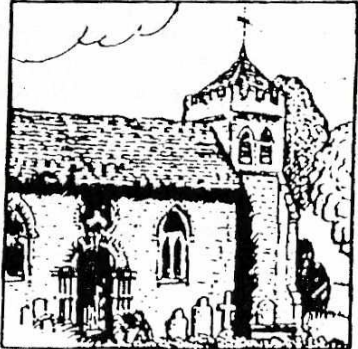
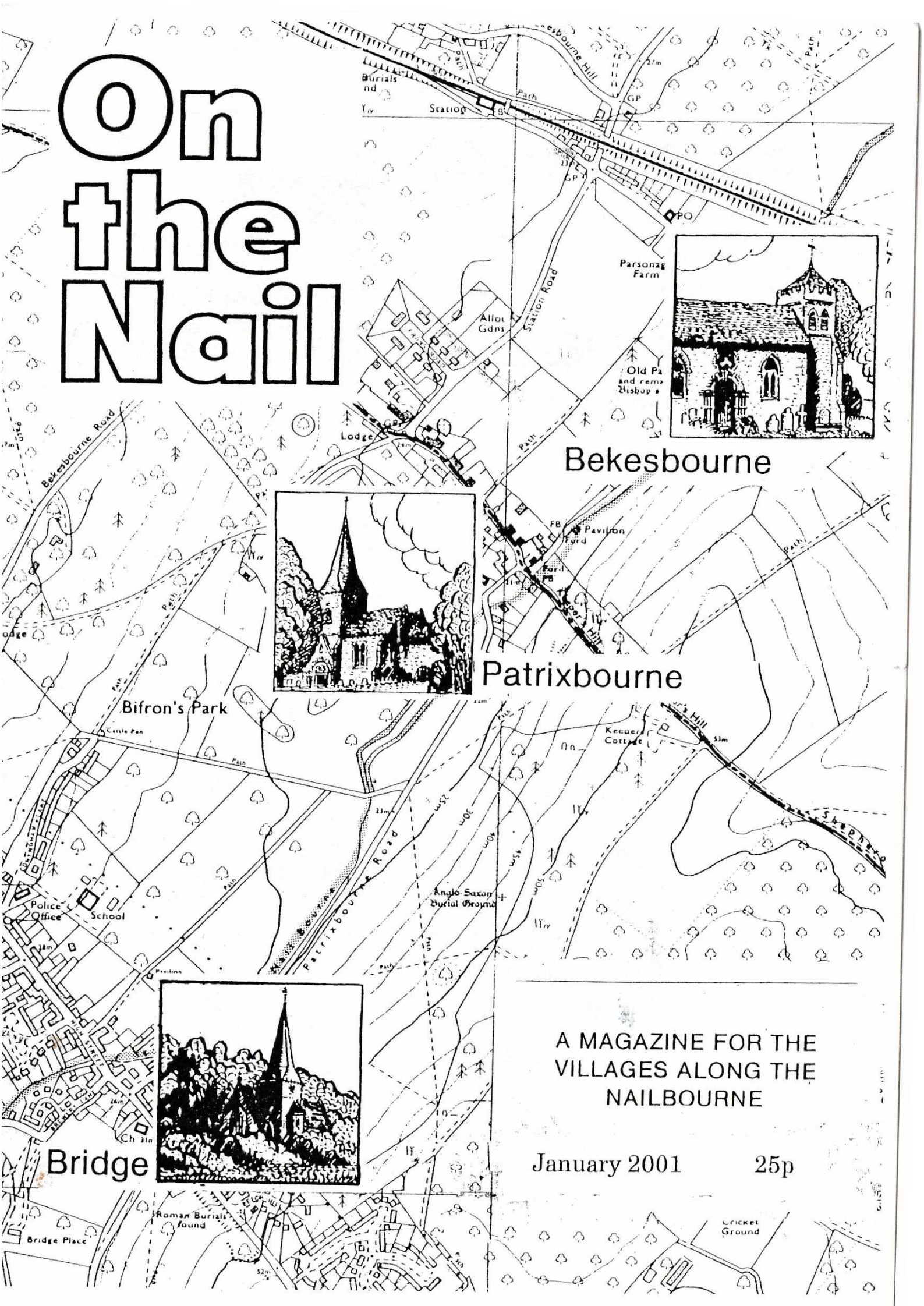


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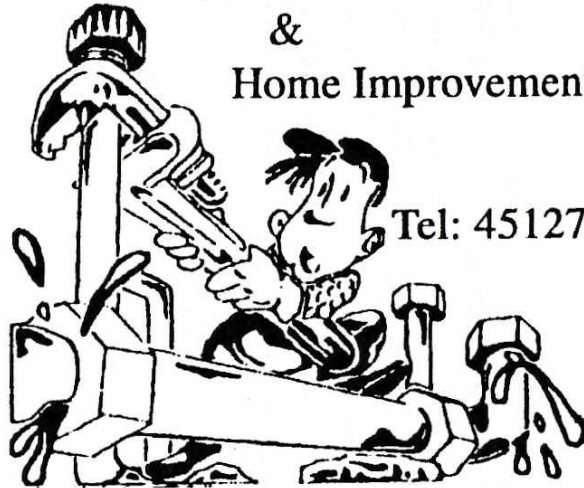
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Services for the month of January 2001

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 7th Epiphany 1		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Jer 31: 7-14 NT: Eph 1: 3-14 6: Jn 1: 10-18
Sun 14th Epiphany 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		** 11.00 am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Mattins Mrs A Nicholson	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Is 62: 1-5 NT: 1 Cor 12: 1-11 6: Jn 2: 1-11
Sun 21st Epiphany 3	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Neh 8: 1-10 NT: 1 Cor 12: 12-31a 6: Lu 4: 14-21
Sun 28th Epiphany 4	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev R Diss	3.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Ezek 43:27-44:4 NT: 1 Cor 13: 1-13 6: Lu 2: 22-40
Sun 4/2/01 4 Before Lent		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 6: 1-8 NT: 1 Cor 15: 1-11 6: Lu 5: 1-11

** Stop Press !! New Family Service at Bridge every second Sunday. Everbody welcome
 (Bekesbourne Family Service now every first Sunday)

From the Area Dean

I am always amused by the number of different 'New Years' which occur in the course of any twelve months. As a Christian, one's New Year begins on Advent Sunday - usually in December. As a teacher or lecturer, one's New Year begins in September or October. As a tax payer, New Year starts in April. And the Jewish New Year begins on another date, and the Moslem New Year on another . . . and I have no doubt that there are plenty more variations on the same theme. But most people will also accept January 1st as the start of the calendar New Year; and for some people, January 1st 2001 is the true beginning of the third millennium. (Has anyone any fireworks left ?)

Time makes a study which is as fascinating as space, and both are too complicated for most of us to begin to understand. Yet we know that they all fall within the wisdom of God who created them; and the Letter to the Colossians puts it all in perspective for us:

'Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities - all things were created through him and for him' Col. 1, 15-16

Set against such cosmic power, how puny we so often seem to be, and how trivial our daily worries and concerns. When we look at the problems of the Church of England today, and wonder how we are going to resolve questions of ministry, mission and money, we might sometimes begin to feel that we cannot cope, and that we are in the early stages of terminal ecclesiastical decline.

If we do so think, it is because we have overlooked the fact that God is the Lord of time and space - and the Lord of past, present and future. Perhaps we do have problems to resolve - but that is why we are here. We are on a journey, - and our purpose is to fulfil the will of God for each one of us; and so we should not fear. *If God is with us on the journey, as he must be - having made us for his purposes - we can be assured that he will not desert us, even when the going seems to be particularly tough.*

So as we stand at the threshold of a new calendar year, it is right that we should look ahead with confidence and hope; great changes lie ahead, and we have to be ready to let go of much that we have come to regard as established and settled for all time, but we move on in the strength of the faith of the church which has endured for two thousand years - and which will continue until mankind no longer inhabits the earth.

A very happy New Year in the name of Our Lord and Saviour

David Barnes

DIARY FOR JANUARY 2000

- 10TH Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10.00-11.15am.
Ears 'N' beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 8.00 pm.
- 11TH Health & Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7.00pm
Bridge Parish Council, Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 15TH Caring & Sharing, Bridge Vicarage, 7.30-9.30pm
Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Parish Council, 7.30pm
- 16TH Bridge with Patrixbourne Womens Institute, Bridge, Village Hall
7.30pm
- 23RD Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27TH Friends of Bekesbourne Church, Jumble Sale, Bekesbourne
Village Hall, 10.00am
- 3RD FEB Pudding Evening, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm

Bridge Methodist Church Preachers for January 2001

- 7TH Rev. George Baugh (Covenant Services)
- 14TH Rev. David Mashall
- 21ST Rev. Donald Lugg
- 28TH Rev. Maurice Weatherup

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

26/11	Bekesbourne	Luke Samarasinghe Leah Samarasinghe
3/12	Lower Hardres	David W. McKeever Alistair S. McKeever

Marriage

8/12	Patricxbourne	Ann Williams & William Williams
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Funeral

4/12	Barham/L.Hardres	Rosalind E. James
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Health and Healing

The meeting in January will be on Thursday 11th and not 4th January at 7.00pm at 7 Windmill Close.

If you are unable to attend but would like a loved one or a situation included in the prayer list, please feel free to phone me on 830844 or call round.

George Maben's family wish to thank everyone who has prayed for George in the past two months. The news is good! The surgeon has successfully removed the hamartoma tumour on 24th Nov and although young George is left with diabetes, his fits have ceased, and as in any major operation there are always side effects, but the surgeon is hopeful he will be home for Christmas. So by the time the January magazine is printed George will be back in England.

Jill and Robert are so grateful for your support over the past few months. They always could rely on their Bridge friends.

Kath Pierce

Fish News

Celebrate the New Year by joining the new Gentle Exercise Class for the Over 60's in Bridge Methodist Church each Thursday from 10.00am-11.30am. It's fun and very reasonable at £2.50 a session.

The next Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday 10th January in Bridge Village Hall from 10.00am-11.15am.

Caring and Sharing Group

A new group for Women across the Benefice will be starting in January.

It will meet fortnightly on a Monday evening from 7.30pm-9.30pm at The Vicarage.

We are hoping not only to meet for coffee and a chat but learn some new skills e.g. craft evening, cookery demonstration or to listen to a guest speaker. We will also be arranging some social trips out. Please do come and join us with new ideas.

Monday 15th Jan 2001 7.30pm The Vicarage Coffee and Chat

Monday 29th Jan 2001 7.30pm The Vicarage Bring and share your favourite record/poem etc.

Contact Judy Filmer (830250) for more information.

Ears 'n' Beers

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Bridge High Street

8pm second Wed each month

next session 10th January



A regular time for some serious ear-bending with the vicar, Paul, over a pint or two. Bring along all your unanswered questions and contentious issues, and see what Christianity has to say for itself.

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR to all our supporters!

A big Thank You to everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas Bazaar so successful and to those who came and spent so generously, raising £550 for our funds.

Our next effort will be JUMBLE SALE in Bekesbourne Village Hall at 10.00am on Saturday 27th January 2001. If you have Jumble for collection, please phone Jennifer Skinner on 768925 or Jane Shorrocks on 832133 - otherwise please bring it along on the day and support us!

St Peter's Church Bekesbourne - Cleaning Rota

6th Jan 2001	Epiphany CJA Clearing flower check
13th Jan	Jill Gillanders
20th Jan	
27th Jan	
3rd Feb	Cheryl Barker/Vickie McPherson

Bridge with Patricbourne W.I.

On 16th January at 7.30pm John Anderson will speak on "Ramblings of a Hotel Inspector". The competition is The Most Useless Article in your Kitchen. New members and visitors will be made very welcome.

Kent Air Ambulance

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair on 25th November. A staggering £320 was raised!!
Glynis Austin

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Nailbourne Horticultural Society's 2001 programme starts off in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd January at the usual time of 7.30pm, when Barbara Beevin, Sainsbury's Home Economist and Regional Speaker will be telling us all we'll ever want to know about Sainsbury and giving us the low-down on their new products.

The talk will be followed by a short AGM when members will have the opportunity to renew their subscriptions and be entered into the draw for tickets for the Chelsea Flower Show in May.

We look forward to welcoming existing and new members on the 23rd. We are also, as ever, looking for new committee members and anyone who is interested should get in touch with me on 830057 or any other member of the committee, or even volunteer on the night!
Kathy Walder

Bridge & Patricxbourne School News

On 21 st November the school entered 4 year 6 children into the Thanet Science Challenge 2000, sponsored by Pfizer. This was held at St. Lawrence College and we are pleased to say that they gained 1st prize winning £150 for the school and individual vouchers. Our congratulations go to those children concerned.

December as always was a hectic month at the school with many events and activities going on.

The spirit of Christmas descended on us this year at the start of Advent with the annual School Bazaar. This is an event that is run by the teachers and staff with some extra help for the pupils to enjoy. Parents are also invited to come along and join in the fun helping to raise a record amount this year for the school.

The festivities were carried through to the evening with the Infant and Junior Christmas Discos. This again is an annual event run by the P.F.A with help from teachers. A great time was had by all.

Next on the list of events was the concert put on by the Salvation Army this as usual was very well supported,

Now on to the highlight of the year for all the pupils (but maybe not for the staff as rehearsals go on for weeks) the Christmas productions. This year as always it was split into 3 year groups Infants, Lower Junior and Upper Junior.

The Infants put on a super show about a mouse called Barney (played by Luke Harvey ~ telling the story of how that well loved carol Silent Night came about. All the children had a part and all enjoyed the singing.

The Lower Junior play was the well loved Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk with a modern twist. Jack and his Mother (Charlie Lloyd-Hughes and Hannah Boyd-Jones) put on a sterling show as did daisy the Cow (Emma Colthurst), the Giant (Joseph Kendall) and the rest of the cast.

Year six children were asked to do a review on the play as if they were critics for a paper. This is an example by James Bostock

"Jack and the Beanstalk was a hilarious performance that kept me laughing and crying all through the show. It has some extremely well put together scenes and lines, not to mention the costumes.

The actors were brilliant and there were many twists and turns in the tail but I enjoyed the "it's behind you!" part. Daisy the cow had me laughing and Jack was obviously following his brothers' footsteps.

The music was also hilarious and I found it fun singing along....but no! I can't say too much.

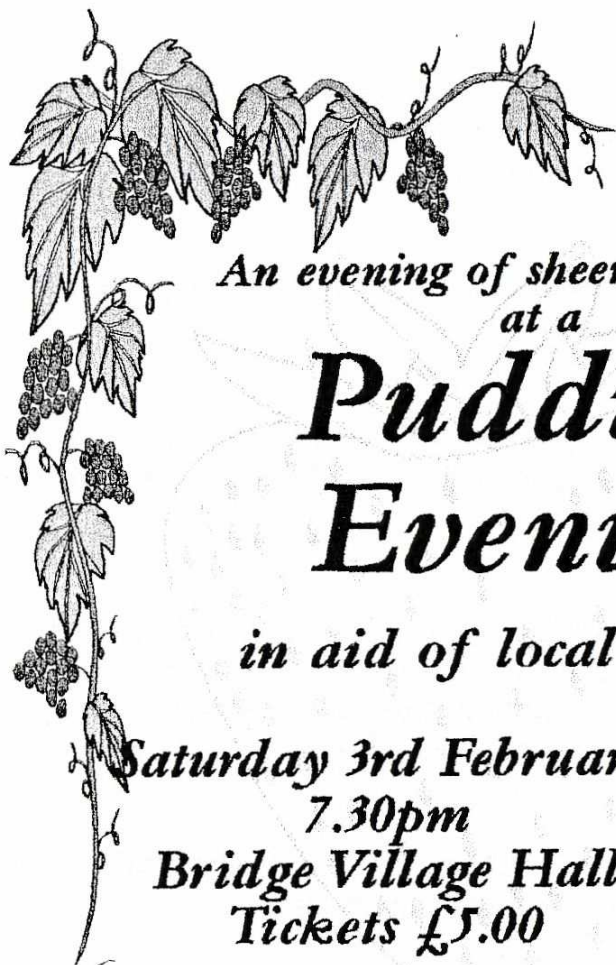
The scenery was great and I loved the way the beanstalk - no! I just can't tell you, you've got to see it yourself. Overall this has turned a simple old fairy tale into a hilarious pantomime".

The upper juniors presented the Christmas Story in words and music. The singing and the readings were both of an exceptionally high standard. To end the four days of performing the children donned their costumes one last time to sing at the tea party hosted for the Senior Citizens of the Village.

Our thanks go to all the teachers and staff who made it possible for everyone to enjoy these super festive performances.

Last but not least was a visit by the whole school to the Theatre Royal Margate to see Dick Whittington, and once again a good time was had by all, (oh no it wasn't, oh yes it was, and so on....)

The Pupils and Staff of Bridge & Patricbourne C.E.P. School wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.



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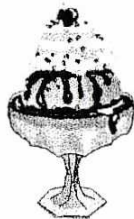
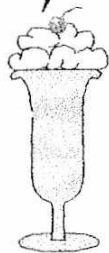
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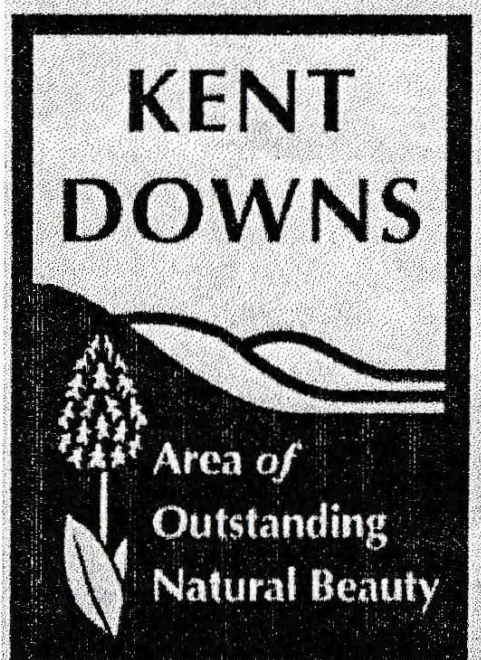


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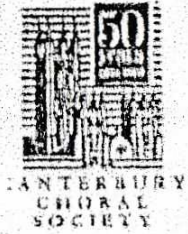
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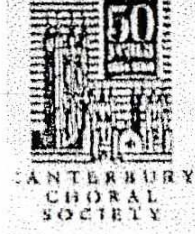
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LIOZ: L'Enfance du Christ

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Hector Berlioz, a French composer, was born in 1803 and died in Paris in 1869. As the age of 13 he started his musical education, taking lessons in guitar, flute and singing but he never studied the piano as a child. Hector's father enrolled him in a Paris medical school in 1821 but inspired by attending operas in Paris he abandoned medical school and wrote his *Messe Solonnelle* 1924. To make ends meet he took a job as a chorus singer at a Vaudeville Theatre. During this time he saw a performance of Romeo and Juliet and for him this was the greatest drama of his life. A true romantic the combination of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and the leading lady Harriet Smithson, whom he eventually married, motivated him to compose his *Symphonie Fantastique*. Berlioz emerged as a master of original and brilliant orchestration.

Berlioz composed *L'Enfance du Christ* in 1854. It is one of his most enchanting works and it includes a special concert played by 2 flutes and a harp. The oratorio has been described as a masterpiece of simplicity, the music is a delight and includes the much loved carol "Shepherd's Farewell". Soloists for the evening include Louise Mott who thrilled audiences when she appeared recently in Handel's Messiah for the Choral Society.

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Bridge Village Traffic Calming

At the beginning of November a public exhibition was held in Bridge village hall so that residents and business owners in the village could see, and comment on, the ideas for traffic calming that the City Council and Parish Council are proposing.

168 people visited the exhibition and filled in a questionnaire. Many people also added comments which have been very useful in deciding some of the details of the final scheme.

The results of the questionnaire analysis are as follows:

Question	Yes (% of responses)	No (% of responses)
Do you think traffic calming is needed in High Street, Bridge?	151 (90%)	14 (8%)
Are you in favour of the proposals shown?	118 (70%)	41 (24%)
Do you think that pedestrian crossing places are needed in the village?	140 (83%)	19 (11%)
Are you in favour of the proposed zebra crossing near the Post Office?	130 (77%)	29 (17%)
Are you in favour of the proposed zebra crossing near the White Horse (PH)?	121 (72%)	32 (19%)
Are you in favour of the proposed ramped crossing in Riverside Close?	111 (66%)	29 (17%)

The results of the public consultation have now been reported to the City Council's Highways Sub-committee who agreed that the scheme should go ahead with the minor amendments suggested on the questionnaires. However the City Council budgets which would fund the work are still frozen, so it is not possible to programme the work at present.

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Appointment of new parish clerk: The council are pleased to announce that Mrs Geraldine McCombe has been appointed as the new parish clerk with effect from 1 January 2000. Mrs McCombe has previously worked in insurance, banking and the health service. Residents wishing to contact Mrs McCombe can do so at 14 St Mary's Close, Etchinghill, Kent CT18 8NX from 2 January 2001 or by telephoning 01303 862814 after 15 January 2001.

