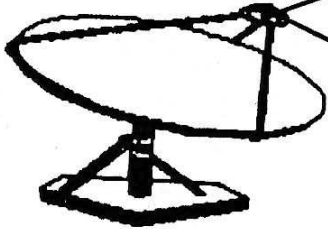


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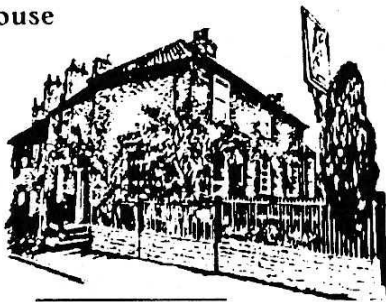
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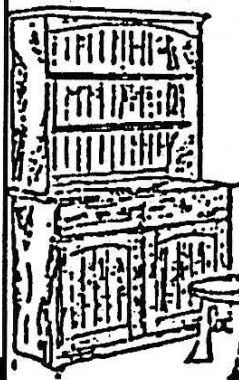
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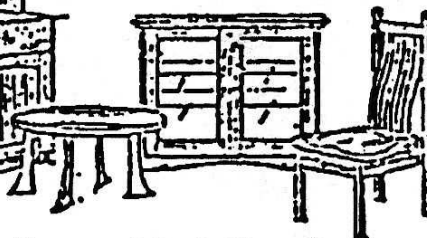
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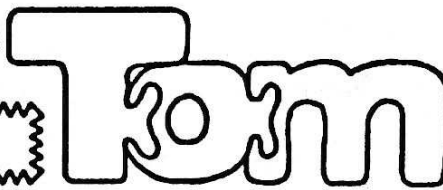
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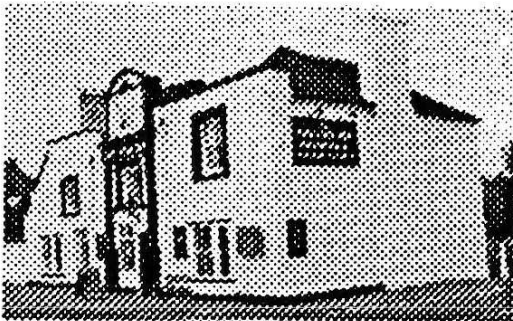


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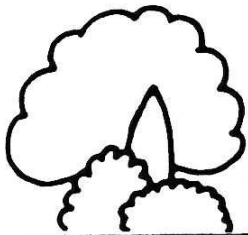
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- 4th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
11.00am Family Service (*Bridge*)
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)
- 11th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
11.00am Matins (*Patixbourne*)
- 18th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)
- 25th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patixbourne*)
11.00am Family Service with Baptism (*Bekesbourne*)
6.00pm Taizé Worship (*Patixbourne*)
- 1st February**
8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
11.00am Family Service for Candlemas (*Bridge*)
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

Children are welcome at all services, but especially at Family Services. Junior Church welcomes children of 4 years old and upwards, helping them grow in the faith of the Church, in a secure and caring environment. It meets on second and third Sundays at 9.30am. For further details and enrolment, parents should get in touch with Mrs Susanne Leggatt (830251).

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *4th*, The Revd Albert Ball *11th*, Dr Doreen M Rosman *18th*, The Revd George Baugh *25th*, *Covenant Service*, The Revd Michael Walling

Now there is to be an entire Taizé-style service on Sunday, 25th January in St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne at 6 o'clock. Those who have experienced it before will need no further encouragement, but if you haven't do come and share in this quiet and reflective form of prayer in the very conducive setting of St. Mary's Church. Taizé being an ecumenical community it would be a special pleasure to welcome friends from the Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches on what is, after all, the last day of the annual Week of Prayer for Unity.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The November meeting, which was a "Port & Stilton" presentation and social evening, was enjoyed by more than 50 members and friends.

Looking ahead, the AGM of the Society will be held on Tuesday, 27th January at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall, at which we will be delighted to welcome both long-standing and prospective new members. Subscriptions are renewable on that date and, as an incentive, the names of those who pay on the night will be entered in the draw for tickets for the Chelsea Flower Show. It is also hoped that the calendar of events planned for 1998 will be available that evening.

Then, after the business of the meeting is completed, Roger Austin will give a talk on developing a garden.

Kathy Walder, Hon Sec

WINE & WISDOM

See you at the Wine & Wisdom evening in Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm on 31st January, in aid of St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Bridge! Tickets at £4 each are available from Pauline Pritchard in Patrixbourne (830685) and Kath Pierce (830844) or Sheila Fenn (830284) in Bridge. There will be tables of eight, but you can buy in smaller groups or as an individual and have an equally enjoyable evening competing alongside new people. Supper is included in the cost, but you will need to bring your own cutlery and liquid refreshment.

BRIDGE & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

A large membership came away with the secret of gunpowder after the meeting on Tuesday, 25th November, when Arthur Percival told of The Faversham Explosive Industry 1580 - 1930.

Encouraged by Queen Elizabeth I, the Huguenots, then recently arrived from Fance with their superior manufacturing process, settled in Faversham, which with its easy access to the sea for transport, found itself unquely placed to supply both the English and Continental markets with reliable gunpowder. After its busiest period during the First World War, the industry declined and moved to

Scotland as aerial warfare advanced to the point where southern England became vulnerable to bombing. Dr. Percival, founder of the Faversham Society, included a large selection of slides showing the process - and just how lovely the rural environments of the gunpowder works were in contrast to the product's end use.

The Christmas Buffet on 6th December proved a great success. The event commenced with complimentary drinks and then armed with score cards everyone started on the first part of the prize quiz - the local photo section which comprised more than 20 photographs specially taken by chairman John Bishop and secretary Bill Dawson, and which many found tantalising. A generous hot and cold buffet was followed by the lucky ticket prize draw and the afternoon concluded with the second half of the prize quiz, when a wide variety of specialist and general knowledge questions devised by John Bishop were posed. A convivial time was had by all 47 who came along to the Red Lion Inn, Bridge and the tone was set for the forthcoming festive season.

LAMBETH CONFERENCE 1998 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

by Canon Reg Humphriss

Plans are well ahead for this year's Lambeth Conference being held at the University of Kent at Canterbury from 18th July to 9th August.

There will be eight hundred bishops who lead our world-wide family of seventy million Anglicans. There will be six hundred spouses, who will be having their own Conference at the same time. The Lambeth Conference will be serviced by teams of Theological Consultants and translators together with Ecumenical Observers. Members of the world's media are queuing up to come. There will be a resident secretariat from the offices of the Archbishop and the Anglican Consultative Council, assisted by a team of students from the University, the College of the Ascension and from round the world. The current 'OUTLOOK' includes the first of a series of articles on the Conference and the preparations being made.

Because the Conference is in our diocese we have a unique opportunity to help with the arrangements. The local Committee, chaired by Mr. Peter Carson, O.B.E., is now sending out specific invitations requesting help.

CAR DRIVERS are needed on 18th July to meet trains from the Canterbury Railway Stations, to welcome participants and take them to reception desks at one of the four points at the University, handing them over to a team of students who will escort them to their rooms. Volunteers will need to be adaptable and prepared to wait for the next train. Many of the participants will be coming down by coaches from the airports, where special arrangements are being made.

FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st ***Naming of Jesus*** or Circumcision of Christ
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 4th **2nd Sunday of Christmas**
- 6th **Epiphany**
- 8th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 11th **Baptism of Christ**
- 13th *St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367*
- 14th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 15th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 17th *St. Antony of Egypt, Abbot, 356*
- 18th **2nd Sunday of Epiphany** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.
- 20th Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21st *St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, 304*
- 22nd 7.30pm United Service (*Bridge Methodist Church*)
- 25th ***Conversion of St. Paul***
- 26th *Timothy & Titus, Companions of St. Paul*
- 27th *St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407*
East Bridge Deanery Synod meets at Wingham School
Nailbourne Horticultural Society AGM, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28th *St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1274*
- 31st Wine & Wisdom Evening, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm

Rosemary and Raymond Gilbert would like to thank all who sent greetings to the vicarage at Christmas, and for so much prayerful support at other times.

FROM THE VICAR

As usual I'm writing before Christmas, when the preparations are far advanced and the celebrations in their initial stages. I expect this year will be no different from any other in that the activities that mark our Christmas Day, be they religious or secular, will also bring Christmas to an end. Certainly chance encounters while walking off the turkey and plum pudding on Boxing Day morning are likely to elicit the enquiry, "Did you have a good Christmas?"

Now in case you've forgotten 25th December is but the first of the twelve days of Christmas, for the season of Christ's nativity extends longer than any other. That, at any rate, is the ideal, though in reality we *do* feel we've passed the annual hurdle come 26th and even the carols that have regaled and delighted us throughout December lose their allure once the magic day is past. No matter,

Christmas officially is of twelve days duration and only ends on twelfth night when, for superstitious reasons if nothing else, we traditionally remove the household decorations.

For the diehards I bring good tidings of great joy to the effect that the Church's new calendar not only strings Christmas out for the full twelve days but encourages us to celebrate the other events that mark the infancy of our Lord, all of which eventually reach their finale at Candlemas on 2nd February. I can't see that spreading the Christmas jollifications over a month and a bit would appeal in secular circles, not once the bills come home to roost, but that need not deter us from the religious point of view, for there is more worth celebrating in the early life of the Lord than his birth in the manger. There is the coming of the wise men at Epiphany, Jesus's Naming and Circumcision, both emphasizing his Jewishness but referred to in the gospels none the less. Then there is his presentation in the temple, which provides the setting for Candlemas, and on which occasion too the baby Jesus was greeted by Simeon and Anna. All these moments in the Lord's infancy warrant our attention and furnish good cause for extra festivity, howbeit of a more muted nature.

Do join us in these other celebrations, particularly the Epiphany and Candlemas, both of which will provide the theme for Bridge's Family Services this month and next. When you think about it, it's hardly possible to overreact in honouring the salient moments in our Lord's early life since he is our God-given Saviour, Christ the Lord.

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Before leaving Christmas for another year I would like, on behalf of Bekesbourne Church, to thank Mrs Dolly Hogben and her daughters Daphne and Shirley for the wonderful gift of a most beautiful Christmas crib. Not only is it gladdening our hearts in the church during the season but all the figures are hand knitted: a skilled labour of love that will add a special delight to our worship at Christmas in the years to come.

NOVEMBER FAMILY SERVICE at BEKESBOURNE

The children found themselves unwrapping what looked like three colourful presents during the course of the service on 23rd November. The first group were very disappointed to discover nothing in theirs. The second were expecting nothing, but uncovered some precious jewellery, and the third, expecting a present, found only a pair of shoes, and second-hand at that. What was this all about? It taught that life is full of surprises, as is God, and we must be ready for the second coming of Christ, for that too will pleasantly surprise us.

We may also need some drivers on departure day, 9th August.

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Other areas of help will be needed, and some of these are being offered to the local deanery. Our Cathedral, parishes and chaplaincies have forms with specific requests which need to be returned to me by 15th February.

It is hoped that all offers of help will be acknowledged by Easter by those who will be in charge of the different sections, who in turn will be responsible to the local Committee, which will offer familiarisation times. Of course, it may not be possible to accept all offers of help but we will include as many as possible. Some priority will be given to those who are able to offer help on several days so that we are not instructing new people every day, and there is some continuity of smiling faces.

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BEKESBOURNE'S RETAIL SUCCESS

The Christmas Bazaar, organized by the *Friends of Bekesbourne Church*, was a great success and raised £552 - a great improvement on last year.

We thank all our helpers who worked very hard, all those who made cakes and gifts or brought items to sell, the Brownies for their cheerful contribution, and all those who came and supported us. Bekesbourne Church supporters are very grateful!

FISH SCHEME

A very Happy New Year from the Fish Scheme! If you would like to volunteer as an occasional driver for the Scheme please telephone Ann Medhurst on 830762, who will gladly explain how this important department of the Fish Scheme works.

The next Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday morning, 14th January. A.R.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL: December Meeting



Downgrading of Hospital Formal public consultations will soon begin on options for re-shaping hospital care in East Kent. The Parish Council has already written in protest to the Chief Executive of East Kent Health Authority and will lobby Julian Brazier, MP and David Pentin to prevent the downgrading of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital. Local residents are asked to support the Parish Council by signing the petition being organised by Martin Vye.

Recreation Ground Tony Walder has obtained proposed layouts for modernising the children's play area on the Recreation Ground and a sub-committee will be looking at them in detail before making recommendations to the Council. Funding is being sought from Canterbury City Council's Villages Capital Project Fund.

The Millennium Following the return of questionnaires from local residents, the Parish Council is pursuing the idea of a street party and the possibility of replacing the bridge over the ford in Mill Lane. A suggestion that the Council should contribute to the cost of restoring the chimes on the church clock was sympathetically received.

Planning matters Planning permission is being sought to carry out internal alterations at Bridge Hill House, to which the Council had no objection. The City Council has given formal planning permission for the alterations to Churchill House and for a first floor extension to 2 Filmer Road.

New Year - New Clerk From 1st January, Mrs Janet Potter takes over as Clerk to the Parish Council. She can be reached on Canterbury 832331.



After the service everyone gathered at the back of the church for coffee and biscuits and a good chat. Do join us for this monthly event - we're full of surprises too!

January Family Service on 25th at 11.00am - something to do with stars!

ST. PETER'S BRIDGE IN ALL ITS GLORY

The great re-decorating programme at St. Peter's Church reached its finale in time for Christmas and a building that we've been loath to introduce visitors to is now justifiably the village's pride and joy. And it's all thanks to an extremely hard-working, dedicated band of enthusiasts from within the congregation who have willingly expended their time and talents on the project. The fact that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves into the bargain is beside the point, for this DIY enterprise was a true labour of love for which we are all grateful. I forbear to name names because they wouldn't wish it for one thing, and I'd be bound to leave someone out, for another. They know who they are, so from all who use the church, and we all do at some time, thank you, thank you!

IN MEMORIAM

The cremation of GERTRUDE LOUISA KENNARD, 24 Bridge Down, was conducted by the Vicar at Barham Crematorium on 2nd December. Mrs Kennard had been an invalid for 26 years, during which time she had been lovingly cared for at home by her daughter and family.

Bridge friends and contacts will be very sad to hear of the death of Mrs SOPHIE TAYLOR, for many years a resident of Churchill House and a most active, cheerfully popular member of the village and church communities. Sophie went to live near her family in the Medway area some years ago but in her time here, and despite advancing age, she made a valuable contribution to local society via the Fish Scheme, for one thing, gathering to herself a large circle of friends and admirers. Towards the end of her time in Bridge ill health began to take its toll but it didn't stop her enjoyment of life nor quench her infectious sense of humour.

Bridge with Patricbourne WI

The first meeting of the new year is on Tuesday, 20th January at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The speaker is a representative from *Safeways*, and the competition is a bloom from your garden. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome.

J.H.

Sponsored Bike Ride: Bridge report

A belated thank you to all the riders who were rather badgered into taking part. In

total £120.75 was raised, half of this amount having been returned to St. Peter's Church, Bridge. Thanks once again to Bridgeway Stores for kindly supplying the refreshments, and to all who helped to man the church throughout the day. Both I and Jane Martin certainly appreciate the help.

I am now looking for somebody to take over the organisation of 1998's event, as I would like to cycle with my children. If anyone is willing to help please contact me on 830900. *Christine Beer*

UNITED SERVICE

The annual service in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is in BRIDGE METHODIST CHURCH on Thursday, 22nd January at 7.30pm. The preacher will be the new Methodist Minister, the Revd. Michael Walling. Members of all Christian Churches are warmly welcome.

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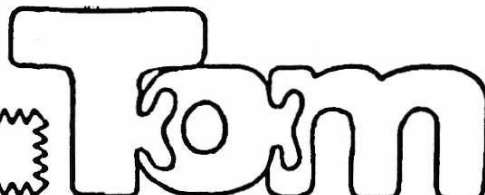
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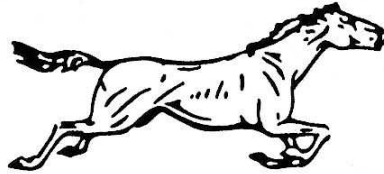
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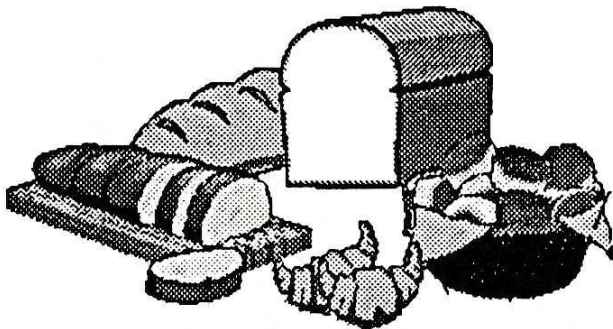
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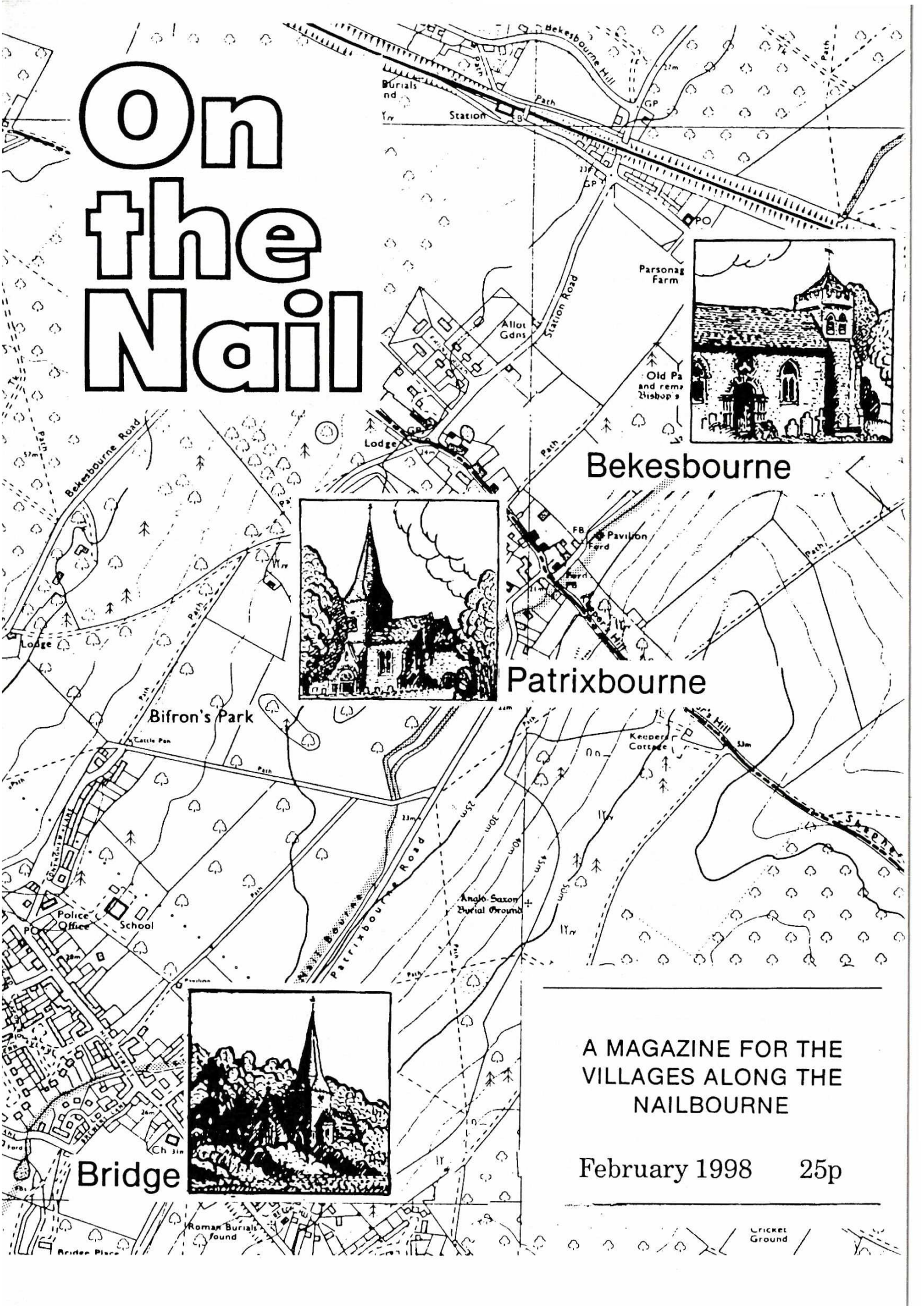
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SUNDAY WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

- 1st** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricxbourne*)(*Canon J Packer*)
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)(*Rev R Podger*)
5.00pm Service for Candlemas (*Bridge*)
- 8th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
11.00am Matins (*Patricxbourne*)
- 15th** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricxbourne*)
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)
- 22nd** 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)
9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricxbourne*)
11.00am Family Service (*Bekesbourne*)
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)
- 1st March**
8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricxbourne*)
9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
11.00am Family Eucharist (*Bridge*)
6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

Children are welcome at all services, but especially at Family Services. Junior Church welcomes children of 4 years old and upwards, helping them grow in the faith of the Church, in a secure and caring environment. It meets on second and third Sundays at 9.30am. For further details and enrolment, parents should get in touch with Mrs Susanne Leggatt (830251).

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *1st*, Dr S John Rogers *8th*, *Holy Communion*, The Revd Michael Walling *15th*, Mrs Christine Bence *22nd*, Dr Eileen AH Tresidder

FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

1st *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

Bridge's one service today is an all-age Service for Candlemas at 5.00pm.

- 4th Bekesbourne PCC meeting, School House, 7.45pm
- 5th *St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 6th Queen's Accession, 1952
- 8th **Third Sunday before Lent: SEPTUAGESIMA**
- 11th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
Patricbourne with Bridge PCC meeting, Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 12th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 14th *St. Valentine, Bishop & Martyr*
- 15th **Second Sunday before Lent: SEXAGESIMA**
- 19th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 20th Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 22nd **Sunday next before Lent: QUINQUAGESIMA**
- 23rd *St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c155*
- 24th 'MARDI GRAS' Benefice Party, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 7.45pm
- 25th **Ash Wednesday**
7.30pm Holy Communion (*Bridge*)
- 27th *George Herbert, Priest, Pastor, Poet, 1633*

FROM THE VICAR

One of the recurring issues in Church of England affairs today is the question of the long-standing link between making one's communion for the first time and Confirmation.

Separating Confirmation from First Communion is traditional Roman Catholic policy and at a special Mass quite small children are admitted to communion well before they reach Confirmation age. There's a strong lobby in our own church to follow suit and whereas this is actually happening in parts of the country Canterbury diocese, guided by its bishops, keeps strictly to the time-honoured custom of Confirmation before Communion. Having been brought up on it I'm happy to support the notion of Confirmation as the key to Communion, though I can see a certain logic in the Roman position.

Confirmation completes a process that began at Baptism, marking the admission to full, active participation in the life of the Church. In the early Church Baptism was almost entirely administered to adults who knew their own minds, who had undergone intensive instruction and who therefore fully understood what was involved. They were baptized at Easter in a ceremony that

involved a personal declaration of faith, the laying-on of hands by the bishop and joining the congregation at the Eucharist - all part of one service. Once the Church adopted infant baptism as the norm, it began to gain momentum. But when the bishop was no longer able to be present as often as before, the separation between baptism, which the resident priest could perform, and Confirmation, which he couldn't, followed. As both parts of the initiation ceremony qualified a person for admission to communion it's easy to see how we arrived at the state we're now in.

In more recent times it's become the custom to revert to primitive practice and set Confirmation within the Eucharist, where it rightly belongs, so that the local community can give the new members a proper welcome into their fellowship.

All of which brings me to the knub of this article, which is, first, to draw attention to the forthcoming Benefice Eucharist with Confirmation at Bridge on Sunday, 12th July at 11.00am, with the Bishop of Dover, and secondly, to invite any school-age prospective candidates (no younger than 12 years) to a short get-together at the vicarage on **Thursday, 12th February** at 6 o'clock. This is just for younger candidates: adults who may be thinking about confirmation for themselves, please get in touch with me directly - by the end of February, if at all possible.

OBITUARIES

PATIENCE MARY WHIGHAM, who was a popular Patrixbourne resident, died on 18th December and a funeral service prior to cremation took place in St. Mary's Church on 29th. Her ashes were interred in the grave of her husband in the churchyard the following morning. She lived a varied life in which foreign travel featured prominently; which accounts for a Catholic priest, who she met and befriended on her travels, making a special journey from Scotland to officiate at her Kent funeral. She was always generous to the church and it was significant that the decorations in church over the Christmas period, and which were still in place for her funeral, were partly financed by her.

REGINALD JOHN FRANKLIN's sudden death on New Year's Eve was a great shock to many people, *writes Madeleine*. Reg became very involved in village life from the time we moved here in 1985. By then he had retired from teaching at Sir Roger Manwood's School in Sandwich and in the late eighties joined the Parish Council, serving as Chairman for the year 96/97. He made many friends through his numerous activities and also through his travels abroad. The service took place at Barham crematorium on Thursday, 8th January, and his ashes will in due course be interred in Bridge Churchyard.

OLIVE IRENE MARSHALL's funeral took place in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on Thursday, 8th January. Her daughter Anne and her family were very well supported by friends and neighbours, especially from Meadow Close. Olive's home with her first husband was in Southborough but on his death in 1947 she and Anne moved to relatives in Herne Bay. There she married Raymond Marshall and they later came to Bridge, where he died three years ago almost to the day. Olive was a lady of principles, quite clear in her Presbyterian faith yet a regular member of the Evensong congregation of Bridge Church. For 50 years she sold poppies at Remembrance-tide and her charitable giving was widespread but secret. On her move to Herne Bay she took up golf. She was devoted to her three grandchildren and followed their progress with care. Illness eventually slowed her down and she died peacefully in Highfield Nursing Home. Her funeral was conducted by her friend and neighbour, Canon Packer, with the Vicar as organist.

BRIDGE VILLAGE PLAYGROUP has a few places available. It operates a 4s session on Mondays from 9.00 to 11.30 but the Playgroup itself and 4s meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.00 and noon and on Fridays 9.00 till 11.30. The playgroup is registered to accept Certificates of Eligibility and passed its Ofsted inspection successfully. Fees per session are £3.25 (Mon, Fri) and £3 (Tues, Thurs). For more information or to go on the September waiting list please contact Rosalind Beeching, Secretary on 831027.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The February meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday, 19th at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church when the Barkers from *Essentially Hops* at Bekesbourne will give an illustrated talk on the growing and production of hops and flowers for drying. There will also be an opportunity to buy some of their products. Do come along and join us. New members are always welcome. K Walder

Bridge & Patrixbourne Women's Institute

On Tuesday, 20th February in Bridge Village Hall the WI will hear a talk on Embroidery. The monthly competition is a bloom from the garden. Visitors will be made very welcome. J.H.

FISH NEWS

The Fish outing to the Marlowe pantomime in January was a great success. This was the first theatre outing we have arranged but we will now look out for other events which might be as enjoyable.

