 21st December, 10am-12 noon, Bridge High Street; Monday, 23rd evening around the village

**WINE & WISDOM** Saturday, 8th February at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall, £4 a head - eight tables of eight. More details later

**SPRING FAYRE** Saturday, 22nd March, Bridge Village Hall, 2pm

The PCC wants to form a Spring Fayre Committee to arrange this last event. Any willing hands to contact the chairman, John Anderson, Aunt Betsy's Cottage, Dering Road (830260) as soon as possible please.



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**BRIDGE VILLAGE PLAYGROUP's 'Christmas Bazaar'** is on Tuesday, 3rd December at 11am in Bridge Village Hall. Anyone and everyone welcome!

### **BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - October Meeting**

*by Margaret Church, Clerk*

Mr John Shelton of the Kentish Stour Countryside Project spoke at the meeting on the need to re-establish areas of managed chalk grasslands, hedgerows, woodland and traditional orchard. After an interesting illustrated talk, the council decided to discuss the possibilities of initiatives in Bridge at the November council meeting.

Councillors were sad to see that Margaret and Robert Eaton had closed their shop in the High Street. The council particularly appreciate the co-operation and help the Eatons have given over the years in running the Village Hall.

No fresh planning applications have been considered since the last meeting but the City Council has granted permission for the following: Bridge Depot, Union Road - installation of new loading gantry; 84 High Street - demolition of three garages at rear and building of one detached house with integral garage; 14 Brewery Lane - replacement of conservatory; and the retention of the pole-mounted sign on Bridge Hill adjacent to the church. The City Council had also consulted the Parish Council on requests by various householders living within Bridge Conservation Area to fell trees on their properties. Councillors raised no objections but hope that replacement planting will be undertaken where appropriate.

New fencing has been put up between the Recreation Ground and Riverside Close and repairs carried out to the sports pavilion. Additional planting of trees will also be undertaken on the Recreation Ground boundaries. Councillors hope that the incidents of vandalism in the village will be reduced and welcome the appointment of PC Nigel Chandler as the new Rural Police Constable for Bridge.



The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Thursday, 14th November at 7.30pm.

## **FISH NEWS**

This month there are two appeals.

At present eighteen volunteers drive fellow villagers about as the need arises. Would you be willing to join them? The Fish Scheme needs two new volunteer drivers for patients to the Chiropody Clinic in Bridge every six or seven weeks. Your services would be thoroughly appreciated and petrol costs are met. Please telephone Mrs Joan Warren on 830233 if you feel you could help. The next Chiropody Clinic will be from 4th to 8th November.

Secondly, the knitters who come to the monthly Coffee Pop-Ins get through an amazing amount of wool making garments for needy local children. The Health Visitors tell us they are extremely welcome but we have difficulty keeping up with demand. Please telephone Mrs Rosy Green (830204) if you have any wool going spare. The next Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday, 13th November, 10.15 to 11.45am. Everybody is welcome, whether you knit or not!

May we remind you how vital the milk delivery service is to our villages. If we don't use it in sufficient numbers we could lose it and that would be a disaster for many residents.