Christmas lights: Although all Christmas trees were installed before the end of November a problem occurred with the lights, some of which had faults which proved difficult to repair. Some new sets of lights have also been purchased and councillors expect all trees to be illuminated well before Christmas.

Budget for 2001/2002: Councillors agreed that the precept for 2001/2002 should be set at £7954 and that the concurrent functions grant applied for should be £6941. Applications are also to be made for a capital concurrent function grant to fund an additional street light in Conyngham Lane, heating for the sports pavilion on the recreation ground and some improvements to the Mill Centre. Unfortunately, because of the system now operating at the city council, any allocation made for these improvements will not be available until 2003/2004.

Millennium Festival: The Millennium Festival Committee reported to the parish council that funds raised at the summer event had now been distributed to Bridge and Patricbourne CE Primary School, St Peters Church and the village playgroup. A further meeting is to be held on 16 January 2001 to consider making Bridge Festival a regular event. Any one interested in making a comment or being involved in organising the festival will be welcome at the meeting which is to be held in The Hunter Room of the village hall.

Recreation Ground: Several matters concerning the recreation ground were discussed. These included the replacement of the ball stop fencing behind the play goal, a report from the supplier of the new swings reporting that the recent problems were caused by "technical" problems rather than vandalism and that a monthly checklist for inspecting the play equipment is to be requested from ROSPA.

Streets and footways: Bifrons Path has regularly been cleared of wet leaves during the autumn. Two new street signs have been installed in Conyngham Lane, but the sign for Green Court is still awaited. The obstruction of a street sign by trees in Bourne Park Road and the overgrown bushes besides the bridge in the centre of the village have been reported to the city council highways department. Councillors noted that the recent flood work undertaken by the city council in the village had been effective in the wet weather, along with the work completed by the Environment Agency last autumn. The removal of the footbridge in Mill Lane is causing some concern to residents. The parish council will be requesting its reinstatement or replacement as soon as practical. Drains in Town Hill, Bridge Hill and Pett Hill were reported as being silted up and will be reported to the city council as soon as possible.

Neighbourhood Watch: The parish council is keen to see Neighbourhood Watch operating effectively and will be holding a re-launch of the scheme at the Annual Parish meeting to be held on 28 March 2001. Any volunteers to act as local co-ordinators should contact the parish clerk in January.

Planning Applications:

Applications received: The following planning applications had been received and were in the process of being commented upon by the planning sub-committee:

CAL/00/0148/BRI - Provision of front door step at 41 High Street, Bridge;

CA/00/1302/BRI - Erection of garden shed/summerhouse at Bridge Lodge, Bourne Park Road.

Planning applications granted: The following applications had been notified as granted:

CAA/00/0055/BRI - externally illuminated hanging sign at 2 Western Avenue, Bridge;

CA/00/0211/BRI - installation of ATM at 2 Western Avenue, Bridge;

CA/00/1132/BRI - Erection of detached garage - 41 Union Road, Bridge;

CAL/00/0051/BRI - Internal and external alterations at The White Horse, Bridge.

Applications refused: The following application had been notified as refused:

CA/00/1167/BRI - Erection of 15 m pole with 3 antennae, 2 dishes etc at BT Exchange.

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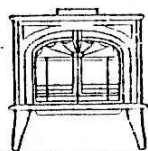
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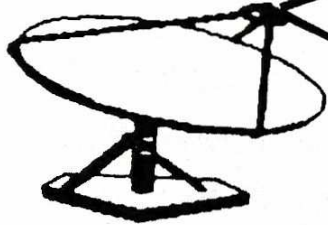


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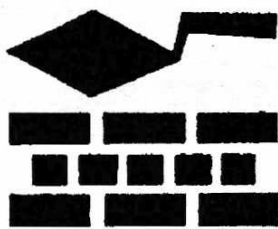
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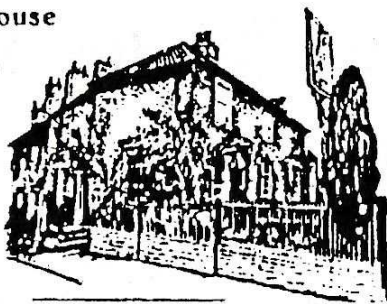
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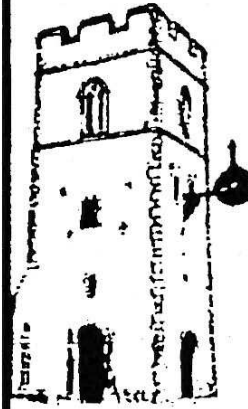
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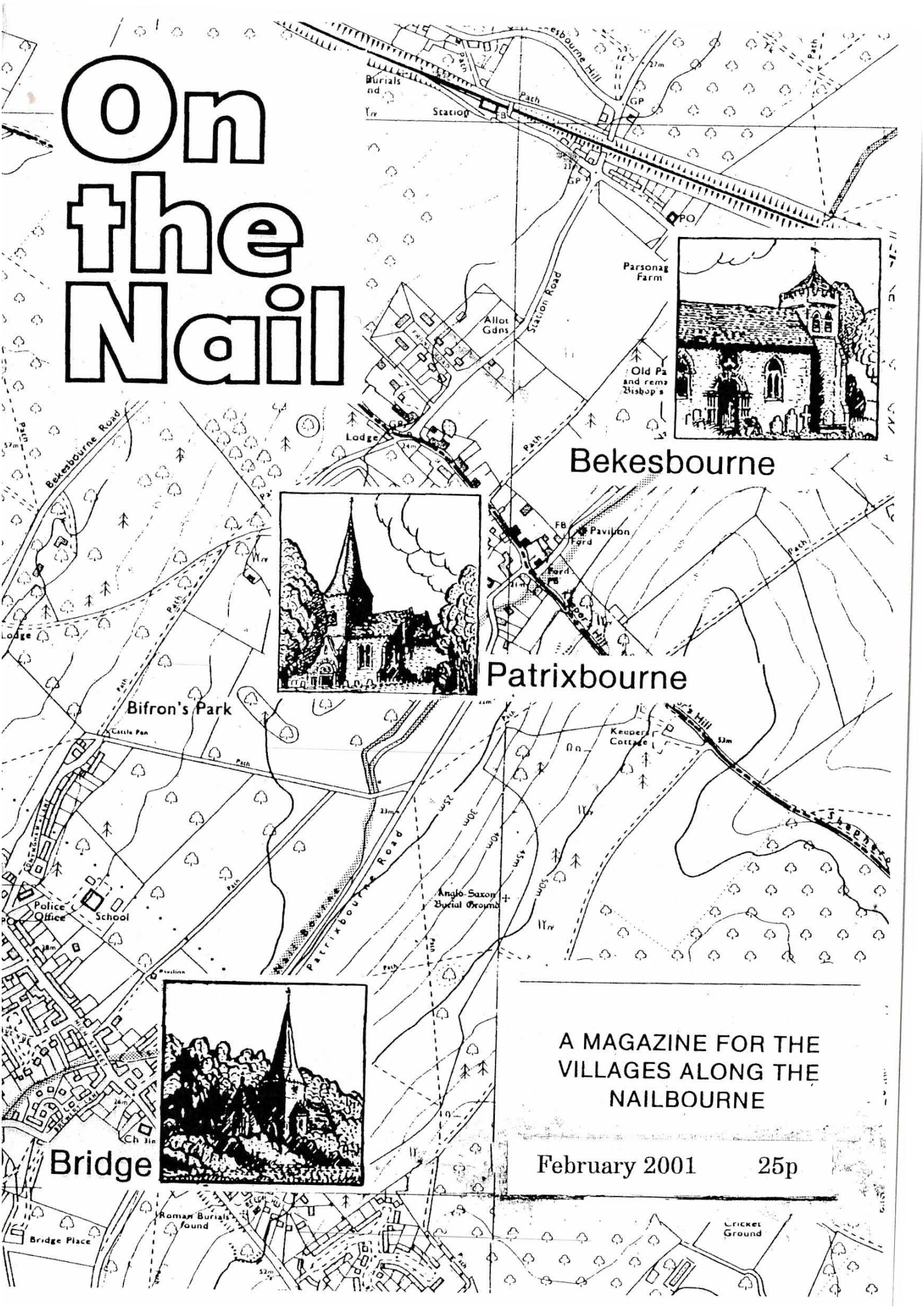


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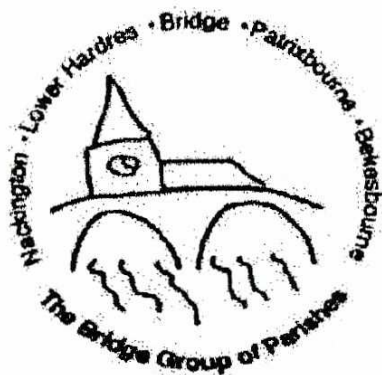
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Sun 11th 3 before Lent (Education Sunday)	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mattins Mrs A Nicholson	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Jer 17:5-10 NT: 1 Cor 15:12-20 G: Lu 6:17-26
Sun 18th 2 before Lent	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Ge 2:46-9, 15-25 NT: Rev 4 G: Lu 8:22-25
Sun 25th 1 before Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev R Diss	3.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Thackray		OT: Ex 34:29-35 NT: 2 Cor 3:12-4:2 G: Lu 9:28-36
Weds 28th Ash Wednesday			7.30 pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer			OT: Is 58:1-12 NT: 2 Cor 5:20-6:10 G: Jn 8:1-11
Sun 4th March Lent 1		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev W Hopkinson	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Deut 26:1-11 NT: Rom 10:8b-13 G: Lu 4:1-13



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Can We Trust the Bible?

Continuing our series looking at Jesus, I thought we should deal with this issue, given the way I have relied on the Bible when answering the other questions. Obviously, I am going to say yes, but it does depend what you are using the Bible for. For example, we can trust that John's gospel description of the crucifixion was an eye witness account, but we cannot say the same about Moses' explanation of creation in Genesis. Archaeological evidence now points towards Joshua's army capturing Jericho, but there was no good samaritan helping a stranger on the way from Jerusalem, it was a parable.

You see, the Bible is a collection of writings; some letters, some poems, some testimonies, some historical accounts, some prophecies, or messages from God. to use the Bible safely, you need to understand how each part was written. The apostle Paul said that "all scripture is God breathed" but that does not mean that God wrote it, but that those who did write it were special people with a special relationship with God. They were inspired by their understanding of God to put in words what they felt in their hearts about God.

Everything must be read in context, and I would not suggest that you use the Bible by sticking a pin randomly in a page and applying the text. You could end up with "then Judas hanged himself" (Matthew 27:5) & "go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). It is much safer to trust the authors to tell us what they were up to. For example, Luke starts his gospel by saying that he wanted to give an orderly account of the life of Jesus so that his friend should believe what he had heard from others. The Old Testament prophets dated their messages by recording who was king at the time and which year of his reign (you can't get more exact than that!).

Of course, there are many versions of the Bible around, some hundreds of years old, others with the print hardly dry! But they are all doing the same thing. They translate the original texts into words that convey the original message to a new generation, or a different culture. This means that we have to trust the translators, or learn to read Greek and Hebrew for ourselves. But the best way to test if the Bible is trustworthy is to read it for yourself. Try it. If you haven't got one, come and see me. I've got plenty!

PAUL

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2001

- 1st Health & Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.00pm
- 3rd Pudding Evening, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5th Banner Making, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 6th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
- 7th Bridge & Patricxbourne Sch Governors Meeting 3.30pm
Bekesbourne PCC Meeting, School House, 7.30pm
- 8th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 10th Nailbourne League of Friends Coffee Morning,
Bridge Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon
- 12th Benefice Caring & Sharing, Bridge Vicarage, 7.30pm
- 13th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
- 14th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall
10am - 11.15am
Ears 'N' Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge, 8.00pm
- 15th Confirmation Class, Bridge Vicarage, 8.00pm
- 20th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 22nd Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Methodist
Church 7.30pm
- 26th Benefice Caring & Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
- 27th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm
- 2nd March Womens World Day of Prayer, Methodist Church 11.00am

Bridge Methodist Church Preachers for February 2001

- 4th Mr Michael Baybutt, B.Sc. DMS C.Eng.
- 11th Rev. David Marshall
- 18th Rev. George Baugh
- 25th Rev. Donald Lugg

Friday 2nd March at 11.00am Womens World Day of Prayer

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Bridge Family Service

Thank you to everyone working in front and behind the scenes who ensured that our first family service was a success. Over 120 people (from 3 weeks to 82 years old) came together to worship as God's family. we have already received offers from people to organise a creche and start a small worship group. If anyone else would like to help, we could use some extra hands preparing before the service and organising coffee or tidying up after the service.

Our next service, on Sun 11th Feb, falls on *Education Sunday*. We will use this opportunity to give thanks to God for all those involved in the education of our children, but especially the staff of Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP. Please come along and show your support and encouragement for this valuable work in our community.

One more thing. Our family service is an opportunity for all members of God's family to worship together. Please don't feel that you can only come if you bring a family with you, we can always lend you a child when you get here!

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Lent 2001

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 28th Feb and for the next 5 weeks we will run our own *Benefice Lent Course* based on the parable of the Prodigal Son, and reflecting on our own spiritual relationship with God and each other.

Each session will run twice each week, once at lunchtime on Tuesdays; starting on 6th March, 12.00 - 1.30, and once on Thursday evenings; starting on 8th March, 8.00 - 9.30. Come to one or all, and mix lunchtimes & evenings. Coffee & tea will be provided, but bring your own food to the lunchtime sessions. Watch out for more details, including location, in the March magazine.

Health and Healing

The meeting in February is back to the first Thursday once more and the date is 1st February, at 7.00pm. at 7 Windmill Close. We had several requests last month for loved ones and situations to be included on our prayer list from people unable to be present. Please feel free to phone or call round with your requests, and you know you would be welcome to come in person on the evening.

Good news of young George Maben! The family did get home for Christmas, very exhausted but so happy. George still has diabetes which is under control but the fits have ceased and he has an enormous appetite! The future is very bright. Jill and Robert thank everyone so much for their fantastic moral, financial and spiritual support. they cannot begin to tell you how much you have all helped. You are just wonderful.

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Bridge with Patrixbourne W.I.

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The next Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday 14th February in Bridge Village Hall from 10.00am - 11.15am.

Benefice Caring and Sharing Group

The first meeting on 15th January was well attended.

The meetings planned for February are:-

Monday 12th, 7.30pm at Bridge Vicarage

Body Shop Demonstration

Monday 26th, 7.30pm at Bridge Vicarage

Adolescents and how to enjoy them!!

Contact Judy Filmer (830250) for more information

Banner Making Group

From the Caring and sharing Group we have decided to make a banner/banners for our local churches. If you have needlecraft skills or even if you don't!! Please do join some of us on Monday 5th February, 7.30pm at 16 Riverside Close. We would also be grateful for any scrap material, ribbons etc.

Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals

Coffee Morning and A.G.M., Saturday 10th February 10am - 12 noon in Bridge Village Hall. Coffee, Cakes, Raffle, Bring & Buy.

Any donations for bring and buy, cakes and raffle gratefully received, please support your local hospitals.

Rosie Green

Nailbourne Scout Group Christmas Mail Service

We had another excellent response to the Scout Christmas Mail Service with approximately 850 cards posted. The Group's special thanks go to the scouts and parents who helped with collection, sorting and delivery; the proprietors who very kindly had the mail boxes in their premises once again and of course to those who used the service.

Rhajini Dasan

The Children's Society - Fundraising in Bridge

Christingle Service on 24th December 2000 in St. Peter's Church, Bridge

In spite of the weather, it was a 'full house' (apologies to those who were seated less than comfortably, or not at all!). The service was memorable for the number of children who attended and participated in readings, prayers and singing, encouraged by Paul, our Vicar, (who had compiled the programme and provided the service sheets), and Margaret Clarke our Lay Reader.

A total of 146 Christingles were distributed and the splendid sum of £226.54 was raised for the children's Society to help its work with homeless, disadvantaged and needy children and families.

Many thanks to all who attended, with special mention of Mr Tilly, Pat and Laurence Dunderdale and Dorothy King for providing oranges, warmth and music.

Our fundraising in Bridge during the Year 2000 was as specified below:-

Contents of Home Boxes	335.98
Various donations	58.00
Goods sold at table fair	100.00
Christingle Service	<u>226.54</u>
Total for the year	<u>£720.52</u>

Please continue your support through 2001.

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Carols Evening at The Unicorn

Although it took place last year, we must send our special thanks to Clive and Cheryl for arranging such an enjoyable evening on 20th December. Everyone there had a splendid time and the singing was ably accompanied by Stuart Field and Dave Cutting. The raffle raised £122 for our funds and we are most grateful to Geoff Ede and HOVER SPEED for their excellent prizes and to all who contributed to the evening.

Future Event - Wine & Wisdom on Friday 9th March

Flower and cleaning Rota

4th February	Jill Gillanders
11th	Jane Shorrocks
18th	Caroline Jagers
25th	No service
4th March	Romany Cowans

Women's World Day of Prayer

To be held in Bridge Methodist Church (Patricxbourne Road), on Friday 2nd March at 11.00am.

Please come along if you are able.

Saxon Lodge

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Bring and Buy. A total of £250 was raised which has been passed to Demelza House, the Childrens' Cancer Charity.

Mrs Richards

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

February's evening meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church, Bridge when the Society's own Mr Roger Austin will speak to us about pruning. I know that Roger will have lots of good advice to give us. So come along with your questions or bring a plant or branch for a practical demonstration of how it should be done.



NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



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CALENDAR FOR 2001

Programme of Events 2001

<i>Tues Jan 23</i>	<i>Sainsbury's Supermarkets and AGM</i>	<i>Barbara Beevin, Home Economist and Regional Speaker</i>	<i>Bridge Village Hall</i>
<i>Thurs 22 Feb</i>	<i>Pruning</i>	<i>Mr Roger Austin</i>	<i>Methodist Church</i>
<i>Sun 25 March</i>	<i>Outing</i>		<i>Leeds Castle (full day)</i>
<i>Tues 3 April</i>	<i>Spring Show</i>		<i>Bridge Village Hall</i>
<i>Thurs 24 May</i>	<i>Evening Visit to City Council's Nurseries</i>		<i>Eddington, Herne Bay</i>
<i>Thurs 21 June</i>	<i>Textile Art</i>	<i>Mrs Lou Round</i>	<i>Methodist Church</i>
<i>Sat 28 July</i>	<i>Summer Show</i>		<i>Bridge School</i>
<i>Thurs 20 Sept</i>	<i>Daffodils</i>	<i>Mr Barry Ridsdale</i>	<i>Methodist Church</i>
<i>Sun 14 October</i>	<i>Outing</i>		<i>Syon Park, Brentford (full day)</i>
<i>Tues 4 Dec</i>	<i>Make your own Seasonal Floral Decorations & Social Evening</i>	<i>Mrs Jill Snashell</i>	<i>Bridge Village Hall</i>
<i>Year 2002</i>			
<i>Tues 29 Jan</i>	<i>AGM</i>		<i>Bridge Village Hall</i>

All evening talks start at 7.30 pm

FUTURE EVENTS - TAKE NOTE!

Book Sale

St. Peter's Bridge with St. Mary's Patricxbourne are planning a Book Sale on Saturday 7th April in Bridge Village Hall. Start sorting your books now.

More information in March Edition of 'On the Nail'.

Treasure Hunt

The Benefice Group are busy dreaming up this exciting event to be held on Saturday 14th July. Please book this date in your diary. More details in future magazines.

D & E Travel

Douglas and Ethel Cartwright have sent details of forthcoming day trips from Bridge.

8th March Hall Place, Bexley and
Bluewater Shopping

25th March Leeds Castle, Maidstone

A full programme has been produced for 2001. For details or to request a copy please contact Doug or Ethel on 831095.

Bridge Coffee Rota

18th February

Joan Hill

Billie Anderson

18th March

Christine Hoare

Wendy Durell



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Wed 28 February - Sat 24 March

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I hope we can welcome you and your friends to Sounds New 2001. Join us for a glass of wine and hear more about it at our launch on Thursday 8 February at 6pm in the Canterbury Environment Centre, St Alphege Place.

- Nicholas Cleobury, Artistic Director

Sounds /New Launch 2001

Canterbury Environment Centre. St Alphege - Thursday 8 February 6pm

Richard Rodney Bennett Cabaret

The Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury - Sunday 4 March 7.30pm

Richard Rodney Bennett in Broadstairs

Broadstairs Pavilion - Wednesday 7 March 7.30pm

Richard Rodney Bennett & the Britten Sinfonia

The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury - Thursday 8 March 7.30pm

The Maggini Quartet

Canterbury Christ Church University College - Wednesday 14 March 7.30pm

BBC Singers

Canterbury Cathedral Quire - Saturday 17 March 7.30pm

Rolf Hind, piano recital

St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury - Friday 23 March 7.30pm

Poul Ruders and the Britten Sinfonia

Canterbury Cathedral Crypt Saturday 24 March 7.30pm

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
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13 members were present at the January 2001 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn was in the Chair. The Chairman gave the Exhortation and the Silence was observed.