The next Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday morning, 11th February in Bridge Village Hall. Newcomers are very welcome. A.R.

Calling all Gardeners

February is the month when spring really seems to be on its way. [If you need convincing of this, come and see the snowdrops in Bekesbourne churchyard, which are a wonderful sight after all the hard work the Friends of Bekesbourne Church have carried out clearing the undergrowth.] So it is not too soon to be thinking about gardening again.....

As you will know, the Friends are organising a Bekesbourne Flower Festival this year and we will need **lots** of plants to sell over the three days of the festival. Please remember us if you are tidying up your borders or growing seedlings – we would welcome anything saleable at the end of June, so do pot up your surplus rather than throwing it away.

While thinking about flower pots, if anyone has any spare ones larger than 3” (we have plenty of small ones), we’d be very grateful, as we seem to have sold off most of our larger ones over the years! They can be left at School House, or I will collect if you ring me on 830256. *Jane Millyard*

Repairs to Bekesbourne Church

You will have read recently in ‘On the Nail’ about all the excellent work that has been done in both Bridge and Patricbourne Churches. The fact that Bekesbourne has not been mentioned does not mean that nothing is happening here as well. Over the years the architect who inspects the church every five years has been recommending that we carry out urgent repairs to the roof, the stonework, the windows, internal plasterwork and the drainage (dampness has been an increasing problem recently). The list is a long one.

Before the formation of the Friends, we had barely enough money to keep the church open, let alone contemplate any maintenance work. Apart from repairs to the church floor, we do not think that any major overhaul of the building has been carried out since its restoration over a hundred years ago. Any old building needs a periodic injection of funds and we feel that the fabric of Bekesbourne Church will deteriorate further if we do not try to do something about it soon. The excellent work being done by the Friends of Bekesbourne Church means that we can now apply for grants secure in the knowledge that the church is better able to meet its regular outgoings and is being helped locally– this is understandably a factor which the grant-awarding bodies take into account.

The PCC has decided, therefore, to take the plunge as suggested by the architect and has applied to the English Heritage Lottery Fund (and to a number of other charities) for a large grant to carry out repairs to the church. It will be several months before we have any news about our application, but I thought people might be interested in hearing about this. *Jane Millyard*

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

by Kath Eynon

St. Peter's Church, Bridge was full for the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Christingle, and the splendid sum of £190 was collected at it for *The Children's Society*. Many thanks to the helpers, also to Mr Tilly who provided the oranges, Junior Church and all who gave so generously and made this result possible.

In Bridge, during 1997, a total of £1259.32 was raised for the Society from various activities, as the following breakdown shows:

Coffee Morning	£446.75
Donations	£60.00
Home Boxes	£272.23
Sale of Christmas Cards	£270.34
Christingle Service	£190.00

Please continue to support *The Children's Society's* work for teenagers, children and families in need during 1998.

Friends of Bokesbourne Church

by Jane Shorrock

All who were at The Unicorn to sing Carols on 17th December had a very happy and enjoyable time, and once again thanks to Clive and Cheryl for their hospitality. The singing was accompanied by the Vicar on the piano and Stuart Field on the violin, which added greatly to the effect. Excellent raffle prizes were kindly donated by Hoverspeed, and the evening raised £72 for our funds - thanks to all concerned.

FUTURE EVENTS - Our annual **WINE & WISDOM EVENING** will be on Saturday, 21st March at 7.30pm in Bokesbourne Village Hall. Tickets £2.50 - book early to be sure of a place! Tables (6 or 8) can be reserved with Jill Moon on 832134 or Jane Shorrock on 832133.

SUCH GOINGS ON!

Worship at all three churches over Christmas drew the crowds, and no one left disappointed! Those who couldn't make it will be sorry to have missed what appears in these two reports from Martin Leggatt. However, great things are now happening throughout the year in Bridge, Bokesbourne and Patribourne, and families are specifically catered for on first Sundays at Bridge and fourth Sundays at Bokesbourne. Watch this space for details!

Bokesbourne - the Final Frontier

Star date 21.12.97! The congregation at the December Bokesbourne Family

Service have just encountered an alien life form. Following a crash landing of their space ship Zik, Zak and the rest of the crew discovered the real meaning of Christmas - not the hanging of stockings, the presents or the decorations, but a stable in Bethlehem.

The play, performed by younger members of the Bekesbourne congregation and Junior Church, was much enhanced by spectacular props and sound effects. The pulpit was transformed into the space ship, complete with flashing beacon.

After the play a packed church heard about the continuing needs of the people who live around Chernovyl and gifts were laid around the font for the next relief effort to that still-stricken area.

Thank you to all who took part, to the many who attended and in particular to Sue Watson (Wardrobe), Jane Martin (Director) and Pat Kusel (Producer), not forgetting a special guest appearance by (the Reverend) Father Christmas.

Bridge - the New Year

The first Family Service of 1998 was somewhat surprised by the first 'hymn', an off-stage solo rendition by a delinquent Chris Masspresent of the less than sacred version of 'We three kings' - you know, the version involving a taxi, a car and a scooter.

The miscreant, along with the rest of the congregation then discovered the significance of the gifts of the three wise men. The gold, frankincense and myrrh represent the things that God gave away when he took human form in Jesus - his kingship, his holiness and ultimately his life.

The star of the show, literally, was Ian Watson, who led the three kings (Jennifer Martin, Dominic Beer and William Leggatt) to the crib, where prayers were said.

CANDLEMAS AT BRIDGE - 1st February

Before our thoughts turn towards Lent and Easter, we get one last opportunity to look back to Christmas and round off the season of Epiphany at the festival of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or Candlemas (2nd February), which we shall celebrate on Sunday, 1st February.

Candlemas recalls the incident in the stories of Jesus' infancy when, in the temple at Jerusalem, the aged Simeon and Anna welcomed the baby Jesus with his parents and prophesied over him. This makes it a particularly appropriate occasion for young and less young to join together in worship, exploring the rich meaning of an ancient festival to which the Church's new Calendar has given a fresh emphasis. We shall therefore have just one service at Bridge on that day, at

5 o'clock, not too late for children, but late enough for everyone to enjoy the candlelight which is an inseparable part of any Candlemas celebration.



BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - January Meeting



Death of Councillor At the start of the Parish Council meeting Cllr Connor expressed sadness at the sudden death of Cllr Reg Franklin and spoke of the Council's appreciation of his work as a councillor, chairman of the council and worker in the village. A memorial plaque will be purchased and placed on the village notice board. Reg's 'behind the scenes' work will be greatly missed in the village.

Vacancy for a Councillor A vacancy for a Parish councillor now occurs. Formal notification of the vacancy will be placed in prominent places in the village. An election will be held if, within 14 days of the notice being displayed, 10 electors notify their request for such to the Chief Executive of Canterbury City Council. In the event of an election not being requested the post can be advertised or a willing volunteer co-opted into the vacancy.

Allotments The Parish Council, in conjunction with the Conyngham Estate proposes to renovate and provide mains water to the allotment area beside Town Hill, Bridge. This will provide further full and part size allotments for rental. The

renovations will not be carried out unless there is sufficient demand from local people to take up and work the allotments. Any persons interested in working an allotment should contact the Clerk, Janet Potter on 832331.

Parish Diary The Parish Diary will continue and be placed in Bridge News. All organisations and individuals arranging events are urged to use the diary to ensure good support for their events and to avoid clashes.

Annual Parish Meeting The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 30th April in the Village Hall. A representative from each organisation in the village is to be invited to make a short presentation at the meeting. It is hoped that the meeting will be well supported.

Kent & Canterbury Hospital The Parish Council discussed the down-grading of the hospital and as a result is planning to hold a public meeting in the village to discuss the issues. Speakers are to be sought and a suitable evening identified. Details of the proposed cuts in services are displayed in notices in the village and many business premises have petitions available for signature.

Recreation Ground Trees An oak tree has been planted to commemorate the centenary of Parish Councils. There is much necessary work to be done on trees, especially the sycamores at the side of the football pitch, and a tree surgeon is to be brought in to undertake the work.

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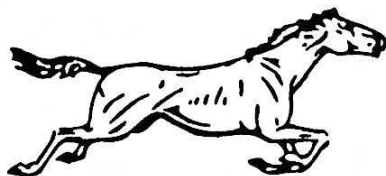
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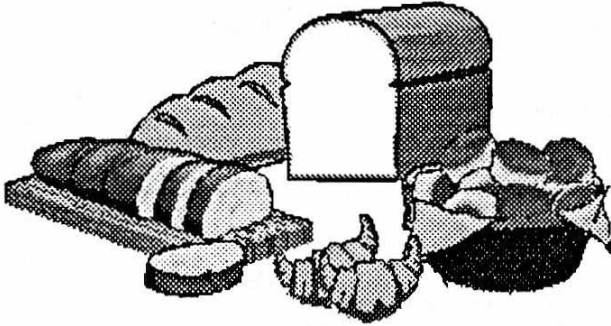
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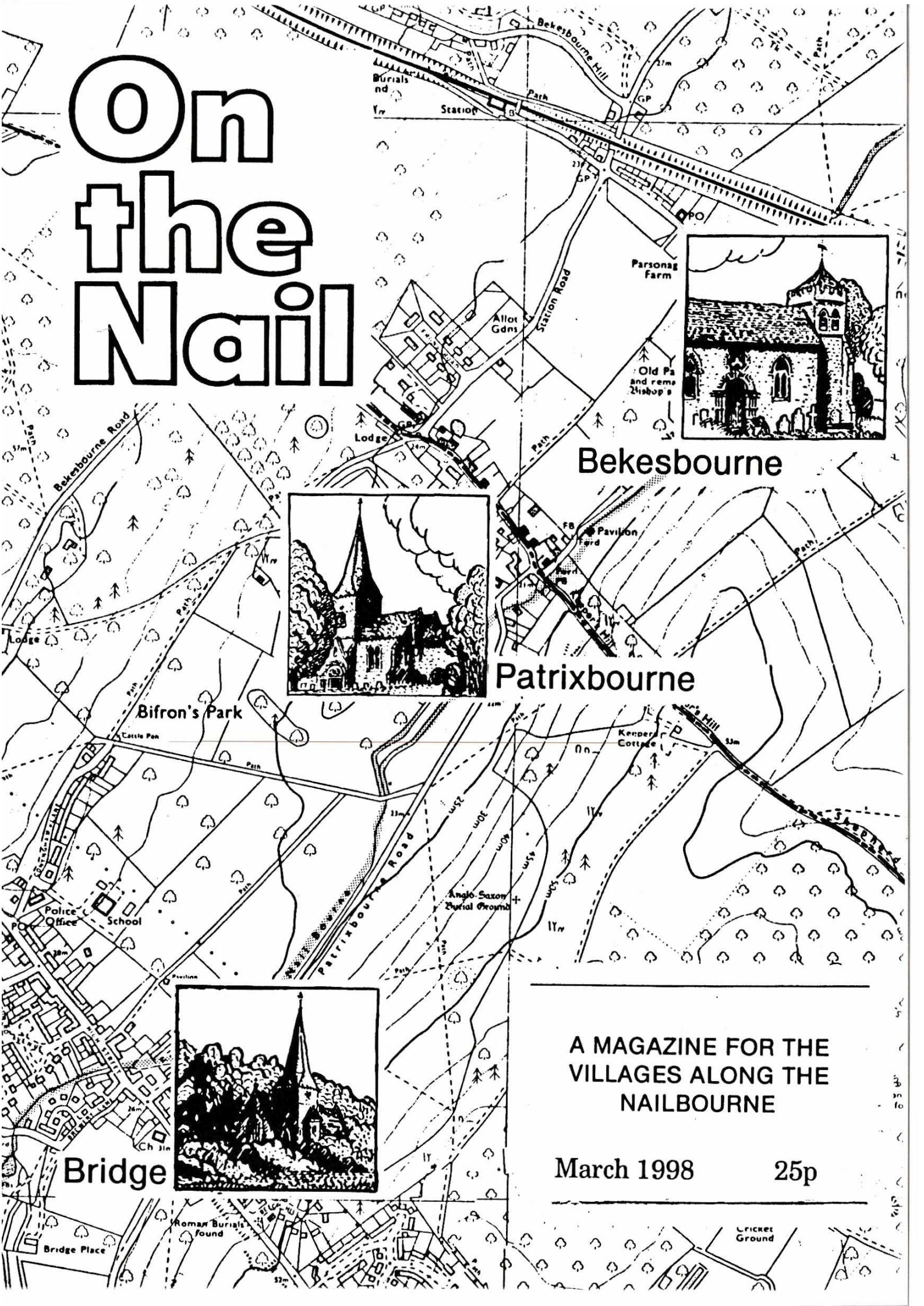
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SUNDAY WORSHIP IN MARCH

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| 1st | 8.00am Holy Communion (<i>Patricbourne</i>)
9.30am Parish Communion (<i>Bekesbourne</i>)
11.00am Family Eucharist (<i>Bridge</i>)
6.30pm Evensong (<i>Bridge</i>) |
| 8th | 8.00am Holy Communion (<i>Bekesbourne</i>)
9.30am Parish Communion (<i>Bridge</i>)
9.30am Junior Church (<i>After School Club</i>)
11.00am Matins (<i>Patricbourne</i>) |
| 15th | 8.00am Holy Communion (<i>Patricbourne</i>)
9.30am Parish Communion (<i>Bridge</i>)
9.30am Junior Church (<i>After School Club</i>)
11.00am Matins (<i>Bekesbourne</i>) |
| 22nd | 8.00am Holy Communion (<i>Bridge</i>)
9.30am Parish Communion (<i>Patricbourne</i>)
11.00am Mothering Sunday Service (<i>Bekesbourne</i>)
6.30pm Evensong (<i>Bridge</i>) |
| 29th | 10.30am Benefice Eucharist (<i>Bekesbourne</i>) |

Children are welcome at all services, but especially at Family Services. Junior Church welcomes children of 4 years old and upwards, helping them grow in the faith of the Church, in a secure and caring environment. It meets on second and third Sundays at 9.30am. For further details and enrolment, parents should get in touch with Mrs Susanne Leggatt (830251).

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *1st*, Mr Michael Baybutt *8th*, Holy Communion, The Revd Michael Walling *15th*, Mr Ron Chadwick *22nd*, The Revd Maurice Weatherup *29th*, Mr Jim Allen

FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

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| 1st | 1st Sunday in Lent |
| 2nd | <i>St. Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672</i> |

- 5th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
6th *Women's World Day of Prayer Service*, Bridge Methodist Church, 2.00pm
7th *St. Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs of Carthage, 203*
8th **2nd Sunday in Lent**
11th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
12th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
15th **3rd Sunday in Lent**
17th *St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron Saint of Ireland, c460*
Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
19th *St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
Bridge Village Hall Management Committee AGM, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm - *Open to all parishioners over 18 and hall user reps.*
20th *St. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687*
21st *Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1556*
Wine & Wisdom, Bekesbourne Village Hall
22nd **4th Sunday in Lent: Mothering Sunday**
25th *Annunciation of our Lord to the BV Mary*
29th **5th Sunday in Lent**
31st Nailbourne Horticultural Society Spring show, Bridge Village Hall

FROM THE VICAR

The Bible's assertion that God created the heavens and the earth has often been challenged, not least by those of a scientific bent who think you can't have it both ways and that they happen to have all the right answers. But who's arguing, since there is no inherent contradiction between the biblical claims and the findings of scientific observation? The old debate that ranged religion against science is a spent force, those ancient antagonisms having been amicably sorted out ages ago.

So when the new Collect (prayer) for use on the second Sunday before Lent prays, 'Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image', it's not asking worshippers to mouth beliefs science has proved false. It's merely returning to first principles by pointing to the Creator of what science studies and upon which it works its wonders; preparing the ground for science to build on.

Why else are some of the world's leading scientists able also to be ardent believers?

The Collect moves on to ask God to: 'teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children'. Though a new prayer it's based on an old one, at least where the first of those requests is concerned. Mention of seeing God's likeness in other people, however, is new, and to my way of thinking, adds a profoundly eloquent touch. The core of Christian living is not only being able to detect God at work in the world in a fairly general sense but being able, as the prayer puts it, to see a reflection of him in the human face. If we really *are* made in his image then this fact ought to affect not only how we treat the world but also how we esteem other people.

It should also affect our praying, for there's another recent prayer that goes still further by identifying our role in life as to reflect God's truth and light, in effect encouraging us to treat everyone as a child of God and no one as a statistic. We are each special to God and therefore to be despised or marginalised by no one. Herein lies our proper relationship with God and his desire to further it by 'supporting us all the day long of this troublous life', to quote yet another prayer. It would be a better world if we could all adopt this divine precept, for then God would be all in all and there would be joy and peace in rich abundance.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 6th March

Every year on the first Friday of March Christian women all over the world come together in ecumenical prayer. An identical theme and order of service is followed in every country, chosen and compiled by a representative body of women from a different nation each year. The work of translating each service into a multitude of languages must be a mammoth undertaking, but it's considered small fry when seen in the context of shared prayer on a global scale and all on the one day - and all witnessing to a concerted belief in the power of prayer.

The service in Bridge Methodist Church on Friday, 6th March at 2 o'clock is our own local chance to share in this enormous wave of prayer and whatever your denominational allegiance you are earnestly invited to

join in this world prayer-time. This year the theme is *Who is my neighbour?* and the service has been prepared by the Christian women of Madagascar. The preacher is Miss Rosemary Walters, who runs the Cathedral's Education Centre and is a licensed Reader at St. Paul's, Canterbury.

The Anglicans of Madagascar share a long-standing link with the Diocese of Canterbury, so it's particularly important to have a strong St. Peter's Church presence at the Bridge service. Do take up our Malagasy friends' invitation to worship and pray with them; remembering that the power and validity of prayer are unaffected by distance.

What of Madagascar?

Madagascar is the third largest island in the world, a little larger than France. It is in the Indian Ocean, 500 miles east of Africa. Dense green forests and rice-growing areas cover part of the island, but the more dramatic red, bare earth rising from the sea gives Madagascar the name of the "Great Red Island". With a tropical climate, hot and wet in the east, hot and dry in the south and west, annual cyclones cause very serious damage to this mainly agricultural country, part of which is prone to droughts.

The population includes Asians, of Indonesian origins, and Africans. Together they bring a varied culture to a very poor country where health care is inadequate and the literacy rate is only 35%. Although social and economic problems surround the life of the people, care within family and community life is a priority.

Some women in Malagasy society are in positions of leadership while others struggle to establish themselves. There are women's organisations in the country which strive to improve justice for all.

Significant Christian mission started about 1820. Many Christians were persecuted in the reign of Queen Ranavalona. Among them was a woman named Rasaloma, who became the first martyr there. Now 55% of the Malagasy people are Christian, with a wide variety of denominational loyalty. Many of the Churches work to promote education and health in the towns and rural communities. Even though many people

have become Christian, they have not necessarily rejected their native beliefs which include ancestor worship.

HOLY BAPTISM

During the Bekesbourne Family Service on 25th January the Vicar baptized TOBY GEORGE POLLARD, the first-born son of Piers and Marietta and grandson of Ian and Elizabeth Johnston, The Old Vicarage, Bekesbourne.

IN MEMORIAM

The funeral of GORDON GEORGE RICHARDS, 34 Western Avenue, took place on 21st January at St. Mary's Church, Patixbourne, and was followed by interment in the churchyard.

Gordon's life had been one of generally ill health, resulting from rheumatic fever when he was 12. He was well known to passengers during his time as a guard on the railway and later working his taxi business. For the last seven years he established, with his wife Betty, the Saxon Lodge Residential Home in Bridge. Despite his poor health, Gordon was always cheerful and humorous and the large attendance at his funeral was a testimony to his friendliness. Our thoughts are with Betty and the family.

NAILBOURNE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

The AGM was held in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday morning, 7th February, followed by a coffee morning. Dr Stuart Field very kindly came and spoke about the Health Authority consultation document on the future of East Kent hospital services. He gave valuable insight and advice about how to object to the proposed down-grading of the Kent & Canterbury Hospital. It is vital people make their feelings known by letter and by attending meetings.

Elizabeth Stewart, Chairman, reported a successful year of many fund-raising events and equipment bought for the hospital. Most members of the committee agreed to continue serving this valuable charity and new members received a warm welcome. The committee now

consists of: E Stewart (Chairman), R Green (Vice-chairman), M Fairweather (Treasurer), C Heap (Secretary), M Franklin, W Durrell, Jane Millyard and Kate Whitten.

The Coffee Morning raised £95, which will be donated directly to the 'Fighting Fund' for the K&C Hospital.

BRIDGE POST OFFICE

In offering a warm welcome to Ian Barrie, the new proprietor of the Post Office and Pharmacy, *On The Nail* would like to offer a particularly heartfelt vote of thanks to Laurence Shirley for his long and distinguished service to the village and wider community as sub-postmaster, a position he held for all of 32 years.

For all but the most longstanding of residents Laurie, apart from his sortie into the part-time world of local government, has been synonymous with trips to the post office, and it may come as a surprise to know that that was not his chosen career. He was by trade a builder and restorer, a craft to which he intends to return now he has retired, and only took over the Post Office when his father, the then postmaster, suddenly and tragically died of a heart attack. It must have been a colossal undertaking at the time, but Laurie went to it with a will and, credit to him, he not only kept the business running but extended it, with the addition of the pharmacy and payment facilities for motor taxation, gas, electricity and telephone, into the thriving concern we know today.

Mrs Olive Knight, erstwhile village schoolmistress, probably knows the situation as well as anyone and has paid a glowing tribute to Laurence. 'At the time we wondered if he'd be happy stuck behind the counter, but he was. We will miss him, because his courtesy and good humour made it a pleasure to conduct business with him.'

Happy retirement, Laurence, and thanks for everything!

BRIDGE with PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday, 17th March, Mrs Tammy Stewart-Jones will be speaking about *Associated Country Women of the World*. To learn about this

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society's Spring show will be held this year on Tuesday, 31st March, as always in Bridge Village Hall. The hall will be open for members to stage their exhibits from 6pm onwards in time for judging to start at 7.15 and there will be a small entry charge.

Show schedules are available from the Show Secretary, Mrs Billie Anderson (Tel 830260) or from the Vice-chairman, Mrs Ethel Cartwright at Bridge Post Office.

The show, with all its spring flowers, is open to all to visit. Refreshments will be served whilst the judging is taking place.

Bekesbourne Church

Other than the usual request for posies for the Mothering Sunday service on 22nd, there are no church flowers until Easter. The following rota is for cleaning only: 7th, Caroline Jagers: 14th, Jenny Skinner: 28th Linda Forrest.

WINE & WISDOM EVENING - 31st January

Thank you to everyone who braved the cold to support the Wine & Wisdom evening and help us raise close to £280 for St. Peter's Church, Bridge and St. Mary's Church, Patricbourne. We hope that you found it enjoyable. Certainly, the final scores could not have been closer!

An even bigger thank you to all who contributed time, organising skills, muscle power, culinary arts and the all-important prizes, without whom none of it would have been possible.

Pauline Pritchard

Editor: And thanks too to Pauline, who deserves special mention for her added role as grand inquisitor.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - February Meeting

Recycling Lay-by Despite a penalty notice displayed on the lay-by some people are leaving cartons and plastic bags after using the recycling bins. These items should be taken home for disposal in order to keep the village as tidy as possible.

Parish Council Vacancy A bye-election is to be held to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Cllr Franklin. In the event of there being more than one nomination a poll will be held on Thursday, 19th March.

Village Cleaning A cleaner has now been appointed to collect litter and clean areas such as the bus shelters and river bed when needed. Residents can report places in the village which need attention to Cllr Emily Shirley, who can be contacted via the Clerk on 832219, when arrangements for cleaning will be made. Additionally, the bus shelter on the bridge in the centre of the village will be cleaned by jet spray on a regular basis.

Bus Fares The Parish Council is to write to Stagecoach deploring the high cost of fares between the village and Canterbury, as well as the full fare charged to school children who are not eligible for bus passes. The fares appear disproportionate for such a relatively short journey and have increased by 35% in two years.

Map Board A new map board is to be erected on the Patricbourne Road lay-by next to the footbridge on to the recreation ground. An up-to-date map of public rights of way will be displayed there.

Allotments Enough local people have responded to last month's advertisement for allotment holders, for the Parish Council to take the matter of improving the allotments further. Any other person interested in taking an allotment should telephone the Clerk on the number above.

Trees Work is to be undertaken by a tree surgeon to the four sycamores on the recreation ground. Eight new trees are to be placed on the far side of the recreation ground. These trees have been donated under the Free Trees Scheme. There are still trees available and anyone with a suggested position for a tree should contact the Clerk on the number above. Please remember they are small trees now but will grow very large in the future.

Parking on double yellow lines The Parish Council has been made aware that fines have recently been incurred by people parking on double yellow lines in the village. Please be aware that the police make random checks.

Planning Applications The following applications have been received for consideration by the Parish Council, which had no objections: CA/97Temp M - Bridge and Patricbourne CEP School - Continued use of temporary mobile classroom & CA/98/0051/BRI - 14 Brewery Lane - First floor extension.