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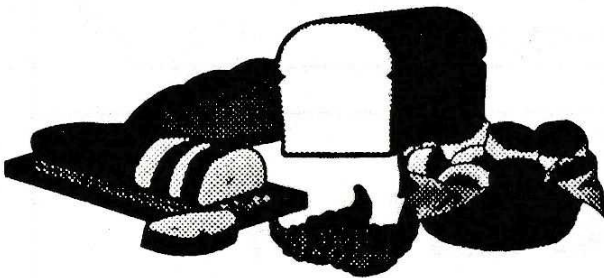
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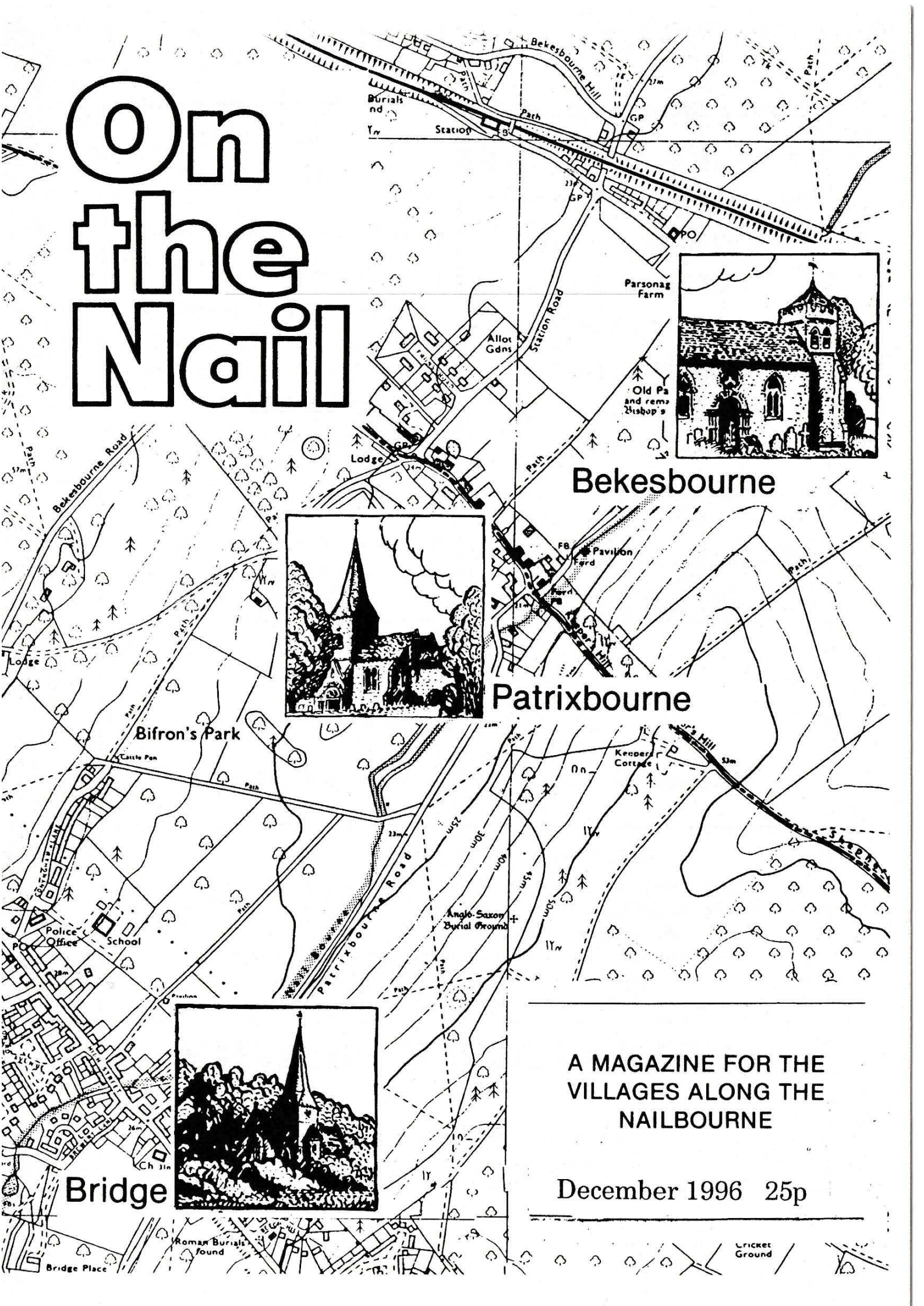
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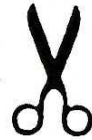
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## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

- 1st** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
11.00 Family Gift Service (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Advent Carol Service (*Bridge*)
- 8th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Patricbourne*)
- 15th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)  
11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)
- 22nd** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
11.00am Christmas Family Service (*Bekesbourne*)  
6.30pm Carol Service (*Bridge*)
- 29th** 10.30am Benefice Eucharist (*Bridge*)  
2.30pm Baptisms (*Bekesbourne*)
- 5th January**  
8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)  
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)  
11.00am Family Service (*Bridge*)  
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

**Junior Church** caters for 4 year olds and upwards, helping them grow in the faith of the Church, in a secure and caring environment. It meets in Bridge Methodist Church, Patricbourne Road each Sunday, except the first in the month, from 9.15 to 10.15am. For details and enrolment please contact Mrs Sue Watson (830726).