We would like to send our good wishes to Robbie Ranscombe who is having continuing health problems. Also our Vice President, John Fox and Les Hogben who we understand were both well enough to spend Christmas at home with their families. You are all in our thoughts.

This is always a quiet time of year for the Branch, in the aftermath of Christmas, but we are already making plans for our activities in the coming year. Some of you may be wondering whether we are having a Dinner this year - the answer is that we do hope to and, as this is the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the Branch, we hope to incorporate the Dinner in with our celebrations. We also hope to celebrate the anniversary in other ways as well. Dates and details to be announced.

The Branch is also hoping to enter a team in the general knowledge quiz being held by Canterbury Branch in March.

We hosted a Group meeting at the Plough & Harrow, Bridge on Monday, 8th Jan and this proved to be a very enjoyable evening.

The next two Branch monthly meetings will be on:

Tuesday, 13th February 2001 at the Recreation Club,
Littlebourne at 8pm

and

Tuesday, 13th March 2001 at the Duke William, Ickham
at 8pm.

NOTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Tele-cottage: Councillors agreed that a survey should be carried out to establish interest in the village.

Streets and footways: The two road signs which had been turned round have now been returned to their correct position although one has since again been turned round. Kent Highways have written to confirm that the obstruction by branches of the London sign at the top of Town Hill is to be cleared as soon as possible and the drains requiring attention at Pett Hill, Town Hill and Bridge Hill have been added to the contractors list for attention. Following the removal of the footbridge in Mill Lane the County Council's bridge engineer will be contacting the parish council with regard to proposals for its replacement. A request for the footpath at Renville to be extended has been received and the parish council will be contacting Kent Highways regarding this matter.

Recreation Ground Equipment: Following problems with the recreation equipment Playdale Playgrounds Limited are arranging for their Inspection and Maintenance Engineer to make a site visit within two to three weeks to inspect and make recommendations on the units in question.

Vandalism of Post Office Bench: The Post Office bench has been substantially vandalised during the Christmas holiday and reported to the Police. Councillors agreed unanimously to replace the bench with a robust wooden seat.

Planning Applications:

Applications received: There were no new applications received .

Planning applications granted: The following applications had been notified as granted:

CA/00/1099/BRI - replacement garage/store and erection of 1.8 metre high wall to rear at 45a High Street, Bridge.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Flooding and Information Technology:

Councillor W Oakey attended the meeting from 8.25 pm and was invited by the chairman to address the council on matters of flooding and possible information technology funding.

Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Paul Filmer , The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge (830250)
Lay Reader: Mrs Margaret Clarke. (Tel 765598)

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

Churchwardens Mr J Anderson, Aunt Betsy's Cottage, Dering Road, Bridge (830260)
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Choirmaster & Organist (Bridge) Dr PD Giles, Filmer House, Filmer Road (830293)

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

BEKESBOURNE

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

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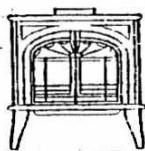
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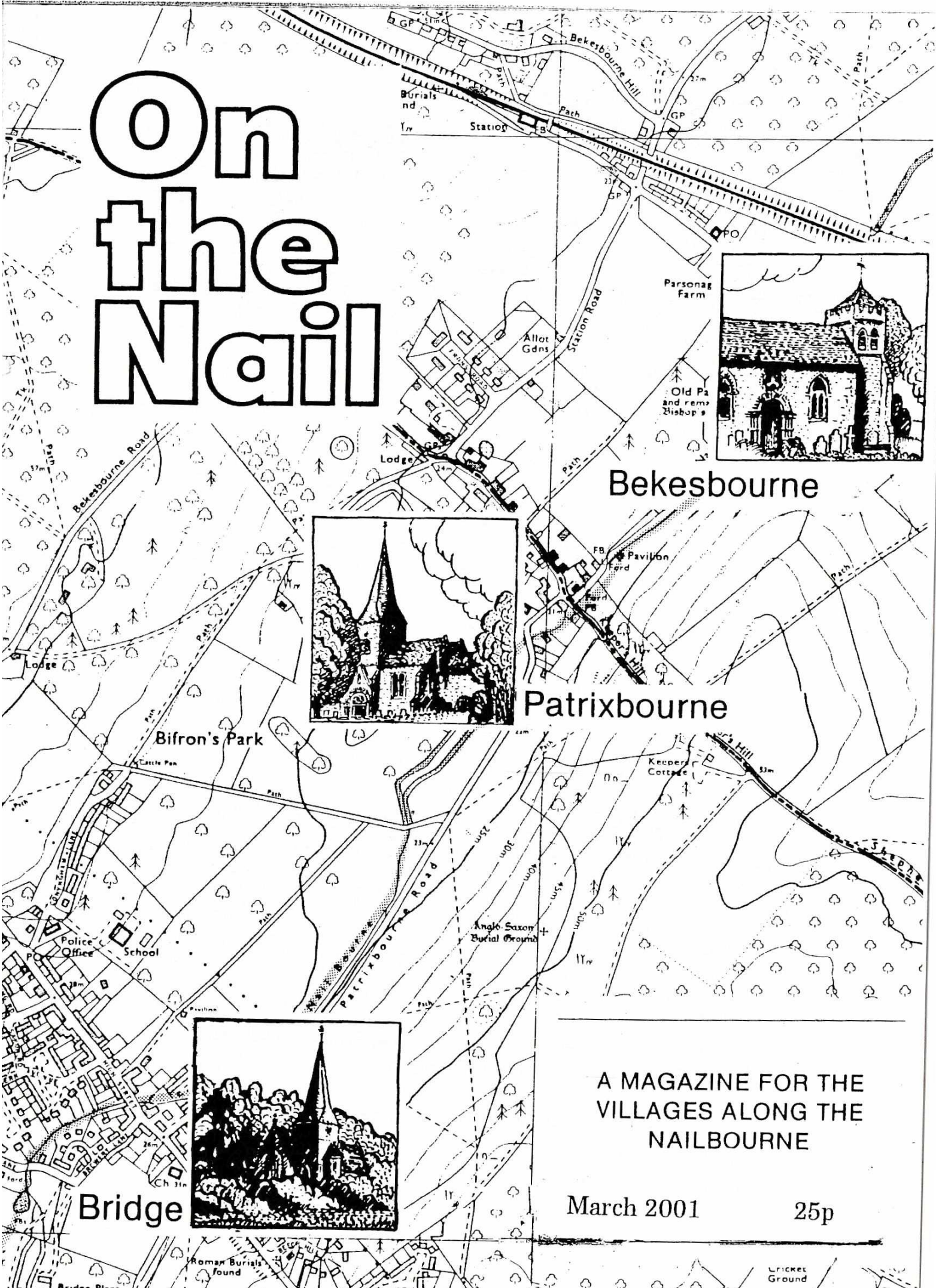


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The Bridge Group: Services for the month of March 2001

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 4th Lent 1		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev W Hopkinson	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Deut 26:1-11 NT: Rom 10:8b-13 G: Lu 4:1-13
Sun 11th Lent 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Mattins Mrs A Nicholson	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Gen 15:1-18 NT: Phil 3:17-4:1 G: Lu 13:31-35
Sun 18th Lent 3	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion (with baptism) Rev P Filmer	OT: Is 55:1-9 NT: 1 Cor 10:1-13 G: Lu 13:1-9
Sun 25th Lent 4 (Mothering) (Sunday)	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev R Diss	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke 3.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion (with baptism) Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service	OT: 1 Sam 1:20-28 NT: 2 Cor 1:3-7 G: Jn 19:25-27
Sun 1st April Lent 5		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 43:16-21 NT: Phil 3:4b-14 G: Jn 12:1-8



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WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

If you are a member of a club - you would say you belong to the club, and meet at the clubhouse. In other words the club and clubhouse are different things, one being a group of people, the other a building.

Well, the same thing applies to the church. Unfortunately, it gets confusing because the church meets in the church! When we refer to 'The Church' we are normally referring to the group of people, not the building. You could say that the church is the congregation, but this label suggests that we need a church building for the church to exist. Perhaps a better way of describing the church is as a community, or even an extended family.

The early Christians referred to each other as 'brothers and sisters', emphasising the close relationship between fellow believers. But, just like normal families, this spiritual family has its internal tensions, with arguments and sulks, even family members leaving home vowing never to return. In the church, this has led to a large number of denominations, the best known being Roman Catholic, Anglican (C of E), Baptist and Methodist. Each denomination is like a brother or sister that has fallen out with their siblings, but still identifies themselves as part of the Family.

All major denominations have different views on the interpretation and application of the Christian Faith, but recognise that, behind the differences, we all believe in the same God, in the need for his intervention in our lives and the benefits of his Son's death on the cross for our sake. - But more about that next month. Until then, may God bless you and those you love.

PAUL

Diary for March 2001

- 1st Health & Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.00pm
- 2nd Womens World Day of Prayer, Methodish Chapel, 11.00am
- 5th Banner Making, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 6th Coffee & Bring & Buy, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 10.30am
Lent Course, Bridge Vicarage 12.00 - 1.30pm
Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
- 7th Lower Hardres & Nackington PCC, JBW Hall, 7.30pm
- 8th Bridge & Patricxbourne School Governors Meeting 4.00pm
Bridge Parish Council Meeting, Hunter Room, 7.30pm
Lent Course, Bridge School, 8.00-9.30pm
- 9th Friends of Bekesbourne Wine & Wisdom, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.15pm
- 12th Benefice Caring & Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
Bekesbourne with Patricxbourne Parish Council 7.30pm
- 13th Lent Course, Bridge Vicarage, 12.00-1.30pm
Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
- 14th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10.00-11.15am
Ears & Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 8pm
- 15th Lent Course, Bridge School, 8.00-9.30pm
- 20th Lent Course, Bridge Vicarage 12.00-1.30pm
Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 22nd Bridge Village Hall Man. Committee AGM, Hunter Room, Bridge 7.30pm
Lent Course, Bridge School 8.00-9.30pm
- 24th Kent Air Ambulance Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall 10am-12.30pm
- 25th Nailbourne Horticultural Society Outing to Leeds Castle
- 26th Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC at Methodist Church 7.30pm
Benefice Caring & Sharing, Essentially Hops, Bekesbourne 7.30pm
- 27th Bridge Village Playgroup, Easter Bonnet Competition, Village Hall
11.00am
Lent Course, Bridge Vicarage 12.00-1.30pm
Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
- 29th Lent Course, Bridge School 8.00-9.30pm
- 30th Lower Hardres & Nackington APCM, JBW Hall, 7.30pm
- 4th April Canzonet Concert, St. Peter's, Bridge 8.00pm
- 7th April Book Fayre, Bridge Village Hall, 10.00am - 4.00pm
- 26th April Friends of Bekesbourne 'Fashion and Fizz' 6.45pm
- 28th April Demelza House Childrens Hospice Wine & Wisdom, Bridge Village
Hall, 7.00pm

From The Parish Register

Funeral

16/02/01 Barham William A Cryer

Lent 2001

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 28th February and for the next 5 weeks we will run our own *Benefice Lent Course* based on the parable of the Prodigal Son, and reflecting on our own spiritual relationship with God and each other.

Each session will run twice a week;

Tuesday lunchtimes, at the Vicarage, from 12.00 till 1.30, starting on 6th March.

Thursday evenings at Bridge School, from 8.00 till 9.30, starting on 8th March.

Come to one or all, and mix lunchtimes and evenings. Coffee & tea will be provided, but bring your own lunch to the midday session.

Lower Hardres Junior Choir

All children are welcome to two choir practices in March, **Sat 17th. 10.15-11.00am** and **Sat. 24th. 10.15-11.00am** to practice songs for the two Family Services in March. Both practices will be held in the church with Margaret Clarke and Alison Martin.

Bridge Methodist Church Preachers for March 2001

4th Mrs. Mary Weatherup, B.A.
11th Rev. David Marshall. (Holy Communion).
18th Rev. Barbara Heather.
25th Mrs Marjorie Beckwith.
Friday 2nd March at 11.00am Womens World Day of Prayer.

Health and Healing

The March meeting will be on Thursday 1st. at 7.00pm at 7 Windmill Close, Bridge.

Please feel free to phone or call around with any requests to be included, if you are unable to attend on the day.

If you are able to come along on the evening you would be most welcome.

Kath Pierce (830844)

Fish News

"It really is great fun", says Mrs Margaret Crawley about the new gentle exercise class for the over 60's in Bridge Methodist Church. So why not come and join in? It happens each Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am and is only £2.50.

The next Chiropody Clinic runs from March 5th to 7th. Please telephone Mrs Joan Warren (830233) if you would like more details.

The next Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday 14th March from 10.00am to 11.15am.

Bridge and Patricxbourne W.I.

On Thursday 20th March Mrs Lepiniere will be speaking about her '40 years of Nursing'.

The competition is a four line rhyme.

Joyce Hopkins

Coffee Morning

Saxon Lodge Residential Home, Western Avenue, Bridge are holding a 'COFFEE / BRING AND BUY MORNING' on Tuesday 6th March from 10.30am.

All are welcome.

Mrs Richards

Benifice Caring and Sharing Group

The meetings planned for March 2001 are:-

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| Monday 5th March | 7.30pm 16 Riverside Close
Banner Making. |
| Monday 12th March | 7.30pm at Bridge Vicarage.
Can a mother of a Pre-School Child have a career? |
| Monday 26th March | 7.30pm Meeting at Essentially Hops,
Bekesbourne Road
Visit to 'Essentially Hops'
(If you need a lift, please contact Judy
Filmer 830250). |

Royal College of Radiologists Research Appeal

For many years Margaret Jones has opened her house to host her now famous coffee morning to raise money for this appeal. Once again she has recently generously donated a magnificent sum of £700 collected over the past year. The College is most grateful to Margaret and all those in the village who support her efforts in raising this money.

This research Appeal gives money to 'pump prime' research projects, many of which are related to the diagnosis and treatment of Cancer. It is the efforts of public spirited people like Margaret and all her supporters who make appeals like this so worthwhile.

Many thanks to you all.

Stuart Field, Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists.

Bridge Village Hall Management Committee

The AGM of the Bridge Village Hall Management Committee will take place on Thursday 22nd March 2001, at 7.30 pm in the Hunter Room.

All residents of Bridge, over the age of 18 years, are welcome to attend. All organisations using the Hall are requested to send a delegate to the Meeting.

Further details can be obtained from the Secretary,
John Corfield, telephone 01227 830976

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Many thanks to all who worked hard to make our JUMBLE SALE a great success and to those who came and supported us and raised £270 for our funds.

We are also grateful to Daphne and Shirley, the daughters of the late Mrs Dorothy Hogben, who have sent us donations in her memory amounting to £125.

WINE AND WISDOM EVENING

on Friday 9th March at 7.15pm in Bekesbourne Village Hall.

Hurry and book your tables with Jennifer Skinner on 768925 - Tickets still only £2.50, BYO food, drink, plates and glasses and have a great fun evening.

Advance Notice:

An evening of "Fashion and Fizz" will be held at the **Viyella Shop** on Thursday 26th April 2001 at 6.45pm. See their latest Spring Collection. Numbers limited so admission by ticket only, available at £5 from Jenny on 68925 or Jane 832133. Watch this space for more details next month.

Bekesbourne Church Flowers and Cleaning Rota

4th March	Romany Cowans	
11th March	LENT clear flowers	Jenny Skinner
18th March	LENT no flowers	Janet Street
25th March	Mothering Sunday posies please at the Sunday service	
1st April	LENT no flowers (CLEANERS NEEDED).	

Bekesbourne 100 Club

The first draw for the Bekesbourne 100 Club took place at the end of January. The winners were WJ McCarthy, £50; B Timlett, £25; Lyn Ponder, £15. The club needs only a few more members to reach its target of 100; if you would like to join, please phone Steve Thomas on 832573. Membership costs £24 for the year and all profits from the club go towards the upkeep of St Peter's Bekesbourne.

Jane Millyard

Thank You

A very big 'thank you' to everyone in both churches in the village who remembered our little baby - Charles Michael John Haynes in their prayers recently.

I'm delighted to report that he's now out of hospital and back home with mum, dad and big sister Amy and making good progress.

Brenda Rubin

India Earthquake Appeal

A very big 'thank you' to all who organised, helped and took part in the 'Wine and Wisdom' on the 17th February.

A magnificent total of £765 has been paid into the appeal fund. This includes a number of generous donations.

Pat Dunderdale

Bridge Village Playgroup

Tuesday 27th March

Easter Bonnet competition Bridge Village Hall (rear doors) all welcome - refreshments served.

This term the children will be doing a sponsored bounce! This is to raise funds for the equipment + day-to-day running of Bridge Village Playgroup (Charity no 1029286). Any sponsorship will be greatly appreciated.

Joanne Watt tel:832343

D & E Travel

Douglas & Ethel Cartwright have sent details of forthcoming daytrips from Bridge.

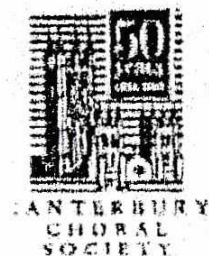
25th March Leeds Castle, Maidstone

10th April Battle of Britain, Capel-le-Ferne.

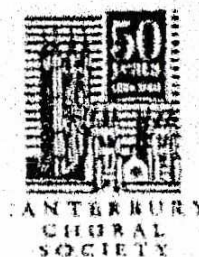
Samphire Hoe and Crabble Mill, River

24th April Body Shop Factory, Littlehampton.

A full programme has been produced for 2001. For details or to request a copy please contact Doug or Ethel on 831095.



CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY
VERDI: Stabat Mater and Te Deum
ROSSINI: Stabat Mater
Saturday 31st March 2001 7.30 pm
Canterbury Cathedral



When planning the Choral Society's 50th Season Richard Cooke chose an Italian evening with choral music from two of Italy's most famous composers.

This year is the centenary of Verdi's death and *Stabat Mater* and *Te Deum* were his last compositions prior to his death in 1901. They are part of *Quattro Pezzi Sacri*. The *Stabat Mater* is a one movement piece with soaring melodic lines reflecting the words of the poem, probably written by a Franciscan Monk in the 13th century, The *Te Deum* is scored for double choir and is rich in texture.

Verdi is to Opera what Shakespeare is to Drama. As with many famous composers, his early works were rejected and it was not until 1839 in Milan that his *Oberto* was accepted at La Scala and further operas commissioned. He wrote *Nabucco* in 1842 and this carried his reputation across Italy, Europe and the New World. Three of his most well known operas *Rigoletto*, *Il trovatore* and *La traviata* are sung in all the major opera houses of the world. With the dark drama of the first, the heroics of the second and the grace and pathos of the third, Verdi shows his extraordinarily wide expressive range.

Rossini occupied an unrivalled position in the Italian Musical world, winning considerable success relatively early in his career. As with Verdi his operas which include *The Italian Girl in Algiers*, *The Thieving Magpie* and *William Tell* are also popular in the major opera houses. More significantly the overtures to these, especially *William Tell* are a recurrent element in the repertoire of the concert hall. Rossini wrote *William Tell* at the age of 37 but then very little of importance until *Stabat Mater*. This is in great contrast to Verdi's setting and consists of ten movements. At the time Rossini's theatrical language led it to being regarded as too worldly, too sensuous and too playful for a religious subject. This may have been true at the time but in this oratorio can be found some of Rossini's most effective writing.

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Bridge & Patricxbourne C.E.P. School News

February heralded the long awaited start to the building work, replacing the many mobile classrooms to something a little warmer and more permanent. We are going to be in for a very exciting time, but also a very difficult one for everybody until the project is completed in October. Until then we shall all have to adjust to the upheaval and inconvenience and ask all who visit the school to be most careful. We will keep you up-to-date with the building work as it progresses.

On 1st February Years 5 and 6 listened to a talk from the Ordnance Survey Team. This was of great interest to the children with the highlight of the afternoon being a full size hot air balloon being inflated on the playground. Needless to say this held great interest for the whole school who watched this fascinating experience at close range.

Our congratulations must go to Mr Birrell, our Year 2/3 teacher, who has recently been awarded the Sports Teacher of the Year Award by the Sports Advisory Council for his achievements in sports activities with the pupils. I think we all agree that this is quite an accolade for both Mr Birrell and the school. Congratulations must also go to Mrs Murrell who will be taking up the position of Headteacher at Barham School from Easter. She has been with the school for 8 years and will be greatly missed.

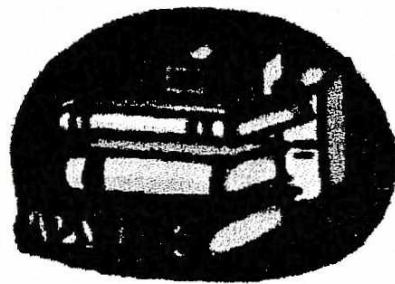
The last day before half-term was a non-uniform day for all the pupils. This gives the children the chance to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a donation to charity, and in light of the recent earthquake in India it was decided that the money raised, £360, should be given to the India appeal.