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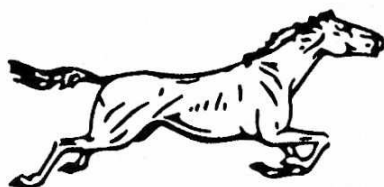
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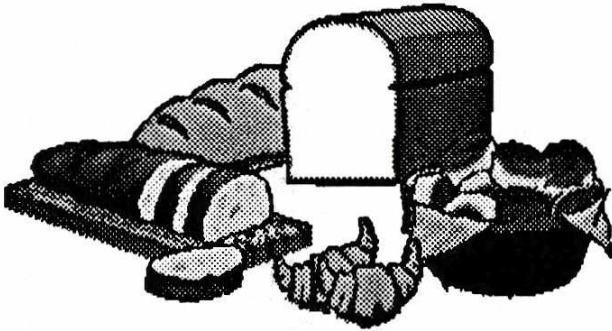
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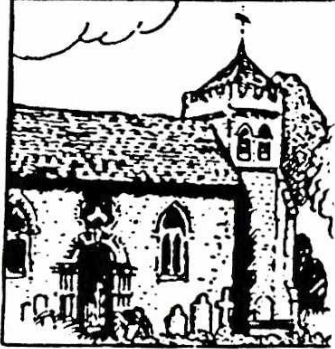
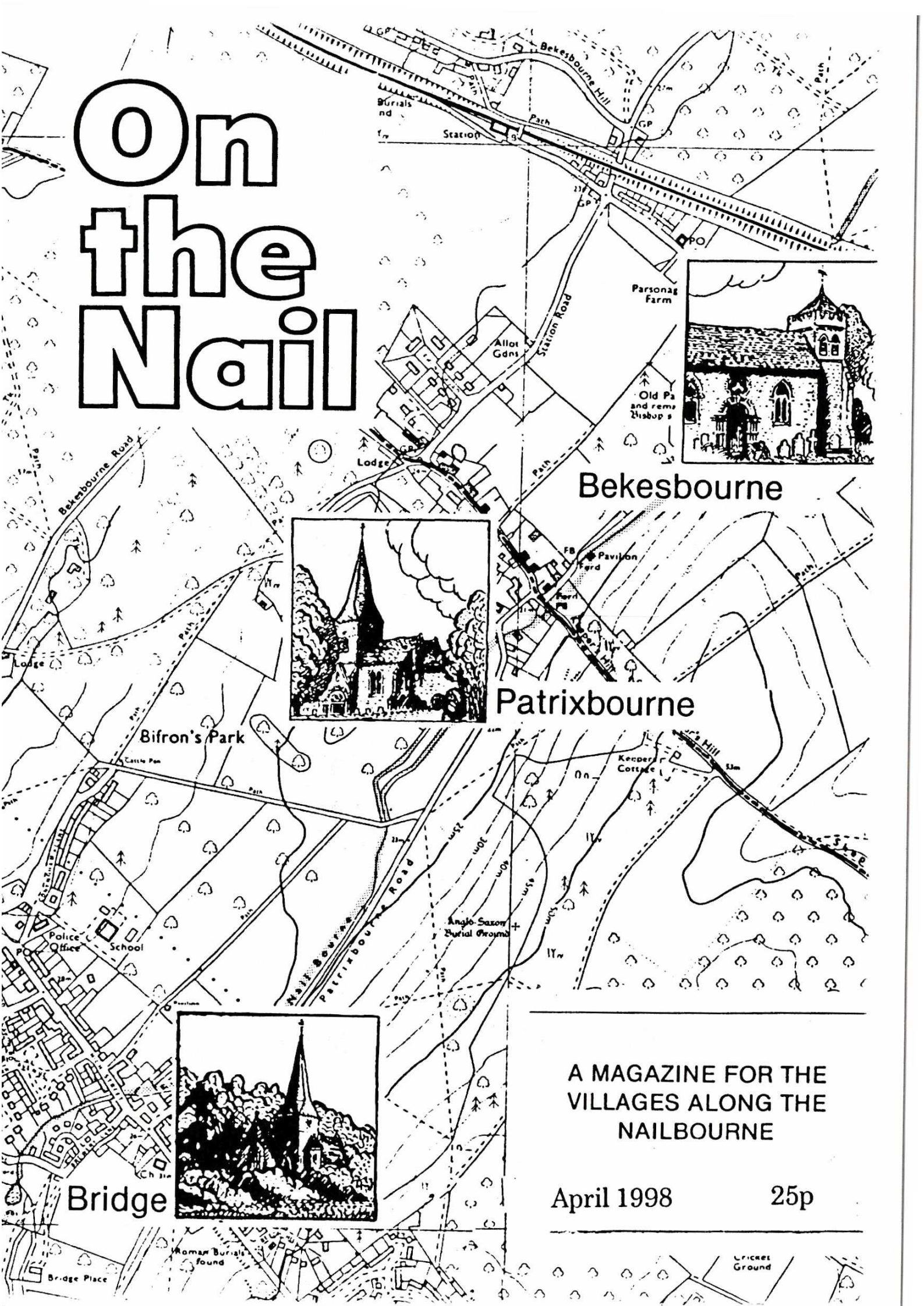
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SUNDAY WORSHIP IN APRIL

5th: Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)(*Very Rev R Norburn*)

9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)(*Rev J Shorrocks*)

11.00am Family Eucharist (*Bridge*)(*The Vicar*)

6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)(*Mr Handley Stevens*)

12th: EASTER DAY

9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)

11.00am Eucharist with Baptism (*Bridge*)

11.00am Eucharist with Baptism (*Bekesbourne*)

19th: Easter 1

8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)

9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)

11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)

26th: Easter 2

8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)

9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)

11.00am Pets Service (*Bekesbourne*)

6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

Children are welcome at all services, but especially at Family Services. Junior Church welcomes children of 4 years old and upwards, helping them grow in the faith of the Church, in a secure and caring environment. It meets on second and third Sundays at 9.30am. For further details and enrolment, parents should get in touch with Mrs Susanne Leggatt (830251).

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *5th*, Mrs Marjorie Beckwith. *12th*, Holy Communion, The Revd Albert Ball. *19th*, The Revd David Marshall, Superintendent. *26th*, Miss Joan Charlesworth, MA.

FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st Patrixbourne with Bridge Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Bridge School, 7.30pm
- 2nd Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 5th **Palm Sunday**
- 6th ***Monday in Holy Week***
- 7th ***Tuesday in Holy Week***
- 8th ***Wednesday in Holy Week***
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 9th **Maundy Thursday**
Eucharist with Stripping of the Altars, 7.30pm
- 10th **Good Friday**
The Way of the Cross walk to Bekesbourne Church leaves Bridge Church at 10.00am and calls in at Patrixbourne Church.
- 11th ***Easter Eve***
- 12th **EASTER DAY** *See page 8 for service details.*
- 13th ***Monday in Easter Week***
- 14th ***Tuesday in Easter Week***
- 15th ***Wednesday in Easter Week***
- 16th ***Thursday in Easter Week***
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, 7 Windmill Close, 7pm
- 17th ***Friday in Easter Week***
- 18th ***Saturday in Easter Week***
- 19th **Second Sunday of Easter**
- 21st ***St. Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109***
Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23rd ***St. George, Patron of England***
- 25th ***St. Mark the Evangelist***
- 26th **Third Sunday of Easter**
- 28th **Bekesbourne Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Parsonage Farm, 7.30pm**
- 29th ***St. Catherine of Siena, Mystic, 1380***

FROM THE VICAR

Almost everybody I've spoken to recently has remarked on the early arrival of Spring this year, with crocuses and daffodils in full bloom from the beginning of March. As I write cherry blossom is beginning to colour the landscape and although it continues to get dark early and the nights are cold there's a feel of

Spring most days - and all this in the middle of Lent. Will the daffs be past their best by Easter, one wonders?

The tie-up between the flora and fauna of Spring and the feast of our Lord's resurrection is time-honoured and perfect. Both indicate the beginning of life, one after the pseudo-death of winter and the other after the real death of Christ. This is vividly picked out in our Easter worship, with the re-introduction of festivity and flowers after the sombreness of Lent and the stark bareness of Good Friday. The return of light and colour to our church interiors, coupled with the joyful Easter words and music, further enhances this greatest of all Christian festivals, and at least for Bridge and Bekesbourne the feel of new life will further grab our attention in the baptisms to take place in each church.

The Revd John Shorrocks will be baptizing Tony and Linda Forrest's daughter Jennifer at Bekesbourne, and at approximately the same time, I shall be baptizing our second grandson, Alexander, at Bridge.

Easter is the very best time of all the year for baptism, which is why the early Church firmly linked the two together by only baptizing at Easter. The tie-up is the fact of being born again, via baptism into the family of the Church, and at Easter through the resurrection of Christ from the dead. In each case there is new life, a state of existence that never existed before. The same applies, of course, in the natural world where the spring growth also didn't exist before - not *that* particular lamb, primrose, fledgling, etc. 'Behold, I make all things new' says the book of Revelation, and that's Easter and baptism in a nutshell. Come to church this Easter and enjoy the fresh, new sensation within the warmth of Easter fellowship!

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Details of our Holy Week and Easter services are on page 8. Each has a different slant, depending on what the day commemorates. For instance the morning services of Palm Sunday will include a distribution of palm crosses. These are meant to be reminders of the triumphal entry Jesus made into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday when, egged on by the disciples, the crowds greeted him with shouts of Hosanna (meaning 'Save now') and waving palm fronds. The crosses are also intended to serve as aids to our private devotions throughout the year.

The Maundy Thursday commemoration is of the last supper the Lord and his disciples shared together in the upper room on the night of his arrest. It was at table on that occasion that Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a lasting memorial of him and to be one way he would be with his people ever after. So we mark Maundy Thursday with an Evening Eucharist, at the conclusion of which the altars

are stripped of their candles, crosses, cloths and hangings, remembering that the last supper was followed by the desolation of Gethsemane and Jesus's arrest.

Good Friday, the day on which Jesus was crucified, can be observed in many ways according to preference. For the past three years we have kept it in tune with Christ's Way of Sorrows, beginning with a short devotion in Bridge Church, walking through the village and across the fields for a second, dramatic commemoration in Patricbourne Church, then going on our way up to Bekesbourne Church to recall the crucifixion, the climax of Good Friday. In keeping with the character of the day all three churches are stripped of hangings and decoration and the singing will be without organ accompaniment.

In the quiet of Holy Saturday (*not* Easter Saturday, which is the following Saturday) and in anticipation of the Sunday, opportunity is taken to transform the churches from their barren, doleful state into their former splendour, made even more beautiful by the flower ladies' art.

Easter is the greatest, most jubilant day in the Christian year - far more significant than Christmas. For the very first Christians Easter made sense of the anguish they had suffered in the preceding week, for it showed them that the Lord they loved so dearly and had seen go to his death, was risen from the dead. They actually saw him with the naked eye and recognized the Jesus of old, and yet there was a difference because now he came and went in unexpected ways, and somehow, even when they didn't see him they still sensed his aura around them. For Peter, Andrew and the rest it was a matter of acclimatizing themselves both to this new manifestation of the Lord and also to the new relationship they had with him. It's the same type of relationship Christians today enjoy with Christ; not one of sight or sound but inward conviction, the realisation that he who was dead is alive for evermore and is perpetually with us as our constant guide, strength and companion along life's way. Easter is not a time for harping back to a long past event that affected long dead first century Middle Easterners, but the start of an awareness of the Lord alive today and active in the life of the world. Easter is confirmation of the aptness of that name given to Jesus at birth, Emmanuel, meaning God with us. He is indeed with us, discerned through the eye of faith. The risen life of Christ we are able to share will improve our lives if we let it, and Easter will come alive for us. That's something well worth celebrating!

DECORATING FOR EASTER

Floral decorating takes place on Saturday, 11th April at Bridge from 10.00am and Bekesbourne from 10.30am. All help will be greatly appreciated. Viv Brasier says anyone wishing to buy an Easter lily should please contact her on 830981.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 1998



Palm Sunday, 5th

Palms will be distributed at the following three services:

8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)

9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)

11.00am Family Service (*Bridge*)

Mr Handley Stevens will officiate and preach at 6.30pm Evensong at Bridge, which will be his last service with us as our Reader before he and Anne leave for pastures new. We want this to be a Benefice occasion, when members of all three congregations come together to bid a proper farewell to a valued friend and minister.

Maundy Thursday, 9th

Evening Eucharist in commemoration of the Last Supper will be celebrated in St. Peter's, Bridge at 7.30pm. It will conclude with the traditional Stripping of the Altars.

Good Friday, 10th

We shall again walk the way of the cross, starting from St. Peter's, Bridge at 10.00am, pausing in the High Street for a hymn and a prayer, crossing the fields to St. Mary's, Patixbourne, then on to St. Peter's, Bekesbourne for a final time of devotion.

EASTER DAY, 12th

9.30am Easter Communion (*Patixbourne*)

11.00am Easter Eucharists with Baptism (*Bridge & Bekesbourne*)

GRATEFUL THANKS

Laurence Shirley thanks the editor of *On The Nail* for his kind words and good wishes in the March issue. While (after 32 years behind the counter) he is glad to have the work and responsibility lifted from his shoulders, he quite misses his customers. He thanks them for their best wishes, cards and gifts and hopes that they will support the Barries and Amanda, as they did Lesley Coates and him, to take a busy pharmacy and post office into the 21st century and beyond.

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Maurice Smith pens this tribute:

Lesley Coates rendered kind and efficient service to the inhabitants of Bridge, and outlying districts were served frequently with deliveries. As one of the older generation I was particularly encouraged by her patience and understanding. Lesley will be greatly missed and I am sure many of us wish her well in her new location. Thankfully some of the pleasant staff members are staying on.

A warm welcome is extended to the new owner and the new Post Office staff. Long live the village pharmacy and Post Office!

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Bill and Joyce Rose focus on another village amenity:

Retirement has been in the air at Reception in Bridge Surgery. Two of the most senior of the ladies, who have guided us with our queries and our problems, retired on 31st March.

For 28 years the people of Bridge and district have had the help of **Mildred Jagers** with her vast knowledge of us all and our needs. As she retires many residents of Bridge and the villages around will be wishing her well - appreciating her efforts for us, her attentiveness and kindness.

During the last eight years **Janet Jarman** from Bridge Down has also been behind the counter giving us similar help. We thank her for all she has given us and wish her well in retirement.

Thank you Milly and Janet for your services to the community.

Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute

Members will learn about the art of making corn dollies when Mrs Bloor speaks at the next meeting. New members and guests will be made very welcome in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday, 21st April at 7.30pm. The competition is any type of face mask, the winning entry to go on to the group meeting the next day. *J.H.*

Bridge School is available for private lettings and community use. Details from the school Secretary, 830276.

SPRING COFFEE MORNING

Come to a Spring Coffee Morning on Saturday, 2nd May at Bridge Village Hall, from 10.00am until 12 noon. Drop in for a cup of coffee (or tea) and purchase cakes, gifts, good quality second-hand books, and spring plants from our various stalls. All proceeds from the morning will go to the churches of St. Mary, Patixbourne and St. Peter, Bridge.

Donations of goods for the stall may be given to John Anderson (830260), Pat Dunderdale (830668), Sheila Fenn (830284), Andrea Nicholson (830947) or brought to the hall on the day. Thank you for supporting this event.

ADVANCE NOTICE

VILLAGE SUMMER FETE, an important date for your diary, is on **SATURDAY, 20th JUNE**, 12 noon to 4.00pm in the school grounds. Right now we would appreciate your help to start collecting books, bottles for the Tombola, gifts, craft goods, bric-a-brac and old crockery. If you can help in any way before the fete or on the day please contact the School (839276), Laurence Dunderdale (830668) or Pauline Pritchard (830685), who are all looking forward to hearing from you.

Barbara Beinder

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES OF MARCH MEETING



Downgrading of Kent and Canterbury Hospital: Nearly 200 people crowded into Bridge and Patixbourne School Hall on the evening of 27 February to hear the proposals of the East Kent Health Authority for the restructuring of the NHS in East Kent.

Jacqui Stewart, Director of Health Care Development from EKHA, explained the need for change, outlining the proposals and the preferred option. Professor Stuart Field, a consultant radiologist representing the Kent and Canterbury NHS Trust and a Bridge resident, outlined the deterioration of health care for local people which would result if the proposals were adopted. Mr John Proctor from the Thanet NHS Trust reported the views of that Trust.

When the meeting was thrown open to questions from the floor most speakers referred to the inconsistencies, weaknesses and inaccuracies of the Consultation Document and expressed concerns over the reduction in patient care. Cllr Martin Vye spoke on several issues including the length of travelling time to

other hospitals which would result if the proposals were adopted. Cllr David Pentin referred to the betrayal felt by local people who had made donations to the K & C for specific purposes. Julian Brazier MP said that the breaking up of specialist teams would have an undesirable effect on the whole of East Kent. Cllr John Hill, whose request for restraint and ordered debate was observed by the audience, ably chaired the meeting.

As a result of the meeting the Parish Council is to write to the Secretary of State for Health, Frank Dobson MP, requesting that the EKHA proposal be rejected and that an option which includes the retention of K & C as a high-tech hospital is considered.

South Canterbury Expansion: The proposals to move Canterbury College to a site off Nackington Road and provide a Park and Ride facility at the junction of the Old and New Dover Roads could result in a considerable amount of additional traffic using the A2 slip roads at Bridge. The preferred route for motorists from north Canterbury will be to leave the A2 at the already very dangerous Bridge slip road, travel along Bekesbourne Road and return towards Canterbury on the Dover Road. The Parish Council will be expressing concern to the Planning Authority at the additional amount of traffic that these proposals would generate locally and the increased danger they represent.

Floral Competition: It is planned to run the Floral Competition again this year and the Parish Council will be organising the commercial premises section. A volunteer is required to organise the private house competition for hanging baskets, window boxes and tubs. Anyone interested in undertaking this pleasant task should contact the Clerk in the first instance on 01227 832219.

Planning Matters: The following applications have been granted:

CA/98/0051/BRI at 14 Brewery Lane (First floor extension)

CAL/97/0202/BRI at Flats 4 & 5 Bridge Hill (Alterations to internal doorways)

CAL/97/0160/BRI at 45A High Street (Conversions of buildings into dwellings)

The Parish Council wishes to reassure residents that it has no knowledge of any proposed development in the village, either private dwellings or commercial premises.

FISH NEWS

This year Fish's only fund-raising event, the **Saturday Coffee Morning**, will be on 16th May. The highlight is the sale of plants and cakes. Please bring along seedlings, cuttings and plants, which will be sure to find a good home. This year

we are not approaching village traders for raffle prizes but will try to provide them among ourselves. So if you have a suitable prize please telephone Anne Rooke on 830298.

The **Blossom Tour** will be on Wednesday, 6th May. Please telephone Mavis Parsons (832042) for further details.

The next **Coffee Pop-In** will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, 8th April between 10.15 and 11.45am.

Bekesbourne Church

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11th April - ALL HELP WELCOME, 1030am

18th April - Joy Smith & Jane Shorrocks

25th April - Joan Atkins

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Every year the parishes of the Church of England have to hold an ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING at which various reports are presented and elections held for the Parochial Church Council. These meetings are exclusively open to those whose names appear on the appropriate Electoral Roll (not to be confused with the civil Electoral Register of Voters), all of whom are strongly urged to attend.

Sadly, though in a way understandably, these meetings seldom draw the crowds, which is a shame considering they provide a golden opportunity for church members to get together other than for worship, both to hear what has been happening during the year and also share some time together.

Those on the Electoral Roll of the parish of Patixbourne with Bridge are advised that the APCM is on Wednesday, 1st April at 7.30pm in Bridge School. That for Bekesbourne takes place on Thursday, 28th April in Parsonage Farm, also at 7.30pm.

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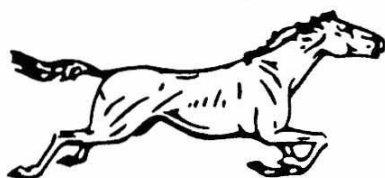
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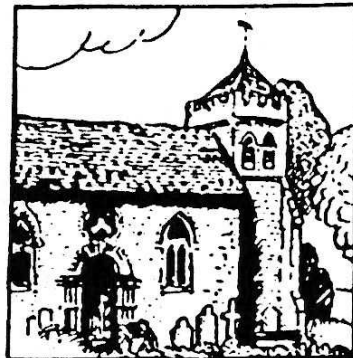
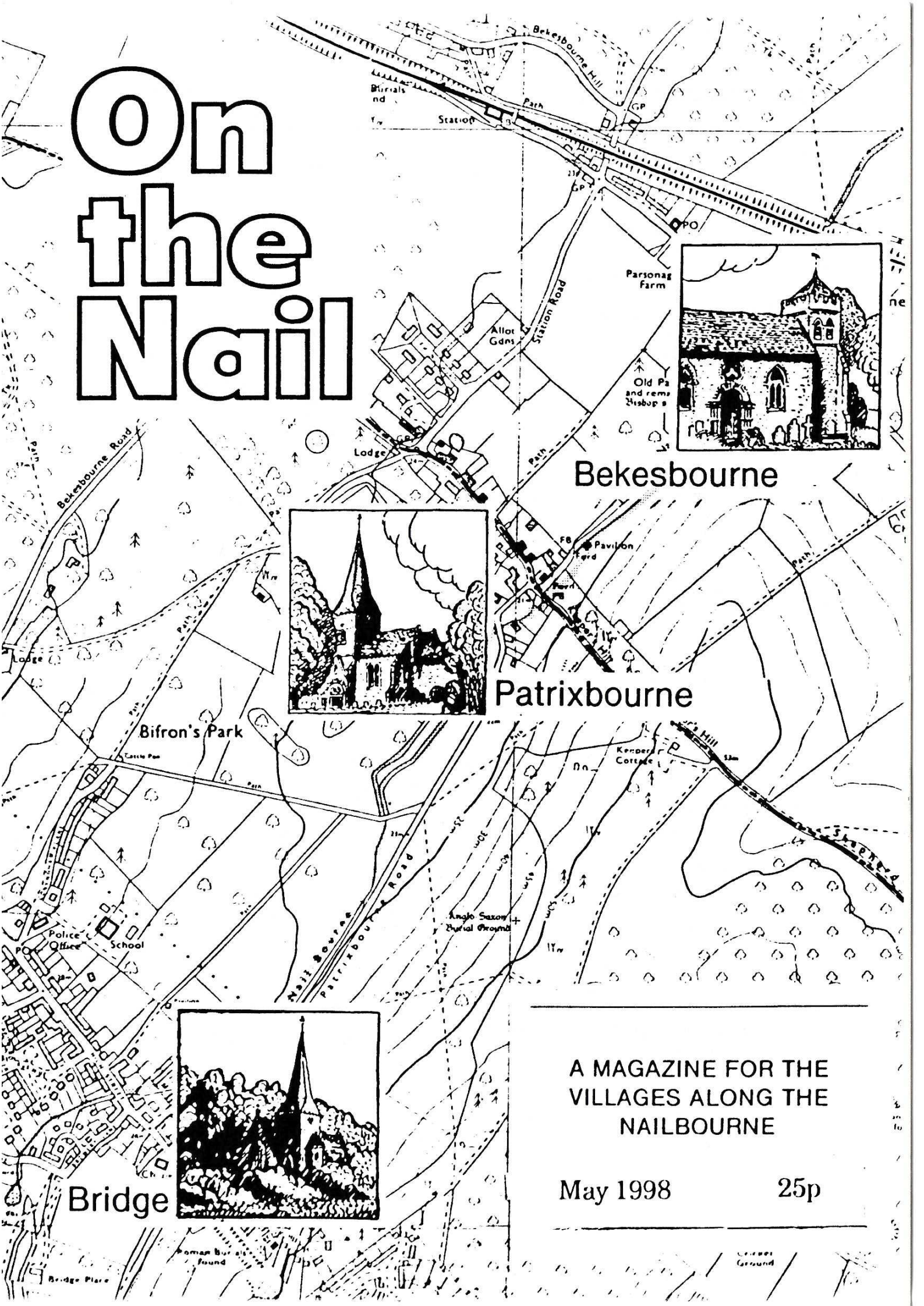
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SUNDAY WORSHIP IN MAY

3rd: Easter 4

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

10th: Easter 5

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
- 11.00am Matins (*Patricbourne*)

17th: Easter 6

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
- 10.00am Rogationtide Walk around Bekesbourne

24th: Easter 7

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

31st: Pentecost

- 10.30am Benefice Eucharist (*Bridge*)

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FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st ***St. Philip and St. James, Apostles***
- 2nd ***St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373***
Church Spring Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon
- 3rd **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Woolton Farm House garden open in aid of Bekesbourne Church, 2-5.30pm
- 7th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 8th ***Dame Julian of Norwich, Mystic, c1417***
Patixbourne with Bridge PCC, Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 9th Nailbourne League of Friends Table Boot Sale, Bridge Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon
- 10th **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Christian Aid Week begins: please give generously.
- 12th School Governors meeting, 4pm
Archdeacon's Visitation, including the swearing-in of churchwardens and sidesmen, Cathedral Quire, 7.30pm
- 13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 14th ***St. Matthias the Apostle***
- 16th Fish Scheme Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall
- 17th **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
The Rogationtide Walk leaves Bekesbourne Village Hall at 10.00am.
- 21st **ASCENSION DAY**
The Eucharist, Bridge, 7.30pm
Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 22nd Joint PCC Meeting, Bekesbourne Sports Club, 7.30pm
- 24th **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
- 25th ***Venerable Bede, Priest, Monk of Jarrow, 735***
- 26th ***St. Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605***
- 31st **PENTECOST**

FROM THE VICAR

This month the *Revised Lectionary* comes into its own. First thing to note is the

prolonged celebration of Easter, which now extends from Easter Day through the ensuing eight weeks to the eve of Pentecost. And note too that the seven Sundays concerned are designated *Sundays of Easter*, not *after Easter* as previously.

In the immediate aftermath of the first Easter, the disciples of Jesus entered into a new relationship with him, which, though different, was no less real than before the crucifixion. This changed relationship is the one we ourselves enjoy with the risen Lord, not restricted in any way but devoid of sight and sound. In those initial days the disciples quickly grew into a vibrant community of witnesses to the resurrection, and their influence rapidly became widespread. With this in mind the Easter period now turns to the book of the *Acts of the Apostles* to provide the First Lesson at Sunday Matins and Evensong, instead of the Old Testament, enabling us to trace the first steps of the embryo Church, the people of the *New Testament*, in fact.

Ascension Day is now just a one day observance, after which we plunge instantly back into the Easter season before it comes to an abrupt end on the Church's birthday, the feast of Pentecost or Whitsunday. Happily falling on a fifth Sunday in 1998, this last great Christian festival of the Church's year will be celebrated at a combined Benefice Eucharist at Bridge.

HANDLEY STEVENS

On the evening of Palm Sunday, 5th April, we bade a reluctant farewell to Mr Handley Stevens, who for the past six years has exercised a valuable ministry as Reader in this benefice.

Handley came to us newly trained and his ministry among us has been highly regarded throughout these parishes. He has been a tower of strength to me as vicar.

We took our leave of Handley, and Anne his wife, after Evensong on Palm Sunday at a reception at the back of Bridge Church. A presentation was made to him of framed photographs of all three churches, taken by Rosalie Stacey.

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Handley's move to Bridge couldn't have come at a more propitious time. I had taken on the role of Rural Dean, a position that took up some of my time that rightly belonged to my parish ministry, and to receive the offices of a Reader was ideal. By a similar coincidence, or maybe the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Handley's leaving has come at the same moment that I completed my second and final term as Rural Dean.

You may like to know that my successor as Rural Dean is David Barnes, Vicar of Ash and we wish him well and ask God's blessing on his ministry. David

is coming to Bekesbourne to preach at Evensong on the Sunday of the Flower Festival weekend, 28th June.

JOYS & SORROWS

Holy Baptism was administered at the Eucharist on Easter morning (no better time) in both Bekesbourne and Bridge Churches. At Bekesbourne JENNIFER FORREST, first child of Tony and Linda, Lysander Close, was christened by the Revd John Shorrock, meanwhile at Bridge the Vicar baptized his second grandson, ALEXANDER JAMES PLENTY of Holywell, Northumberland.

This was Rosemary and Raymond's second big family event in nine days, Raymond having officiated at the wedding of their eldest son, Simon to Juliet Howlett in the chapel of Charterhouse School, Godalming on 4th April.

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The death on Maundy Thursday of TIM HOARE, formerly of The Cedars, Higham Lane, has deprived Bridge village of one of its most long-standing, respected and colourful residents.

Tim, with Muriel, his wife of almost 50 years, came to Bridge 45 years ago and in the ensuing years he left his mark on the locality through his building works and public service as a member of the Parish Council. He served for 11 years as a city councillor, which included a term as deputy mayor, and was a prominent member of the Bridge & District Branch of the Royal British Legion, most generously providing the branch with its standard. Tim was also a churchman and sang tenor in the church choir for many years, regularly hosting a Christmas party for the choir.

Five years ago Tim suffered a severe stroke that left him badly disabled and unable to speak, a handicap that frustrated him greatly, having always been one to express himself volubly on an assortment of topics.