**Bridge Methodist Church** at 11am: *1st*, Miss Leah Turner, BSc *8th*, Toy Service, The Revd Stuart Ward *15th*, Holy Communion, The Revd Mary R Teed *22nd*, Carol Service, Mr Ron Chadwick, MA, DMS *29th*, The Revd George Baugh



**Weekdays** The Holy Communion is celebrated in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Wednesdays (*BCP*) at 9.30am and Fridays (*Rite A*) at 7.30am. A brief, informal service is held at The New Close on Wednesdays at 2pm.

## **FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST**

### **1st First Sunday in Advent**

The 11am service at Bridge is the annual Family Gift Service, when you are asked to bring a gift-wrapped Christmas present for one of the elderly residents of The New Close.

At 6.30pm we are holding our very first **ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**. This has a different emphasis from the Christmas Carol Service though follows the same pattern, viz. (Advent) carols, hymns and readings.

Saxon Lodge Residential Home, Christmas Fayre

**2nd** *Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637*

**3rd** *St. Francis Xavier, Missionary, 1552*

Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm

**4th** Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC, Bridge Methodist Church, 7.30pm

**5th** Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm

**6th** *St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c326*

Pray for the Deanery Clergy Chapter, meeting at Littlebourne this morning.

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

**8th** **Second Sunday in Advent**

**10th** Bridge Church Flower Arrangers' Meeting, The Archways, Conyngham Lane, 7.30pm

**11th** Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am

**12th** Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.00pm

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

Three Churches Family Christmas Party, Bridge School, 4.00-7.00pm

**15th** **Third Sunday in Advent**

**19th** Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm

*Friends of Bekesbourne Church Carol Singing, The Unicorn, 8.30pm*

**22nd** **Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Bequesbourne's Family Service will have a Christmas flavour (*not a Carol Service*) and will include gifts for British Humanitarian Aid. See Pat Kusel's article on page 8.



- Bridge Candlelit Christmas Carol Service, St. Peter's Church, 6.30pm
- 23rd Patrixbourne Carol Service, 7.00pm
- 24th ***Christmas Eve***  
 Christingle Service, *Bridge*, 4.00pm  
 Midnight Mass, *Bekesbourne & Bridge*, 11.30pm
- 25th **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
 Holy Communion, *Bridge*, 8.00am  
 Parish Communion, *Patrixbourne*, 9.30am  
 Family Carol Service, *Bekesbourne*, 11.00am
- 26th ***St. Stephen the First Martyr***
- 27th ***St. John the Evangelist***
- 28th ***Holy Innocents***
- 29th **Sunday after Christmas**  
 The Benefice Eucharist, *Bridge*, 10.30am

## FROM THE VICAR

The Christmas angels sang of peace on earth, St. Luke says, and this was an indication to the Bethlehem shepherds of what was in store for people of goodwill through the birth in the manger. Nigh on 2000 years later the cynics wonder why this peace is such a long time coming.

There's peace and peace, and whatever else the message was that sent the shepherds scurrying into the town that first Christmas night, it wasn't a heaven sent guarantee that once Jesus' ministry began wars would be no more and there would be universal sweetness and light ever after. Part of the confusion undoubtedly arises from the Authorised Version of the Bible, which translated the angel's song as, 'and on earth peace, goodwill towards men'. In fact more accurate translations give us the true sense of it, e.g. 'on earth peace to all in whom he delights.'*[Revised English Bible]* The peace is a promised gift through the coming of Jesus: the goodwill is something people are to exhibit if they want that peace.

Okay, so this doesn't explain Zaire, the Israeli-Palestinian infighting and, right on our doorstep, why somebody keeps vandalising Bridge Church's security lights! The blessing at the end of the Communion service refers to the 'peace of God which passes all understanding' and whereas that doesn't sound terribly helpful, at least it reinforces the biblical notion of peace, which is a matter of right relationships with God rather than no disharmony. The first Christmas brought peace to the world in that God sent his Son to counter the destructive effects of sin and make God thoroughly accessible to all people. Wherever God is, there is



peace, even in a world where nations and individuals find it difficult to get on with one another and we experience it in that awareness of peace when we know ourselves healed in mind if not body and are at peace with all. But remember, the goodwill has to come from humanity first if the priceless gift of Christmas is to be enjoyed. For all the right reasons I wish you peace this Christmas in your homes and hearts and invite you to join the celebrations in honour of the coming of the Prince of Peace at any of the services listed on pages 6 and 21.