Lastly an 'Artist in Residence' came into the school to work with the upper juniors, it was a great experience and a wonderful time was had by all.

The school would like to send its sympathies to anybody who has been affected by the recent flooding and hope that in the next few weeks we see a little less rain and a little more sun.

Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC

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NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Tele-cottage: The survey to establish interest in the village is to be carried out during February with a questionnaire to be delivered to all households in Bridge. The Chairman thanked Cllr Connor for all the work he had done on this matter.

Recreation Ground Footpath: It was agreed that work to level this footpath should be undertaken and the contractor is to be instructed to start the work as soon as possible.

Streets and footways: Kent Highways are to be contacted to rectify two road signs which are not in their correct position and also asked to move a High Street sign which has been positioned so that it is in Station Road. The request for the footpath at Renville to be extended has been acknowledged by Kent Highways and they are investigating the matter with a view to adding any proposal to the village traffic plan programme. The drain opposite the bottle bank in Town Hill is blocked and the matter will be drawn to the attention of the Patricbourne and Bekesbourne Parish Council.

Planning Applications:

Applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are in the process of being commented upon by the planning sub-committee:

- i) CA/01/0078/BRI - glazed roof to courtyard and re-positioning of fire escape staircase at The Plough & Harrow, Bridge.
- ii) CAL01/0012/BRI - Internal & external alterations at The Plough & Harrow, Bridge.
- iii) Amended plans/additional information for CA/00/1330/BRI - 19 Riverside Close have also been received.

Planning applications granted: The following planning applications have been notified as granted:

- i) CAL00/0148/BRI - Provision of front step at 41 High Street, Bridge.
- ii) CA/00/1302/BRI - Erection of garden shed/summer house at Bridge Lodge, Bourne Park, Bridge.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Topic Review - Recent Flooding in the County: A Core Group of Members from the Policy and Resources and Strategic Planning Scrutiny Committee are undertaking a public interest inquiry into the recent and ongoing flooding in the county and as part of their review they are visiting those parts of Kent which have been most severely affected by the flooding to tour or walk as appropriate the main problem areas. They will be making a half hour visit to Bridge on Wednesday 28 February and Cllr Anderson has agreed to meet the Group and participate in this process.

Proposed zebra crossing - High Street: Kent Highways are setting out three kerb extensions in the High Street during the week beginning 12 February which are to be monitored before being made permanent.

Note

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th March 2001 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Paul Filmer , The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge
(830250)

Lay Reader: Mrs Margaret Clarke. (Tel 765598)

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(830205)

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Churchwardens Mrs J Millyard, School House, School Lane, Bekesbourne
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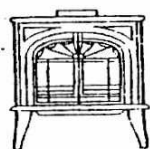
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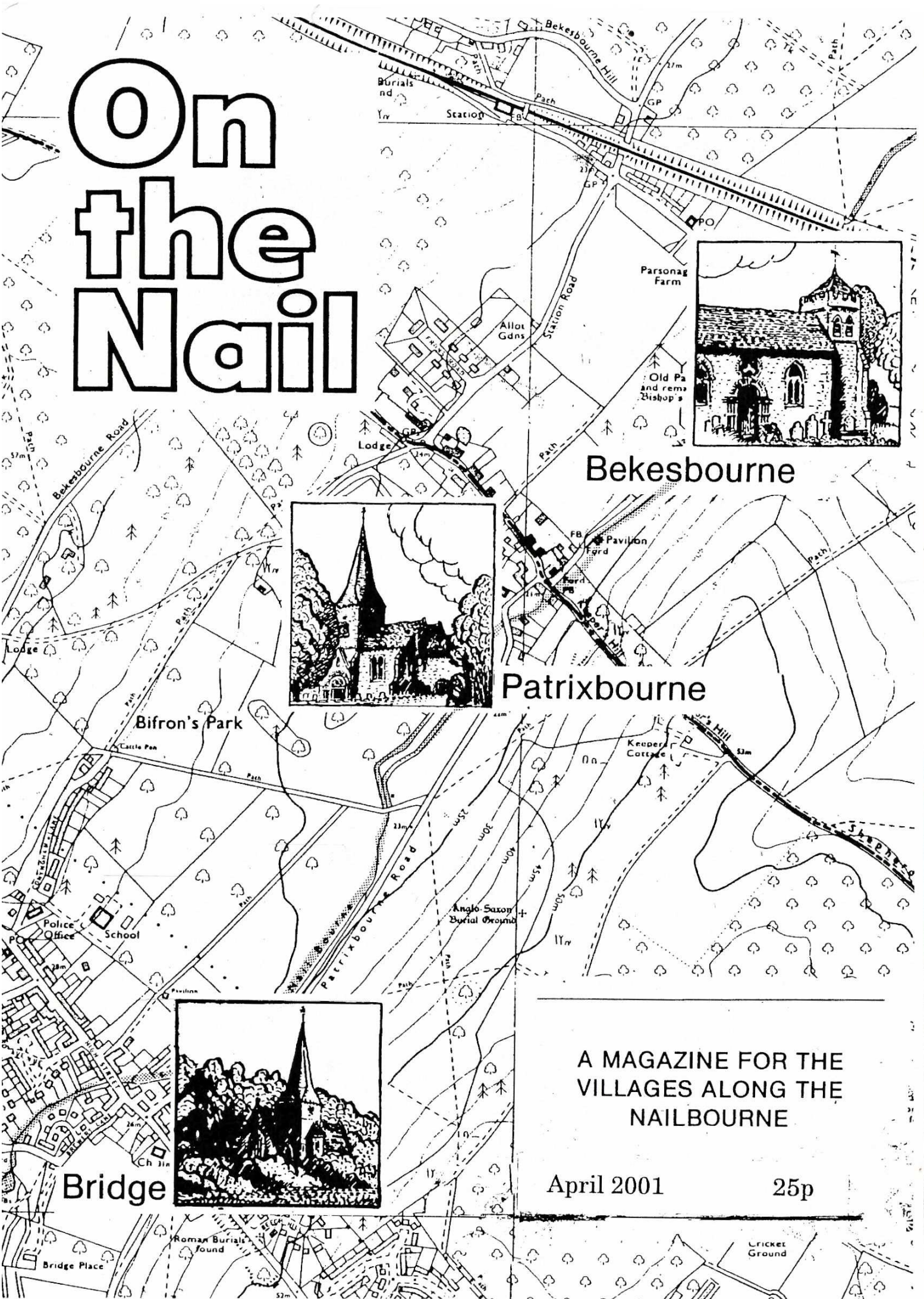
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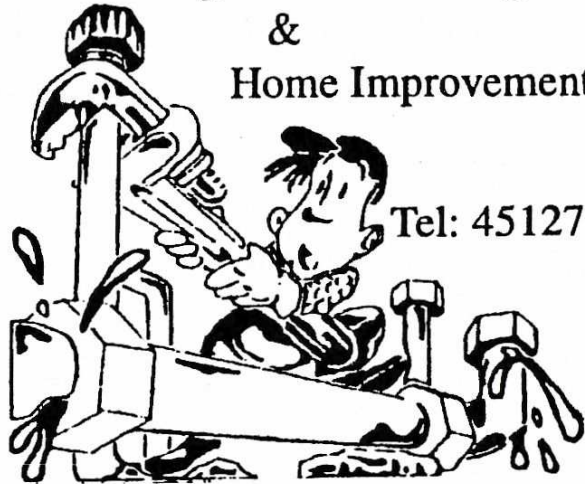
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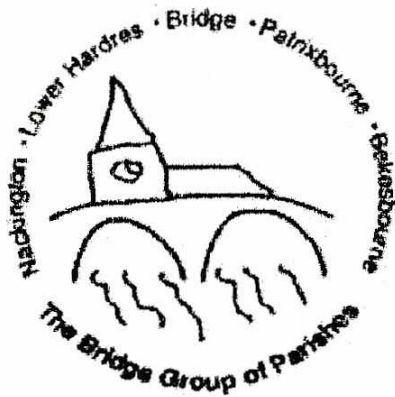
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Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 1st Lent 5		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorroek	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 43:16-21 NT: Phil 3:4b-14 G: Jn 12:1-8
Sun 8th Palm Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mattins Mrs A Nicholson	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorroek	OT: Is 50:4-9a NT: Phil 2: 5-11 G: Lu 19: 28-40
Mon in Holy Week	8.00 am Morning Prayer Rev P Filmer					OT: Is 42: 1-9 NT: Heb 9: 11-15 G: Jn 12: 1-11
Tues in Holy Week			12.30 pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer			OT: Is 49: 1-7 NT: 1 Cor 1:18-23 G: Jn 12: 20-36
Wed in Holy Week				6.00 pm Evening Prayer Rev J Shorroek		OT: Is 50: 4-9a NT: Heb 12: 1-3 G: Jn 13: 21-32
Maundy Thurs			19.30 'Tenebrae' Bridge School			OT: Ex 12: 1-4 NT: 1 Cor 11:23-26 G: Jn 13:1-17,31b-35
Good Friday		10.00 Childrens workshop (at JBW Hall) Mrs M Clarke	12.00am Walk of Witness from Bekesbourne to Bridge, via Patricxbourne, with acts of worship at each church	11.00 am	10.00 am	OT: Is 52:13+53:12 NT: Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9 G: Jn 18:1-19:42

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patnixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Easter Eve		7.30 pm Service of Light Rev J Shorroek				OT: Job 14:1-14 NT: 1 Pe 4:1-8 G: Jn 19:38-42
Sun 15th Easter Day	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service with Communion Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev G Manley	6.00 pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorroek	OT: Is 65:17-25 NT: Acts 10:34-43 G: Jn 20:1-18
Sun 22nd Easter 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Ex 14:10-end NT: Acts 5:27-32 G: Jn 20:19-31
Sun 29th Easter 3	10.00 am Benefice HC Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorroek				OT: Zeph 3:14-20 NT: Acts 9:1-6 G: Jn 21: 1-19
Sun 6th May Easter 4		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev tha	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorroek	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 9:8-13 NT: Acts 9:36-43 G: Jn 10: 22-30



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Did Jesus have To Die?

This month, the church (approx 2 billion people worldwide) will celebrate the anniversary of a brutal execution and life giving miracle, all in the space of three days. Jesus, who entered Jerusalem at the head of a procession proclaiming him to be the long awaited Messiah, was betrayed by the same people less than a week later. His own countrymen handed him over to the occupying Romans to be crucified as a troublemaker.

But did Jesus know what would happen when, instead of leading a revolt that would drive the Romans from Jerusalem, he drove the crowds from the temple and set himself up against the Jewish Priests and Pharisees? Did his promising 3 years of teaching have to end on a cross outside the walls of Jerusalem?

The straight answer is YES! If only the people had read what ancient prophecies had said, not what they wanted to read, they would have seen that the Messiah would function as a sacrifice. if only the disciples had listened to Jesus when he taught them, they would have realised that he always worked towards the goal of death in Jerusalem.

And if only we would read the gospels and letters of the early church, we would understand that the death of Jesus paid the price to clear our massive overdraft, built up by mankind ever since our original decision to become spiritually independent from God.

On the cross, Jesus said 'it is finished'. he meant that his task, the rescue of mankind from the debts of sin, was complete - mission accomplished! That's why we call it Good Friday. But freedom from the guilt of sins is not the end of the story. On the third day (Easter Sunday), Jesus fulfilled another prophecy by rising from the dead. Next month we will explore the resurrection and its implications for our future, here on earth and eternally.

Until then, may God bless you and those you love.

PAUL

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

18.3.01 Bekesbourne Chloe Mai Retallick
25.3.01 Patricxbourne Joshua William Cotter

Marriage Blessing

31.3.01 Bridge Liliane Fasquel & Brian Hutton

Funeral

13.3.01 Nackington/Barham Florence A May

Children - Stop Press!!

On Good Friday, April 13th, in the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres, there will be a Children's Easter Arts and Crafts Workshop, from 9.30 to 11.30 approx. Then we will take the things we make to Bridge Church where we will join all those from the walk of witness for a short Benefice Service. Do come.

Margaret Clarke (munchkin)

TENEBRAE - Maundy Thursday (12th April) 7.30pm at Bridge School

Tenebrae is an informal service in remembrance of the Betrayal, Arrest and Crucifixion of Christ.

A simple meal of soup, bread, cheese and fruit is followed by communion within a Hebrew setting. A series of Gospel passages are read as candles are extinguished one-by-one. Finally we leave in darkness and silence reflecting on God's love shown to us by the death of his Son.

(Note - there is no need to bring any food but maybe bring a torch for leaving School).

Bridge Methodist Church Preachers for April 2001

April 1st Rev. Howard Skinner
April 8th Rev. David Marshall
April 15th Rev. George Baugh (Holy Communion)
April 22nd Rev. Maurice Weatherup
April 29th Mr Michael Baybutt, B.Sc. DMS. C.Eng.

Diary for April 2001

- 2nd Bekesbourne with Patnixbourne PC Village Meeting,
Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.30pm
- 3rd Lent Course, Bridge Vicarage 12.00-1.30pm
Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Spring Show,
Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 4th Bekesbourne APCM, Parsonage Farm, 7.30pm
Canzonet Concert, St. Peter's Bridge, 8.00pm
- 5th Health & Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.00pm
Lent Course, Bridge School, 8.00-9.30pm
- 7th Book Fayre, Bridge Village Hall, 10am - 4.00pm
- 10th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
British Legion Branch Meeting, Plough & Harrow,
Bridge 8.00pm
- 11th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall,
10.00 - 11.15am
Ears & Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge, 8.00pm
- 12th Bridge Parish Council Meeting, Hunter Room, 7.30pm
- 17th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18th Patnixbourne with Bridge APCM, Bridge School 7.30pm,
- 19th Anakay Koshka Concert, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23rd Benefice Caring & Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
- 24th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
- 26th Friends of Bekesbourne 'Fashion & Fizz' 6.45pm
Confirmation Group, Bridge School, 8.00pm
- 28th Demelza House Children's Hospice Wine & Wisdom
Bridge Village Hall, 7.00pm



Easter Lilies

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Lilies to decorate St. Mary's Church Patricx-bourne at Easter, please forward your donation to Andrea Nicholson, Churchwarden, Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne (tel 830947). We will be decorating the Church in the morning on Easter Saturday. If you would like to help, please come along from 9am onwards. We also need new people to join our rota of flower arrangers. If you feel that you would like to help with ensuring that according to Season we always have fresh flowers in the Church, and could perhaps take a part in the rota, then please contact Andrea. You don't need to be an expert flower arranger to help at any time!

Anyone wishing to buy an Easter Lily, please contact Viv Brasier - 830981. The cost this year will be about £2.00 each.

Decorating St. Peter's, Bridge will start at 10.00am on Saturday 14th April. All help greatly appreciated, especially any newcomers who think they may like to do the "odd arrangement" during the year.

Sadly our numbers are falling on the rota, and a few extra people are desperately needed - so please do pop in, have a chat, and see if you can help.

Many thanks Viv Brasier

Royal College of Radiologists Appeal

Once again I acknowledge receipt of a generous donation sent to me anonymously for the fund.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

M.E.J.

Fish News

It is time again to put some dates in your diaries. The Cornelia Slavin Blossom Tour will be on Wednesday 2nd May and the Annual Fund Raising Coffee Morning in Bridge Village Hall will be on Saturday, May 19th. Do please come and bring and buy plants and cakes.

The April Coffee Pop In in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday April 11th from 10.00am to 11.15am.

Health and Healing

The April meeting will be on Thursday 5th at 7.00pm at 7 Windmill close, Bridge.

We get several feed-backs which is rewarding. So many groups were praying for little Charles whose life was hanging on by a thread - the power of prayer is wonderful! Charles is such a lively, bubbly little boy now and we thank God for his wonderful recovery.

Do feel free to phone or call around with any requests to be included on our prayer list. Names do not have to be revealed and situations can be prayed for. God knows the requests without us having to say names but he needs our petitions. Please feel free to join us - we are just a few of the congregation who feel the need to pray corporately for those who are ill, depressed or bereaved and need support.

Kath Pierce 830844

George Maben-Mead Update

Jill Maben-Mead has sent another E Mail on George's progress, for who so many friends raised money for his life-saving trip to Melbourne last October and prayed continually for the family through their crisis.

The latest news is too long to re-produce in full but the following extracts pinpoint George's great improvement:

"He is doing great! He still has no seizures at all ... he spent 3 days in Great Ormond Street Hospital at the end of January ... He no longer has the Diabetes Insipidue (DI) ... and his sodium was normal, hurrah! This is such great news, and means that the only real side effect from the surgery is now gone! ... In himself George is great and showing ever improving concentration and showing much more interest in things ... It is so great to be free of the seizures and to feel cut loose from the threat of them worsening ... we cannot thank or praise the Melbourne team enough for their pioneering work, and specifically their wonderful care of George".

With love Jill, Rob, George and Lola,

Kath Pierce

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

WINE & WISDOM EVENING A really splendid time was had by all who took part in this Evening. We had a full house to face the varied and challenging questions so ably presented by Brian and Jenny. A tremendous amount of hard work goes into researching and preparing a wide range of questions, which have to challenge but not demoralise the eager participants, and all there would agree that this was their best ever - thank you both very much! All their hard work was well regarded by raising £348 for our funds, and we do thank all those who came to support us.

FASHIONS & FIZZ We now invite you to something different!

VIYELLA have generously agreed to present their latest Spring Collection in aid of our church and you have the opportunity to partake of some Fizz and see the Fashions on Thursday 26th April at 6.45pm in the Viyella shop. Numbers are limited and admission is by ticket only, available at £5 from Jenny on 768925, or Jane on 832133, so hurry and book your ticket soon for another interesting and enjoyable evening.

Bekesbourne 100 Club

The winners in the February draw of the Bekesbourne 100 Club were Brian Skinner - £50, Sarah Wetherell - £25, C. Earle - £15. The club has now reached 100 members but is happy to include anyone else who would like to join. The subscription would be pro rata on the £24 annual sub and you would not this year be eligible for the draw for the bonus prizes. All profits from the club go to the Friends of Bekesbourne Church. Please ring Steve Thomas 832573 if you would like details.

Jane Millyard

Bekesbourne Church Flower and Cleaning rota 2001

8th April	Lent no flowers CLEANERS NEEDED
15th April	Easter Day all help welcomed 10.30am on 14th
22nd April	No Service sort/clear Easter flowers
29th April	Benefice Service Christine Ash
6th May	Jane Mason/Jane Millyard

The Children's Society Fund Raising in Bridge

The collection of contents from the Children's Society Home/Shop boxes was completed recently, for the period covering April 2000 to March 2001.

Very many thanks are due to the 31 box holders in Bridge, who by saving their small (and sometimes large!) change over the period enabled the excellent total of £435.62 to be paid into the Children's Society Head Office Bank Account for funding its work with homeless and needy children and teenagers.

Should anyone be interested in joining in this way of helping the Society, Kathy Eynon, tel 830466, 19 Bridge Down, would be happy to supply a box and/or information.

K Eynon Bridge Hon. Local Sec.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2001 13 -19 MAY

The time is approaching for our house to house collections in Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne and I hope I can call upon your support, as before, in raising funds for the many different activities undertaken by the Charity.

Whilst the discussions and to some extent, agreements are in place for cancelling substantial amounts of debt in the Third World, the need still exists to support projects in under developed countries and to respond to natural disasters, such as the massive earthquake in India and, yet again, floods in Mozambique.

I shall be contacting those who were kind enough to deliver and collect envelopes last year, hoping that you can do the same again. Fresh helpers are always welcome of course, and lightens the load for those already involved. Therefore, if you have a little free time available to help, please let me know on 832447.

Thank you in anticipation of your continuing support.

Christine Hoare

Womens Institute

New members or visitors will be made very welcome to hear Mr R. Capian's talk on "Life as a Prisoner in Japanese Jungle Camps". This is on Tuesday 17th April at 7.30p.m. in Bridge Village Hall. The competition is a Spring Flower Arrangement in an egg cup, the winner to go on to the group meeting.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Society's Spring Show will be held this year on Tuesday 3rd April in its traditional location of the Village Hall in Bridge. The Hall will be open from approximately 6pm to allow for entries to be staged and judging will take place at 7-30pm. Refreshments will be available whilst the judging is taking place and the Society will be delighted to welcome members and interested parishioners along on the evening to enjoy what is always a colourful display of spring flowers.

To exhibit in the Show, you must be a paid up member of the Society, but it is possible to join or renew your membership at the Show. If you would like a Show Schedule, please contact the Show Secretary,

Coffee Morning

Saxon Lodge Residential Home, Western Avenue, Bridge are holding a 'Coffee / Bring and Buy' morning on Tuesday 3rd April from 10.30am. All are welcome

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

15 members were present at the March meeting held at the Duke William, Ickham, when Doug Fenn was in the Chair. The Chairman gave the Exhortation and the Silence was observed.

We would like to send our good wishes to Mrs Love, following a car accident. We hope she will soon be fully recovered. We also send our thoughts and good wishes to Robbie Ranscombe.

And last but not least to Basil Stirton who, despite the fact that he has deserted us and gone to live in Spain does - I believe - still sees our local press reports and we wish him all the best with some health problems that he is experiencing. We still miss you Basil!