A service in St. Peter's Church, Bridge on 21st April (three days short of his 87th birthday) was conducted by the Vicar, with the augmented choir in attendance, and followed by cremation at Barham.

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The funeral took place at Barham on 30th March of MARY DAVIES, Patixbourne Road. Mary, known as Bibby, was a member of a family that provided successive Mayors of Faversham. Due to a serious illness that began in the late eighties, Bibby and Peter moved to be near their daughter, Elizabeth Stewart. During this time they were well supported by their two children Elizabeth and Richard, their families and many carers. Despite his own illness Peter cared for Bibby until her final months at Highfield. Canon Packer officiated at the service.

Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC annual accounts

The 1997 financial statements of the Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC were presented to the annual parish church meeting on 1 April 1998. A summary of the income and expenditure for 1997 and net assets at 31 December 1997 is given below.

Income and expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted & endowment funds £	Total funds £
Incoming resources	30,759	13,462	44,221
Outgoing resources	30,933	21,241	52,174
Net outgoing resources	(174)	(7,749)	(7,923)
Unrealised gains		1,960	1,960
Excess outgoing resources	<u>(174)</u>	<u>(5,843)</u>	<u>(6,017)</u>

Balance sheet

	£
Investments	14,740
Current assets	35,315
Current liabilities	(7,524)
Net assets	<u>42,531</u>
Funds	
Unrestricted	9,882
Restricted	10,383
Endowment	22,166
	<u>42,431</u>

The unrestricted income and expenditure represents the day to day operation of the church in Patrixbourne and Bridge and takes account of a subsidy from the Church Commissioners of £2,334. This will disappear by 2000. The excess outgoings on restricted and endowment funds represents principally the cost of repairs to St Mary's Patrixbourne for which funds had been raised in prior years.

Copies of the published accounts may be obtained from the vicar or the treasurer.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Society's meeting in May will be on Thursday, 21st at the Methodist Church starting at 7.30pm, when the guest speaker will be Mr Lush, who has entertained members very well recently on a couple of other evenings. This time his talk is entitled *We are What we Eat*, which I am sure will be full of 'little gems'!

Art Class

This has started in the Hunter Room on Friday mornings from 24th April, between 9.15 and 11.30am. Beginners and improvers are most welcome to this pay-as-you-attend class which has room for one or two more. Friendly and relaxed class for drawing and painting. Please contact Jenny Fairweather, 49 Union Road, on 830738.

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STOP PRESS - OPEN GARDEN now on SUNDAY 3rd MAY

Lady Mount is again kindly opening her garden at Woolton Farm House in aid of Bekesbourne Church. The azaleas and rhododendrons should be lovely then as they are earlier than usual - so do come for a delightful afternoon - 2-5.30pm,

CAKES - STALLS - PLANTS - TEAS

THE ROGATIONTIDE WALK takes place on Rogation Sunday, 17th May and will start at 10.00am from Bekesbourne Village Hall - all welcome! Usual finish at The Unicorn - book your lunch!

BEKESBOURNE FLOWER FESTIVAL on 26th, 27th & 28th June. More details next month, but all contributions of plants and cakes will be most welcome - so please start preparing now!

BRIDGE VILLAGE FETE, 20th June, 12 noon to 4.00pm

To make this year's fête a great success we need lots of contributions for the following stalls: Plants, Books, Toys, Crafts, Cakes, Bottles, White Elephant, and donations for the Raffle. So please help if you can!

To those people who enjoy a puzzle we will be running a Quiz during the month prior to the fête. So why not get together with the family and friends and stir up the brain cells? Quiz forms can be obtained from School or any member of the Committee price £1 or from me at 17 High Street, Bridge, phone 830514. The prize is £25 for the winner - good luck!

Barbara Beinder

NAILBOURNE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

We are having a TABLE BOOT SALE on 9th May, 10.00am - 12 noon in Bridge Village Hall. The league would be most grateful for donations of bric-a-brac and books to sell, also you may book a table to sell your own bits and bobs. Please get in the loft and garage - your junk is just what someone is looking for!

To donate goods or book a table please phone Rosy Green, 830204. Please support the League of Friends.

THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY

Fund-raising

Thank you to all holders of the home and shop boxes which were emptied during March and April, raising a total of £328.86 for the Society - an excellent result!

These boxes, normally emptied annually, are a painless but effective way of collecting small change for a good cause, and can be obtained from Kathy Eynon, 19 Bridge Down (tel:830466) should others be interested.

Incidentally, Barclays Bank will be accepting old 50p coins for *The Childrens Society* account until at least September, although they are no longer legal tender. Kathy Eynon has the details and will be happy to pay them in!

Please look for *The Childrens Society* table at the League of Friends Table Boot Sale on 9th May.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING



New Councillor: Councillor John Corfield, attending the first meeting since his election, was welcomed to the Parish Council.

Improvements and Maintenance: Several improvements have taken place in the village over the last month. A perch seat has been installed in the bus shelter on the bridge and two bicycle racks have been placed outside Bridgeway Stores. A new map board has been erected on the edge of the lay-by on Patricxbourne Road adjoining the recreation ground. When completed it will contain a map of the Public Rights of Way in the village. The sycamore trees on the recreation ground have been pruned and additional shrubs have been planted in Mill Lane. Canterbury City Council has promised to replace several missing road signs and renew some that have become damaged.

Nailbourne Flood Alleviation Scheme: The Environment Agency has proposed a scheme to prevent flooding in the village when the river flows. A

trash screen is to be built at the culvert to prevent debris collecting around the bridge supports and the bus shelter legs. A further trash screen is to be placed at the ford in Mill Lane. Church Meadow is to have a low bund built on it to stop water running off the field and into Brewery Lane. The Environment Agency will keep the trash screens clear and it is hoped that any potential flooding can be avoided in the future.

Recreation Ground Play Equipment: Funding for 1998/99 has now been made available and the village has been awarded a sum of nearly £8000 from the City Council's Capital Projects Fund to replace some of the play equipment on the recreation ground. Proposals for the new equipment are expected to be finalised shortly.

Village Cleaning: Areas in the village needing cleaning should be reported to Cllr Shirley; alternatively a message can be left with the Clerk on 832219. Arrangements will then be made for specific areas to be cleaned.

Parish Meeting: Parishioners are reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 30 April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Several local organisations have been invited to give reports of their activities over the year and refreshments will be provided at the end of the evening.

Planning Application: The Planning Committee had considered and found no objection to CA/98/0289/BRI - Two storey front extension to Beechwood, Higham Lane.

FISH NEWS

The Blossom Tour will be on Wednesday, 6th May. Please telephone Mavis Parsons, 832042, if you would like a last-minute place.

The Saturday Coffee Morning is on 16th May. Please come to Bridge Village Hall with your seedlings, cuttings, plants, cakes and bric-a-brac.

The Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday, 13th May and new faces are very, very welcome. A.R.

ABIDA

Abida is an Indian girl whose education is being sponsored by the church in Bridge and Patricxbourne. She is nearly 11 and is attending Deenabandhu School, Shahid Nagar in Delhi. Her father died last year and as a result the family lived in very poor conditions. This is now improving with the help of her grandfather. She is though in need of continuing financial support.

Abida's performance in the half year exams was good with an average of 56%. She scored very well in Hindi, social studies, English and science. The only disappointment was mathematics where more work and practice are needed.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 - 18 MAY

by Christine Hoare, 25 The Close, 832447

Christian Aid is the official agency of 40 church denominations in the UK and Ireland supporting work in more than 60 countries worldwide, to enable poor communities to help themselves. This means funding locally based projects, which help people in a number of different ways, for example: providing seeds and tools so that families can grow enough to eat, building new wells to provide safe, clean water, paying for emergency aid in times of crisis, and talking with people about the causes of their poverty, and arguing their case to those who have the power to change things.

Christian Aid was the first charity to hold a house-to-house collection, and once again the Parishes of our benefice will be taking part.

Please be as generous as you can when the Christian Aid envelope drops through your letter box. If you are unable to hand your envelope to your collector, it can be returned direct to me. If you would like to participate in the collection in any way, please contact me - offers of assistance are always welcome!

I am very grateful to those kind persons who have agreed to undertake collections: it would be of further assistance if they could return envelopes to me on Saturday, 23rd May between 10.30am and 12 noon so that I may have the opportunity to say 'thank you' and to offer some light refreshment.

Bekesbourne Church

Cleaning & Flower Rota

2nd & 9th May - Rosie Mount

16th May - Zan Clifford

23rd May - Pam Farbrace

30th May - Jane Millyard



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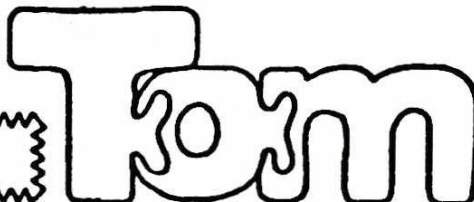
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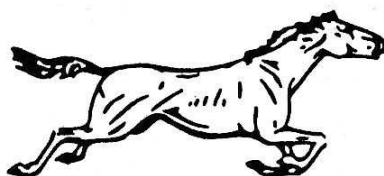
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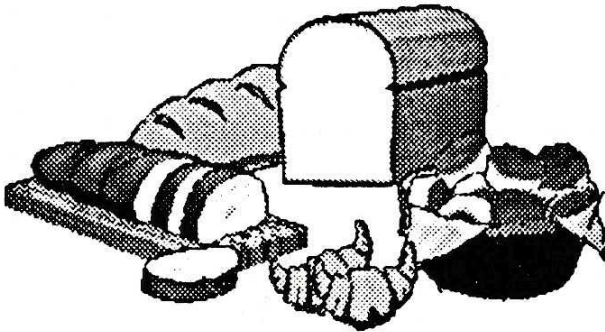
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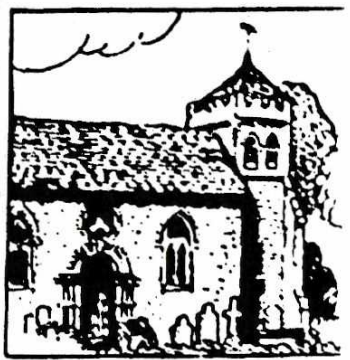
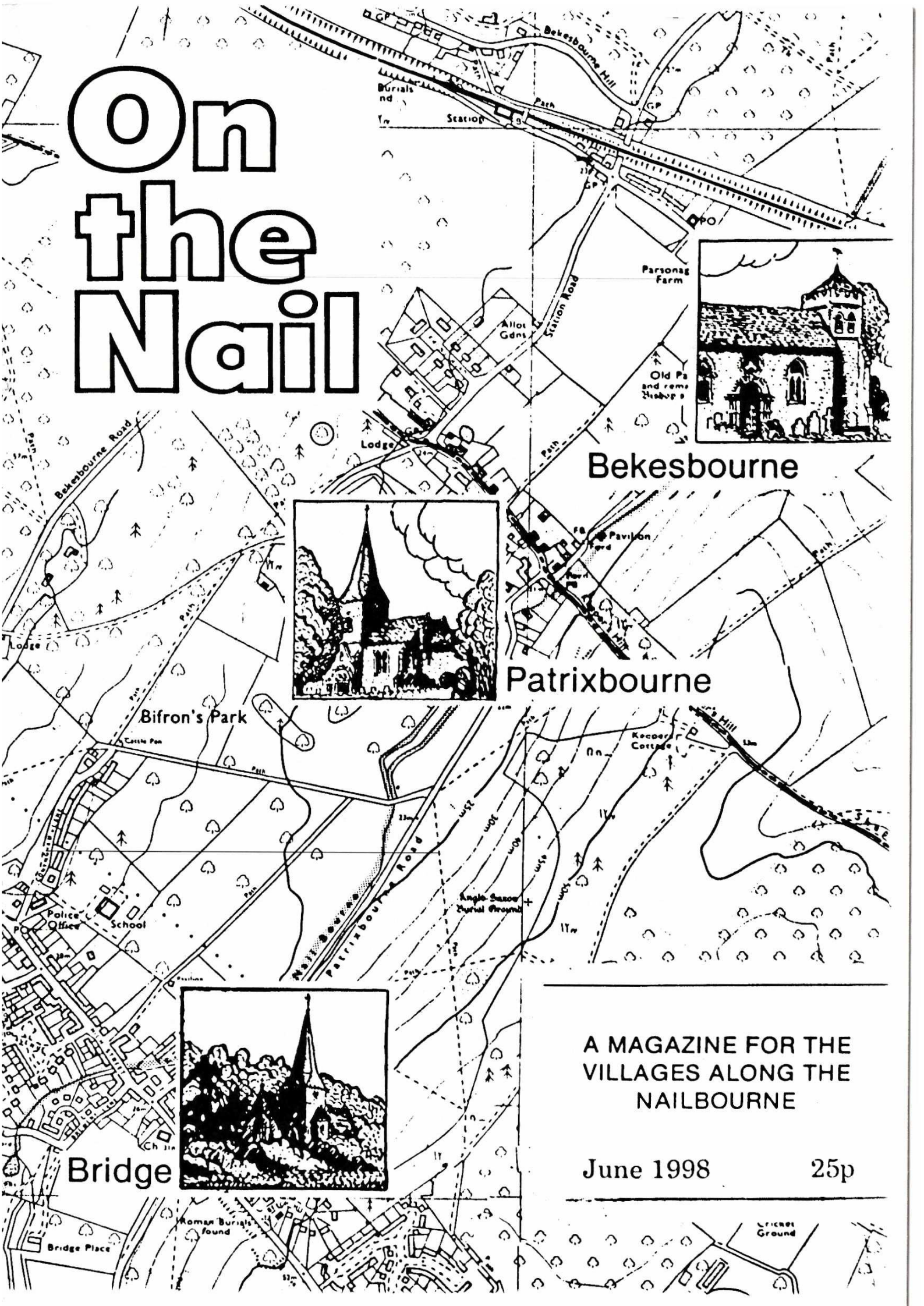
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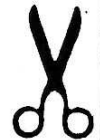
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SUNDAY WORSHIP IN JUNE

7th: Trinity sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
- 11.00am Family Service with Baptism (*Bridge*)
- 3.30pm Holy Baptism (*Patixbourne*)
- 6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

14th: Trinity 1

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
- 11.00am Matins (*Patixbourne*)

21st: Trinity 2

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
- 11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)

28th: St. Peter the Apostle

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)
 - 9.30am Parish Communion (*Patixbourne*)
 - 6.30pm Flower Festival Evensong (*Bekesbourne*)
- (Preacher: Revd David Barnes, Rural Dean)*

Children are welcome at all services, but especially at Family Services. Junior Church welcomes children of 4 years old and upwards, helping them grow in the faith of the Church, in a secure and caring environment. It meets on second and third Sundays at 9.30am. For further details and enrolment, parents should get in touch with Mrs Susanne Leggatt (830251).

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *7th*, Mr Peter Blakebrough, MA, BEd. *14th*, Mrs Mary Weatherup, BA. *21st*, *Church Anniversary*, The Revd Canon John Packer. *28th*, *Holy Communion*, The Revd Albert Ball.

FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st *Justin, Martyr at Rome, c165*
- 2nd Saxon Lodge Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy, 10am
- 3rd Pray for David Barnes, Vicar of Ash, who is to be commissioned as Rural Dean of East Bridge prior to this evening's meeting of the Deanery Synod in St. Nicholas' Church, Ash.
- 4th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 5th *St. Boniface, Bishop, Missionary, Martyr, 754*
- 7th **Trinity Sunday**
- 9th *St. Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597*
- 10th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
Friends of Bekesbourne Church Quiz Evening, The Unicorn, 8.00pm
- 11th ***St. Barnabas the Apostle***
Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 14th **1st Sunday after Trinity**
Saxon Lodge Residential Home open afternoon, 2.00pm
- 16th Bridge with Patricbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 20th **BRIDGE VILLAGE FETE**
- 21st **2nd Sunday after Trinity**
- 22nd *St. Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c209*
- 24th ***Birth of St. John the Baptist***
- 26th **BEKESBOURNE FLOWER FESTIVAL, 10.30am - 6.00pm**
- 27th **BEKESBOURNE FLOWER FESTIVAL, 10.30am - 6.00pm**
- 28th **St. Peter the Apostle: Trinity 3**
BEKESBOURNE FLOWER FESTIVAL, 10.30am - 6.00pm,
concluding with Festival Evensong at 6.30pm, Preacher: The Revd David Barnes, Rural Dean.
- 30th Nailbourne Horticultural Society 'Garden Safari'

FROM THE VICAR

June promises to be a busy month here, with an assortment of social and fund-raising activities gunning for our support and all deserving it.

Having a vested interest in the two big ones, I make no apologies now for plugging first Bridge's Annual Fête and secondly the welcome return of a Bekesbourne Flower Festival. Both of these popular events fall into the fund-raising category but they also have a strong and vitally important social side to

them as well. The respective organisers are naturally concerned to make as much money out these activities as possible, and we accept that. However, and not just because people expect to get their money's worth, the planners also want us to have a good time together at the Village Fête, and enjoy the beauty of an English country church decked out in all its glory, where Bekesbourne's Flower Festival is concerned.

Some accuse the Church of always being after money and having no other concern. That's blinkered nonsense! Of course money figures in both the above events, but it's not the be all and end all. The Village Fête is just that, an occasion for the village to come together and fete itself: in any case the Church (Patixbourne as well as Bridge) only takes half the proceeds, the other half going to the School. Where Bekesbourne is concerned, the Flower Festival usually raises a lot of money and is held principally for that purpose, but it's a beautiful building in an idyllic situation and is truly at its best when sensitively and artistically decorated with flowers. We hope those who visit will be generous, and they invariably are, yet no money is demanded of them, admission is always free, and although there are stalls and refreshment facilities no one's obliged to patronize them, though we hope they will. The three-day festival will end with an act of worship - Evensong, with the Vicar officiating, Bridge Choir leading the singing and the new Rural Dean, the Revd David Barnes, preaching the sermon.

The old chestnut about the Church and money doesn't ring true - it never has! But obviously, and like any other organization you care to name, it can't survive without financial back-up. Yet our Lord didn't come to found a profit-making movement but a worldwide community of people who, because they themselves love and try to serve the Lord, are anxious to help others come to know and love him, thereby finding meaning in life and at the end the joys of heaven. Believe it or not, Bridge Village Fête and Bekesbourne Flower Festival have a part to play in that, though we guarantee not to ram religion down anyone's throat in the process. Support both occasions - for your sake and ours!

JUST TO SAY THANK-YOU.

Mrs Mildred Jagers writes:

Thank you Bill and Joyce Rose for your glowing praise and comments to Janet and myself on our retirement from the Surgery. How you found time to do it before your trip to Australia I shall never know. I should also like to thank all the patients for their gifts and cards - I was rather overwhelmed with your generosity and hope to see you around the village.

And from Rosie Green:

A big thank you to all who supported the table boot sale held by the Nailbourne Group of the League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals on 9th May. £191 was raised.

Our next event is a Coffee Morning at Higham Park (Highland Court) on 4th July between 10am and 12 noon - an opportunity to view the beautiful gardens and help raise funds for the League with coffee, cakes, Bring & Buy and a raffle - see you there!

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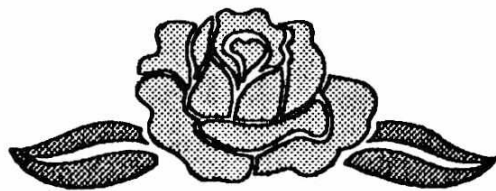
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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

To enjoy what will hopefully be a warm and sunny summer's evening, the Horticultural Society is organising a *Garden Safari* on Tuesday, 30th June. As this is a new venture and somewhat of an experiment for the Society, it has been decided to limit the *Safari* to the centre of Bridge village so that all the gardens visited will be within easy walking distance.

Those interested should make their way to 17 Union Road for 7pm, where the evening will start with light refreshments, and from there the group will proceed, by easy garden stages, to end up at Laundry Cottage in Conyngham Lane, where tea and coffee will be served.

Kathy Walder

BEKESBOURNE FAMILY SERVICE

by Jonathan Cowans

At Bekesbourne's Family Service in April we were joined by our four-legged (and one three-legged) friends in a service of blessing for all animals and pets. As far as I know there were no stick insects, goldfish or tarantulas in church, but there were dogs, rabbits, cats, guinea pigs and hamsters.

We all enjoyed a dramatic portrayal of Daniel in the Lions' Den, performed by Paul, Pat and Jeannette Kusel and the Revd John Shorrocks's story of the cathedral mouse. Hymns, new and familiar, made the service go with a swing and all pets present were named and blessed at the chancel step.

What fun we had and with no reason to suspect the animals didn't enjoy it too!

BRIDGE with PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

It is anniversary time again so the June meeting will take the form of an old time birthday party. Members are asked to bring a plate of food at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16th June and the competition is a Bloom from your Garden.

J.H.

ROYAL COLLEGE of RADIOLOGISTS APPEAL FUND

Regrettably, there will not be a fund-raising day this year. However, I hope to go on making cakes, jams, etc and having plants for sale from time to time. I will be grateful for your continued support to raise what will probably be a more modest amount.

M.E.J.

WOOLTON FARM GARDEN OPENING for the *Friends of Bekesbourne Church*, raised £500, which was excellent for a fairly inclement day. Very many thanks to Lady Mount for her generosity and to all involved. On a dull day the gardens were a blaze of colour!

SAXON LODGE RESIDENTIAL HOME

... will be holding their monthly Bring & Buy Coffee Morning with raffle on Tuesday, 2nd June.

... will hold an open afternoon on Sunday, 14th June from 2 o'clock, with strawberry teas, cake and plant stalls and a raffle. also nearly new clothes will be on sale. Admission is free!

CALLING THE CHILDREN OF BEKESBOURNE!

As part of the Flower Festival at Bekesbourne on 26th, 27th and 28th June there will be a display of work by children in the vestry on the theme of *Bekesbourne Past and Present*. The Bekesbourne Brownies and some children from Bridge School will be contributing but I am aware that there are many children in the village not involved in either of these groups, some of whom might like to take part.

There are two ways you can do so:

1. Write a poem or a short piece of prose, draw a picture, make a model about something past or present (or both) in the village that interests you: maybe the fire at the oast, the new playground, the church or churchyard, farmlife and activity, the disappearance of the aerodrome hanger. Hand it in to me before 21st June.

OR

2. COME ALONG to Rosary House on Sunday, 21st June between 3 and 5pm and join with others drawing, sticking, making something relevant.

I look forward to either receiving your contribution or seeing you on June 21st. I am Pat Kusel and I live at Rosary House, Aerodrome Road, tel. 830272.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL: May Meeting

Election of Officers At the Annual Meeting of Bridge Parish Council, Cllr Meriel Connor was re-elected as chairman with Cllr Tony Walder elected as vice-chairman. The Recreation Ground and Sports Committee will consist of Cllrs Gulvin, Hill, and Walder, with Cllrs Corfield and Jones forming the Street, Footways and Lighting Committee. Members of the Planning Committee remain as Cllrs Hill, Shirley and Walder, whilst on the Environmental Committee Cllr Connor will be responsible for footpaths, Cllr Monk trees and Cllr Shirley general matters.

Neighbourhood Watch Mr David Lancashire, co-ordinator for the scheme has reported a serious lack of area co-ordinators in the village. Anyone interested in taking part in this worthwhile project should contact David Lancashire on 830627.

Co-ordinators are particularly needed in Riverside Close, Western Avenue and Union Road. The task is not onerous and would suit someone with a strong community spirit and a little time to spare.

Noticeboard - Bridge Down The Parish Council has a noticeboard which could be placed in the Bridge Down area of the village. The clerk, who can be contacted on 832219, would welcome suggestions from local residents as to a suitable location.

Annual Parish Meeting About 20 parishioners attended the Annual Parish Meeting on April 30 when the chairman recalled the sad loss to the village which had resulted from the death of Reg Franklin. She also thanked Margaret Church, who resigned as clerk in December, for all her hard work over the last 5 years. Reports were given by several organisations operating in the village. They showed a healthy membership with varied activities taking place on a regular basis.

FISH NEWS

Our thanks to everyone who attended the Saturday Plant and Cake Sale. The money raised pays for the phone calls and insurance involved in running Fish, as well as the coach hire for outings.

Do you know about the Library Service for the house-bound? Telephone Sheila Fenn (830284) if you would like more details.

The next Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday, 10th June. A.R.

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The Unicorn, Bekesbourne is holding its 4th ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL on 26th and 27th June, with live music and a barbecue. Open all day on Saturday.

HIGHAM PARK

The staff report on its re-instatement for 'On The Nail'.

We first saw Higham in the winter of 1995. The mansion had been empty since the mid-eighties and had many broken windows and doors. The poor roof was and still is in need of vast amounts of money. Internally most of the plasterwork had powdered and crumbled and the beautiful mouldings on the walls and ceilings were coming away. Simply everywhere hung in damp black mould.

Our first year was spent re-discovering the gardens, which had been sadly neglected for some time. Imagine our amazement when having been here for

about four months, we wandered around the gardens one evening and in the undergrowth found a completely secret garden, not touched for many a long year.

Many original paths have been recreated. This winter a bleached Hornbeam aerial hedge has been planted on either side of the sunken rose garden, to protect the newly planted roses here. The walls around this garden and the Italian water garden had to be completely restored. Part of the yew hedges had been burnt. These are now replaced and the 200-foot water garden with the wonderful water lilies looks magnificent again.

The resident moorhens, for the first time, reared all their chicks, and they have given us much pleasure during the winter.

Higham first became Higham in 1320 when King Edward II gave a considerable estate to the De Hegham family. Through the centuries many famous people have resided here, including the Aucher family, the Halletts much mentioned in Patrixbourne Church, Thomas Culpepper, Countess Margaret Zborowska and her son the colourful Count Louis Zborowska, who built the world famous Chitty Chitty Bang Bang aero-engine racing cars. Ian Fleming's famous film on the same name came from here. The count built the Hythe & Dymchurch railway to run around the estate. Green Goddess was one of the engines.

The gardens are open from APRIL to SEPTEMBER on Sundays and Wednesdays between 12 noon and 6.00pm. We have a tea room and sell some plants.