## **JOYS & SORROWS**

### **Baptism**

**CHRISTOPHER JAMES JENNER, 15 Conyngham Lane, 3rd November**

**EMILY ROSE HANA HILL, Battersea, 10th November**

**NATASHA ANNE PALMER, Fairview, Bekesbourne Hill, 16th November**

### **Obituaries**

The Revd **FRANK SPENCER BULL**, Canon of Coventry cathedral, was born in Northwood 76 years ago and after attending Merchant Taylors School and London University he was ordained in 1943 to serve at St. James Hatcham, New Cross. It was the time when V2 rockets were falling on London. Frank's vicar suffered a breakdown and Frank himself was bombed out of his lodgings twice. One Saturday morning a V2 fell on a crowded Woolworths a few yards from Frank's church. He at once became involved in the horrific aftermath of one of the worst civilian incidents of WWII.

In 1946 Frank married Aileen, having moved to his second curacy at Lambeth Parish Church and a chaplaincy at St. Thomas Hospital the previous year.

His first living was at Stockwell to unite two parishes of completely opposing outlook. His outstanding success there led to his appointment in 1955 as Vicar of Herne Hill and then to Kenilworth in 1966. The love and support he evoked from his parishioners were remarkably demonstrated on the day of his funeral at Elmstone, where some 200 of them at Kenilworth met at the same time for Holy Communion, arranged by Frank's successor.

When Frank and Aileen, always his strong support, retired to Preston in 1985 he gave much help in the interregnum at the time, especially at Wingham. On their removal to Bridge he continued to help with services and chaired the Stewardship Committee. In the end his illness gradually overtook him and he died on 23rd October. The funeral at Elmstone and Barham on 29th October was attended by his family only and conducted by his friend Canon John Packer.



The tragic death of STEWART ROBINSON of Bridge Down, in a road accident while cycling in London has left his young wife Sarah and four small children utterly bereft. A cremation service at Barham was conducted, in the vicar's unavoidable absence, by the Revd Alan Duke, Rector of Barham. Our hearts go out to Stewart's grieving family in their sad loss and we pray God's special blessing upon them in the days to come.

### **BEKESBOURNE'S OCTOBER FAMILY SERVICE**

Our lives today are very busy and we all know what it feels like when the days pass and we haven't achieved all we would have wished. We often complain that we don't have enough time. At the Family Service in October Pat Kusel helped us consider how we used our time and focussed on the story of Mary and Martha from St. Luke's Gospel. Here were two sisters with very different priorities when it came to entertaining Jesus in their home. Mary sat and listened in awe, Martha was too busy preparing food and being the perfect 'hostess'. Who was right? For most of us the answer was both - but do we make enough effort to stop, to listen, to think and to pray ...?

Well done and thank you, Pat!

*Romany Cowans*

### **... AND IN DECEMBER**

*Bekesbourne will have a Christmas Family Gift Service on 22nd at 11.00am, about which Pat Kusel writes:*

British Humanitarian Aid is a relief organisation run by one man who lives in Canterbury. He runs convoys of aid to Bosnia and Chernobyl and uses the aerodrome in Bekesbourne as his storage and loading depot.

This Christmas we would like to support this work and ask everyone who comes to the Christmas Family Service on the 22nd December to bring a gift (not wrapped) that can be taken on the next aid run. Toys for children (nothing that requires batteries or spare parts!), hand-knitted dolls, etc., simple toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, flannels, toilet paper, etc), children's clothing and blankets.

If you cannot make the service (please try) then donations will be gratefully received by me, Pat Kusel, Rosary House, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne (830272).

Volunteers to read in the service are still needed. Please get in touch.

### **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GREETINGS CARDS CAMPAIGN**

Each year *Amnesty International* compiles a list of prisoners of conscience to



whom Amnesty members and supporters are asked to send greetings cards. If you would like to join in this action, Chris Hoare will have cards available for you to sign after the Parish Communion services in Bridge Church during December. If you would like more information about *Amnesty International* please contact Chris on 832447.

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our friends for their loyal support over the past 12 years. We were overwhelmed with all the cards, letters and flowers we received. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 1997 from Margaret, Robert and all the family.

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The Foundation for the Study of Infant Death's Coffee Morning on 24th October, held in Bridge Village Hall raised £484 clear profit. We also sold £237 worth of Christmas Cards. Thanks go to all who made this result possible.