The Branch took part in a Quiz recently at Canterbury Branch and although we did not win, we did not disgrace ourselves and it was a very enjoyable evening.

We are planning our annual visit to Etaples War Cemetery again on Sunday, 24th June. Anyone interested please contact the Branch Treasurer on 01304 812292.

Plans are underway for our 80th Anniversary celebrations beginning on 31st August as part of the Littlebourne Festival, with the rededication of the Memorial Plaque at the Littlebourne Hall. Full details of activities will be announced later on and we hope that as many of our members as possible will join us.

As mentioned last month, the Branch Dinner is to be on Friday, 21st September at Ickham Village Hall - which is the date of our actual Anniversary. Further details of this will be given later on.

The next two Branch monthly meetings will be :-

Tuesday, 10th April 2001 at the Plough & Harrow, Bridge at 8pm

Tuesday, 8th May 2001 at the Anchor, Littlebourne, at 8pm.

Bridge School News

Building work on the new teaching block has now been going for 3 weeks and good progress is being made. Children in the lower juniors are making good use of the experience by keeping a working log of the building process. This can be seen in the entrance, together with photographs of each stage of the work. A new temporary hard playground has been laid so that outdoor activities can continue. During half term the children were asked to design a poster to advertise the importance of safety near and around a building site. This was Judged by site manager Mr R. Hills and prizes were awarded to Anna Nicholls-Pike and Jake Jones in Key Stage 1. Harriet Bates and William Walsh in lower Key Stage 2 and Meg Shirley and Sophie Pritchard in upper Key Stage 2. It has been decided that it would be a nice idea to bury a time capsule containing a variety of items representing the school in the twenty first century for future generations to discover under the new building.

A group of children from year two were invited to Methven's bookshop to mark World Book Day. They were asked to colour in a pair of ' the Queens Knickers ' as written about in a book by the author Nick Allen. The winner Kathrine Beeching won a signed copy of a book by the same author.

Children from the Junior art club visited the Cathedral to gain ideas for their entries into a national competition to be judged by representatives of the Tate Modern.

Recently, years 5 and 6 spent an enjoyable time listening to a variety of guitar music performed by a group from Christ Church College.

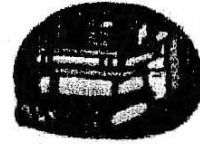
Both children and staff marked Red Nose Day with a non-uniform day for which they contributed to the appeal and came to school in red clothes. There was also a cake sale and games to play, organised by the children themselves.

Matthew Townsend and Luke Samarasinghe, who both play for the Canterbury Hockey Clubs under 11s A team won silver medals after the final went to a penalty shoot out. Our congratulations go to them both.

Rehearsals are now in full swing for ' The Rocky Monster Show ', a musical comedy to be performed in the first week of April by upper juniors. Further details are available from the school. Here's to a good time.

On Friday June 22nd the School will be holding a Summer Bazaar, on a much smaller scale than the School/Church Fete because of the building work, if you would like a stall please contact Ros Beeching on 831027.

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NOTES FROM THE MARCH MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Tele-cottage: Cllr Connor reported that the response to the survey to establish interest in the village carried out during February was disappointing. The number of responses received totalled 45 of which 10 were not interested and 35 (representing 55 people) expressed some interest. Cllr Corfield had received 10 e-mail responses, some offering help. As the response represented less than 4% of electors it was agreed not to proceed with a communication, learning and information centre. Other possible means of providing learning support for those parishioners interested could be provided via a course using laptops or with volunteers using available equipment within the village and it was reported that a computer room is planned for the school and this could possibly provide a venue. It was agreed to review these options at a later date. Cllr Connor thanked Cllr Vye and Julian Brazier for investigating the opportunities for raising money for the project and the chairman thanked Cllr Connor for all the hard work he had done.

Replacement of Post Office Bench: The parish council has agreed on the design of the replacement bench and an order has been placed.

Red Lion Public House: It was reported by the chairman that the Red Lion has suffered sewage problems and loss of business and is currently unable to trade. It was also reported that Southern Water are currently pumping raw sewage into the Nailbourne. The parish council will be writing to Southern Water and Offwat expressing concern over the loss of the amenity to the community and the pumping of sewage into the Nailbourne.

Recreation Ground: Treatment of mole infestation has been carried out and the Springer Units in the playground are to be repaired free of charge by the supplier.

Streets and footways: Several matters have been reported to the City Council including an SEGB sunken metal cover in Union Road, broken grill near the bridge, repeated litter gathering around the paper and bottle banks in Town Hill, blocked drains in Patrixbourne Road and Union Road and a burnt out car in Brewery Lane.

Memorial Bench: The memorial bench in memory of Mr & Mrs P E Worsley formerly of 11 Ford Close has now been installed on the land adjacent to Ford Close.

Vandalism: The seat east of the bridge has been removed and put in the stream and the Environment Agency removed it on the same day it was reported. The seat is to be repaired and resited.

Planning Applications:

Applications received: The following planning applications have been received and have been commented upon by the planning sub-committee:

CA/01/0119/BRI - first floor side extension to dwelling and single storey extension to rear of garage at 65 Riverside Close, Bridge.

Applications granted: No applications have been notified as granted:

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Priest-in-Charge: Reverend Paul Filmer , The Vicarage, 23 High Street, Bridge (830250)

Lay Reader: Mrs Margaret Clarke. (Tel 765598)

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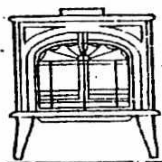
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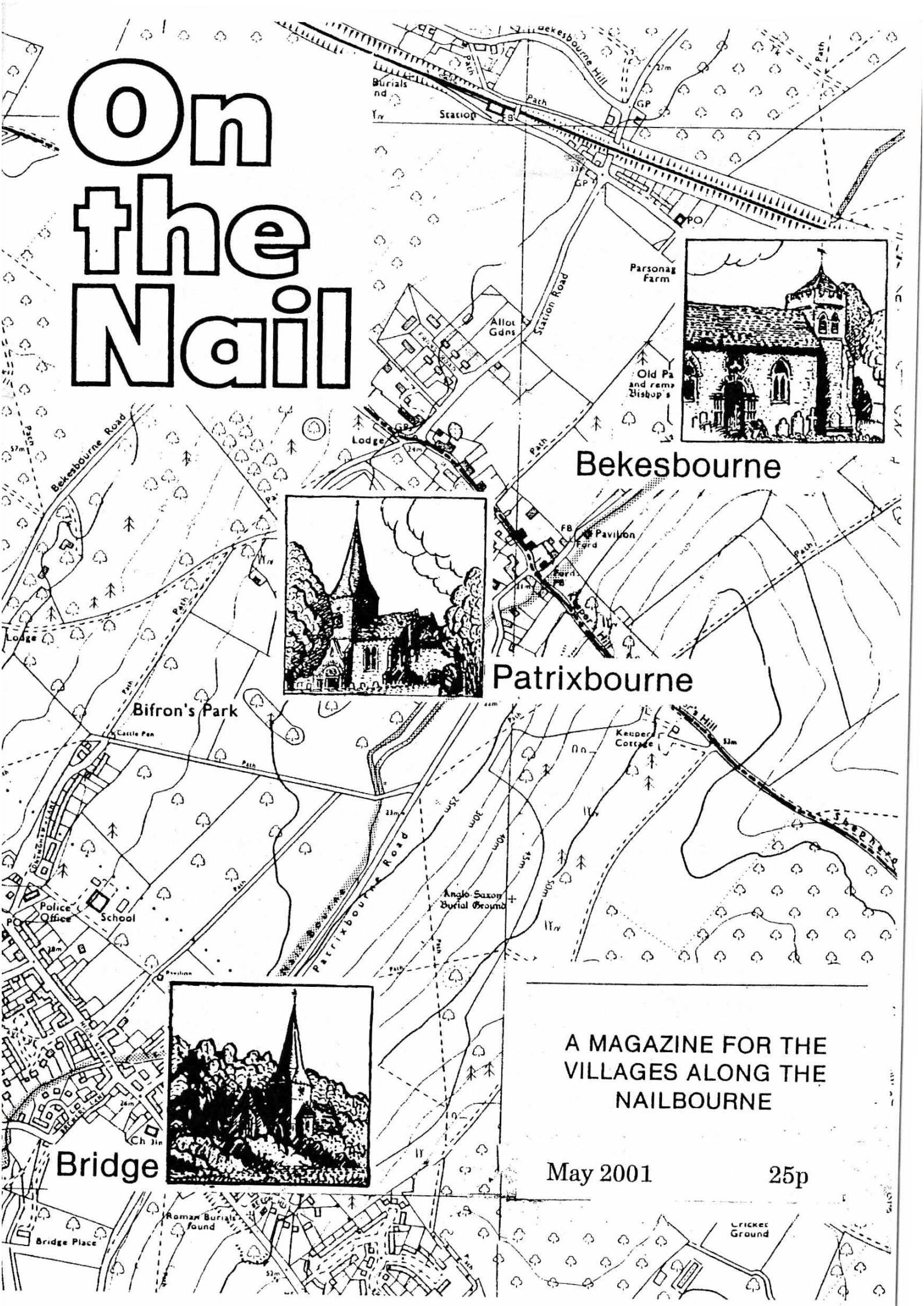
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Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricbourne	Bekesbourne
Sun 6th Easter 4		10.00 am Holy Communion by extension Mrs M Clarke Mr I Taylor	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 Family Service Mrs P
Sun 13th Easter 5	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00 am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Mattins Mr I Taylor Mrs M Clarke	8.00 BCP Comm Rev P
Sun 20th Easter 6	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev G Manley		10.00 Holy Comm Rev P
Sun 27th Easter 7	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	
Sun 3rd June Pentecost		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 Family Service Mrs P

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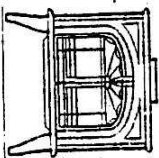
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Walking with Jesus

I wonder if you caught sight of a documentary programme last year called "Walking with Dinosaurs"? It was a cross between Jurassic Park, Time Team and a David Attenborough series. With the use of computer graphics we were taken back millions of years to witness how dinosaurs lived and died in a very convincing way. But presentation isn't everything. After the series, critics and 'experts' were quick to decry the speculation and unfounded confidence that took current theory and proclaimed it as established fact.

I was reminded of this series over Easter whilst watching the BBC documentary "The Son of God". Once again, we were visually transported, this time to 1st Century Palestine, to witness life in the Temple of Jerusalem, fishing villages by Lake Galilee and the tiny village of Bethlehem (now a suburb of Jerusalem). But there the similarity ends.

For centuries, critics accused the gospel writers of creating fiction, because they talked of unknown places. Now, archaeologists have unearthed remains that confirm what was written by people alive at the time. Individual names, places and incidents have been recorded as fact. Our understanding of Jesus; who he was, what he did, how he died, does not come from speculation based on fossilised footprints or theories of ancient asteroids. Instead, we have a reliable, historical document, that allows programmes like 'The Son of God' to be broadcast as documentary rather than science fiction.

I hope that, like me, you found the presentation of 'The Son of God' a helpful visual aid, putting flesh on the bones of the written accounts of Jesus' life. If you missed the programme, I should, by now, have a copy which we can use for a series of study evenings over the summer. Until then, more of the same please BBC!

PAUL

Diary for May 2001

- 1st Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
- 3rd Health & Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.00pm
- 5th Woodpecker's Nursery Spring Fayre,
Bridge School 12.00 - 2.00pm
- 8th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
- 9th Ears & Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 8.00pm
- 12th Children's Choir Practice, JBW Hall,
Lower Hardres 10.15am
- 14th Benefice Caring & Sharing, Bridge Vicarage, 7.30pm
- 15th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 16th Archdeacon's Visitation, Canterbury Cathedral 7.30pm
- 17th Confirmation Group, Bridge School 7.30pm
- 19th Children's Choir Practice, JBW Hall,
Lower Hardres 10.15am
- 22nd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
Bishop Graham's Deanery Visit, Bridge School 7.00pm
- 24th Horticultural Society Nursery Visit, Herne Bay 7.00pm
- 28th Benefice Caring & Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
- 29th Health for All, Talk, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 2nd June Sport for All, Bridge Recreation Ground 10am-12 noon
- 23th Benefice BBQ, Patricxbourne
- 30th Boot Fair, Bridge Recreation Ground
- 14th July Treasure Hunt

From The Parish Registers

Dedication after Marriage

28/04/01 Bekesbourne Marie & Howard Sharp

Funeral

23/03/01 Barham Sydney F Carlisle
27/03/01 Barham (Dick) James R Quested
02/04/01 Nackington/Barham (Pat) Gladys M Flisher
02/04/01 Barham Kenneth Greenaway
19/04/01 Nackington Hugh R Finn

Memorial

18/04/01 Nackington Harold H Hewett

Notice about Foot & Mouth

For the duration of the epidemic, visitors to St Mary's, Lower Hardres and requested to leave their cars at the farm shop and walk down the lane to the church. This applies to individual visits as well as Sunday worship.

We have been asked, by local farmers, to point out that sheep regularly go lame, especially when left in waterlogged fields. Please do not phone the RSPCA or any other authority if you see sheep limping. This only increases the strain felt by all involved unnecessarily, as flocks are inspected by the farmers regularly. Our concern for those affected by Foot & Mouth will be better placed in caring for our friends and neighbours who need physical, moral and spiritual support at this time.

Caring & Sharing

Mon 14/05/01. *Is is OK to put your aging mother in the local residential home?* with the added bonus of input from Betty Richards, owner of Saxon Lodge Residential Home.

Mon 28/05/01 Coffee and a general chat.

A Big Thank You

Thank you, everyone who took part in the Good Friday Workshop at Lower Hardres, both children and adults. We made an Easter garden and prayer tree for each of the 5 benefice churches, and a splendid altar frontal which was used at Lower Hardres on Easter Sunday.

Margaret Clarke

Forthcoming Events

A Boot Fair is planned for Saturday 30th June on Bridge Recreation Ground, starting at 9.00am.

Pitches can be booked in advance £5.00, payable on booking, phone Pat Dunderdale 830668 or Andrea Nicholson 830947 for bookings and information. More details next month.

A Treasure Hunt will take place on Saturday 14th July, starting and finishing in Bridge from 5.00pm. Details in next month's magazine.

Book Fayre - THANK YOU

Thanks to all who took part in any way to make this event a success. A total of £460 was raised.

Pat Dunderdale

Bridge Methodist Church Preachers for May 2001

May 6th	Rev. George Baugh
May 13th	Mr John Whalan
May 20th	Rev. Donald Lugg
May 27th	Mr Alisatir Barwick, B.Sc.

The TRIE Campaign - The Responsibility is Everyone's in the Parish of Patricxbourne with Bridge

It's that time of year again when we all need to 'spring clean' the house, tidy the garden after the winter, start making plans for this summer's holiday, and consider the repercussions of the Chancellor's budget. This year we would also like everyone in the Parish of Patricxbourne with Bridge to consider within their own personal budgets their giving to the Church.

The responsibility for maintaining and running our two Churches is everyone's. If we all take a part in financing this then the burden for this is shared. In the past we ran the TRIO campaign, but the campaign this year is intended to spread membership of the planned giving scheme wider, hence TRIE - the responsibility is everyone's. If more parishioners take a part in caring for our churches and contributing towards the work of the church in our two villages then the financial burden is shared and we can fund our Parish life properly.

We are also asking that everyone already in the scheme review the present level of their giving. The covenant scheme is now being phased out and replaced instead by the Gift Aid scheme. Now would be an opportune time to review your giving and join the Gift Aid scheme.

Shortly you will receive an envelope containing further details of the TRIE campaign. Please consider this carefully. Remember:-

The Responsibility is Everyone's

From the Church Warden

As the retiring Churchwarden I would like to thank all those whose loyal support have helped me during my term of office. In particular my co-Churchwarden Andrea Nicholson, Pat and Laurence Dunderdale jocularly known as the churchwarden's staff as distinct from his wand! All the past holders of the office (alive). Past and present members of the PCC, all those gentlemen of the cloth who unstintingly gave me their help and advice particularly during the interregnum. The organist and director of music in conjunction with the choir who has filled the church with beautiful sound. All those who have served in the chancel adding dignity to the services, the sacristans, the readers, the sidespersons (as we now have to call them). And last but not least all those unsung heroes, the flower arrangers, church, brass and silver cleaners cleaners, clock adjusters, odd job repairers etc. Finally I would like to thank all those who gave me such great support during the two highlights of my office, namely the redecoration of the church, and the interregnum. I still cannot believe that a miserable sinner like I could have the honour of taking evensong. Finally I would like to wish my successors well and assure them of my support in the future.

John Anderson

Easter Lilies

Thank you to all who kindly made donations to the Easter Lilies in Bridge and Patricxbourne Churches.

Viv Brasier

Andrea Nicholson

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

CLEANING ROTA

May 2001

For week ending Saturday

5th May	K Pierce, G Lemar
12th May	P. Hullyer
19th May	Viv Saunders + 1
26th May	K. Eynon + 1

Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting

It was (almost) all change in the officers of the PCC of St Peter's Bekesbourne, following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 4 April. Jonathan Cowans and Jill Gillanders were elected churchwardens and Jane Millyard moves to become secretary of the PCC; David Millyard continues as treasurer. The other PCC members elected were Christine Ash, Jenny Skinner, Vicki McPherson and Hugh Pearson. Pat Kusel continues as the representative on the Deanery Synod. Thanks were recorded to Pam Farbrace, retiring after over 20 years on the PCC.

The meeting approved a proposal that in 2002 current PCC members could stand for re-election for a term of one, two or three years, to ensure a rotation of membership, and that new members would, in future, be elected for three years.

Jane Millyard

Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Although we now believe that there is no Foot and Mouth disease in Kent, we feel it is right that we would cancel our annual Rogationtide Walk on Sunday 20th May, to show our concern for the farming community.

Also, due to the still high levels of the water table locally, we will not be holding a Boot Fair this summer.

Bekesbourne Cleaning Rota

6th May	Jane Mason/Jane Millyard
13th May	Jane Millyard
20th May	Joan Atkins
27th May	Rosie Mount
3rd June	Rosie Mount

The Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Bike Ride will take place this year on **Saturday 8th September**.

Thanks to Mrs Beer we have been able to keep the Church open on every 'Ride' in the past. She is now too busy to continue and we are looking for a new recruit to 'man' the Church. If you can be of service on this date would you please contact the Vicar as soon as possible.

If you are interested in getting a group to cycle then please contact Chris McClean at the 'Plough & Harrow' as soon as possible!

Muriel E. Cullen
Area Organiser

Bridge & Patricbourne W.I.

On the 15th May as the Annual Resolutions are to be discussed, there will be no speaker. The competition is an unusual pottery dish.

Health For All

Health For All was established as a registered charity by staff and friends of Bridge and Littlebourne surgeries in 1999. It's aim was to develop and support a small Health Centre in an impoverished area of Bihar, India. Since then Health For All has developed its work in the United Kingdom and in India and, as a result of this, serves as a base for the initial health care in the surrounding villages. A village health worker, Mamta Kumari, has started work meeting, especially, with the women of the villages.

Doctors Mark Jones and Peter Sykes recently visited the project in India and will be giving an illustrated talk at Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm on the evening of Tuesday 29th May. All are welcome.

If you are interested in more information about Health For All please phone Sue or Sharon on 01227 720522.

STREET MONITOR acting on behalf of the Parish Council, Maurice Smith is trying to keep the village as safe, clean and tidy as can be, by reporting matters for action not only back to the parish, but to the City Council where necessary. It would greatly help if in addition to his own observations, residents would inform him of matters they feel need attention under the following headings. Building Sites, Dogs, Dumped rubbish, Fences/hedging/walls, Fly posting, Grafitti, Litter, Noise, Parks/open spaces, Pavements, Potholes (over 2mm depth), Refuse collection, Shopping Trolleys, Skips, Street furniture, Street Lights, Trees, Vandalism, and Other (describe). Please contact him on 01227 831075 or drop a note through his door at 18 The Close, Union Road, Bridge.

A final plea to pick up litter that is outside or adjacent to your property, we hope will not go unheeded. Most of the residents of Bridge are proud of its environmental charms, and are very grateful to Maurice for all the hard work that he puts into maintaining it.

Plans to extend The New Close

A Planning Application has been registered to extend The New Close Residential Care Home on Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

The Home has been managed by the Charity Kent Community Housing Trust for the past 10 years and provides 24-hour care to frail elderly people who also have mental infirmity.

The New Close is currently home to 40 Residents, but there is a waiting list and the Trust is proposing to extend the Home so that up to 53 can be cared for. The Plans also include the improvement of the Home and the provision of en-suite bedrooms.

An informal Presentation of the Plans took place on Saturday, 31st March in the Primary School Hall and neighbours and Residents' relatives met with representatives from The New Close to discuss the proposals.

If the Planning Permission is successful, the Trust hopes that building work will start in the Autumn.

For further information, please contact Tracey Jones, Head of Development on 01634 869880 or Beryl Richards, the Home Manager on 01227 780070.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

As you know, as a Society, we like to take advantage of the longer evenings and so this year we have arranged a visit to Canterbury City Council's nurseries at Eddington Lane, Herne Bay on Thursday 24th May.