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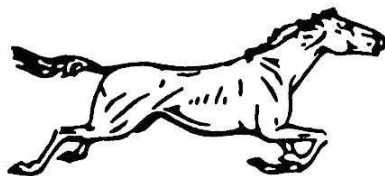
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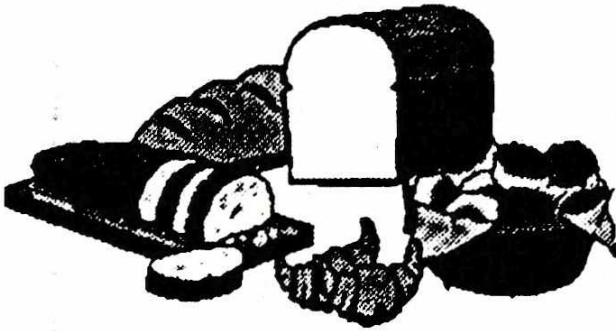
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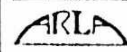
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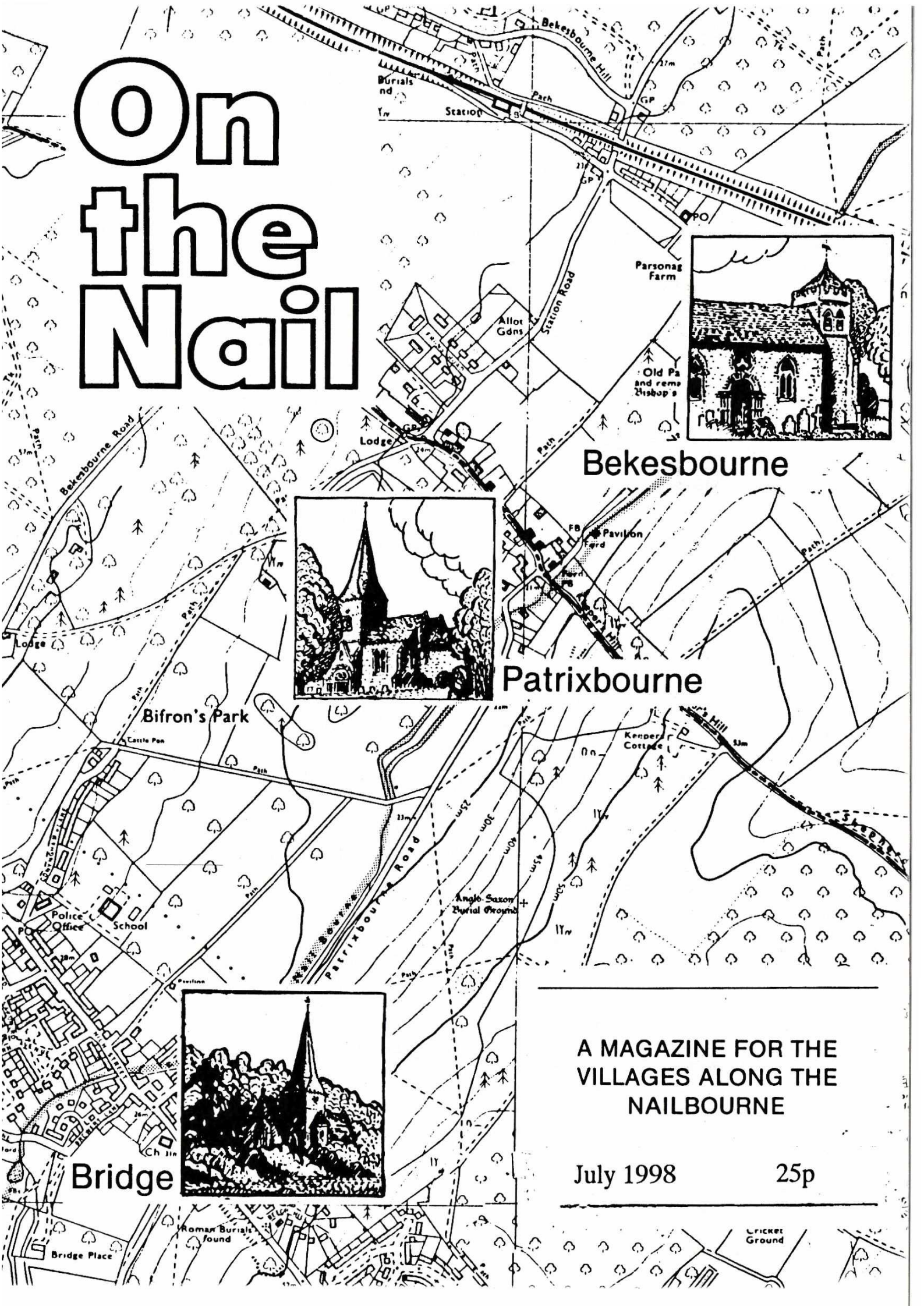
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SUNDAY WORSHIP IN JULY

5th: Trinity 4

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
- 11.00am Family Eucharist (*Bridge*)
- 2.30pm Holy Baptism (*Patricbourne*)
- 6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

12th: Trinity 5

- 9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
- 11.00am Benefice Confirmation (*Bridge*)

19th: Trinity 6

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
- 11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)

26th: Trinity 7

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

Children are welcome at all services, but especially at Family Services. Junior Church welcomes children of 4 years old and upwards, helping them grow in the faith of the Church, in a secure and caring environment. It meets on second and third Sundays at 9.30am. For further details and enrolment, parents should get in touch with Mrs Susanne Leggatt (830251).

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *5th*, Mr E Ron O'Mahony. *12th*, The Revd George Baugh. *19th*, Mr Michael Baybutt, B Sc, DMS, C Eng. *26th*, *Holy Communion*, The Revd David Marshall, Superintendent Minister.

FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 2nd Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC Meeting, Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 3rd *St. Thomas the Apostle*
- 4th Pray for Emma Young and Stuart Haynes to be married this afternoon at Bridge.
- 5th **Trinity 4**
- 6th *St Thomas More, Martyr, 1535*
- 8th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 9th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 11th *St. Benedict, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c550*
Pray for Elizabeth Ash and Nicholas Johnson to be married this afternoon at Bekesbourne.
- 12th **Trinity 5**
The one service in the benefice today is a Confirmation Eucharist conducted by the Bishop of Dover at St. Peter's Church, Bridge at 11.00am. Pray for these to be confirmed: Gemma O'Brien and Rachel Watson (*Bekesbourne*), Rosie Webb, Toni Latham and Luke Brodie (*Bridge*).
- 15th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 19th **Trinity 6**
- 22nd *St. Mary Magdalen*
- 25th *St. James the Apostle*
- 26th **Trinity 7**

FROM THE VICAR

A reminder of the **Benefice Confirmation Service** at Bridge on 12th July at 11.00am. This will be the only service of the day and will include the Eucharist, when the candidates will make their communion for the first time. We shall welcome back the Bishop of Dover who apart from confirming will also celebrate the Eucharist and preach the sermon. Your prayers for the candidates will help to bolster them up as they prepare to take this noteworthy step on their Christian journey. They are Gemma O'Brien and Rachel Watson from Bekesbourne and Rosie Webb, Toni Latham and Luke Brodie from Bridge. Do come and support them. A collection will be taken during the service, which is to be given to the Diocesan Ministry Training Fund, which helps provide financial support for the families of those training for the ordained ministry. After the service at the back

of the church liquid refreshment will be served and there will also be a chance to meet the bishop.

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I bring news of the Pike family, who endeared themselves to us all when they lived at 12 High Street. At least, news of Katie, who is hoping to embark on an adventure-and-a-half next year and wonders if her old friends might be willing to help her raise the necessary cash for it. In case it's thought she intends to swan around the globe on some exotic holiday let Katie disillusion you! Under the heading *100 Mile Sponsored Walk* she writes:

Next year, I am taking a year out before going on to university (hopefully!) and during this time shall be spending five months working voluntarily, teaching English in a deprived area of Nepal, one of the poorest countries in the world. The schools are often primitive, ill-equipped and in isolated areas; consequently they have few resources for teaching and unlike many countries supported in this way cannot provide for the living expenses of the volunteers.

It is not yet clear where I shall be teaching. It could be a primary or a secondary school but it is almost certain to have very large classes. A few schools are near Kathmandu but most are in small towns or villages in rural areas. (A previous volunteer reported that a 10 year old boy was sent on a two day walk to fetch the post!)

I have to raise the money for air fare and keep, as well as providing resources and materials for use in the school. GAP, the charity I shall be working for, suggest that £2000 is needed to cover this. I shall be working to raise funds until my departure in January 1999 but my family and I are also undertaking a one hundred miles sponsored walk in the Scottish Border Country from Scabcleuch to Lindisfarne from 27th July to 3rd August. We would be grateful for your support! On completion of my five months work I hope to trek in the Himalayas but I would like to assure you that all money raised through sponsorship will be used in support of the charity.

Katie has sent me a couple of sponsor forms so would anyone willing, for old times' sake if nothing else, to sponsor a family that once walked along most of the Pennine Way on behalf of Bridge Church, sign up. To make it easier I've put a form in Bridge and Patrixbourne Churches.

FAMILY EVENTS

Baptism The vicar officiated at the baptisms on 7th June of SAMUEL KANE

SQUIRES HOWELL at St. Peter's Church, Bridge and MARK NICHOLAS GALL at St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne.

Funerals DOROTHY CONSTANCE NOBLE, 10th June at Bekesbourne. HENRY (HARRY) COLLARD, 18th June at Barham Crematorium. BERYL HOOKE, 19th June at Barham Crematorium.

OBITUARIES

DOROTHY CONSTANCE NOBLE for many years lived in one of the three oast cottages on the Bekesbourne side of The Street in Patrixbourne, during which time she worked for Mr and Mrs Mowll and, being a churchgoer, sang in Bekesbourne Church Choir. Latterly she lived at Bossington House Nursing Home in Adisham, where on three occasions the vicar was delighted to include her in a communion service there when Adisham was without a priest. Her funeral service prior to interment in the churchyard at Bekesbourne was conducted by the Revd Will Mowll and took place on 10th June.

The vicar conducted the funeral of HARRY COLLARD at Barham Crematorium on 18th June. Harry, who lived along Pett Bottom, was well known in the district and for many years was captain of the ringers at Bekesbourne.

Though not living within the benefice BERYL HOOKE, with her husband Ron, at one time attended Matins at Patrixbourne with great regularity and made it her parish church. The vicar officiated at her cremation on 19th June at Barham.

G.L. and M.P. write: For over twenty years AMY GROUT was closely connected with St. Peter's, Bridge; at first when, with her husband, visiting her daughter, Diana, who was the Matron of The Close. After her husband died ten years ago Amy came to live at Mansfield Court. Most of her 93 years were spent in Brighton and it was there her funeral took place, conducted by her friend Peter Heartfield, former Chaplain of the K&C Hospital and one-time Curate of Amy's Brighton Church. Amy was a devout Christian and a joy to meet. Throughout her declining years she was given devoted support by her stepson Peter and his wife Sheila.

BEKESBOURNE'S MAY FAMILY SERVICE

by Jane Martin

The congregation at Bekesbourne Church enjoyed a very interesting and entertaining Family Service which explored the different types of prayer and how we pray. The children at the service illustrated the ways in which we can use prayer to

praise God, to seek his advice, to give thanks, to ask for help and to say sorry. Thanks to Pat and Romany for organising yet another inspiring act of worship.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Summer Show this year is at Bridge School on Saturday, 25th July. It will be open for viewing at 2.30pm with the presentation of cups etc at 4.00pm. Teas will be served during the afternoon and we hope that all our members and visitors will have a pleasant afternoon. Show schedules are available from Mrs E Cartwright and Mrs B Anderson, Show Secretary. *B.Anderson.*

SUMMER BARBECUE

A Benefice Barbecue will be held at Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne on Saturday, 11th July, starting at 5.30pm. Tickets at £4 for adults and £2 for children are available from Andrea Nicholson, Pat Dunderdale, John Anderson or Jane Mill-yard. Please buy tickets in advance to help us plan the catering. All welcome! Come and support a fun evening!

ROGATION SUNDAY WALK

About 30 adults, eight children and many well-behaved dogs walked the footpaths of Bokesbourne on a beautifully warm and sunny Rogation Sunday morning. The Vicar led us in prayers at various stops, one being the Well Chapel ruins, where we remembered those who had worshipped there over the years of its active life. We then took the public footpath across Howletts zoo and marvelled at the wonderful and varied countryside views and sounds, returning via Woolton Farm to welcome refreshment at The Unicorn.

Bokesbourne Church

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4th July - Lois Whigham

11th July - WEDDING

18th July - Zan Clifford

25th July - Pam Farbrace

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK RESULTS

by Chris Hoare

I am delighted to report that a committed band of helpers for Christian Aid collected £769.61 from homes in the Benefice. My very grateful thanks to all who contributed, either by way of donation or in both the delivery and collection of envelopes.

Whilst this figure is down on last year's, I did not manage to achieve quite the same level of coverage throughout the villages as in previous years, so if you reside in one of those roads where the red envelopes did not arrive on your doormat and you would like to remedy the situation next year, please don't hesitate to volunteer.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute members are asked to take a garden chair to the next meeting at the earlier time of 7 O'clock on Tuesday, 21st July at 'Caldy', Patrixbourne Road. This will be followed by a meal at The Old Gate Inn.

FRIENDS of BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Once again, our sincere thanks to Clive and Cheryl at The Unicorn for their support in holding a Quiz Night on 10th June in aid of the *Friends of Bekesbourne Church*, and Geoff Ede and Hoverspeed for their very generous prize for the winners. On 5th July & 16th August the Friends are manning a Tea Room for the Open Day Walks which *Essentially Hops* are holding - do come and support both!

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The YOC and RSPB Phoenix are the junior membership of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Bridge & District History Society

VISIT TO CHARING VILLAGE

Flaming June it was not, but the party from Bridge was amply rewarded by the tour organised by Charing Local History Society on Saturday, 13th June. This started in the impressive stone built church of St. Peter & St. Paul.

From an early settlement Charing grew to have important ecclesiastical connections with Canterbury. The church dating from Norman times has an interesting variety of window styles and is unusual in not having side aisles. The interior boasts one of Kent's most impressive stone arches.

Close by is the Archbishop's Palace and grounds, now a farm, with a medieval dining hall used as a working barn.

Charing has buildings of all periods, including medieval halls, an Elizabethan poor house and imposing Queen Anne and Georgian mansions. The afternoon finished with homemade cream teas in the Church Barn.

This was the last event of the season. The 1998-9 season starts on Tuesday, 24th September. In August new programmes will be sent out to members and available in Barham, Kingston, Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Patixbourne and Bekesbourne in August. Details from Bill Dawson, Secretary, tel 831044.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - Notes from June Meeting

Footbridge over ford at Mill Lane This footbridge has recently suffered some damage and is expected to be repaired shortly. A resident, Mr L Shirley, has

submitted plans to the Parish Council for a new brick built bridge over the ford. It is designed to match bridges already in existence at Bekesbourne and Patixbourne. The new bridge will form part of the millennium improvements in the village, providing grants can be obtained to cover most of the cost. Additional tree and shrub planting is also being undertaken for the millennium, although exact locations have not yet been identified.

Playground equipment Plans have now been finalised for the improvements in the playground equipment on the recreation ground. The seesaw and rocking horse are to be removed and a cat seesaw installed along with 2 spring animals. A cradle swing and a slide for very young children are also to be added. The spider and existing slide and swings remain and the whole area is to be fenced. Canterbury City Council has agreed a grant of nearly £8000, to cover the majority of the cost and it is hoped that the equipment will be installed in the very near future.

Requests for additional sports facilities Bridge Tennis Club has made a request to improve its facilities with a new club-house, to be erected near the tennis courts on the recreation ground. It is anticipated that as well as normal club activities, several schools in the area will be using the courts for coaching. The current facilities at the Sports Pavilion are inadequate, and have to be used jointly with other sports clubs. Canterbury Petanque Club has also requested the provision of a petanque piste on the recreation ground between the tennis courts and the sports pavilion. The Parish Council has requested further information from both organisations about their proposals.

New Dover Road park and ride scheme Plans for the additional park and ride scheme at the junction of New Dover Road and Old Dover Road have now been submitted to the Planning Department. The Parish Council has objected to the scheme on several grounds. The major one is that Canterbury's traffic problems are being solved at the expense of villages, and in this instance Bridge, as additional traffic will be created on the A2 slip road and Bekesbourne Road. Additionally, out-of-town shopping provision may be built in the future as has happened in the case of the Sturry Road and Wincheap park and ride schemes. Finally the park and ride provision does nothing for environmental issues such as that to encourage the use of public transport.

Planning applications The following applications have been received: CA/98/0548/BRI - Wychcroft, Meadow Close - two storey side extension, porch and erection of detached triple garage and store. CA/98/0568/BRI - 9 Conyngham Lane - two storey side extension and conservatory to rear of dwelling.

Bridge After School Club and Holiday Play Scheme has vacancies for children aged between 4½ and 11 years. The club runs Monday to Friday from 3 to 5.30pm in term time and Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm during school holidays. Please phone Rachel on 831159 for more information on activities that are available.

FISH NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Cake and Plant Coffee Morning back in May. £360 was raised.

The next Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday, 8th July. Please remember how welcome new faces are and that lifts can be arranged by telephoning Ann Medhurst on 830762. A.R.

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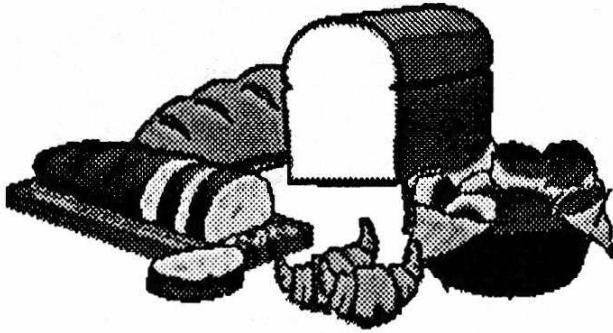
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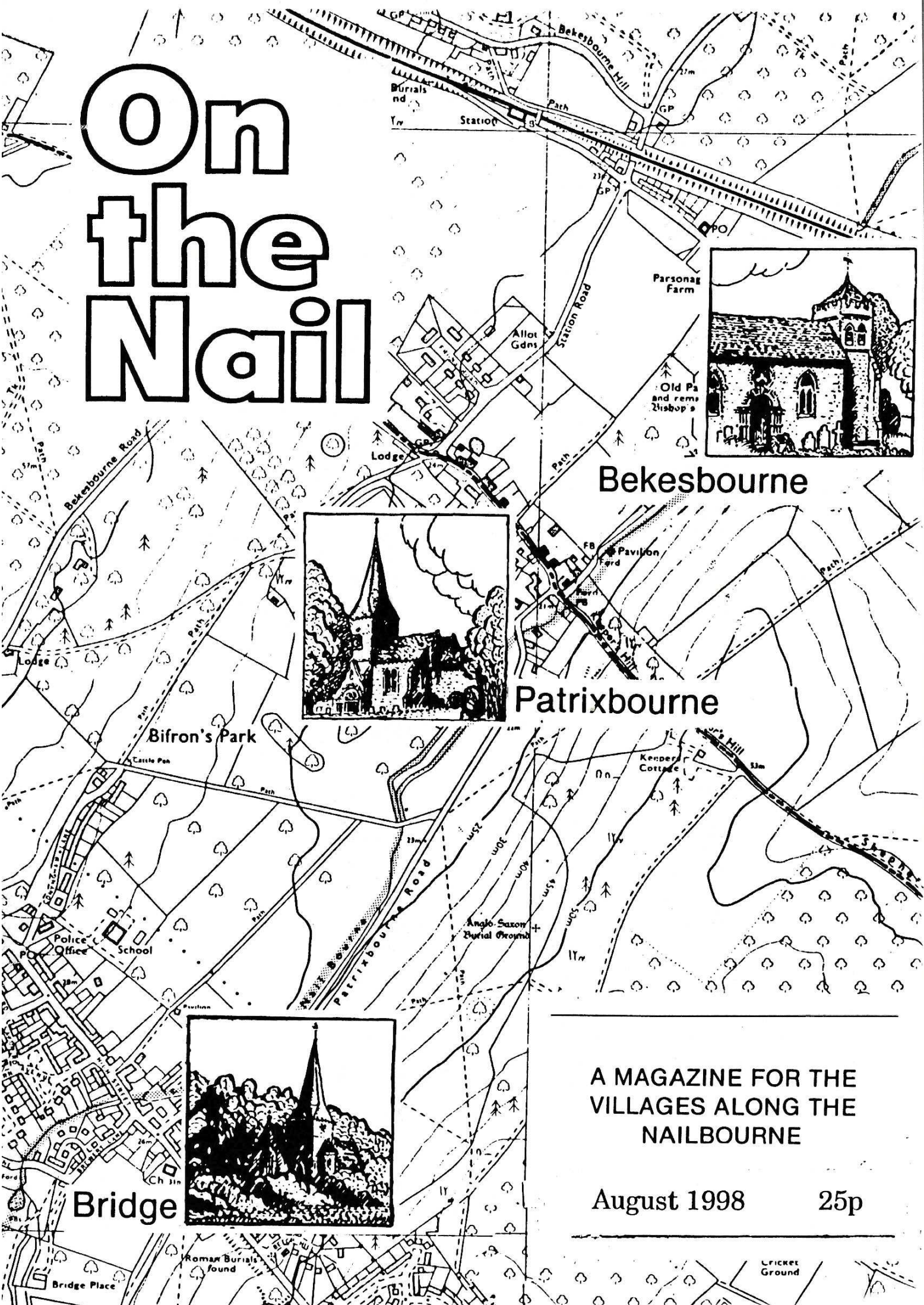
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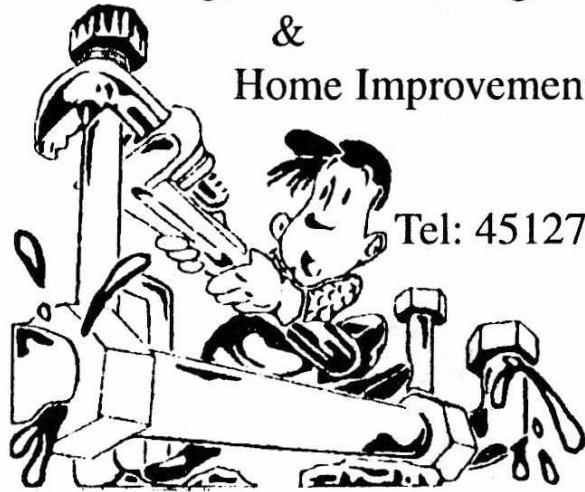
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2nd: Trinity 8

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
- 11.00am Family Eucharist with Baptism (*Bridge*)
- 6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

9th: Trinity 9

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 11.00am Matins (*Patixbourne*)

16th: Trinity 10

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patixbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)

23rd: St. Bartholomew

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Patixbourne*)
- 11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)
- 6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

30th: Trinity 12

- 10.30am Benefice Eucharist (*Patixbourne*)

Children are welcome at all services, but especially at Family Services. Junior Church welcomes children of 4 years old and upwards, helping them grow in the faith of the Church, in a secure and caring environment. Except in August, it meets on second and third Sundays at 9.30am. For further details and enrolment, parents should get in touch with Mrs Susanne Leggatt (830251).

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *2nd*, Mrs Audrey Ramsey. *9th*, Miss Joan Charlesworth, MA. *16th*, Holy Communion, The Revd Michael Walling. *23rd*, Mr F Jim Allen. *30th*, The Revd George Baugh.

FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 2nd **Trinity 8**
The Right Revd Arthur Jones, Bishop of Gippsland, Victoria, Australia will be in Bridge with Valerie, his wife, during a short break in the Lambeth Conference proceedings. We hope they will be at the Family Service, and although it's meant to be a rest for the Lambeth bishops Dr Jones may be willing to give us a glimpse of church life 'down under'.
- 4th *St. Dominic, Priest, Friar, 1221*
- 5th *St. Oswald, King of Northumbria, 642*
- 6th **Transfiguration of our Lord**
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 9th **Trinity 9**
- 10th *St. Laurence, Deacon, Martyr, 258*
- 11th *St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin, 1253*
- 12th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 13th *Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Pastor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667*
- 16th **Trinity 10**
- 18th Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20th *St. Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153*
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 23rd **Trinity 11**
Today's services will honour St. Bartholomew a day early.
- 24th **St. Bartholomew the Apostle**
- 26th Kent Chorale will sing a cathedral-type Choral Evensong in St. Mary's Church, Patricxbourne at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome but be prepared keep mum since the Chorale will do all the singing, the psalm included. Unlike a Parish Evensong there are no hymns (maybe one at the end), nor will there be a sermon.
- 28th *St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430*
- 29th Pray for Alec and Sue Murrell, both members of Bridge School's teaching staff, whose marriage in Sri Lanka will be blessed at a special Service in St. Peter's Church, Bridge at 2.00pm.
- 30th **Trinity 12**
It's Patricxbourne's turn to host the Benefice Eucharist at 10.30am.
- 31st *St. Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651*

FROM THE VICAR

By the time you read this the 1998 Lambeth Conference will be well into the home straight and although the university campus will continue to be a hive of activity for a little longer, it's about to subside once more into the sleepiness of the long vac. For the time being those in residence are in marked contrast to its usual academic and student population, which is hardly suprising since almost all of them are bishops.

This area of Kent is used to having the eyes of the world on it, mainly on account of the cathedral and the touring millions who gravitate towards it. Consequently it's doubtful whether many local people will even notice the current influx of 800 or so bishops let alone be aware of why they are in residence up St. Thomas's Hill.

Some who read this will appear on campus from time to time, to help service the conference, for, as the host diocese, volunteers from the local churches are attending to the day-to-day needs of the delegates. And Canterbury shoppers will probably catch sight of rather more purple about the city centre than normally. Otherwise, they will take the Lambeth Conference in their stride and carry on as if nothing of any great moment is happening.

What's it worth?

As to the deliberations that bishops from all over the globe will be engaged in, we shall have to rely in the short time on media coverage, or in the long term read the lengthy report that is published after every Lambeth Conference. But anyone who is expecting radical, far-reaching legislation to come out of it all is due for a disappointment. Lambeth Conferences aren't policy-making instruments so much as rather high-powered and, for the unity of the world-wide Anglican Communion of churches, valuable talking shops.

Lambeth 98 won't come up with any directives since each of the member churches of the Anglican Communion is an automomous, self-governing body. However, the bishops will aim to arrive at a consensus on the conference's agenda issues and enjoy this brief and most valuable opportunity to come together not only in debate but for prayer and to share a measure of fellowship usually geographically denied them.

What long-term effect this gathering of Anglican bishops will have on any one individual diocese or parish remains to be seen but one can hardly begrudge them this, for most of them, one-off experience. It only happens every ten years, after all, and think of the fillip it must give bishops from the third world who soldier on in difficult and very isolated conditions that would make Christians in this country blanch at the very thought.

God bless the Anglican Communion, its bishops, clergy and people, and strengthen and encourage one and all in Christ's service, for the glory of his holy name. Amen.

HAPPY EVENTS

Baptism

On Sunday, 28th June in St. Mary's Church, Patricbourne a large congregation of relatives and friends gathered for the christening of AIMEE JOANNA DOWSE, Patricbourne House and the following Sunday, again at Patricbourne, the baptism took place of MILO GABRIEL RELF, 5a St. Mary's Road.

Confirmation

The Bishop of Dover officiated at the Benefice Confirmation on Sunday, 12th July in St. Peter's Church, Bridge. It was very much a church family occasion, the Bishop making it more so by his relaxed and warm approach. The candidates were GEMMA O'BRIEN and RACHEL WATSON from Bekesbourne and ROSIE WEBB, TONI LATHAM and LUKE BRODIE from Bridge.