*Elizabeth Stewart*

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I should like to express my sincere thanks to all Poppy Appeal collectors and donors in Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bishopsbourne who succeeded in making this year's total a record one of £862.

It was a magnificent effort and must constitute a significant contribution towards the Royal British Legion's continuing good work. Thank you so much.

*Barry Whiting*

**BRIDGE CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS** are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, 10th December at 7.30pm at the Archways, Conyngham Lane, to discuss Christmas decorations and next year's rota. Everyone, novice or experienced, will be very welcome. Just come for a coffee and a chat if you are not sure about joining the team.

*Viv Brasier*

Please come and support our Christmas Fayre at SAXON LODGE RESIDENTIAL HOME, 30 Western Avenue on 1st December at 2.00pm.

### **NAILBOURNE SCOUT GROUP: CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY**

The Nailbourne Scout Group is again organising a Christmas Card Delivery for Bridge Village only. Special stamps (price still held at 10p!) and decorated Christmas posting boxes will be at the following locations from 1st to 21st December:

Laurie Wakeham (Butcher) - Bridge Newsagent - Plough & Harrow -  
Nicholas James (Hairdresser) - White Horse Inn - Bridgeway Stores (Box  
only)

The boxes will be emptied regularly and all mail clearly addressed and stamped  
will be delivered before Christmas.

Please support the Group and use this service for your Bridge village  
Christmas cards. *Kathy Walder*

## **CAN YOU HELP the 1st BRIDGE GUIDES?**

*asks District Commissioner Wendy Dyer*

Our guides need assistance to run their unit. Our guide guider will shortly be  
taking maternity leave and although we are borrowing a guider from another area  
we would really like to have someone else as well to help.

The Guides meet on Friday evenings at the Mill Centre from 7.00 till  
8.30pm.

We can train you as you go along, you don't have to wear uniform, you  
can be a unit helper. The guides in the unit would be only too willing to help you.  
**ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE WOULD BE VERY WELCOME!**

If you feel you could help in any way and are aged between 18 and 55  
years, please ring me on 450605 in the evening.

Thank you!

### *BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE SCHOOL*

invite all Senior Citizens  
to an afternoon of entertainment  
MONDAY, 16th DECEMBER

1.30 - 3.00pm  
at Bridge School.

Refreshments will be served.  
Please contact the school on 830276  
if you would like to come.  
Transport can be arranged -  
please let us know in good time.



## **CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER**

**BRIDGE SCHOOL**

**4.00 - 7.00pm**

Please come and join us young and not so young at the Christmas Party, which is always a great occasion.

Lots of Fun, Food, Tea and absolutely no fund-raising.

*For transport or more information phone 830668 or 830960 or 830238.*

### **Nailbourne Horticultural Society ...**

December meeting, which will be a practical 'hands-on' evening making a floral Christmas decoration with Mrs Snashall, will now be held on **Tuesday, 3rd December** at the usual time of 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Bridge, and not as previously published.

Bring along with you whatever you want to put into your decoration as well as a suitable container or holder, i.e. a piece of wood, saucer, trays, seasonal greenery, nuts, pines, flowers (silk or fresh), ribbon, candles, wire, etc. Mrs Snashall will be there to guide you and offer advice.

If you want further details or ideas, please either ask for a leaflet at the Post Office or telephone Billie Anderson on 830260. *K. Walder*

### **BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - November meeting**

PC Nigel Chandler, Bridge's new Rural Constable, was welcomed to the meeting and spoke of some of the recent problems of vandalism and illegal parking in the village that he hopes police action will considerably reduce in future.

Parish Appraisal Group members attended the meeting, during which councillors received copies of the final Report and Recommendations. Copies will also be distributed to households in the parish. Mrs Argent, for the group, thanked the Parish Council for its support and hoped the report would be widely read. Parish Council Chairman, Reg Franklin thanked the group for their hard work, giving particular mention to the group's chairman, Michael Loughlin and to Raj Dasan for computing support.

Following the success of the hanging basket and floral tub competition for private houses in past years, the Council voted to award a trophy annually in



memory of Jim Tamsitt, himself a keen gardener. The trophy will go to the householder having the best display when the judges make their rounds.

In future, notices for the Parish Council noticeboard should be sent direct to the Clerk (address on the board), rather than handed to Reg Franklin. Advertisers are asked to allow sufficient time to publicise events, as there is great pressure for space on the board.