The visit has been arranged to start at 7.00pm and members should make their own way to the nurseries which are situated beyond the village of Herne and Herne Bay Cemetery, close to the junction of the A291 and the A299 Thanet Way. If you are not sure where to go or if you require help with transport please contact me, Kathy Walder, on 830057 (evenings) or any other member of the committee.

I am reliably informed that the Council's Contractors, Serco Ltd, who run the nurseries, have also kindly agreed to provide refreshments and give us the opportunity to purchase limited numbers of plants.

Let's hope for a nice spring evening on the 24th. See you then!

Kathy Walder

Bridge School News

First of all may we welcome everyone back to the new Summer term, and hope that it bring better weather than we have seen of late.

The end of the Spring term brought great fun for all involved with all the children joining in the annual Easter egg hunt. Years 5 and 6 put on several performances of the Rocky Monster Show for parents, teachers and pupils to enjoy. The end of term also meant saying goodbye to Mrs Murrell which was done during the end of term assembly, presenting her with many gifts, including a hot air balloon ride and a limited edition teddy bear, and lots of good luck as she takes on her new role as Headteacher of Barham School.

The P.F.A. would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support at the recent Wine and Wisdom which raised a super total of £750 for the school. They would also like to remind you of two forthcoming events in May:

Fristly on the 18th May they are holding a Barn Dance at Lower Hardres Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £7.50 to include supper and refreshments and are on sale from the school office now; Secondly there will be an evening of line dancing for both infants and juniors on the 25th May in the school hall. All are welcome so do come along and have some fun.

Latest report on the new building - we are almost up to roof level and all is progressing well.

Sport for All at Bridge

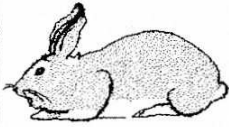
On Saturday 2nd June there will be an opportunity to find out more about the village sporting facilities. This will be from 10am to noon on the Village Recreation Field and everyone will be very welcome.

The morning is aimed particularly at youngsters, but also anyone who might like to find our more about tennis, cricket and football opportunities in the village. Members of the village Clubs will be present and you are invited to come along to have a go.

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There may possibly be some residents in Bridge, Patrixbourne & Bekesbourne who do not know that there is now petanque terrain in Elham. There may also be some who are unaware that there is an annual triples tournament between all villages in the Elham Valley for **The Millennium Shield** and that the present holder of this trophy is Lyminge. The 2001 tournament will be held in Elham on Sunday 17th June probably starting at 10.30am and with a barbecue to provide sustenance but details have yet to be completed and will be published later.

On Saturday, 16th June, there will be a **Melee** which means that the name of everyone who turns up will be put in a hat and drawn to make teams of pairs or triples depending on how many wish to participate. This will start at 2.00pm and will be opened by M. Jean-Claude Delattre from La Vallee de la Course but the terrain will be available in the morning for practice or casual games.

There has been a proposal to form an **Elham Valley Petanque Club** in order to teach newcomers how to play the game, to develop the skills of those who have played before and to arrange matches against other clubs. Eventually there may be sufficient expertise to enter a league. Everyone interested should register with Tony Walder at 17 Union Road, Bridge (tel. 01227 830057), and a meeting will be arranged in Elham as soon as possible.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

15 members were present at the April meeting held at the Plough and Harrow, Bridge, when the Vice Chairman, Fred Bennett, was in the Chair.

In the Silence the meeting remembered Kent Greenaway, a member of the Branch, and Dennis Stokes, County Life Vice President both of whom passed away recently.

As mentioned last month, plans are underway for our 80th Anniversary celebrations beginning on 31st August as part of the Littlebourne Festival, with the rededication of the Memorial Plaque at the Littlebourne Hall. Members will be receiving details later on and we hope that as many of our members as possible will join us.

Can we remind members that the Branch Dinner is to be on Friday 21st September at Ickham Village Hall - which is the date of our actual Anniversary. Further details of this will also be given later on.

The next two Branch monthly meetings will be on:-

Tuesday 8th May 2001 at the Anchor, Littlebourne at 8pm, and

Tuesday 12th June 2001 at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne at 8pm.

PERRY COURT CSA

BIODYNAMIC VEGETABLE BOX SCHEME

This Community Supported Agriculture Scheme, run from the Brockman's, Perry Court Farm, Garline Green, Chartham, has been running for ten years now and is just setting out for another year of vegetable growing.

With the overwhelming problems that our farmers are facing these days our group are happy that we can help, at least one local farm, in this small way, and also bring good fresh vegetables to the local community.

The summer season starts in mid June. There will be two sizes of weekly boxes of vegetables. The standard one costs £78 for 12 weeks (£6.50 per box), the large box costs £117 for 12 weeks (£9.75 per box). There is a small reduction of £8 and £12 respectively if people join before 15th June. At present we have three pick-up points, 1-the farm, 2-Canterbury Wholefoods, 3-Organic Health, Canterbury.

Please ring alan Brockman on 01227 738449 or Nina Taylor on 01227 731549 for more information.

NOTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Allotments: Councillors agreed that once the bottom allotments have been cleared that a new estimate would be obtained for bringing water onto the site.

Replacement of Post Office Bench: The new post office bench has been delivered and is awaiting installation.

Planters: The planters outside The White Horse Inn are to be renovated and planted.

Streets and footways: Several matters have been reported to the City Council including the reappearance of the potholes in Bekesbourne Lane which were filled in during the last week in March, the accumulation of rubbish by the recycling bins and a blocked drain outside the village hall.

Village Sign: It was agreed to repaint the village sign and the parish council notice board and an estimate is to be obtained.

Planning Applications:

Applications received: The following planning applications have been received and have been commented upon by the planning sub-committee:

CAL01/0043/BRI - erection of boundary walls to front of dwelling at 21 The Close, Union Rd,

Bridge.

CA/01/0331/BRI - erection of boundary walls to front of dwelling at 21 The Close, Union Road,

Bridge.

CA/01/0343/BRI - replacement single-storey extension to rear of dwelling at 5 Ford Close,

Bridge.

CAL01/0048/BRI - internal alterations to The Red Lion PH, 75 High Street, Bridge.

Applications granted: The following planning applications have been granted:

CA/01/0119/BRI - first floor side extension to dwelling and single storey extension to rear of garage at 65 Riverside Close, Bridge.

CA/00/1330/BRI - conservatory and two storey extension to rear and alterations to front porch at 19 Riverside Close, Bridge.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Neighbourhood Watch: It was reported that PC Ken Bradshaw, Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer, had received a very good response to the circulation of his closure notice. He is now very hopeful of being in a position to re-establish the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme within the village and a meeting of the interested volunteers is to be held within the next two weeks.

Service	Readings
7:30 am Service Kusel	OT: Ge 7: 1-18 NT: Acts 9: 36-end G: Jn 10: 22-30
9:00 am Communion Filmer	OT: Ge 22: 1-18 NT: Acts 11: 1-18 G: Jn 13: 31-35
10:30 am Communion Filmer	OT: Ezek 37: 1-14 NT: Acts 16: 9-15 G: Jn 14: 23-29
	OT: Ezek 36: 24-28 NT: Acts 16: 16-34 G: Jn 17: 20-26
11:00 am Service Kusel	OT: Ge 11: 1-9 NT: Acts 2: 1-21 G: Jn 14: 8-17

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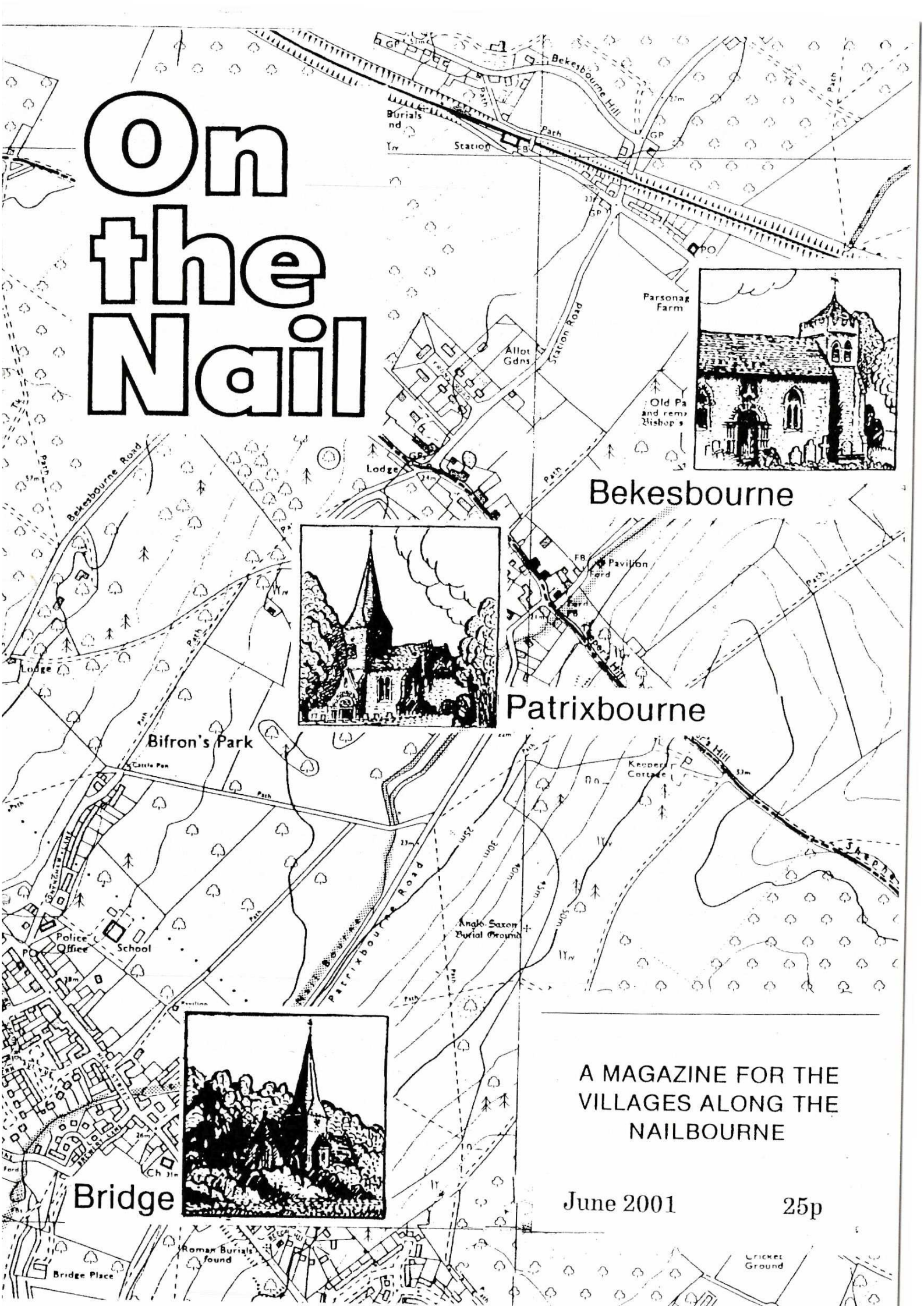
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Services for the month of June 2001

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardnes	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 3rd Pentecost Whit Sunday		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Thackray	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 11: 1-9 NT: Acts 2: 1-21 G: Jn 14: 8-17
Sun 10th Trinity Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mr I Taylor	10.00 am Mattins Mrs A Nicholson	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Prov 8:1-4,22-31 NT: Rom 5: 1-5 G: Jn 16: 12-15
Sun 17th Trinity 1	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: 1 K 21:1-10,15-21 NT: Gal 2: 15-21 G: Lu 7: 36-8:3
Sun 24th Trinity 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: 1 K 19:1-4,8-15 NT: Gal 3: 23-29 G: Lu 8: 26-39
Sun 1st July Trinity 3		10.00 am Holy Communion t b a	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: 2 K 2:1-2,6-14 NT: Gal 5:1,13-25 G: Lu 9: 51-62

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Does God Believe In Atheists

We have spent the last few months looking at Christianity in terms of what we believe and understand about God, so I thought it was about time we turned the tables and look at what God thinks about us!

By definition, an atheist is someone who does not believe in God. But does such a person exist? You may not believe in God as expressed within Christianity; or any other 'religion' for that matter. You may not think in terms of divine or supernatural power having an influence on your life or count yourself as having 'blind faith'. But what is faith?

The Bible defines faith as 'being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.' How many people who claim to have no belief or faith wear lucky charms, or read their horoscope or tarot cards. How many self reliant people try out Feng Shui 'just for a laugh', or play the lottery because 'It could be you', that the finger of fate points to this week?

Everyone believes in something that cannot be proved scientifically - even those who put their faith in Evolution.

So does God believe in Atheists? In its broadest sense, the answer must be no! There is no such person because everyone believes and trusts in some 'god' or other. On the other hand, God does believe in people who think they're Atheists - just as much as he believes in everyone who believes in him. Luckily his existence does not rely on our acknowledgement.

Until next month, as Dave Allen used to say - 'May your God go with you!'

Paul

Diary for June 2001

- 2nd Sport for All, Bridge Recreation Ground, 10am-12noon
5th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
7th Health & Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
11th Benefice Caring & Sharing, Dominican Priory,
Canterbury 7.30pm
12th Open Garden, The Old Farmhouse, Lower Hardres 11am
Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall
10.00-11.15am
Ears & Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 8.00pm
14th League of Friends Charity Lunch, JBW Hall,
Lower Hardres 12.30pm
15th Trie Campaign Cheese & Wine, Bridge Church 6.30pm
16th Children's Choir Practice, Lower Hardres
Church, 10.15am
19th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
Methodist Church Anniversary Service 7.30pm
20th Lower Hardres/Nackington PCC, JBW Hall
Lower Hardres 7.30pm
21st Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Methodist Church
Bridge 7.30pm
Confirmation Class, Bridge School 8.00pm
23rd Benefice BBQ, Patricxbourne
25th Benefice Caring & Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
26th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
30th Car Boot Sale, Bridge Recreation Ground, 9am
14th July Car Treasure Hunt

Bridge Methodist Preachers for June 2001

- 3rd June Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
10th June Rev. Maurice Weatherup (Holy Communion)
17th June Mr Michael Baybutt, B.Sc. DMS, C.Eng.
19th June Church Anniversary Evening 7.30pm
Rev. Maurice Weatherup
24th June Rev. Donald Lugg
1st July Rev. Barbara Skinner

From the Parish Registers

Funeral

25.4.01	Barham	Ruth Mummery
11.4.01	Barham	(Betty) Frances B Woodley
21.5.01	Barham	Reginald AH Anderson
Interment of Ashes		
24.4.01	Nackington	(Pat) Gladys M Flisher
16.5.01	Bridge	Alan J Pritchard

Caring & Sharing

Monday 11.6.01 Visit to the Dominican Priory, Canterbury, meeting there at 7.30pm or at the Vicarage at 7pm to share cars. Please contact Judy (830250) if you are interested, or need a lift (open to all).

Monday 25.6.01 7.30pm at the Vicarage for chat and coffee.

Junior Choir

The next meeting of the Lower Hardres junior choir will be on Saturday June 16th from 10.15-11.00 in Church.

Benefice BBQ

Saturday 23rd June at 5.30pm at Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne

Tickets £5 Adults, family ticket £12 (children under 16)

Last date for tickets Thursday 21st June. Tickets available from Andrea Nicholson 830947 or Pat Dunderdale 830668.

Bring your own cutlery, glasses, plates and drink.

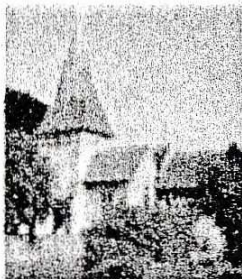
Car Treasure Hunt

Saturday 14th July, 5.00pm start in aid of Church funds.

Come and find out more about our local countryside £2.50 per adult, children free (includes ploughmans supper on your return).

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Come and join us for Cheese and Wine on June 15th in
Bridge Church at 6.30pm and hear more about the
campaign

Health & Healing

The meeting this month is on Thursday 7th June at 7pm at 7 windmill close.

We had several requests last month for loved ones to be prayed for. It is so comforting to know you are not alone, when you are anxious over the health of a loved one. We all need prayerful thoughts when we are down. We just feel there is a need through the whole benefice to join together once a month to give our petition before God.

Please feel free to phone or call round with your requests and you know you would be welcome to come in person on the evening.

Kath Pierce (830844)

Fish News

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Cake and Plant Sale on May 19th. We will give the sum raised in next month's magazine.

The next Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday June 13th, from 10am - 11.15am and the Chiropody Clinic runs from June 4th to 6th.

W.I.

New members and visitors will be made very welcome on Tuesday 19th June to hear Mrs Avril Austin's talk on Monets Garden. The competition is any garden photograph.

Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals

Charity Lunch - Thursday June 14th 2001 12.30pm

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Lower Hardres

Proceeds towards the purchase of a pulse oxymeter monitor to be used in Dr Andy Johnson's chest clinic.

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The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

FASHION & FIZZ EVENING at VIYELLA - Thanks to all who supported a most enjoyable evening at the Viyella Shop which raised £185 for our funds. We are especially grateful to Viyella for providing some splendid prizes and refreshments, and to Sue Little who organised it all.

The Mobile Library Service

This is a service supplied by The Kent County Council Arts and Library Dept. It is a free service, and can be used by anyone who lives or works in the local Area. The places and times of visits made by the Library van are as follows:

Bekesbourne Village Hall	Each Monday	4.00 - 4.30 pm
" Aerodrome Rd.	"	4.40 - 5.00 pm
Patricxbourne St. Mary's Rd.	Alternate Tuesdays (12 & 26 June etc.)	9.30 - 9.50am
Bridge Green Court	Each Thursday	4.00 - 5.00 pm.

The van carries about 2,500 items of books of all types, e.g. Large Print, Children's Titles, and spoken word cassettes for the visually impaired. It also has access to the entire County Library's materials through a reservation scheme.

There is a wide variety of local information, and the Staff are willing to seek answers to almost any question. For example, do you know The Ordnance Survey National 6 figure Grid Reference Number for your property, which the Emergency Services now ask you to quote when seeking help?

The Mobile Library is popular. Why not pay it a visit, and see for yourselves how it can be of help to you? Alternatively, contact can be made using the Sturry Library Telephone Number, 01227 711 479, or it's own Mobile Number 07740 183 764.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The June meeting of the Society will be held on Thursday 21 in the Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road, Bridge at the usual time of 7.30 pm. We are fortunate in having Mrs Lou Round who is a resident of Bridge to speak to us on the fascinating subject of 'Textile Art', an art form in its own right and one which will inspire everyone with new ideas and, hopefully, will also provide tips for the handicraft section of the Summer Show.

Now, on the subject of the Summer Show, it will take place this year on Saturday 28 July in the School Hall in Bridge and show schedules will be available shortly from the Show Secretary' Mrs Joan Stingemore (tel: 830763). Watch out for more details.

Kathy Walder

BRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

At last it looks like summer has arrived, so let's hope that we are all able to enjoy it. All year groups will be going on summer outings ranging from visits to the coast to a week in Weston- Super- Mare for the year six's. We will have reports on how they went in next month's magazine.

The school is pleased to announce that it has gained two awards. Firstly it has been awarded a School Achievement Award - this is an awarded to schools who have achieved a high standard compared to other similar schools. Secondly an Assessor came to interview several of the teachers and was delighted with both what he saw and heard. Consequently on the last day of term we were officially informed that we have been awarded Investor in People status.

This is a worrying time for all parents who have children starting school in September as to whether they have got a place at their local school so we are pleased to say that all the local children who applied for a place have been accepted. In total 51 children will start in September although some will be part time until Christmas. We have also admitted four older pupils who have moved to the area.

To keep you updated on the progress of the new building we are pleased to say that it is still ahead of schedule. Mr Hills, the Site Manager, has taken groups of six pupils at a time around the building site and explained what is happening . The children have found this very interesting. The roof is almost on and we can now see how our new building is going to look - it is most impressive.

Now to news from the P. F. A. As we are sure you are aware because of the building work we are unable to have a summer fete of the same magnitude as in previous years. We are holding a Summer Fayre on Friday 22nd June from 1.30pm - 3.30pm. All are welcome to join in the fun and all profits will be going to the school.

All donations will be gratefully received especially PLANTS, BOOKS, TOYS, BOTTLES AND STATIONERY. To arrange collection please ring 832084 or 831027.

There is also a musical evening to be held at the school on 13th July. This will also include children's art exhibition. Please come along and support the talents of our, and in some cases your, children.

FLOWERS

The Bridge Parish Council are thinking of reviving what was known, as the annual village hanging basket and, or planter display. This competition was open to all parishioners in Bridge and separate from the shield awarded to commercial premises. The displays therefore need to be situated at the front of the building, to enable a panel of judges to discretely select the prize winners. Judging is anticipated to take place about the middle of July, so be prepared. Further details will be published shortly. For more informa-

1st Bridge Guides

At a surprise farewell party in April Guider Louise Cockle was thanked for many fun times and all her hard work. Louise will now concentrate on her own unit in Canterbury.