Marriage

St. Peter's Church, Bridge was the venue for the wedding on 4th July of EMMA YOUNG, 8 Riverside Close and STUART HAYNES of Sturry. The following Saturday, 11th July ELIZABETH ASH, Parsonage Farm, married NICHOLAS JOHNSON from Wymondham, Leicestershire, in a florally resplendent Bekesbourne Church packed to overflowing with friends and family. Every blessing to both couples for a bright and rewarding future!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK RESULTS

Chris Hoare writes: I am delighted to report that a dedicated band of helpers for *Christian Aid* collected the sum of £769.61 from homes in the Benefice. My very grateful thanks to all who contributed, either by way of donation or in the delivery and collection of envelopes (or both!)

Whilst this figure is slightly down on last year's, I did not manage to achieve quite the same level of coverage throughout the villages as in previous years, so if you reside in one of the roads where the red envelopes did not put in an appearance and you would be willing to remedy that situation next year, do not hesitate to volunteer.

In the meantime, my grateful thanks once again to you all, and a very special thank you to my 'chief cashier' for her sterling (oops, pardon the pun) efforts, without which I would not have reached the bank within the time scale and with the degree of accounting accuracy required.

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FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES ANNUAL CYCLE RIDE

The above fund-raiser takes place on 12th September. Cyclists willing to take part note the date and await further details in the next *On The Nail*. Jill Gillanders is again organizing the Bekesbourne end, Christine Beer at Bridge and Pauline Pritchard Patrixbourne. It's a great day out and half the sponsor money goes to the church each cyclist chooses to ride for!

BRIDGE VILLAGE FETE

This year's fête was blessed in so many ways - fine weather, massive support, lots going on and record takings that topped the four thousand mark. So much to be grateful for - and we are - especially the hard-working Village Fête Committee!

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL 1998

Jane Shorrocks writes: It's hard to know where to begin, but our warmest thanks must go to Christine Ash and her talented team of flower arrangers who transformed St. Peter's Church with brilliant displays depicting all the many activities that go on in Bekesbourne; to Zan Clifford and her helpers who pitched tents and set up the Tea Room; and to Jane and David Millyard who produced an incredible collection of plants for the very popular Plant Stall. Many others made their contribution and we thank all who were involved in a very exciting three days, which ended with a full church at Evensong, to hear the preacher, the Revd David Barnes, Vicar of Ash and our Rural Dean.

The final result of all our efforts was a net profit of **£1,600**, which gives us a great encouragement as we make plans to carry out major and long overdue repairs and maintenance to our ancient and lovely church.

SAVE THE BEETLES!

by Tim Flisher

It isn't only large animals like tigers and rhinos which are under threat. Many less well-known creatures are in decline, and among these is the Stag Beetle, which has been legally protected in England since April.

It is far and away the largest insect in Britain, up to 2½ inches long, and is so-called because of the male's huge jaws, which resemble a stag's antlers. Despite appearances, it is completely harmless and feeds on decaying timber (not furniture!).

Stag Beetles are now very scarce in Kent, but I have recently seen them in flight over the village, in my garden and elsewhere. Please remember, should you see one, that they do no harm and do not deserve to be harmed. They have their place in the great scheme of things, just like tigers and rhinos. If you are able to leave old tree stumps and fallen timber, so much the better.

One final thing, I should be pleased to know of any sightings of Stag Beetles, which I can then forward to the national survey now taking place. Call me on 832216, should you spot one of these fascinating creatures.

BRIDGE JUNIORS FOOTBALL CLUB

by Alice Barnard

Bridge Juniors Football Club celebrated another successful season at their Presentation Evening on Friday, 19th June.

The Under 11s team finished an excellent fourth out of a total of 16 teams in the Folkestone Primary League and for the third year running reached the semi-finals of the League Cup.

At the Presentation Evening held in Bishopsbourne Village Hall, all the players received trophies for their team effort throughout the season. Manager Malcolm Barnard also presented trophies to individual players. The Manager's Player of the Year award was shared jointly by Jack Barnard and Jonathan Wake, with the Chairman's Player of the Year going to Glenn Stirrups. Edem Goka was rewarded for his 43 goals with the Young Player of the Year trophy and Andrew Sage was declared the Most Improved Player. The Players' Player of the Year trophy was awarded to striker John Salter, who scored an amazing 74 goals this season.

At the Annual Meeting after the presentation of the trophies, parents and friends of the club agreed that the club will expand next year to include an Under 13s team which will play in the East Kent Youth League, as well as the Under 11s team which will continue to play in the Folkestone Primary League.

In addition to their success in the league this season, Bridge Juniors also played in a highly successful game against French boys team Hesdin L'Abbe near Boulogne and in an exciting match won 3-1. The club hope to return their hospitality next year with a visit from the Hesdin boys to Bridge.

RED CROSS CANTERBURY BRANCH

Margaret Evans says: Most grateful thanks to everyone for supporting the Flag Week in May. The Bridge collection raised £325 and the Patixbourne collection raised £61.56, which at a total of £386.56, was an excellent contribution to the total raised in Canterbury and villages of £3,500.

Just to remind readers that the Medical Loan department in the HQ, Chancery Lane, Canterbury is open Monday-Friday, 10-12 noon, Tel 766145.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - July Meeting

Neighbourhood Watch A disappointing response has been received from a request in May for additional co-ordinators to help run the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in the village. The Parish Council intends to review the scheme at its September meeting, but without greater support believes that Neighbourhood

Watch will cease here in Bridge. Any volunteers should contact the organiser, David Lancashire, on 830627 or the clerk on 832219 as soon as possible.

Millennium Projects To avoid duplication and clashes, the Parish Council would like to be made aware of any activities which are planned by village organisations to celebrate the millennium. Please notify the clerk, on the number given above, of any such events even if they are still in the initial planning stages. Organisers of events within the village are also reminded that details should be placed in the village diary, which is kept in "Bridge News".

Road signs Canterbury City Council has now provided additional road signs in the village which have recently been erected.

South Canterbury expansion Parishioners will be aware that a planning application has now been submitted by Christ Church College to develop land next to St Anselm's School as a second campus. The Parish Council has already objected to the development of this land as a park and ride scheme and will be making objections to the use of agricultural land for a college campus. Additionally Canterbury College has amended its outline planning application for relocation in Nackington Road by deleting from its plans the vehicular access originally proposed. No alternative access is being suggested at the present time. The Parish Council believes that the piecemeal development of land south of Canterbury will not be beneficial for Bridge and will undoubtedly increase traffic on roads close to the village. As a result the Parish Council will be writing to the Secretary of State, asking for all the plans to be called in.

Planning applications The following applications have been received: CA/98/0583/BRI - 20 The Close - Conservatory extension to rear of dwelling. CAA/98/0046/BRI - Skippers Restaurant, 73 High Street - Externally illuminated projecting sign and non-illuminated wall-mounted sign. CA/98/0596/BIS - Middle Pett Farmhouse - Conversion of oast house to dwelling; barns to workshop/studio; stable block to one unit of holiday accommodation and the erection of a double garage. CA/98/0654/CAN - Canterbury Christ Church College - Building of a second campus off the New Dover Road between The Gate Inn and the by-pass.

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Anyone interested in becoming involved with the work of AA, please contact Chris Hoare (832447) or Ann Aljabar (459326),

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Who would have thought six months ago that Bridge would become one of the 'IN' places for the latest in dance crazes? Well, it has, and it's all down to the residents of Bridge, who asked for it, and got it. The class is very popular and we have an attendance averaging 25 budding (and yee-har-ing) cowboys and girls each week. We had a very successful first appearance at the Bridge Fête, followed by several other bookings for the coming weeks.

The Waterfall Linedancers and their instructor, Marika Heyes, would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support. Recently we held a social evening, where we raised a staggering £123 for the Kent Air Ambulance. We always welcome new faces, so don't be shy, come along every Wednesday, 7.30 - 9.30pm in Bridge Village Hall, and enjoy a real fun evening. *G. Austin*

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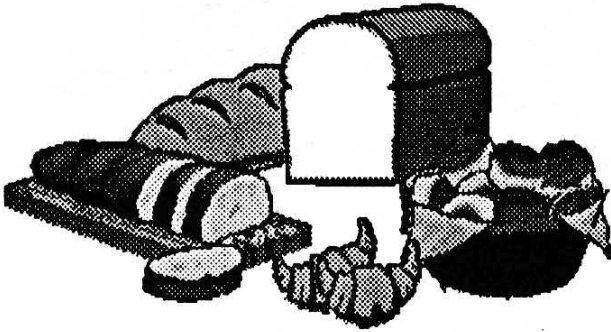
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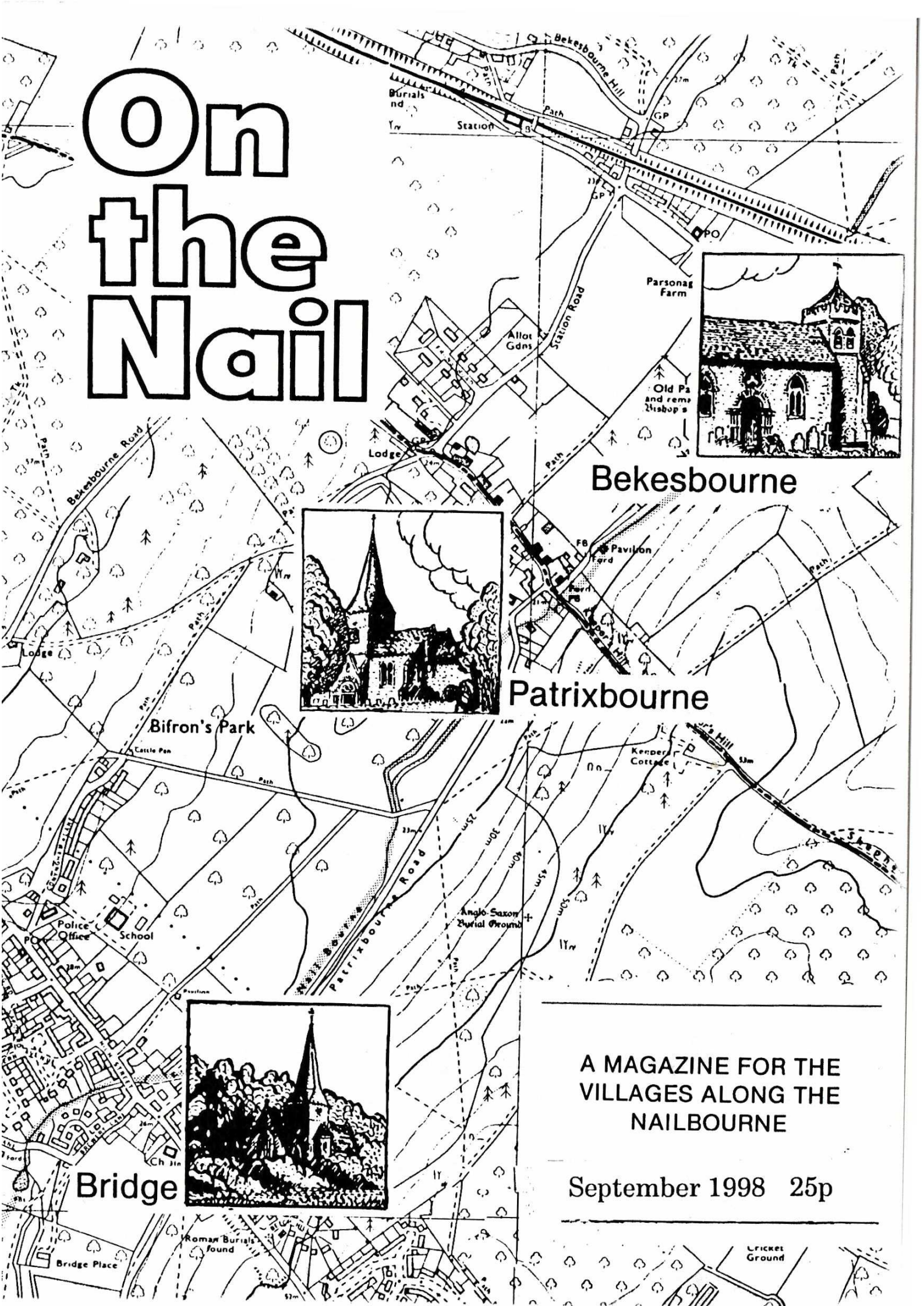
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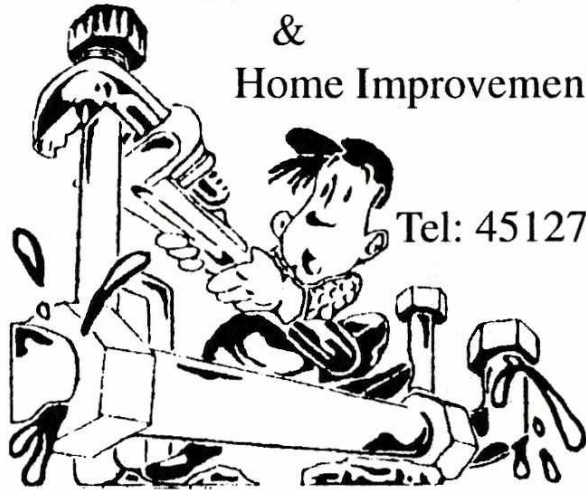
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6th: Trinity 13

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

13th: Trinity 14

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
- 11.00am Matins (*Patricbourne*)

20th: St. Matthew

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
- 11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)

27th: Trinity 16

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

Children are welcome at all services, but especially at Family Services. Junior Church welcomes children of 4 years old and upwards, helping them grow in the faith of the Church, in a secure and caring environment. It meets on second and third Sundays at 9.30am. For further details and enrolment, parents should get in touch with Mrs Susanne Leggatt (830251).

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *6th*, Mr Ron Chadwick, MA, DMS. *13th*, *Harvest Festival*, The Revd Maurice Weatherup. *20th*, *Holy Communion*, The Revd David Marshall. *27th*, The Revd George Baugh.

FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 3rd *St. Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604*
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 5th *Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride*
- 6th **Trinity 13**
- 8th *The Blessed Virgin Mary*
Royal College of Radiologists Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy, 18
Conyngham Lane, 10.00am - 12 noon.
- 9th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 10th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 13th **Trinity 14**
- 14th *Holy Cross Day*
- 17th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, 7 Ford Close, 7pm
- 20th **St. Matthew the Apostle**
- 25th *Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626*
- 26th Coffee Morning for the Lifeboats, Beechmount, Conyngham Lane,
10.30am.
- 27th **Trinity 16**
- 29th *St. Michael and All Angels*

CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE NOTE

Items for inclusion in the OCTOBER edition of *On The Nail* should be handed in to Laurence Dunderdale, 37 High Street, Bridge and not the Vicar. This applies only to material for the October issue. The deadline for contributions is 15th September.

FROM THE VICAR

Pikes across the Pennines

As mentioned before, ex-Junior Church and Choir member, Katie Pike is off to Nepal in January, not for pleasure but to work, and she asked if any of her friends here would be willing to help her raise the necessary money by sponsoring the Pike family's 100 miles trek across the Pennines. Quite a few did!

Last month a postcard dropped through the vicarage letterbox. Written on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne off the Northumbrian coast, it

read: *We've done it! I don't think that we will ever walk again. We have slipped, squelched, crawled, fallen and occasionally walked 103 miles of very muddy, slippery paths but have also enjoyed the most beautiful scenery and near total tranquility, meeting only 12 people on the entire route. We have all found it a very special time, especially at St. Cuthbert's Cave and at Lindisfarne where we ended our walk by attending Evensong. It's signed S.H.E.K.*

No hurry but if you sponsored them and haven't yet paid up, or you would like to send a donation anyway, a cheque made out to 'Miss C Pike' dropped through my door will be sent to Katie together with those already received.

A special holy place

If you've never been to Lindisfarne, where the Pikes ended their walk, you've missed a treat, for not only is its situation unique, with vast skies and seascapes and a veritable treasury of flora and fauna, but it manages, despite the tourists, to emit a character all its own, bred of its very long Christian history and associations.

Those who first prayed on Holy Island helped establish the Celtic tradition of worship and life that was in full swing long before St. Augustine landed at Ebbsfleet, and it's to Lindisfarne that St. Aidan came as its first bishop and where St. Cuthbert spent his final years, being buried there until his remains were removed to the present shrine in Durham Cathedral. The Pikes' visit to St. Cuthbert's Cave was to an authentic and truly holy spot; where better to end their journey!

Lindisfarne is an island only when the tide is out, so visitors need to check the tide table at the end of the causeway before driving or walking over from the mainland. But it's well worth the journey, and if you find intensive tourism a problem the island is sufficiently large to afford you as much solitude as you can handle. If the priory ruins don't inspire you the parish church next door is still a thriving place of worship, from which the Christian gospel continues to spread out all over the world. This is due in no small measure to the ministry of the present vicar, David Adam, whose books of Celtic prayers and poetry attract an

ever-widening readership. You'll find a selection in the SPCK and CLC bookshops in Canterbury.

There seems no end to Lindisfarne and all it stands for; the only trouble is it's so far away. I leave you with the words of Magnus Magnusson, erstwhile chairman of TV's *Mastermind*:

'St. Aidan, the first bishop of Lindisfarne ... kindled the lamp of Christianity in the north of England. It was a lamp whose rays would illumine the civilization of Western Europe and give Lindisfarne a Golden Age whose afterglow confers upon the little island still an aura, an ambience, of remembered grace.'

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE - Pilgrim Style

John Martin of Patrixbourne would like to thank all who sponsored him on his 1,650 miles bike ride from Patrixbourne to Cape Finisterre. Part of his route took him along the Pilgrim route from Le Puy in France to the cathedral in Santiago, known as the Camino de Santiago. The whole journey took five weeks and £100 each has been donated to St. Mary's, Patrixbourne and the Pilgrims Hospice; all raised by friends and neighbours sponsoring him for £1 each.

BAPTISMS

The vicar officiated at the baptism in St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne of JACOB OLIVER, son of Simon and Tessa (née Williamson) Hougham of Billericay, Essex, on 19th July.

During the August Family Eucharist at Bridge the Vicar baptized EMILY GEORGINA BROWN, 66 Riverside Close. Emily was even more the centre of attention when she was mentioned by name in an interesting and moving address given at the service by the Bishop of Gippsland, Australia. He was visiting St. Peter's Church from the Lambeth Conference.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS APPEAL

A Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy and a Raffle will be held at 18 Conyngham Lane, Bridge, on Tuesday, 8th September from 10am to noon. You will be made welcome. M.E.J.

IN ADDITION ...

A COFFEE MORNING in aid of the Lifeboats *writes A.J. Williamson*

will be held at Beechmount, Conyngham Lane on Saturday, 26th September at 10.30am.

BENEFICE HARVEST SUPPER

A Harvest Supper for Bekesbourne, Patrixbourne and Bridge Churches will be held in Bridge School Hall at 7.00pm on **Saturday, 3rd October**. Tickets are £2.50 each, available from Pat Dunderdale (830668), Billie Anderson (830360) or Andrea Nicholson (830947). Guests are requested to bring their own cutlery, crockery, glasses and anything that they may wish to drink. All are cordially invited to what is always a convivial evening. Anyone who would appreciate a lift please feel free to call one of the above numbers. We don't want anyone to miss out because they aren't able to get there under their own steam.

FRIENDS of BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Our fourth ANNUAL BOOT FAIR will be held at Parsonage Farm, Bekesbourne, by kind permission of John Ash, on **Saturday, 5th September**. Admission from 9.00am and pitches may be booked with Zan Clifford on 830328 or Gill Moon on 832134.

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FISH NEWS

The Coffee Pop-In is on Wednesday, 9th September in Bridge Village

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HIGHAM PARK

Have you been to Higham Park yet? Whether you have or haven't take this copy of *On The Nail* with you and enjoy two-for-the-price-of-one admission for the remainder of the 1998 season.

Higham is a major stately home at Bridge, dating from the 1320s (Edward II), with its grand neo-classical facade finished in Portland Stone. Visitors to Higham have included Mozart and Jane Austin. Higham's parkland extends some 25 acres, with secret and formal gardens including an extensive rose terrace with its beautiful summer colour and a spectacular Italian water garden with its profusion of water lilies.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO PATH 288?

[The following has been on file since January '97, but no doubt Mark Calderbank, who raised the question, would still like an answer from anyone in the know, even after all this time.]

Friday, 25th January was such a beautiful morning I found myself walking in the midst of Path 288, first on top of the Downs above Kingston, then down into Pett Bottom. The final challenge was to get back over into Bourne Park, where I live.

Normally, I scramble as best I can but, as I age I get more law-abiding so I kept my eyes open for the sign 'public footpath'. The one going up from The Duck soon met a transverse route and I ended up back in the Bottom. But I found what I wanted just as I approached the first fruit farm (Little Pett or Middle Pett - I never remember which lies nearer to Bridge). It called itself 288 and up it pointed, well signed and numbered, over the Down. Up I duly followed, through the orchards, across a ploughed field and then alongside of it.

It wasn't much of a path by this time, the farmer had furrowed to the very edge of the field. But commando soles had stamped down the loam before me and, ignoring the mocking blackbird, I plodded on, up to the corner on top of the ridge. By this time, '288' had definitely given up the ghost, along with the

commando soles. I continued round the ploughed field to the left and was rewarded with a surprise view of the tower of Canterbury Cathedral rising out of the mists of the Vale of Stour.

And then, just over the top, the valley of the Nailbourne and my own little house. So it didn't matter too much, I suppose. I got home all right, climbing a few fences and gates, alerting a few horses, and carefully hitching myself clear of the electric tape. So it was scrambling after all, in spite of my law-abiding intentions.

But what happened to Path no.288? The Solarium, Bourne Park, Bishopsbourne would like to know.

'THE LAST FAREWELL': Bridge School, July 1998

The Last Farewell was the title of one of the songs and hymns sung at the end of year assembly at Bridge School. It was almost too much for a number of children of Year Six, who were leaving to go on to secondary schools in September.

The Head Mistress, Mrs Newton, gave a wise and heartfelt address: "Yes, you can be anything that you wanna be" - in the words of the song - "but always stick to what you know to be right and don't necessarily go with the crowd."

The previous week, audiences ranging from the youngest children in the school, sitting quietly in rows on the floor, through parents to a few grans and grandfathers, listened and watched enthralled to the performance by the school-leavers, of the musical *Bugsy Malone*, set in Chicago during the era of the Prohibition, Speak-easies and gangsters. All played their parts supremely well and one must congratulate the Producer, Mrs Marston, and the Musical Director, Mr Windess, not forgetting the stage manager and other children who helped in the wings.

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On The Nail would like to offer congratulations and very best wishes for a long and happy life together to the two members of Bridge School teaching staff who were married in Sri Lanka during the summer and whose wedding was blessed at a special service in Bridge Church on 29th August, Alec and Sue Murrell (the aforementioned 'Mrs Marston').

BRIDGE & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Programme 1998-1999

The programme, out shortly, for the new season features events including talks on subjects as diverse as Roman Kent, Joseph Conrad and the Bishopsbourne Years, and Researching the History of a House and its Occupants. Visits include a day out by coach to Battle Abbey and re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings 1066 in authentic period costume and weaponry, a special guided tour of Canterbury Cathedral, and to Quex House, Gardens and the Powell-Cotton Museum.

The season commences on 24th September with local author Anne Pope on the fascinating background to her book *Tell Us About When You Were Young* and how she sought out the personal reminiscences of people in this area during the first decade of this century.

The programme will be sent to all members, and available in retail outlets and post offices in the area, or by contacting the secretary, Bill Dawson, on 831044.

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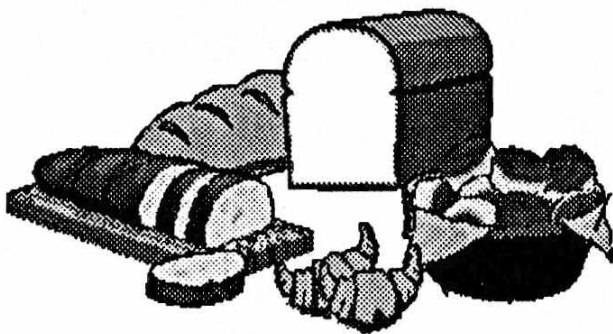
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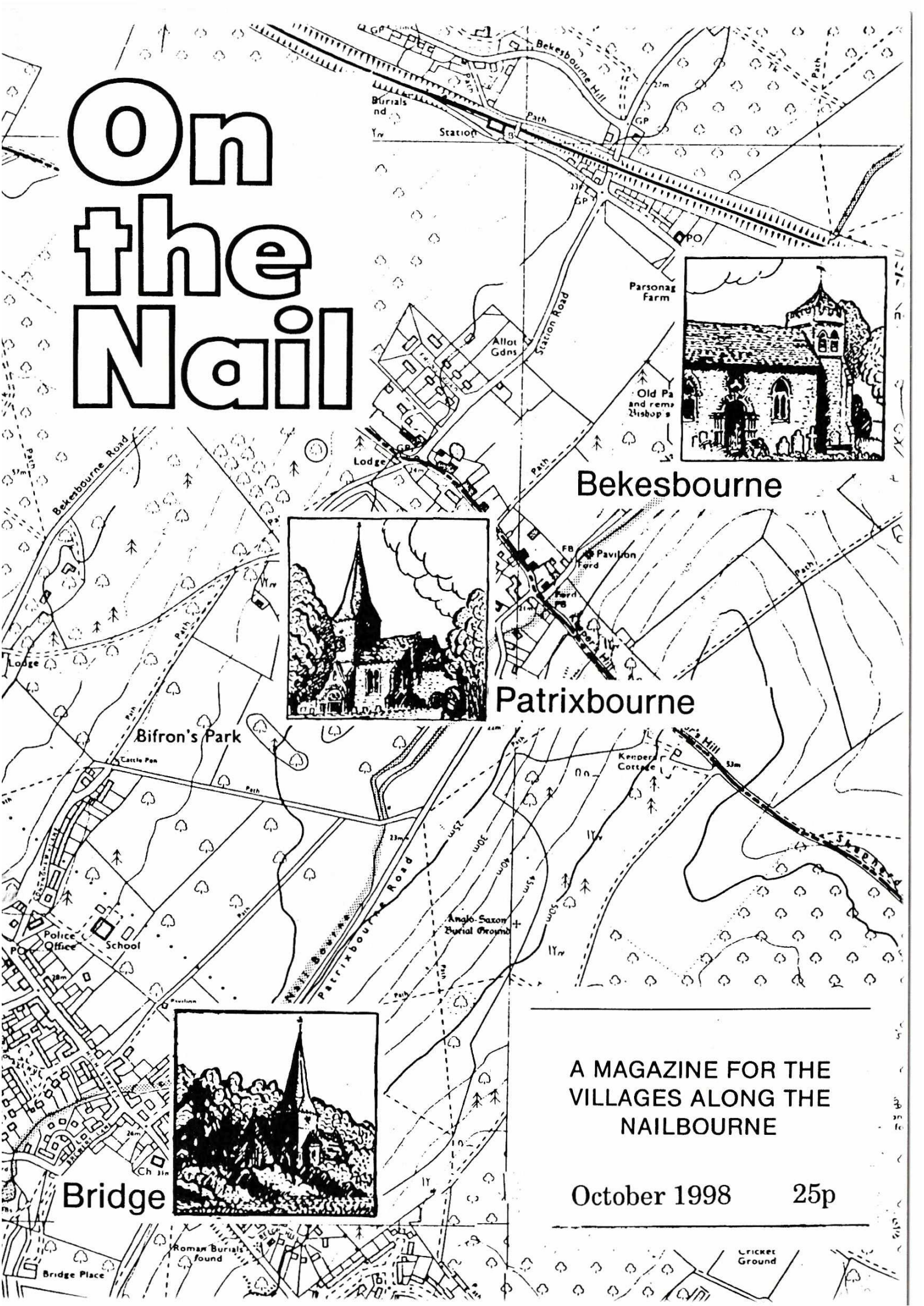
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4th: Trinity 17

8.00am Holy Communion (Patixbourne)

9.30am Parish Communion (Bekesbourne)

11.00am Harvest Family Service with Baptism (Bridge)

6.30pm Harvest Evensong (Bridge)

11th: Trinity 18

8.00am Holy Communion (Bekesbourne)

9.30am Parish Communion (Bridge)

9.30am Junior Church (After School Club)

11.00am Harvest Matins (Patixbourne)

18th: Trinity 19

8.00am Holy Communion (Patixbourne)

9.30am Parish Communion (Bridge)

9.30am Junior Church (After School Club)

11.00am Harvest Family Service (Bekesbourne)

25th: St. Luke the Evangelist

8.00am Holy Communion (Bridge)

9.30am Parish Communion (Patixbourne)

11.00am Matins (Bekesbourne)

6.30pm Evensong (Bridge)

Children are welcome at all services, but especially at Family Services. Junior Church welcomes children of 4 years old and upwards, helping them grow in the faith of the Church, in a secure and caring environment. It meets on the second and third Sundays at 9.30am. For further details and enrolment, parents should get in touch with Mrs Susanne Leggatt (830251).