Planning permission has been given by Canterbury City Council for an extension at 2 Western Avenue, a boundary wall at 15 Green Court, alterations to a basement window at 8 High Street and for the retention of the pole-mounted sign advertising Bridge Country Club. An appeal has been lodged and a Public Inquiry will be held about the proposed 100-bedroomed hotel on land south of Pond Cottages on the A2. The Council will be restating its objections to the Secretary of State for the Environment and local residents wishing to object should write to the Secretary of State at Tollgate House, Room 1203C, Houlton Street, Bristol, BS2 9DJ, quoting reference APP/J2210/A/96/269752 as soon as possible.

The Council's expenditure for the year 1997/8 was approved and will be made up of £4840. a slight reduction on last year, to be raised by precept to cover administrative costs, including the Clerk's salary and expenses; lighting, recreation ground maintenance and a contribution to Village Hall expenses totalling £6170 will be met by a grant from Canterbury City Council, and application is also being made for a capital grant towards the cost of installing heating in the Recreation Ground pavilion to widen its use.

The next meeting is on Thursday, 12th December at 7.00pm.

## **FISH NEWS**

The next **Chiropody Clinic** runs from January 13th to 17th. Please contact Mrs Warren (tel 830233) for more information. As usual the Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall is on Wednesday, 11th December and lifts can be arranged by telephoning Mrs Medhurst (830762). Thank you to everyone who has given knitting wool to the scheme. If you still have some spare bits please contact Mrs Green (830204).

*A.R.*

**ADVANCE NOTICE** that Bridge Methodists will be holding their annual Covenant Service of re-dedication on Sunday, 5th January at 11.00am. Church Steward, Mrs Mabel Harrison writes: 'Once again we extend a cordial welcome to our friends at St. Peter's, Bridge to join us in this service.'



*Vicar* The Revd Raymond Gilbert, AKC, 23 High Street, Bridge (830250)

*Reader* Mr Handley Stevens, MA, 6 Bridgeford Way, Bridge (831376)

### **PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE**

*Churchwardens* Mr HPM Lawrence, 72 Bridge Down, Bridge (830472)

Dr AM Nicholson, Riverside Cottage, Patricbourne (830947)

*Hon Secretary* Mr MF Leggatt, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge (830251)

*Hon Treasurer* Mr K Nicholson, Riverside Cottage, Patricbourne (830947)

*Covenants Officer* Mr NC Francis, 54 Riverside Close, Bridge (830945)

*Organist (Bridge)*

*Organist (Patricbourne)* Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patricbourne (830205)

*Virger* Mr Jack Hopkins, Station Cottages, Bishopsbourne

### **BEKESBOURNE**

*Churchwardens* Mrs J Millyard, School House, School Lane, Bekesbourne (830256)

Mr IG Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne

*Hon Secretary* Mr JW Cowans, Distant View, Adisham Road, Bekesbourne (831029)

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*Organist* Mrs RM Stacey, Joslet, Keepers Hill, Patricbourne (830205)

*Captain of the Rings* Mr D Farbrace, 3 Downside, Adisham Road, Bekes'ne (830659)

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*On The Nail Editor:* The Vicar

Items for *On The Nail* should reach the editor by the 15th of the preceding month.

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## **CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

4pm Christingle Service (*Bridge*)

11.30pm Midnight Mass (*Bridge & Bekesbourne*)

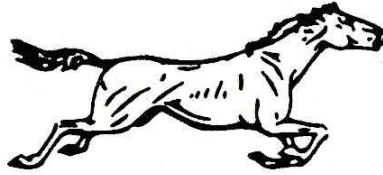
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### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

8am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)

9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)

11am Carol Service (*Bekesbourne*)



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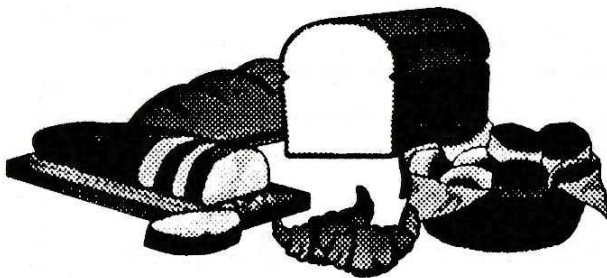
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