The new leadership team comprises Gill Perks Unit Guider, Jennie Perry Assistant Guider and Louise Coleman, Pam Doyle, Judith Jefferson and Joan Masterson as Unit Helpers.

The guides now meet in the village hall every Wednesday between 18.30 and 20.00hrs.

Some of our Summer Term activities include a joint meeting with Littlebourne Guides, a sponsored event in aid of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, a visit to the Museum of London and a Division Camp at Mystole.

Guides are aged between 10 and 14 years, whilst we are not short of members we welcome any girls interested in joining us. We are willing to assist with any suitable community projects locally.

Any enquiries contact Gill Perks 830 333.

Elham Valley Petanque Club

An initial meeting was held on 8th of May to gauge interest in forming a Petanque club for the Elham Valley villages and about 30 people attended. It was decided to start with four weeks of Thursday and Friday playing sessions (from 7 until 8 pm) at the 'Piste', in Elham, and if a success we will hold a meeting to appoint a committee on Friday the 8th of June at 7.30 pm in the King's Arms, Elham.

If you would like to join in as an 'expert player' or a complete novice' or somewhere in between, you will be very welcome. We are fortunate in having a Kent league player who will be on hand to give us advice. Please feel free to join in these sessions. The "Piste" is at the south end of Elham village by the main road.

An questions' please contact Tony Walder on 830057 or Peter Morris on 830437.

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2.0-5.0 p.m. **Gardens open** around the village.

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Sunday 24th. June

2.0-5.0 p.m. **Gardens open** around the village.

Cream teas in Barn

FUN Flower & Produce Event in Barn

The Church will be decorated for the weekend. **Songs of Praise service** in
the Church, Sunday 24th. at 6 p.m.

Appeal for information: Researcher seeks British Resistance Fighters

Are you, or do you know someone who was, a former member of the Home Guard Auxiliary Units, Special Duties Section or XII Corps Observation Unit?

I am researching a book on Kent's Secret Army, the resistance movement set up in July 1940 to counter the expected German invasion following the Fall of France and the Dunkirk Evacuation.

Winston Churchill ordered a Secret Army (known officially in Kent as XII Corps Observation Unit) to be formed comprising men who knew the Kent hills, forests and marshes, such as farmers, farm workers, market gardeners, landowners, foresters, gamekeepers, poachers, policemen and shepherds. Secret underground bunkers, observation posts and wireless stations were built along the North Downs, on Romney Marsh and in the Weald ready for the men to disappear into.

Their suicidal role was to ambush German patrols, sabotage railway lines, roads and bridges, assassinate German officers and destroy supply depots and airfields anything to slow up the German advance.

I would like to hear from anyone with information on the men and women involved and the underground bases. Please call me on 01233 750563, or write to Adrian Westwood, Hawksdene, The Street, Hastingleigh, Kent TN25 5HU.

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NOTES FROM THE MAY MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Election of chairman for 2001-2002: Cllr Anderson was proposed for the post of chairman by Cllr Walder and seconded by Cllr Hill and elected unanimously.

Election of vice chairman for 2001-2002: Cllr Beer was proposed for the post of vice chairman by Cllr Walder and seconded by Cllr Connor and elected unanimously.

Neighbourhood watch: Cllr Corfield reported that approximately 12 to 15 volunteers had come forward following PC Bradshaw's distribution of the notice of closure and that the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme could now be re-launched. 3 Neighbourhood Watch Areas are planned - Bridge Down, west side of the High Street and the Patricbourne side of the High Street. Cllr Corfield advised that there would be minimal set up costs and it was unanimously **AGREED** that £100.00 would be set aside for this purpose. Cllr Corfield also advised that there could be a requirement for more Neighbourhood Watch signs and he would investigate whether or not this was the case and councillors **AGREED** to offer support should they be required.

Village sign and parish council notice board: A quote has been received for repainting the village sign and reproofing the parish council notice board and it was **AGREED** to accept the quotation.

Parish council newsletter/village directory: Cllr Dobson proposed that the parish council produce a newsletter to raise its awareness to the parish. She proposed that the newsletter be issued twice a year - Spring/Summer and Autumn/Winter and should include input from all councillors. Cllr Dobson also proposed that a village directory be produced providing information of all the facilities and activities available within the parish. Although both proposals were greeted enthusiastically it was unanimously **AGREED** to produce the newsletter in the first instance and Cllr Dobson agreed to act as editor.

Rural white paper: Cllr Corfield gave the parish council an overview off the intensive Rural White Paper Information Day which he had attended in March. It was **AGREED** that councillors would read the relevant section of the Rural White Paper relating to parish councils and discuss the matter further at the next meeting.

Use of recreation ground by school: It was **AGREED** to allow the school to use the recreation ground for the occasional games lesson, which would be supervised by a teacher, whilst their own field space is limited due to the building work currently being carried out.

Street light repair: A vandalised street light in Riverside Close had been reported by the clerk to Seaboard and a quote for its repair had been received. It was **AGREED** that the repair be carried out.

Planning Applications:

Applications received: No new planning applications have been received.

Applications granted: The following planning applications have been granted:

CA/01/0078/BRI - Glazed roof to courtyard and re-position of fire escape staircase at The Plough & Harrow PH, 86 High Street, Bridge.

CAL01/0012/BRI - Glazed roof to courtyard and re-position of fire escape staircase at The Plough & Harrow PH, 86 High Street, Bridge.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Notice of Intention: A notice of intention has been received for the transfer of licence at Skippers Restaurant.

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Mrs P Pritchard, 2 St Mary's Rd, Patricxbourne (830685)

Mr L H Dunderdale, 37 High St, Bridge (830668)

Mr D Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge (830594)

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PCC Treasurer Mrs JB Stingemore, 5 Dering Road, Bridge (830763)

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

Choirmaster & Organist (Bridge) Dr PD Giles, Filmer House, Filmer Road (830293)

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

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens Mrs J Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne (830894)

Mr J Cowans, Distant View, Adisham Rd, Bekesbourne (831029)

PCC Secretary Mrs J Millyard, School House, School Lane, Bekesbourne (830256)

PCC Treasurer Mr D Millyard, School House, School Lane, Bekesbourne (830256)

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

Captain of the Ringers Mr D Farbrace, 3 Downside, Adisham Road, Bek'ne (830659)

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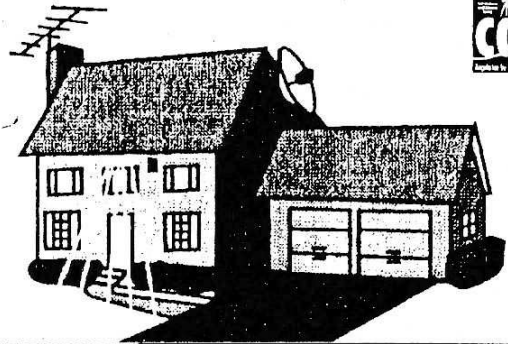
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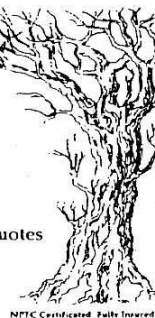
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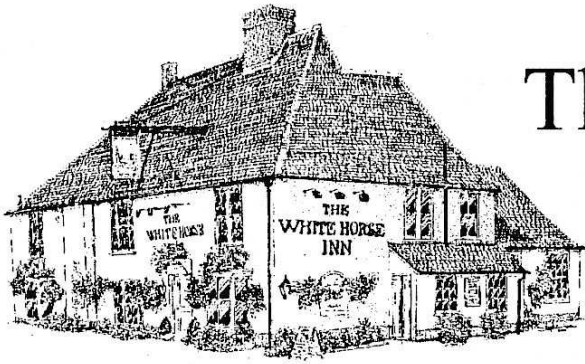
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Sun 1st Trinity 3		10.00 am Holy Communion and Baptism Rev R Humphriss	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: 2 K 2:1-2, 6-14 NT: Gal 5:1, 13-25 G: Lu 9: 51-62
Sun 8th Trinity 4	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Mattins Mrs A Nicholson	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: 2 K 5: 1-14 NT: Gal 6: 1-16 G: Lu 10:1-11, 16-20
Sun 15th Trinity 5	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service and Baptism Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion t b a	OT: Amos 7: 7-17 NT: Col 1: 1-14 G: Lu 10: 25-37
Sun 22nd Trinity 6	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Amos 8: 1-12 NT: Col 1: 15-28 G: Lu 10: 38-42
Sun 29th Trinity 7		8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Benefice Service Rev P Filmer			OT: Hbs 1: 2-10 NT: Col 2: 6-15 G: Lu 11: 1-13
Sun 5th Aug Trinity 8		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Hbs 11: 1-11 NT: Col 3: 1-11 G: Lu 12: 13-21



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Where There's Blame

A few years ago, a colleague of mine had an old school friend over from the States for a holiday. On the last day of her visit, the friend tripped on the stairs and sprained her ankle. A bag of frozen peas did the trick and she was soon on her way back to the U.S. of A. Imagine my colleague's surprise when, instead of a letter of thanks for her hospitality, she received an official notice suing her for negligence!

Only in America, you might say; It couldn't happen here, you might think. Wrong! The current catch phrase in TV adverts is "where there's blame, there's a claim". Nothing personal of course, the American friend couldn't see what all the fuss was about. After all, it was covered by the house insurance.

The issue that concerns me here is the idea that money makes everything all right again, either for the claimant or the offender. One advert shows a boy who has to wear glasses for life following a playground accident, but hey - that's ok, he got £5000 for it!

That's not to say that compensation is wrong, in fact it is a biblical principle. 'An eye for an eye' regulated Old Testament reparation to make sure that payment for injury compensated for the damage or inconvenience caused. Note, compensation, not revenge. An eye for an eye, not two eyes for an eye.

The thought of cashing in when someone else is negligent may seem attractive, but what if the boot is on the other foot, and we are the negligent ones? Do we readily admit the blame, and pay the claim? Do we say sorry because of the damage we have caused, or as an attempt to shield us from punishment?

Biblical repentance involves contrition (true sadness at having done something wrong) and reparation (an attempt to make amends) leading to forgiveness (wiping the slate clean) and reconciliation (repairing broken relationships). Ironically, the Bible also implores us to make amends before it gets to court, because enforced reparation rarely leads to true forgiveness.

Next month we'll explore our relationship with God, and what happens when he has a claim against us!

Paul

Diary for July 2001

- 2nd Bridge & Patricxbourne PCC, Methodist Church 7.30pm
3rd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
5th Bekesbourne PCC, School House 7.30pm
Health & Healing 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.00pm
7th Bekesbourne Church Bell Tower Open Day 10am-12noon
Wickhambreaux School Summer Fayre from 12.30pm
9th Benefice Caring & Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
10th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
11th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall
10.00am-11.15am
Bridge Playgroup AGM, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 8.00pm
Ears & Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 8.00pm
14th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres
Church 10.15am
Car Treasure Hunt 5.00pm Bridge Village Hall
15th Benefice BBQ, Parsonage Farm, Nackington 12.30pm
Highworth Girls Choir Recital, Lower Hardres
Church 7.30pm
16th Playgroup Sports Day
17th Holy Communion Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, 26 Western Avenue, Bridge 3.30pm
Playgroup outing to Druidstone.
18th Last Playgroup day - 'Teddy Bears' Picnic & fancy dress
19th Confirmation Group, Bridge School 7.30pm
23rd Benefice Caring & Sharing Summer BBQ 6.30pm
24th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
28th Nailbourne Horticultural Society Summer Show,
Bridge School, 2.30pm

Bridge Methodist Preachers for July 2001

- 1st July Rev. Barbera Heather
8th July Rev. Howard Skinner
15th July Mr Ron Chadwick, MA, DMS
22nd July Rev. George Baugh, (Holy Communion)
29th July Rev. Barbara Heather
5th Aug Mr Peter Burt

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02/06 Bridge Katie Young & Lee Fuller

24/06 Patricxbourne Carol Plain & Richard Vale

Funeral

05/06 Bridge/Barham William M Chester

11/06 Bishopsbourne/Barham Marlorie E Atkins

Junior choir

The next meeting of the Lower Hardres junior choir will be on Sat July 14th from 10.15 - 11.00 in Church.

The Works

The Bridge group now has something for all of our children every Sunday of the month. Meeting on the 4th Sunday at Bridge church, *The Works* provides a mixture of games, arts & crafts, singing and Bible teaching, Activities will be linked into the three family services at Bekesbourne (1st Sunday @ 10am), Bridge (2nd Sunday @ 11am) and Lower Hardres (3rd Sunday @ 10am). To find out more about *The Works*, or to offer yourself as an occasional adult helper, contact Martin & Sue Leggatt on 830251

Caring & Sharing

July's first evening, meeting at the Vicarage on 9th @ 7 30, is a discussion on Gossip! 'Say something nice for a change'. Later in the month on 23rd we will have a BBQ, venue to be announced. Catering £3 per person, please invite a friend. Tickets (just to gauge numbers) from Judy Filmer 830250 or Margaret Clarke 765598

Canon John Packer

John will mark 60 years in ordained ministry this month by presiding at Bridge's 8am Communion on 22nd. A packed church would be a gesture in keeping with John's humility. Please come if you can.

Health and Healing Concerns

The meeting this month is on Thursday 5th July at 7pm at 7 Windmill Close. It has come to our notice that some people are too shy to utter their petitions. Just write down your requests and we will pray for each concern, without anyone being embarrassed. It is just good to be amongst caring people and not to feel you are alone, so you will be most welcome to come in person on Thursday 5th July.

Kath Pierce 830844

Fish News

Many thanks to you all for coming to our Annual Sale on 19th May. A very useful £340 was raised. The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday, 11th July from 10am to 11.15am. Do come.

If you would like to join the army of volunteers who run villagers to appointments in return for their petrol money, please telephone Ann Medhurst on 830762, she will be delighted to hear from you.

W.I.

Weather permitting the meeting on 17th July will be held in the garden of 26 Western Avenue at 3.30pm. Members are asked to bring a small plate of food and if possible a garden chair. There will be a sales stall with a garden theme. If it is wet the meeting will be in the Village Hall at the usual time of 7.30pm.

Caring and Sharing Group

On Monday 11th June thirteen members of the Group enjoyed an evening at the Dominican Priory. The proprietors, Don and Poppy Beerling, have devoted much of their time in making the Priory the thriving centre that it is today. They gave a most informative talk on its history and current uses.

Anyone wishing to come to a Caring and Sharing meeting please phone the Vicarage for details.



TRIE - The Responsibility is Everyone's

Thank you to everybody who responded to the recent TRIE campaign. As you are all aware, the upkeep of the churches and paying our quota is an on-going concern. If you have yet to return your completed forms we would appreciate them being returned a.s.a.p. Remember - the responsibility is everyone's!

TRIE Campaign Team

Bekesbourne 100 Club

The winners in the May draw of the 100 Club were: Laura Barker, £15; Dawn Crow, £25; Moira Holt, £50. All profits from the Club are for the benefit of St Peter's Church. The June draw will include a half-year special prize of £100.

Jane Millyard

Repairs to Bekesbourne Church

Observant visitors to Bekesbourne Church will have noticed that the weathervane, replaced during the maintenance work 18 months ago, was blown crooked and the tower roof damaged during winter gales. Repairs, which require scaffolding to be erected, will be carried out in July.

The maintenance project begun in 1999 will be completed with the replastering and decorating of the vestry. We had expected all this to be finished by now, but the plaster is taking longer to dry than expected and the vestry may remain out of use until late in the summer.

Jane Millyard

The Bells

Have you ever thought about learning to ring church bells or once did and want to ring again? now is your chance.

St Peters Church Bekesbourne is going to have the tower open Saturday 7th July 10am-12 midday for any one aged over 10 years old to come along and have a go.

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Monday is practice night at Bekesbourne 7.30- 9.00pm. Lifts there can be arranged.

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Thank you for your contribution.

Christine Hoare

Playgroup

This year has been a really good one for the Playgroup. Over 35 children have attended and an extra session for those children starting school in Sept was added on Wednesdays. Visitors included a Dentist, a Policeman and the Vicar .The annual visit to the lambs was unfortunately cancelled due to 'Foot & Mouth' although a visit to the Fire Station was thoroughly enjoyed by the children, staff and parents! Cultural Celebration Days included Chinese New Year, St Andrew's day, St Patrick's day etc. Highlights of the year included the Christmas nativity play, the Christmas party and the Easter bonnet coffee morning. Fundraising was well supported and earned extra money to be spent on more toys and books for the children.

Sadly Mrs Webb, founder of the playgroup, died recently -she had only retired last year but had kept a keen interest in the children-she will be missed.

The committee and staff would like to thank the parents/carers etc and all who have helped support the playgroup. a special thank you must go to the staff-Mary Daw, Beth Goff and Francina Burton- who work very hard and are very much appreciated and loved by the children.
Joanne Watt tel 832343

Nailbourne Horticultural Society.

The Summer Show this year will be on Saturday 28 July at the Bridge School. The show schedules are now available and include the usual popular items for Vegetables, Flowers, Floral Art and Gardens. The Cookery Section includes Flapjacks, Waldorf salad and an Economical Dundee Cake for which the recipe is given. The section for Men Only requests a photograph taken in the past 12 months. For the children, the fun of making Chocolate Crispies and a Collage Picture are included. The show schedules and entry forms are available from Joan Stingemore (Tel: 830763). The classes are open to all members. The show itself opens at 2.30pm with the presentation of prizes at 4pm. Afternoon tea and Homemade cakes will be available.

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NOTES FROM THE JUNE MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter: Cllr Dobson provided councillors with proofs of the first newsletter which is to be circulated in the near future to all households in Bridge. It was **AGREED** by the council with some minor amendments. The chairman thanked Cllr Dobson for the work she had done in producing the newsletter.

Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Corfield provided the names of the co-ordinators in Bridge who are Frank Sochachi (Bridge East), Selwyn Lewis (Bridge West) and Ann Clewer (Bridge Down). He also reported that the scheme was now fully operational and had already dealt with several reports. Cllr Corfield advised that PC Bradshaw could supply Bridge with 10 new Neighbourhood Watch signs at a cost of £10.00 per sign and it was unanimously **AGREED** that the council would pay for these.

Art Exhibition: Cllr Corfield reported that an Art Exhibition is to be held on 20 October 2001 with profits going to the Disabled Access Fund for the Village Hall. Entries to the exhibition will be open to people living or working in Bridge. A leaflet is currently being produced and it was **AGREED** that this would be distributed at the same time as the newsletter.

Alterations To Bridge Village Hall: Cllr Gulvin provided councillors with copies of the proposed plans for the disabled access to the village hall and it was **AGREED** that the Parish Council as owner would make the planning application to the City Council.

Applications received: The following new applications have been received and are being considered:

CA/01/0487/BRI - Single-storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory at 90 High Street, Bridge.

CAL01/0071/BRI - Single-storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory at 90 High Street, Bridge.

CAL01/0075/BRI - Relocation of walk-in freezer to rear of bakery at 96 High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/0511/BRI - Relocation of walk-in freezer to rear of bakery at 96 High Street, Bridge.

CAL01/0076/BRI - Demolition of redundant chimney to rear of dwelling at 69 High Street, Bridge.

CAL01/0077/BRI - Replacement conservatory, garage, store and rebuild 1.8 metre high boundary wall at Riverdale House, High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/0532/BRI - Replacement conservatory, garage, store and rebuild 1.8 metre high boundary wall at Riverdale House, High Street, Bridge.

CAL01/0081/BRI - Slab reinstatement to basement floor at 67 High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/0557/BRI - Conversion of three agricultural buildings to four dwellings and erection of garage/store (revised scheme) and erection of two additional dwellings at Renville Farm, Renville, Bridge.

Planning applications granted: The following planning applications have been notified as granted:

CA/01/0331/BRI - Erection of boundary walls to front of dwelling at 21 The Close, Union Road, Bridge.

CAL01/0043/BRI - Erection of boundary walls to front of dwelling at 21 The Close, Union Road, Bridge.

CAL01/0048/BRI - Internal alterations at The Plough & Harrow PH, 86 High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/0343/BRI - Replacement single-storey extension to rear of dwelling at 5 Ford Close, Bridge.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Notice of Intention: The following notice of intention has been received and will not have a Tree Preservation Order served by Canterbury City Council: Fell one Leylandi and reduce Leylandi at Dearnley, Bekesbourne Road, Bridge.