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: 4th, Mr Don Skinner. 11th, The Revd David Marshall. 18th, The Revd Howard L Skinner
25th, Mr Peter Blakebrough, MA, B.Ed.

FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
 2nd Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC Meeting, 7.30pm
 3rd Patrixbourne with Bridge Harvest Supper. 7.00pm at the School
 4th **Trinity 17** St. Peter's Church, Bridge Harvest Festival Services are at
 11.00 am and 6.30pm
 6th *William Tyndale, Translator of the Bible, 1536*
 8th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
 10th *St. Paulinus, Bishop, Missionary, 644*
 Friends of Bekesbourne Church Autumn Dance
 11th **Trinity 18** St. Mary's Church, Patrixbourne Harvest Festival Matins,
 11.00am
 13th Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
 14th Bekesbourne PCC Meeting, School House, 7.45pm
 15th *St. Teresa of Avila, Mystic, 1582*
 Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
 17th *St. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c107*
 Wine & Wisdom Evening, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
 18th **St. Luke the Evangelist** St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne Harvest
 Family Service(not Matins) 11.00am
 21st East Bridge Deanery Synod Meeting, Barham Village Hall
 25th Last Sunday after Trinity [British Summer Time ends]
 28th *St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles*
 29th *James Hannington, Bishop, Missionary, Martyr, 1885*

FROM THE VICAR

The Diary & Prayer List column above combines forthcoming local functions and food for personal intercession with a note of the Saints whose day falls within the particular month.

On occasions, I'm sorry to say, the forthcoming events are inaccurate, as witness the Sponsored Cycle Ride last month, which was listed a week before it actually took place. On the whole, however, we do our best and errors are minimal. The list of the month's Saints is sometimes deficient because occasionally lesser Saints Days fall on Sundays and, for that particular year, they go by the board, Sundays always taking precedence over them. As to the Prayer List, that is very much in the eye of the beholder. To me, most of what appears in the diary is the stuff of a personal prayer life, even the fund-raising events, on the basis that ideally prayer doesn't only deal in what are labelled religious matters. It would be very limited if it was.

When you pray ...

Jesus's disciples asked him to teach them to pray, and by way of answer he gave them what we know as the Lord's Prayer or the Our Father. Not only did it serve the disciples at the time, it has served the Church down the ages. It is also the one prayer those who otherwise bypass prayer invariably know.

Praying the Lord's Prayer as it stands is using a form of the prayer that the Church has adapted over the centuries. The form in which Jesus gave it to the disciples differs according to which Gospel you consult and it's considerably shorter than what we're use to. That has led some scholars to the conclusion that Jesus meant to provide the disciples with a list of headings for either corporate (our Father) or individual variable prayer rather than establish a once-for-all set form they could repeat together.

Either way the Lord's Prayer offers an ideal framework for private prayer, where we can take each bit and insert our own particular petitions into it. It begins with an act of praise 'Our Father who art in heaven' followed by requests for his kingdom to come and his will be done on earth as in heaven. Then we can pray for our bodily needs, symbolised by bread in sufficient but not lavish quantity, make an act of penitence and pray to be led away from temptation and from the paths of evil intent.

We can't fit all our prayer subjects into these categories and they don't tally with the suggested prayer list in *On The Nail*, but at least our Lord has given a few guidelines to help us on our way. The important thing is for us to pray, bearing in mind that not all prayer is asking prayer, i.e. intercession, and that we need to pray sensibly, not asking for the impossible.

Many set prayers end 'through Jesus Christ our Lord', which means that the things we pray for, even in our unstructured moments, must accord with God's will for us. Oh and by the way, if you don't get what you prayed for it doesn't mean God hasn't heard or doesn't answer prayer, the likelihood is he is saying 'no': like a good earthly father who doesn't give us everything we ask for because it isn't good for us.

HOLY BAPTISM

SEAMUS JOSEPH, son of Gary and Nicola Canning and first grandchild of Ian and Jill Gillanders, was baptized by the vicar in St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on Sunday, 30th August.

Repairs to Bekesbourne Church

Every five years every church building has to be inspected by a consultant architect. His report, known as the Quinquennial Report, forms the basis of a schedule of repairs and maintenance for the parish to undertake in the following years. Bekesbourne's last quinquennial report was prepared in 1994 but very little of the work scheduled in it, or indeed in earlier quinquennial reports, has been done because of shortage of money.

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church was set up four years ago with the prime purpose of raising money, both for on-going expenses in order to keep the church in Bekesbourne open, and to produce a surplus to provide for much needed building repairs and maintenance. By the end of 1997 enough had been raised to form a reserve nucleus of some £3,000. On the strength of this, and knowing that we could demonstrate active support for the church from the Friends, the PCC decided to apply for grants from charitable trusts and the like.

In consultation with our architect we identified urgent work estimated at some £64,000 including professional fees and VAT and applied to the English Heritage Joint Fund for grant aid. At the same time we applied to a number of other charitable trusts and the City Council for financial help.

English Heritage visited and in turn assessed the work which they themselves thought was needed. This was rather more extensive than our own schedule and was estimated to cost something over £100,000 on the same basis. However they identified some of the work as having A*, priority; other was marked as urgent, A; and yet more as not so immediately urgent B. The A* category they estimate at £41,035. Towards this they have given a grant of 60%, £25,000, which is splendid news.

Other applications have so far produced a total of £11,500, from which the amount from one source may be scaled down, making a net total of £10,600. That would leave £5,440 to be found by the parish. There are, in addition, some items from the A category which the PCC thinks must be done now; these are estimated at £3,400. Thus there is a shortfall at present of some £9,000.

There is one further potential source of grant: the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, which makes grants and interest-free loans. An application for a grant and a loan is being made to them. If that is successful — and the PCC is hopeful that it will be — then the deficit on this stage of the work comes down to manageable proportions, although for a loan we shall be mortgaging some of the Friends' fund-raising income over the next four years. Bekesbourne is extremely fortunate to have been promised these grants, enabling us to go ahead without a major local appeal, but it should be appreciated that this first stage of repairs is less than half

of the full amount identified by the English Heritage experts.

More news next month.

Jane and David Millyard

Friends' of Bekesbourne Church

We were so grateful that the rain stopped so that the BOOT FAIR was able to go ahead, and as a result we were able to record a net profit of £360. Many thanks to all our helpers on the day and especially to Mr John Ash for the use of his field. Many thanks also to Clive and Cheryl at the Unicorn for kindly holding another BOULES COMPETITION in aid of our Church- it raised a very welcome £90.60 for our funds.

Future events

Our popular HALLOWEEN DANCE will take place on Saturday 31st October, at 7.30pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall. Admission is £4.00, and bring your own food and drink. To book a table, please phone Zan on 830328 or Gill on 832134 - don't delay as we soon get booked up!

The Unicorn are once again hosting a CONKER COMPETITION in aid of Bekesbourne Church - at lunchtime on Sunday 1 November - so do phone Clive or Cheryl on 830210 to enter and /or book a table for lunch. Prizes for men, women and for children, who will be especially welcome.

Wine and Wisdom

Come to the Village Hall in Bridge at 7.30pm on Saturday 17th October and pit your wits in aid of Patrixbourne and Bridge Churches. Tables of 8 at £5 per person.

Price includes food but please bring your own plates, utensils and liquid refreshments. Tickets available from:

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Parish Council of Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne

The Parish is seeking to appoint a new Parish Clerk. Further details can be obtained from the Chairman of the Parish Council, John Ash (830214).

St Peter's Church Bridge - Harvest Festival

If you can help to decorate the Church for Harvest, then please come along to the Church at 10.00am on Saturday 3rd October . All help welcome.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Vandalism: After a recent spate of vandalism and theft from cars and garages in the village, residents are advised to keep garage doors locked. Suspicious activities should be reported to the police immediately.

Playground equipment: Work on the installation of the new playground equipment began at the beginning of September and is expected to be finished before the end of the month. Equipment consisting of a bottle bank, cradle swing, cat seesaw and two spring animals will replace the seesaw and rocking horse. An additional swing is to be added in place of the old cradle swing, which has been removed.

Equipment for the After School Club and Play Scheme: As a result of a request at the Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council has been pleased to purchase some play equipment for the After School Club and Play Scheme. The equipment consists of two spordas floats, one in the shape of a pyramid, the other a ball, for the children to play with outside. Club manager, Rachel Cotter, in thanking the parish for the gift, reports that the children have already had great fun with the floats.

Floral competition: There were 5 entries to the commercial premises floral competition which was won for a second year in succession by the White Horse Inn, although all the entries reached a high standard. The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Meriel Connor, is to award the prize. Many properties, both commercial and private, have looked splendid during the summer due to their floral decorations and those responsible are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Nailbourne Flood Alleviation Scheme: Plans have finally been prepared by the Environment Agency and the consulting engineers for the flood alleviation scheme. The work to be undertaken includes a trash screen at the culvert behind the bus shelter and an earthwork bund in the field to the south of Brewery Lane. A retaining wall is to be built downstream of the High Street and extended by an earthwork bund along the grassed area on the left bank in Riverside Close. A pipe bridge crossing the river at the rear of 73 High Street is to be removed and a small footbridge behind 69 High Street to be raised. Work is expected to begin in the late autumn and some disruption in the village is expected.

Town Hill lay-by: Canterbury City Council cleansing department has now installed a wheelie bin on the lay-by for rubbish which is unsuitable for the recycling bins. It is hoped that those visiting the lay-by will use it to help keep the area clean and tidy.

Kerbside recycling: Since the installation of a sorting machine at Rogers Waste Management Hersden plant, residents with a kerbside recycling bin have been able to use it for unsorted hard plastic containers, paper and cardboard of all

types, textiles, food, drink and aerosol cans. Plastic containers and cans should be rinsed before placing in the bin. Visits can be made, by prior appointment, to the viewing area of the Hersden plant to see the sorting machine in operation. Planning applications: The following applications have been received and considered by the planning sub-committee: CAL/98/0120/BRI - replacement railings at 14 High Street, Bridge; CA/98/0812/BRI - work in connection with flood alleviation on the Nailbourne.

Bridge Methodist Church

We shall be holding our Annual Coffee Morning and Sale on Thursday October 15th at 10 15 am. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Mabel Harrison, Church Steward.

Bridge Women's Institute

Members have another chance to try their hands (and feet) at line dancing on Tuesday 20th October at 7.30pm. New members and visitors will be made very welcome. Names will be taken for new committee members ready for the A.G.M. in November.

Coffee morning -Saxon Lodge

A Macmillan Nurses' Coffee Morning will be held at Saxon Lodge Residential Home, 30 Western Avenue on Friday 2nd October form 10.15am. Please come along and support a worthy cause.

Bridge After School Club - Jumble Sale

Bridge After School Club are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 10th October in Bridge School Hall from 10am to 12 noon. Refreshments available. Entrance fee 20p.

Fish Scheme

This year the Fish Scheme A.G.M. I will take place on Wednesday, October 14th at 10.30a.m. in Bridge Village Hall. This will coincide with this month's Coffee Pop-In. Everyone is welcome to come along that morning as usual and hear about the year's activities.

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On Tuesday October 13th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Bridge - something completely different for the Society - Doug Goodyear of Radio Kent will be chairing a "Gardeners' Question Time". So, come along with all those questions you've been dying to ask and be prepared to answer some he might put to you! There will be a small admission charge to include refreshments.

Kathy Walder

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K.E.

Patricxbourne Churchyard

The definitive plan of all the graves in Patricxbourne Churchyard has gone missing. The graves were mapped by the Women's Institute some ten years ago. If anyone can shed any news as to where a copy of this plan might be I would be grateful if they could contact me on 830399.

John Williamson.

A Special Day

On the Nail would like to offer many congratulations to Bill and Joyce Rose of Ford Close, Bridge, who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 1st of October.



Bekesbourne Church -Cleaning and Flower rota for October

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17th Harvest Festival all welcome to help 10.30am
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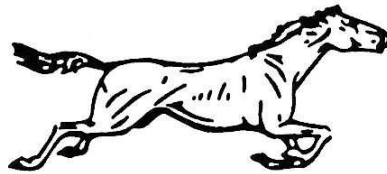
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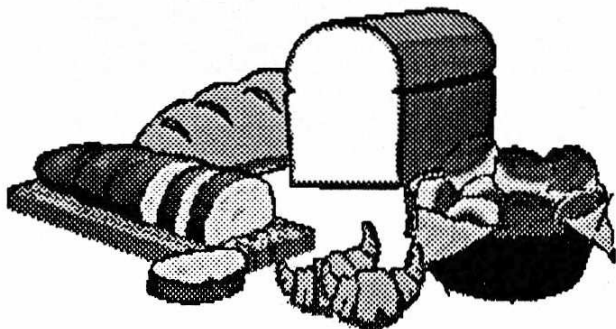
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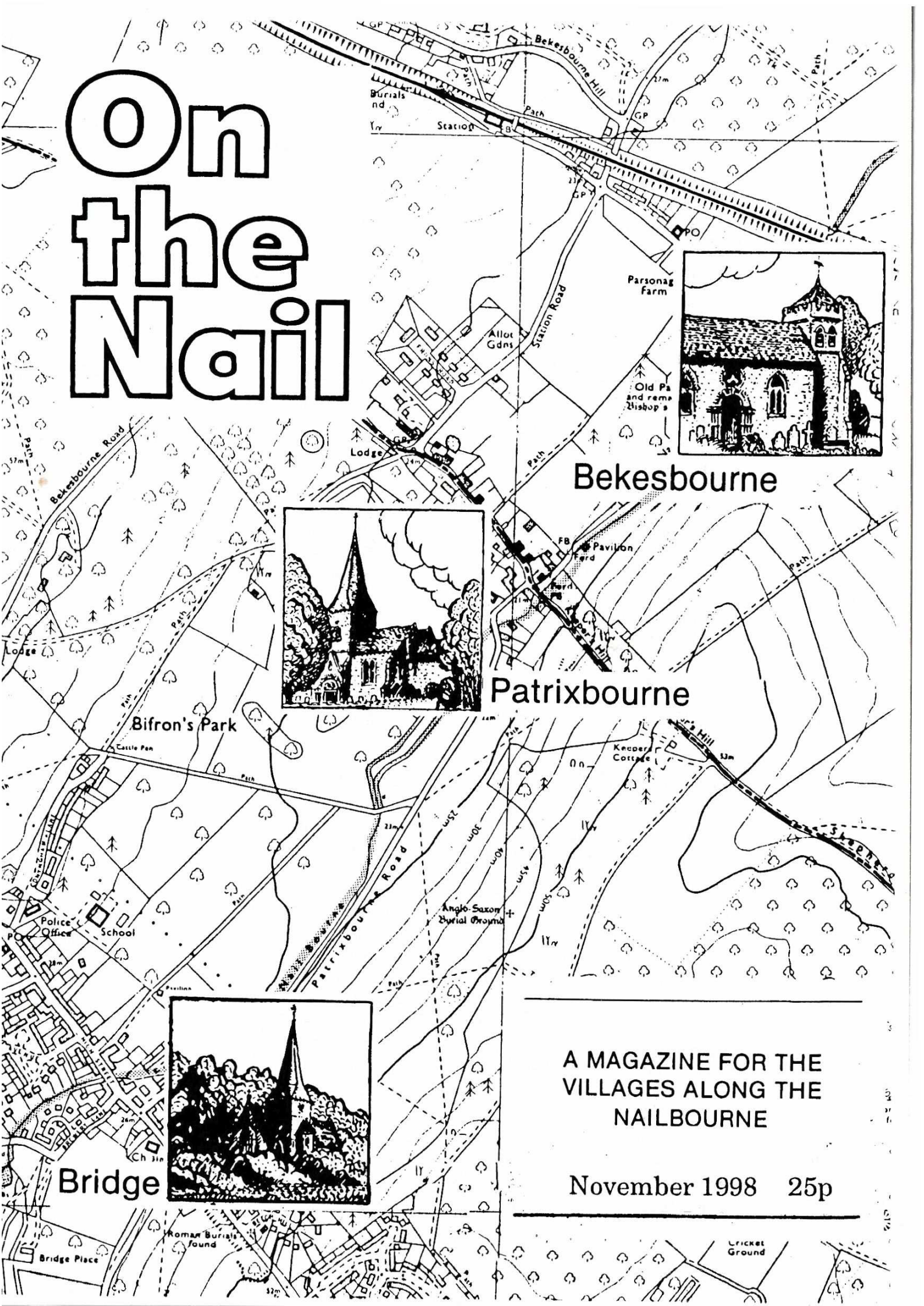
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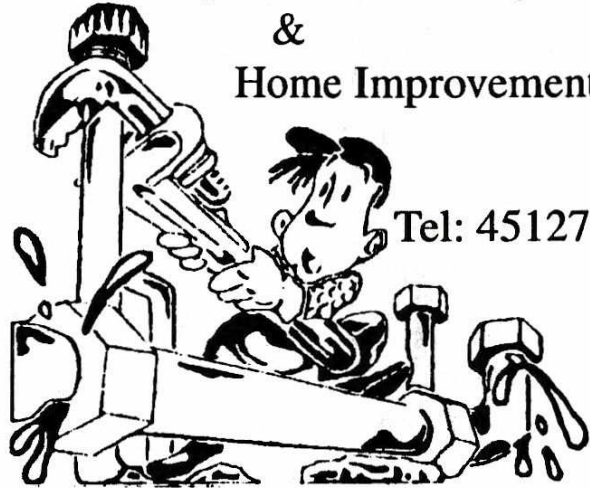
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- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
- 11.00am Family Eucharist with Baptism (*Bridge*)
- 6.30pm Evensong (*Bridge*)

8th: 3 before Advent - Remembrance Sunday

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bekesbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
- 11.15am Remembrance Service (*Patricbourne*)
- 6.30pm Memorial Service (*Bridge*)

15th: 2 before Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 9.30am Junior Church (*After School Club*)
- 11.00am Matins (*Bekesbourne*)

22nd: Christ the King

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Bridge*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Patricbourne*)
- 11.00am Family Service (*Bekesbourne*)

29th: 1st Sunday in Advent

- 10.30am Benefice Eucharist (*Bekesbourne*)
- 6.30pm Advent Carol Service (*Bridge*)

Children are welcome at all services, but especially at Family Services. Junior Church welcomes children of 4 years old and upwards, helping them grow in the faith of the Church, in a secure and caring environment. It meets on second and third Sundays at 9.30am. For further details and enrolment, parents should get in touch with Mrs Susanne Leggatt (830251).

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *1st*, Mr F Jim Allen. *8th*, Mrs Marjorie Beckwith. *15th*, *Holy Communion*, The Revd David Marshall. *22nd*, Mr Michael Baybutt, BSc, DMS, CEng. *29th*, Mrs Mary Weatherup, BA.

FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 1st *All Saints' Day*
- 2nd *Commemoration of All Souls*
- 3rd *Richard Hooker, Teacher of the Faith, 1600*
Pray for the parish of Bishopsbourne, where Richard Hooker was Rector.
Open Evening at Saxon Lodge Residential Home, 7.30pm
- 4th Bridge & Patricxbourne School Governors meet this afternoon.
- 5th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
- 8th **3rd Sunday before Advent & Remembrance Sunday**
A Service of Remembrance replaces Matins at Patricxbourne. Please note that it begins at 11.15am. At 6.30pm a special Memorial Service will be held in St. Peter's Church, Bridge, when prayer will be offered for all the departed. If you would like any of your family mentioned at this service please add their names to the list in one of the three churches. A special invitation to the service is extended to those who have been bereaved in the last twelve months.
- 11th *St. Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397*
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.30am
- 12th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 13th *Charles Simeon, Pastor, Preacher, 1836*
- 14th **OLDE ENGLANDE FAYRE, Bridge School, 2.00-4.00pm**
- 15th **2nd Sunday before Advent**
- 16th *St. Margaret of Scotland, Queen, Wife, Mother, 1093*
- 17th *St. Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680 & St. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200*
- 19th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, 8 Ford Close, 7pm
- 20th *St. Edmund of East Anglia, King, Martyr, 870*
- 22nd **Christ the King**
There will be no Evensong today, due to the annual Diocesan *Songs of Praise* in the Cathedral at 6.30pm, in the presence of the Archbishop.
- 24th Bridge & District History Society, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26th Nailbourne Horticultural Society Social Evening, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28th **BEKESBOURNE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Village Hall, 10.30am**
- 29th **1st Sunday in Advent**
The Benefice Eucharist this morning is at Bekesbourne, starting at 10.30am, and there will be the Advent Carol Service in St. Peter's Church, Bridge at 6.30pm.
- 30th *St. Andrew the Apostle*

FROM THE VICAR

Among every November's remembrances All Soul's day on the 2nd tends to slip by unnoticed, even, it has to be said, in some Church circles.

The Commemoration of All Souls, to give it its proper name, gets sidelined by the previous day's feast of All Saints, to which it officially plays second fiddle. That's partly because it's a day of prayer for the departed of every age, as against a celebration of those in the ranks of the Saints: to add to the problem, there are Christians uneasy about praying for the departed, such that All Souls' Day isn't likely to gain their attention.

Last year All Souls' Day fell on a Sunday and for the first time we held a Memorial Service specially to remember our own loved ones. It answered many needs, not least for families of those who had died that year and whose funerals had taken place locally.

So we're having a similar service this year, but as the equivalent Sunday is All Saints' Day, with its different emphasis, we shall do what some other churches do and hold the Memorial Service on the evening of Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, as it were taking the morning's remembrance of the fallen a stage further by marking the lives of the departed in general. The service, in St. Peter's Church, Bridge at 6.30pm, will have its own structure: it won't be Evensong.

An important facet of the service is the prayerful reading of names of the departed. To draw up the list we invite you to write the names of departed members of your family or friends you would like mentioned at the service on one of the sheets in Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne Churches, alternatively hand them to a church member.

Though this rightly has a personal touch to it, there's a lot to be said for using the occasion to note the vast number of Christian souls who worshipped in our churches down the years, and whose prayers have left their mark on the places where we now meet to worship and commune with God. Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne Churches in particular have a long pedigree, and it's worth reflecting that as we meet to recall the ancestors we knew, we have a link with the hundreds we never knew and whom we can only remember in an all-embracing sense. In a way it makes more poignant the prayer offered at every eucharist, 'therefore with angels and archangels **and with all the company of heaven** we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you'. It's at such times that the full breadth of the Christian Church comes into its own.

HOLY BAPTISM

During the Family Service on Bridge's Harvest weekend, 4th October, JAMES

EDWARD MAURICE, son of Graham and Julie Oates, 72 High Street was, in baptism, made a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven.

A GREATLY LOVED PAIR OFFER THEIR THANKS

We, Joyce and Bill Rose, wish to express our deep appreciation of the warmth of affection shown by the community on the occasion of our 60th Wedding Anniversary at the Benefice Harvest Supper on 3rd October in Bridge school hall - indeed a memorable occasion. Thank you to EVERYONE who made it possible and also for the magnificent bouquet! God bless you all!

SAXON LODGE RESIDENTIAL HOME has an Open Evening on Tuesday, 3rd November from 7.30pm, with Body Shop cosmetics and Christmas gifts.

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

A big thank you to all those involved in the bike ride in Patricxbourne, whether as riders, sponsors or "church sitters". Despite the unpromising weather for the riders and the apparent shortage of customers for the sitters, we still managed to raise £250 for St. Mary's and the Friends of Kent Churches. A special thank you to Marion Harlow for her huge contribution to that sum, in spite of her three soakings. Thanks again, all of you for your generosity in giving your time, your energy and your support.

Pauline Pritchard

Jill Gillanders writes from Bekesbourne to thank riders Clive and Cheryl Barker, Tony Bowra, Joan Atkins and Jill Thomas and "church sitters" David and Jane Millyard, Ralph Barnes, Pat Kusel and Tony Forrest. £309.25 was raised. She also wants to thank John Pay for coming to her rescue at Eastry, after having two punctures - so Jill also deserves our thanks for riding.

GOING TO BEKESBOURNE FAMILY SERVICE

I knew that being nine months pregnant, it was going to be a struggle climbing the hill to the Church, but it was well worth it. Catching my breath at the top, I looked at the small but beautiful flint and stone Church, and was struck by how clean it all seemed. Having recently moved here from Birmingham, such a small Church was a new experience. Inside was a friendly group of all ages, gathered for the Family Service.

The theme was sharing, and participation the name of the game! My eldest daughter already had a speaking part in the service which had clearly been well planned. The hymns were a combination of old and new, with the congregation in fine voice, accompanied by the Vicar. An informal approach, led by Pat,

kept the attention of all from the beginning when she invited a group of children out to the front and gave one of them a biscuit, with the question, "What do you think you should do with it?" We were amused by the response, which was, of course, "Eat it!" By the end we would all (well almost all - my four year old might not) have replied straightaway "Share it!"

My family found Family Service at Bekesbourne to be just that, a service to be enjoyed by all the family, and we would recommend it to everybody. In fact we will be taking one extra person along to the next one - our baby was born just four days later.

Jean Bates and Family

While on the subject tea and coffee, etc will be served after the service on 22nd November. December's is the Christmas Family Service on 20th, and a rehearsal for it will be held on 13th December at 10.30am in Bekesbourne Church for any children in the Benefice who would like to take part.

BRIDGE & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

Bridge & District History Society's first day out by coach to Battle on Saturday, 10th October was an unqualified success. The first call on arrival at Battle was to visit Buckley's *Yesterday's World*, a series of shop and room settings and displays full of everyday objects and advertisements from the first half of this century, which brought back untold happy memories. Then time to walk through the charming town and have lunch at leisure before making for Battle Abbey to witness a splendid re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings 1066 in period costume, where some were heard to get quite excited - despite knowing the outcome! The late afternoon sun was perfect for touring the Abbey site, immaculately managed and presented by *English Heritage*, before boarding the coach for home. Next meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 24th November Bridge Village Hall: *Roman Kent*. Details of this and other events from Bill Dawson, Tel 831044.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL: Notes from the October meeting

Parish Noticeboard The parish notice board has now been placed on the north wall of the White Horse Inn, with the permission of the landlord, Mr Alan Welton. It is hoped that this central village position will allow more residents to see the information displayed on the noticeboard. The Parish Council is grateful to Mr Welton for giving his permission to locate the noticeboard here.

Street Lighting Failure of street lighting in side roads in the village should be reported to the clerk on 832219. Please give the following information to assist speedy repair or reset: a) the number of the column, or if this is not available the road and house number outside of which the column is located; b) the fault with the light, which could be failure to light, burning during the day or out of phase.

In the case of the clerk being unavailable please leave a message on the answer machine with your name and telephone number. Lighting faults in the High Street should be reported to Canterbury City Council on 763763.

Kent Village of the Year Competition Although the village did not achieve a prize in this competition it was runner up in the "Services to the Elderly" category, largely because of the work of those responsible for the Fish Scheme.

Neighbourhood Watch Despite lack of support, Mr Lancashire is willing to continue as organiser of the local Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Any resident wishing to become an area co-ordinator should contact the clerk on 832219 who will pass names of volunteers to Mr Lancashire.

Planning applications: The following applications have been received and considered by the planning sub-committee: CA/98/9034/BRI - porch to front and single storey rear extension to 9 Filmer Road.

BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE EVENTS DIARY

As from the beginning of November 1998, a list of future events will be posted on the Bridge Parish Council notice board outside the White Horse. This notice will be revised each month, deleting events that have already taken place and adding all events that are organized for the future, however far ahead.

If all organisations and individuals in the area check this list before booking their events, and notify the under-named, it will avoid double bookings and clash of dates in the future. However, to make this work those responsible must notify John Anderson on 830260 or drop in a note to Aunt Betsy's Cottage, 7 Dering Road, Bridge, CT4 5NA.

This system will replace the diary previously kept in Bridge News. All events in that diary at present will be transferred to the new list. *John Anderson*

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society's annual social evening is on Thursday, 26th November at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. This year, we are giving you a selection of English apples and cheeses to taste and identify, with a prize for the winner. Entry charge of £2.50 per person includes a light supper and glass of wine, or similar. To complete the evening there will, of course, be a splendid raffle!

FISH NEWS

The Fish Scheme is organizing a trip to the evening performance of *Me and My Girl* at the Marlowe Theatre on Wednesday, 18th November. The tickets are £8 each. There are a few seats left and transport will be provided. If you are interested in going please telephone Mrs Mavis Parson on 832042.

The November Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 11th in Bridge Village Hall from 10.15 to 11.30am.

The next Chiropody Clinic will be from 30th November to 4th December. Ring Mrs Joan Warren if you need transport. A.R.



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Update on Repairs to Bekesbourne Church

Since last month's article in *On The Nail*, we have been fortunate in receiving another grant and loan towards our target of £45,800 on the first stage of our building work. We are extremely grateful for grant offers from the organisations and charities listed below, which enable us to carry out these repairs without a major local appeal.

The latest offer has come from the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, a charity set up in 1953 to help finance repairs to churches of all denominations throughout England and Wales. It awards about £1 million each year in grants and interest-free loans to hard-pressed parishes, but is itself very dependent on donations. If you would like to know more about this charity, which has its own 'Friends' organisation, there are leaflets in Bekesbourne Church. It is particularly pleasing to receive a grant offer from the Friends of Kent Churches, for whom many people have 'cycled' on the annual ride each September.

	£
English Heritage Joint Fund for Churches	25,000
Friends of Kent Churches	3,000
Sir James Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust	2,500
Marshall Charity	3,500
Canterbury City Council	2,500
Historic Churches Preservation Trust	3,125
Historic Churches Preservation Trust Loan	2,000
Total	41,625
Shortfall to be met from PCC/Friends' reserve	4,175

It is thanks to the very positive support from the Friends of Bekesbourne Church that we have been able to show all these various bodies that the church is actively maintained, as far as we are able given our limited resources, and properly insured. More details next month on the work we plan to carry out early next year.

Jane Millyard

Friends of Bekesbourne Church

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 28th November

10.30am

Bekesbourne Village Hall

Teas & Coffees - Cakes & Produce - Gifts & Raffle

Bekesbourne Village Hall Committee has an **OPEN MEETING** on 3rd November at 8pm in the Village Hall to discuss a possible Millennium event. Parishioners from Bekesbourne and Patrixbourne are welcome to bring ideas.

THE NEW CLOSE

Many past and present pupils of Bridge School, along with the staff of The New Close, relatives and friends of the residents and the small group who go each Wednesday afternoon to share with the residents in a short service, know it as a home where there are welcoming smiles, laughter and fascinating stories from the past lives of those who live there. Of course, as in every home, there are also times of sadness and frustration. The residents miss their own homes and the normality of life with their families and, in many cases, demanding careers as doctors, nurses, clergy, teachers, farmers, solicitors, etc.

For many years on the first Sunday in December, Bridge's Family Service has asked families to bring Christmas gifts for the residents at The New Close, and the tradition will be continued this year. Suggested gifts include any form of toiletries, bed socks or any thick socks, magazines or books with pictures of Kent or life in the first half of the century. Please affix a label indicating whether the gift is suitable for a man or woman. A gift tag saying 'from the church' or 'from the school' would give the recipient and their family an idea where the gift has come from, without the distress of a name they don't know and therefore no chance to say thank you, as most like to do.

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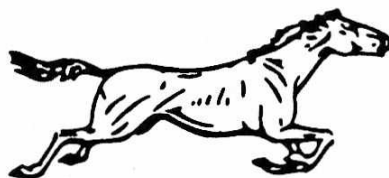


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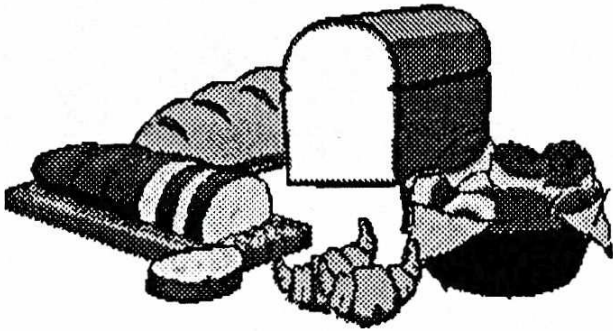
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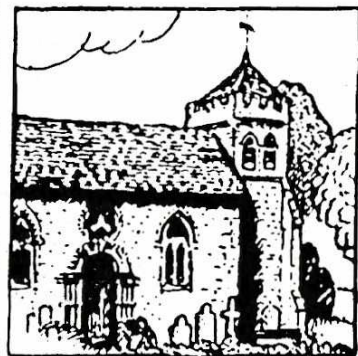
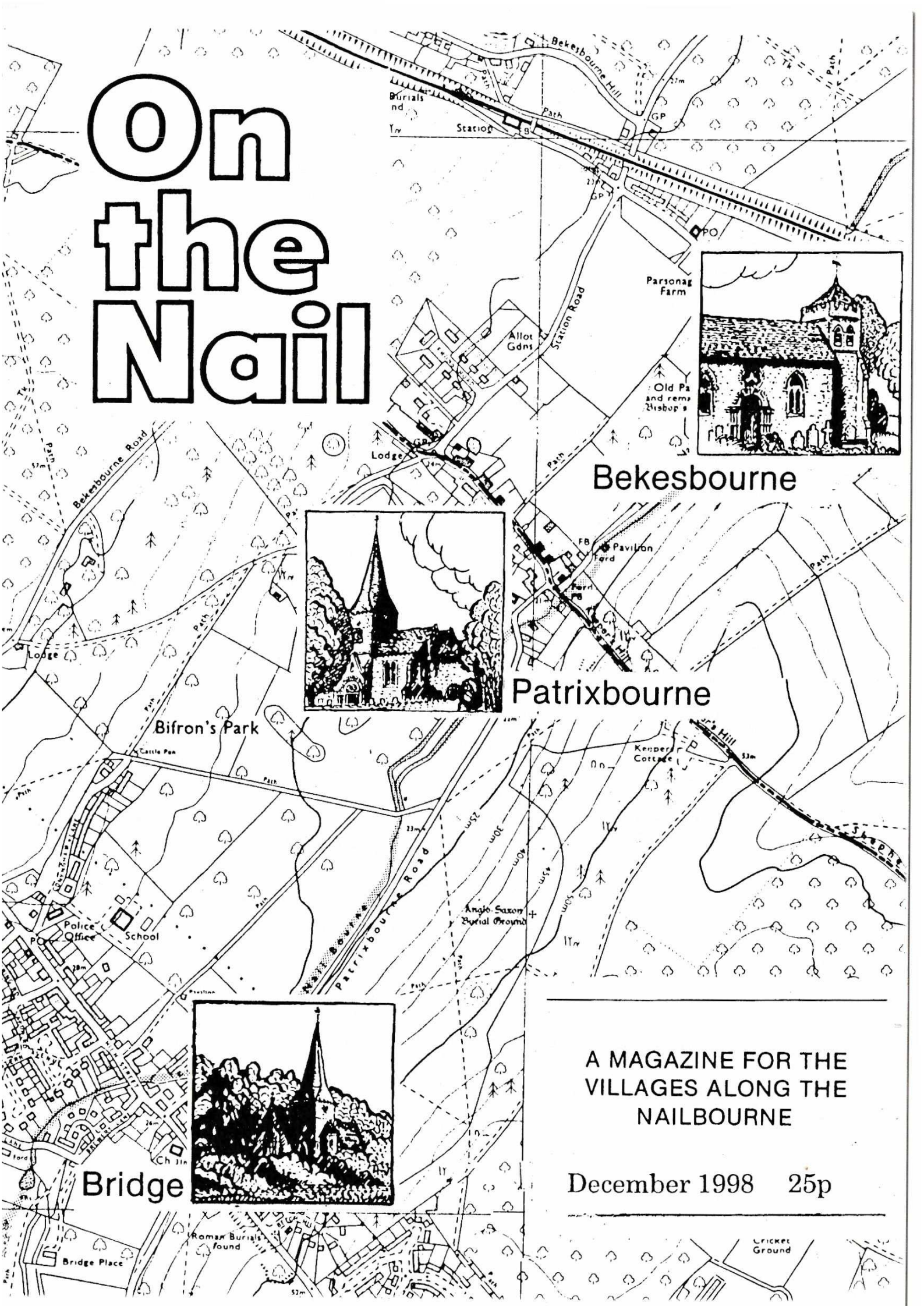
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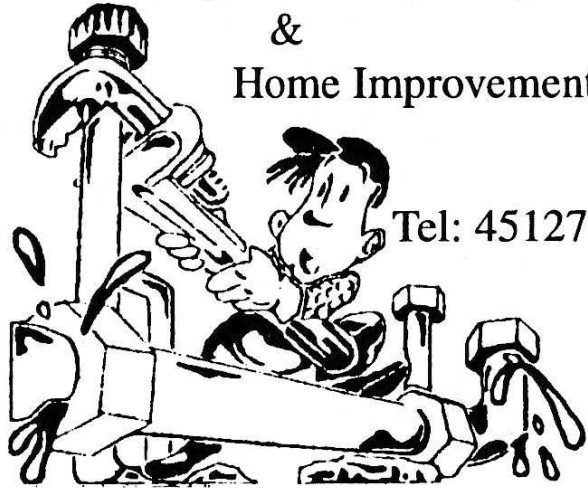
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13th: 3rd Sunday in Advent

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

20th: 4th Sunday in Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion (*Patricbourne*)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (*Bridge*)
- 11.00am Christmas Family Service (*Bekesbourne*)
- 6.30pm Christmas Carol Service (*Bridge*)

27th: St. John the Evangelist

- 10.30am Benefice Eucharist (*Bridge*)

See page 5 for details of the Christmas services.

Bridge Methodist Church at 11am: *6th, Toy Service, The Revd David Marshall. 13th, Mr Alistair Barwick, BSc. 20th, Carol Service, The Revd David Marshall. 27th, The Revd Maurice Weatherup.*

FOR YOUR DIARY AND PRAYER LIST

- 2nd *Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637*
- 3rd *Francis Xavier, Missionary, 1552*
Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
Patricbourne with Bridge PCC, 7.45pm
- 6th **2nd Sunday in Advent**
Christmas presents for residents of The New Close will be received at the service, details of which were given in November's *On The Nail*.
- 7th *St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397*
Saxon Lodge Christmas Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy, 10.15am

- 9th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10.15-11.45am
- 10th Pray for members of the Deanery Clergy Chapter who meet this morning at Bridge.
Amnesty International Service, Cathedral Crypt, 2.00pm
Bridge Parish Council Meeting, The Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 13th **3rd Sunday in Advent**
- 14th *St. John of the Cross, Mystic, Teacher of the Faith, 1591*
- 15th Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17th Prayers for Health & Healing concerns, The Vicarage, 7pm
Carol Evening at the Unicorn, Bekesbourne, 8.15pm
- 20th **4th Sunday in Advent**
N.B. Bekesbourne Church has its annual Christmas Family Service at 11.00am. See important information about this on pages 6-7 & 12.
Bridge Christmas Carol Service, St. Peter's Church at 6.30pm.
- 22nd Patrixbourne Carol Service, St. Mary's Church, 7.00pm
- 24th **Christmas Eve**
Christingle Service, St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 4.00pm
Midnight Mass, Bekesbourne & Bridge, 11.30pm
- 25th **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Holy Communion, Bridge, 8.00am
Christmas Eucharist, Patrixbourne, 9.30am
Family Carol Service, Bekesbourne, 11.00am
- 26th *St. Stephen the First Martyr*
- 27th *St. John the Evangelist*
The only service today will be a Benefice Eucharist in St. Peter's, Bridge at 10.30am.
- 28th *Holy Innocents*
- 29th *St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1170*
- 30th *Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906*
- 31st *John Wyclif, Theologian, Reformer, 1384*

FROM THE VICAR

Christmas comes but once and year and when it does ... it brings lots of incentives to have now and pay later - sometimes a whole *year* later! It also, where the more expensive items are concerned, brings pressure from the retail staff for customers to pay extra by taking out extended warranties which they suggest will give us peace of mind and stop us worrying what to do if things go wrong.

It's the 'in' phrase, and retailers and insurance companies will bend over backwards to satisfy our supposed desire for peace of mind. Anything they can do to help: we've only to ask. They're sure we can come to some arrangement, and it'll be a small price to pay. Think how much better we'll feel, having peace of mind.

Now I know they mean well, so why do I hesitate and invariably turn down their offers? Partly, I suspect, because I'm naive enough to imagine that if I pay a considerable sum for a piece of electronic wizardry it's not likely to go wrong almost immediately. But also, I'm convinced the over-use of that phrase 'peace of mind' is an advertising stunt aimed at getting me to pay yet more for a service I probably won't need. Mainly, though, I regard the bandying about of 'peace of mind' as in some way cheapening what is essentially a serious concept, effectively playing on our emotions at quite a profound level.

Peace of mind means no worries at all, which is never possible. Few, if any of us, are totally free of anxieties for any length of time, and those concerns tend to be rather more serious and far-reaching than whether our brand new washing-machine may suddenly go phutt.

We all want peace of mind, of course we do, but money doesn't buy it because it's chiefly to do with human relationships working properly, not fridges. Moreover, I happen to think true peace of mind comes as a gift and not through a down payment. The blessing says, 'The peace of God ... keep your minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord'. That's the source of real peace of mind - and it won't cost you a penny!

How about some good news?

After several years St. Peter's Church, Bridge once again has a full-time organist! This is no mean achievement, when you consider some of the larger parish churches in the diocese with fine musical traditions are currently without an organist, despite intensive advertising in the national church press.

John Atterbury came to my attention via two members of Bridge choir, and joined us at the beginning of November. He is a highly accomplished player with a dedicated commitment to the job, and our worship has already taken a turn for the better, thanks to his professional handling of the church's pleasing little instrument. We hope John will enjoy a long association with us and quickly enter into the warm fellowship of Bridge choir and congregation.

And still to come ... Christmas!

You will see from the service details and diary column above that the festive season is destined to be as flourishing as ever. There will be plenty for everyone, starting in the run-up with the usual Carol Services and the Christmas Family

Service at Bekesbourne, that promises to be even more stupendous than usual. Children from all over the benefice (Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bekesbourne) will dominate the scene, and all willing to lend a hand are asked to come to the rehearsal in Bekesbourne Church on 13th December at 10.30am. We need your support! Remember, it's *your* service, your contribution to Christmas!

Come Christmas Eve the festivities get underway in earnest, with the ever popular Christingle Service in Bridge Church at 4 o'clock. If last year's is anything to go by, we shall again have a church bursting at the seams, smelling of oranges, and with gentle candlelight and happy faces. Be there!

The services of Holy Communion again follow a regular pattern and details of them all are in this magazine and will drop through every letter box in the three villages in good time for Christmas. All needs catered for!

Apart from the Christingle service collections will be taken during the services on Christmas Eve and Day at all three churches. Those taken at Bridge and Patrixbourne will be given to children's charities.

As the Sunday following is only two days later (27th) it has been decided to hold one service only that day; a Benefice Eucharist for the feast of St. John the Evangelist in St. Peter's Church, Bridge at 10.30am. Here is a rare chance to honour one of the Church's major saints, who normally gets neglected, coming so close to Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY

Once again the Nailbourne Scout Group is organizing 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 19th December: Laurie Wakeham (Butcher), Plough & Harrow, Nick James (Hairdresser), Bridge News (Newsagent), White Horse, Bridgeway Stores (Box only), Churchill House.

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

Please support the Scout Group by using this service for your Bridge Village Christmas Cards.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you to all who have purchased Children's Society Christmas cards. In Bridge alone over £200 worth have already been sold. After printers' costs approximately 40p in every £1 goes to the society, giving a much-needed boost to

their funds. The collection at the Christingle Service also goes to The Children's Society to help light up a child's life.

Kathy Eynon, 830466

HOLY BAPTISM

At Bekesbourne's Family Service on 18th October the vicar baptized REBECCA NATALIE WRIGHT, 5 Cranmer Close and at Bridge Family Eucharist on All Saints' Day, 1st November he officiated at the baptism of cousins CHRISTIAN ARTHUR LEGGATT, 20 Riverside Close and SEBASTIAN THYS FRISO PUSEY of Gouda in the Netherlands.

FUNERAL

The Vicar officiated at Barham crematorium on 6th November for the funeral of Mrs ENID SMITH, 3 Windmill Close. Along with more than 140 others, she was remembered at the very moving Memorial Service in Bridge Church the following Sunday evening.

MANY THANKS ...

... for the two families who did the Sponsored Bike Ride on behalf of Bridge Church and raised £46 in the process, also to Bridgeway stores for providing drinks and biscuits for the many cyclists who called in the church on their way through.

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... to all who supported the Coffee Morning at Beechmount for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Held on a beautiful autumn morning in September, the event raising £192.

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... for such a lot of support for the Coffee Morning held at 19 Conyngham Lane on behalf of the Royal College of Radiologists Appeal Fund. With subsequent donations the total has reached £690, which, M.E.J. says, "is entirely due to all the support I receive from a loyal band of helpers. Thanks are due to so many people, I acknowledge all the donations I received, including, for the second time, a generous one sent anonymously."

BEKESBOURNE FAMILY SERVICES

Churchwarden Ian Gillanders writes: On Sunday, 18th October Bekesbourne Church had its annual Family Harvest Festival Service, which was well attended by all age groups and taken, in her own inimitable way, by Pat Kusel. The idea was to demonstrate how the harvests in different countries result in types of bread normally associated with them.

Children from the congregation were asked to identify the countries with the bread on display, France with the baguette, Mexico with the tortilla, India with the chapati, etc. They accomplished this with ease, indicating the awareness of differing cultures by children today. Our grateful thanks to Pat for her efforts in making the service, as ever, so enjoyable and instructive.

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In the Christmas Family Service at Bekesbourne on 20th December besides the children's play there will be a collection of *goods* for British Humanitarian Aid for their work in Chernobyl. As in previous years we ask for donations of dried foods (pasta, rice, cereals), toiletries (toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo), toys (soft toys, pens, pencils, paper) and warm clothing and bedding in good condition. Nothing wrapped please!

Also a reminder to all children in Bridge, Patixbourne and Bekesbourne, rehearsal for this Christmas service will be at Bekesbourne Church at 10.30am on 13th December. Lots of children needed!

Bridge with Patixbourne Women's Institute

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 15th December at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. This is the Christmas meeting and members are asked to take a plate of finger food and a glass.

J.H.

FRIENDS of BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Another thank-you to Jimmy Lennox and all those involved in arranging our Hallowe'en Dance on 28th October. A great time was had by all present, and the event raised the excellent sum of £207.

Once again, our thanks to Clive and Cheryl Barker at The Unicorn for hosting a very successful Conker Competition and for providing the prizes - raising a welcome £79 for Bekesbourne Church.

The Christmas Bazaar, which we hold jointly with Bekesbourne Brownies, will have taken place by the time you read this, a report of which will appear in January's *On The Nail*.

Next on the agenda is the annual Carol evening at The Unicorn on Thursday, 17th December from 8.15pm, when there may be additional musical accompaniment for the carol singing! This has now become a regular and most enjoyable item on the Friends' calendar, so do come and join us!

FISH NEWS

The Fish Scheme organizers wish you a happy Christmas and will welcome newcomers to the monthly Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, 9th December from 10.15am to 11.45am. A.R.

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The Olde Englande Fayre held last month raised £676.35 for Patribourne with Bridge Church funds, a very commendable sum considering the discouraging snowfall that morning, and sincere thanks are offered to everyone who had a hand in putting it on, most of whom adopted very becoming period costume for the occasion. They in turn would like to thank all who came along to patronize this original venture, not to mention those who couldn't make it but sent contributions subsequently.

Considerable interest was shown in the answers to the *Guess the Birthplace* competition run at the fayre. Contestants were invited, for 25p, to fit a dozen local residents with their place of origin from a list of towns, with only a cryptic clue to go on. To spice it up there were more place names than people, so you couldn't solve it by a process of elimination. The names and birthplaces were as follows: Isobel Lawrence, Invergordon - Rosemary Gilbert, Windsor - Norman Francis, Bath - Andrea Nicholson, Leicester - John Anderson, Bristol - Raymond Gilbert, Burton-on-Trent - Peter Lawrence, Ilford - Billie Anderson, Leeds - Pat Dunderdale, Newmarket - Ailsa Williamson, Kebale - Rosemary Whatley, Temple Combe - Gladys Flynn, Folkestone.

BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL - November Meeting

Street Lighting Ten street lights in the village are to be brought up to current standards and fitted with part-night photo-electric cells. This is part of a rolling programme to upgrade street lighting and to ensure it meets safety standards. Those fitted with photo-electric cells should not need to be re-set after a power cut. Lighting columns involved in the first phase are in Mill Lane, Brewery Lane, Filmer Road, Dering Road, Dering Close and Conyngham Lane. Further columns will be upgraded in the new financial year.

Annual Parish Meeting 1999 The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 18 March, 1999 in the village hall, when it is hoped that a speaker from the White Cliffs Countryside Project will talk about the work at Samphire Ho. This scheme has utilised the Channel Tunnel spoil to re-instate natural habitats for wildlife.

Parish Diary Organisers of events in the village are requested to consult the diary before setting a date and time so that all activities can gain maximum support. The diary is now displayed on the parish noticeboard at the side of the White Horse Inn and is updated on a regular basis. For your event to be included please contact John Anderson on 830260.

Nailbourne Flood Alleviation Scheme The Environment Agency now expect the contractor to begin work on the river bed and culvert in January and not in November as previously notified.

Street Furniture Two items of street furniture have been relocated in an attempt to increase their use. The cycle racks next to the children's playground on the recreation ground have been moved to the lay-by in Patricxbourne Road and the bench in Green Court has been placed in the central area of Western Avenue, closer to the surgery.

Planning applications The following applications have been received and considered by the planning sub-committee:

- i) CA/98/Temp/L - Mobile classroom, Bridge and Patricxbourne School
- ii) CA/98/0978/BRI - New pavilion, Bridge Tennis Club
- iii) CA/98/1004/BRI - Conservatory, 2 Bridgeford Way
- iv) CA/98/1025/BRI - Formation of vehicular access at 14 High Street
- v) CA/98/1030/BRI - Two storey side extension and porch to Sharnwood, Bridge Hill

vi) CA/98/1038/BRI - First floor and single storey extension to The Dell, Bridge Hill

The following applications have been granted permission by the Planning Department at Canterbury City Council:

i) CA/98/1004/BRI - Conservatory, 2 Bridgeford Way

ii) CA/98/1020/BRI - Replacement railings at 14 High Street

iii) CA/98/0583/BRI - Conservatory at 20 The Close

GERMAN WAR GRAVES IN BRIDGE CHURCHYARD

by John Williamson

Last month we remembered once again the fallen in two world wars and it is interesting to recall that there were once two German graves in Bridge churchyard which were moved to the German military cemetery at Cannock Chase in Staffordshire on 12th November 1962. Their names were Peter Metzenroth, pilot from Duisberg in the Rhür, aged 31, and Siegfried Mogenburg, navigator from Stettin on the Baltic, aged 22. They were shot down in a Dornier 215 and the plane landed between Bekesbourne and Patrixbourne.

I am indebted to the German War Graves Commission in Kassel and the Kent Archives Library in Maidstone for help with these details.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights a Service will be held in the Crypt, Canterbury Cathedral on Thursday, 10th December at 2.00pm.



JANUARY DEADLINE

In order to get January's *On The Nail* out on time, those submitting articles for publication are asked to let the vicar have them by the slightly earlier time of **12th December**.

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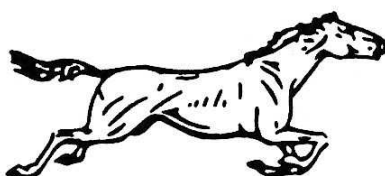


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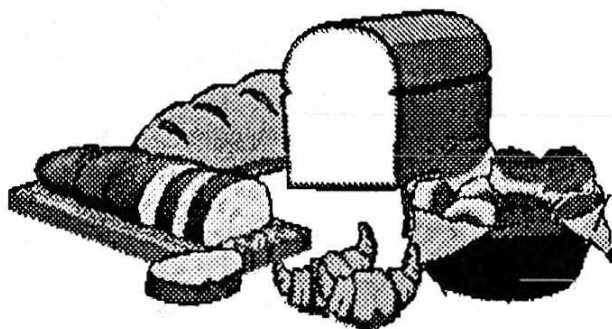
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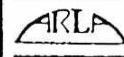
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