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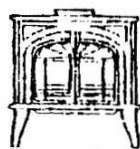
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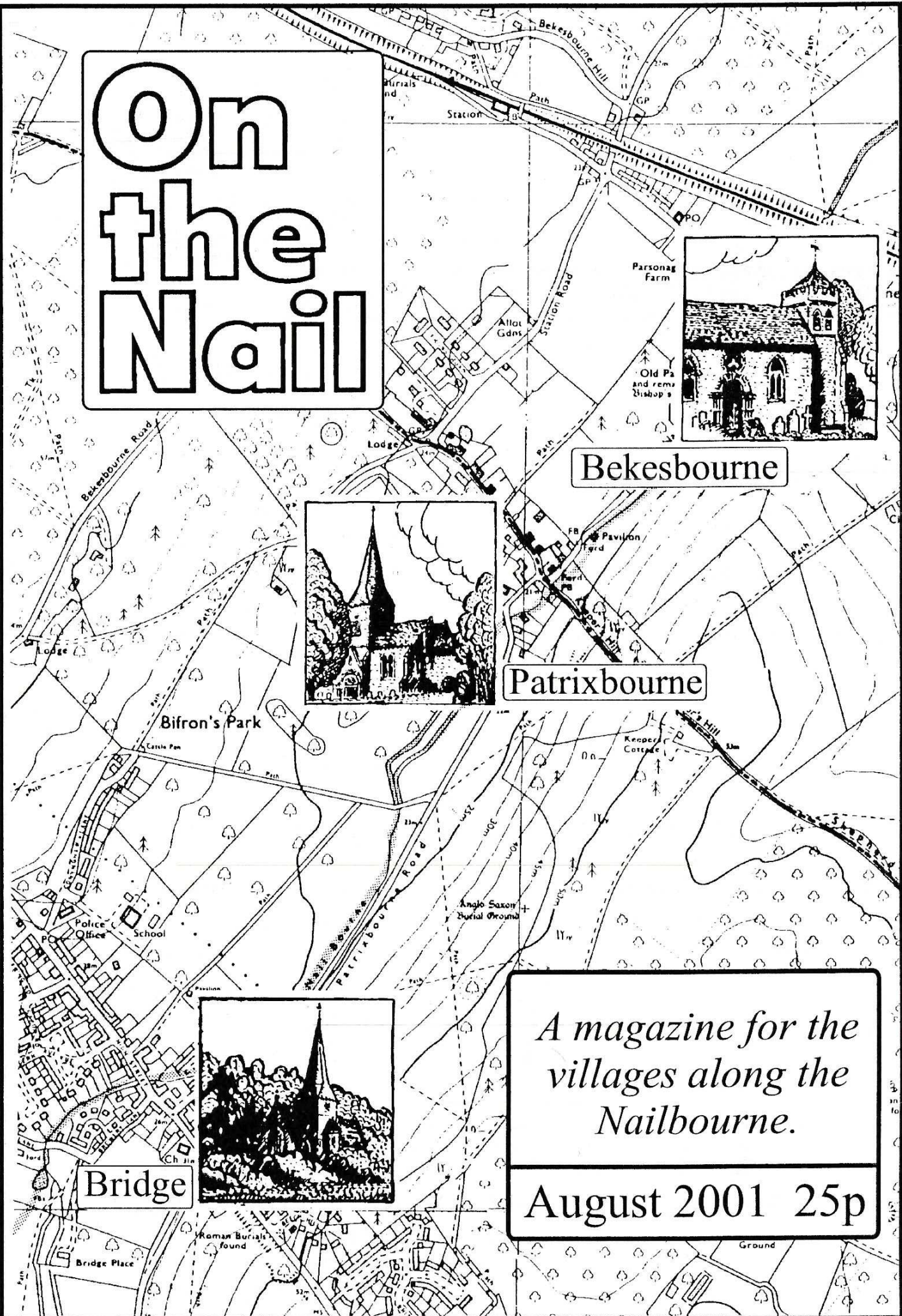
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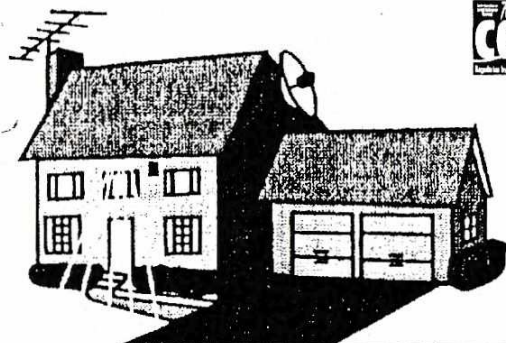


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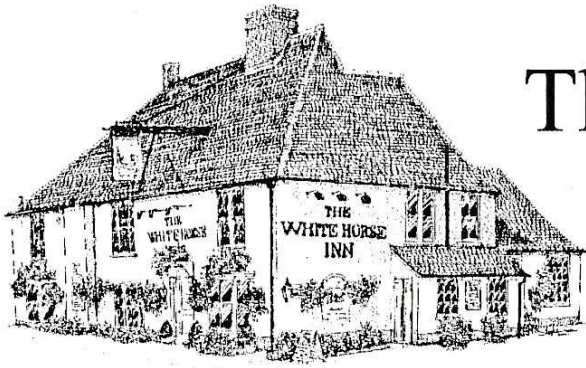
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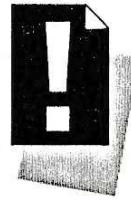
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Services for the month of August 2001

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patnixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 5th Trinity 8		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	OT: Hos 11:1-11 NT: Col 3:1-11 G: Lu 12:13-21
Sun 12th Trinity 9	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mattins Mrs A Nicholson	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Is 1:10-20 NT: Heb 11:1-3, 8-16 G: Lu 12:32-40
Sun 19th Trinity 10	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Is 5:1-7 NT: Heb 11:29-12:2 G: Lu 12:49-56
Sun 26th Trinity 11	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Thackray		OT: Jer 1:4-10 NT: Heb 12:18-29 G: Lu 13: 10-17
Sun 2nd Sept Trinity 12		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev R Humphriss	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev R Diss	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev R Diss	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Jer 2:4-13 NT: Heb 13:1-16 G: Lu 14: 1, 7-14



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Where There's Blame - Part 2

I have learnt a valuable lesson this month - don't promise what you can't deliver! There is no way I can do justice to the issue of God's treatment of human sin in one A5 page, but we can make a start.....

Imagine you write off your best friend's car; something really expensive and treasured will do the trick. Oh, and you're not insured! What happens now if you cannot afford to pay for the damage? However good a friend they are, you can't simply forget it - the car needs replacing.

What happens if your friend said "I can see you are very sorry to have done it, and that you cannot hope to make amends by replacing it. Never mind, your friendship means so much to me that I'm going to give you the money to buy me a new one".

Well that, in a nutshell, is what God did through the life death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. Through our selfish human behaviour we have effectively written off our relationship with God. This priceless possession required a priceless sacrifice to make amends, and through the death of Christ on the cross, our relationship with God has been repaired, restored and renewed.

Unlike human relationships that will always bear the scars of past hurts, even after we have forgiven each other, God's forgiveness is such that he chooses to forget we ever did anything wrong. In the words of my favourite hymn of the moment;

Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.

May God continue to bless you and all those you love.

Paul

Diary for August 2001

- 7th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
- 8th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10.00am
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10.00am - 11.15am
Ears & Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge, 8.00pm
- 14th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
- 18th Bekesbourne Churchyard Working Party 10.00am
Lower Hardres Junior Church, Lower Hardres Church 10.15am
Smallest Garden Party 25 The Close, Bridge 12.30-2.00pm and 5.30-7.00pm
- 21st Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 22nd NADFAS at Bridge Church, 10.00am
- 28th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm

Bridge Methodist Preachers for August 2001

- 5th Aug Mr Peter Burt
- 12th Aug Rev. David Marshall (Holy Communion)
- 19th Aug Rev. Barbara Heather
- 26th Aug Mrs Beryl Skinner

From The Parish Registers

Baptism

01/07	LowerHardres	Harriet Louise Williams
15/07	Lower Hardres	Christopher Edward Cox
22/07	Patrixbourne	Samuel John Hougham

Marriage

20/07	Patrixbourne	Jane Murdin & Alistair Swan
28/07	Bridge	Nicola Heals & Eliot Hodges

The Works

There will be no meeting of *The Works* in August due to summer holidays. The next meeting will be on Sun 23rd Sept in Bridge Church at 10am. *The Works* provides a mixture of games, arts & crafts, singing and Bible teaching. To find out more about *The Works*, or to offer yourself as an occasional adult helper, contact Martin & Sue Leggatt on 830251.

Sponsored Diet

Paul Filmer and Laurence Dunderdale (Bridge Churchwarden) have set themselves a joint goal of 6 stone/84 lb weight loss before Christmas! You can add to the £300 already pledged towards materials ~ equipment for children's work in the Benefice, by sponsoring our two heavy-weights (10p per lb seems a popular amount). Look out for sponsorship forms at the back of church.

A Letter From Iain Taylor

To all my friends in the Bridge Benefice

I am grateful to Paul for allowing me a little space in your Parish magazines this month in order to express my heartfelt appreciation to you all for the really warm Christian welcome you gave to me on my 12 week Placement with you. I was made to feel at home in each of the five churches and have been given much encouragement across the benefice. This has meant so much to me and I have been able to participate in many spheres of parish activity, both in terms of worship and social events, both of which have contributed towards broadening my concept of parochial ministry.

I was greatly touched by the presentation of the Book Token at the Parochial Church Council at Bridge recently. Thank you very much indeed. I shall always remember my Parish Placement with much pleasure. My wife has been most conscious of the friendly welcome she has been given on the occasions when she has been able to accompany me on my visits. We both wish you all well for the future and assure you of an occasional visit when opportunity permits.

Yours in Christ; Iain Taylor, OLM Student

TRIE Campaign 2001 - The Responsibility is Everyone's

At a recent meeting of the Parochial Church Council I reported that after much preparation work, details of this year's campaign were circulated to about 280 families in the parish of Patricbourne with Bridge but, sadly, the response was not very encouraging. To date only 22 replies, about 8%, have been received and these comprised some £575 in donations and £781 per annum in new or increased ongoing commitments. Losses from the planned giving scheme do occur every year by virtue of death or moving away and figures show that, in terms of income, the parish is more or less standing still. The amount now being received from regular planned giving is roughly the same as it was in 1997 and in no way meets the outgoings.

Central bodies' (the Church Commissioners and the Diocese) levy on the parish for 2001 amounts to £24,000 which goes to pay the vicar's stipend, housing, pension, etc., while our two churches need a further £16,000 to meet local costs of repairs, insurance, heating, lighting and the vicar's working expenses! etc.

Our present planned giving income amounts to just over £14,000 and we can reclaim tax of about £4,000 from the Inland Revenue on that giving. So there is a gap - a serious gap.

Fund raising events, which have to be organised and run by a small committee, and Sunday collections, together with individual donations, are being more and more relied on to make the books balance. But there is a limit to these resources and so we look to such campaigns as TRIE for support. The churches in our two villages are there for everyone to use and many of our villagers do use them at some time or other, either directly or indirectly.

If your reply is still on the mantelpiece please return it as soon as possible, or contact me if the papers have been mislaid.

THE RESPONSIBILITY IS EVERYONE'S.

Norman Francis

Parish Gift Aid Officer

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Health and Healing

Health and Healing group will not meet in August due to so many away on holiday. It does not mean the prayer group ceases. We still pray for those in need and for situations. Please let me know your requests so that I can notify each member in the group to continue to pray for all concerned, until we meet again.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 6th September at 7.00pm at 7 Windmill Close.

Kath Pierce

830844

Fish News

The August Coffee Pop-in will be held in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday 8th August from 10.00am to 11.15am.

W.I.

On Tuesday August 21st Mrs A Booker will speak about 'Millinery', when new members and visitors will be made very welcome at 7.30pm.

The Smallest Garden Party in the World takes place this year on SATURDAY 18TH AUGUST at 25 The Close from 12.30-2.00pm or 5.30-7.00pm. Please come along this year and support the children's Hospice DEMELZA HOUSE. Tickets available at £3 each from Chris Hoare tel. 832447 (evenings).

Bridge School News

Well can you believe it we have reached the end of yet another school year. A lot has been happening throughout the last half term with both children and staff being kept very busy.

There have been trips out..... to Folkestone, Canterbury (to visit the cathedral, the 'big dig' and 'Canterbury Tales' and this all in one day), Dover Castle and Tyland Barn. The year 6 pupils have recently returned from a week long trip to Weston-Super-Mare. They were more than happy to recount their adventures to their parents, at the school, one evening after they returned. It is now safe to enter Somerset!

There have been treats in..... for years 1 and 2, (5-7yr olds), African drummers and dancers visited the school and the pupils made African artefacts and tried painting in the African style.

There have been many successes. On the sports field..... the school entered teams in the Kwik Cricket tournament at the Polo Farm. The 'A' team won for the second year running. The school has also run 'potted sports' days for both the infants and juniors.

On the creative side..... Safeway's ran a competition to design a pizza. Bridge pupils entered and Georgina Bates designed the winning pizza. The prize Georgina received was to have her design made in to real pizza.....

and there's more..... under the inspirational leadership of Mrs Clubb & Mrs Dover 'Bridge School Arts Club' entered a national art competition, submitting two reliefs made from plaster of Paris. The first was a depiction of the Christ Church Gate in Canterbury, the second showed pilgrims with the cathedral subtly outlined in the background. Thirty five thousand children took part and the Bridge entry won! Mrs Clubb, Mrs Dover and three pupils went to the Tate Modern, in London, to collect the prize.....

talking of art..... the school ran its first art exhibition, featuring exhibits from pupils in the style of Van Goch, Monet and Jackson Pollock to name but three.

and more..... on Friday 13th July the school hosted an art and music festival culminating in an evening of music. A varied musical fair included: Mrs Ord playing Bartok folk dances on the violin; Mr Boughton (our site manager) played his euphonium; the Whitstable Community College Jazz Band; the Snowdown Colliery Brass Band lead by Mr Pritchard (trumpet) and featuring Mrs Pritchard on drums, (what a cool mum!). The school were well represented by the guitar, woodwind and brass groups performed by pupils who are taking lessons at the school. The years 3 & 4 choir performed extracts from a musical highlighting the plight of the rain forests. And finally comes the new 'S Club 7', perhaps they should be called the "Pam Clubb 9", teachers/LSAs each and every one, with their rendition of 'Only You' complete with 'a capella' finale. Thank you Mr Corfield and Mr Lane for a splendid evening's entertainment, which hopefully will encourage more pupils to take up music in some form.

and professionally..... the school hosted a conference for the Early Childhood Organisation, (ECHO), and was justifiably praised for the displays around the school including the art mentioned above.

Finally our warmest thanks for the dedication of all the staff especially those who will be leaving this summer: Mrs Bradley who is to teach with her husband in the middle east; Mrs Smith who is to spend more time with her young family; Mr Birrell who will be teaching in Ramsgate from September. The school welcomes five new members of staff, including Mr Clark our new Assistant Head Teacher.

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Our CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTIES have been very successful and as a result the appearance of the Churchyard is much improved. We are very grateful to those who come along and work so hard. We have planned another for Saturday 18th August, starting at 10.00am, and all volunteers will be most welcome - please bring your own tools, especially strimmers.

ADVANCE NOTICE: We are holding another of our popular AUTUMN DANCES on Friday, 5th October in Bekesbourne Village Hall - so book the date now - more details next month.

Bekesbourne 100 Club

The winners in the June draw for the Bekesbourne 100 Club (in which I took no part!) were: Lynn Poulder £15, David Millyard £25, Rob Denne £50. The half-yearly prize of £100 was won by Mrs S A Shepherd. All profits from the Club benefit the Friends of Bekesbourne Church.

Jane Millyard

Bekesbourne Church Flower and Cleaning Rota

5th August	Zan Clifford
12th August	Janet Street/Jane Millyard
19th August	Joan Atkins
26th August	Jenny Skinner
2nd August	Jenny Skinner

Apology

In last month's magazine the 'TRIE' Campaign article confused some of the Bekesbourne recipients of On The Nail.

The 'TRIE' Campaign is taking place in the Patricxbourne with Bridge Parish only.

L.H. Dunderdale

Victorian Fete - 22nd September 2 - 4.30pm at Bekesbourne Recreation Ground

Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC is organising a Fete with a Victorian theme and we need your help to make the event a success. We are asking for contributions for the stalls. Bottles for the tombola, children's games, puzzles and toys, bric-a-brac for a 'White Elephant' stall are all required. Please bring your donations to St Mary's Patricxbourne or to St Peter's Bridge or give directly to Pat Dunderdale or Andrea Nicholson. . Home baked items for the cake stall can be brought to the Fete on the day.

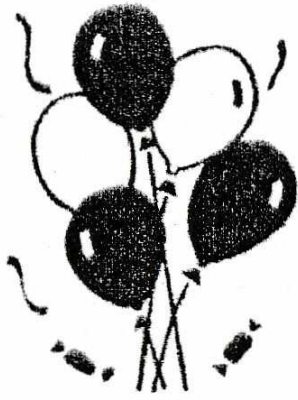
Please give generously, then come and have an enjoyable afternoon!!

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

A reminder that the annual sponsored bike ride (or walk!) in aid of Friends of Kent Churches, which also benefits our own parish churches, is due to take place on 8th September. If you are willing to get on your bike and raise some money for us, or to spend an hour manning one of the churches or simply to sponsor the energetic, please contact Chris and Melanie Maclean (Bridge) 830455, Pauline Pritchard (Patricxbourne) 830685 or Jill Gillanders (Bekesbourne) 830894 as soon as possible. We would love some new faces to join in with the regulars!

NADFAS

The Canterbury Group of Church Recorders, who are part of the organization NADFAS (National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies) have started recording in St. Peter's, Bridge. They expect to be working in the church for 18 months to 2 years and will be there on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday morning of each month. If anyone has any information regarding the church furnishings which might be helpful, will they please get in touch with the Group Leader through Rev. Paul Filmer or the Churchwardens.



Victorian Fete

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16 members were present at the July meeting held at the, Duke William, Ickham, when Doug Fenn, was in the Chair. He gave the Exhortation and the Silence was observed.

Mr. John James of Bridge was welcomed to the meeting as a prospective new member. It was proposed and agreed that Mr. A T Blair of Canterbury become a member of the Branch.

Good wishes go to Mr. D Kemp, a member of the Branch from Wingham, who is unwell.

The Branch took part in the Group 4 Quiz at Canterbury on 9th July - we did not do as well as we hoped but we enjoyed the evening.

A party of 9 from the Branch went on the annual trip to Etaples with Folkestone Branch on 25th June and had a very enjoyable day.

Tickets for our Branch Anniversary Dinner are now available from Branch officers, price £9 each. Also there are some Beef Pudding Supper tickets still available for the 27th November.

Don't forget our 80th Anniversary Rededication at Littlebourne War Memorial Hall on 31st August. We hope this will be an impressive turn out for the Branch.

The next two Branch monthly meetings will be on:

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NOTES FROM THE JULY MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter: The first newsletter has now been printed and delivered to all households and Cllr Dobson thanked everyone for their help in the distribution. In his absence the clerk passed on Cllr Anderson's thanks to Cllr Dobson for her hard work in producing the newsletter. Several positive comments have also been received from parishioners who wish to see the newsletter continue.

Traffic Calming: Following the completion of the traffic calming it was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to Kent Highways to obtain their agreement to the planting of shrubs or trees to make these areas more attractive, especially as they are at the gateway to the village. It was also **AGREED** to request the provision of priority signs to make the right of way clearer to traffic.

Sandbag Storage: It was unanimously **AGREED** that a suitable site for the proposed sandbag storage container would be on an area of land at the recreation ground where there is already a laid base which could be extended if necessary and the clerk was requested to contact Canterbury City Council to arrange a site visit by their engineer. Cllr Monk agreed to meet with Peter Brooks from the council to sort out the details.

Allotments: Cllr Dobson reported that there are several parishioners who would like an allotment but had been advised that there would be none available until next year when the Parish Council had completed their work with regard to the water supply. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would establish whether the land had now been cleared so that the parish council could go ahead with the installation of the water supply.

Vandalism: It was reported that there had been a greater police presence recently in the village following incidents involving vandalism and that parishioners are extremely concerned with the increase in acts of vandalism. It was unanimously **AGREED** that Cllr Beer would raise these concerns at the next Police Forum meeting in July and would invite the police to attend a meeting of villagers to address them on this problem. Cllr Corfield **AGREED** to contact the neighbourhood watch co-ordinators to ask them to be vigilant and make everyone aware of the problem and request that all acts of vandalism are reported to the police.

Applications received: The following new applications have been received and are being considered:

CAL01/0095/BRI - Replacement two-storey rear extension, internal & external alterations to dwelling at Lynton House, High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/0675/BRI - Replacement two-storey rear extension, internal & external alterations to dwelling at Lynton House, High Street, Bridge.

CAL01/0071/BRI - Minor amendments to demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single-storey extension at 90 High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/0487/BRI - Minor amendments to demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single-storey extension at 90 High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/0701/BRI - Replacement porch including pitched roof over garage at 55 Bridge Down, Bridge.

Planning applications granted: The following planning applications have been notified as granted:

CAL01/0075/BRI - Relocation of walk-in freezer to rear of bakery at 96 High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/0511/BRI - Relocation of walk-in freezer to rear of bakery at 96 High Street, Bridge.

CAL01/0076/BRI - Demolition of redundant chimney to rear of dwelling at 69 High Street, Bridge.

CAL01/0077/BRI - Replacement conservatory, garage, store and rebuild 1.8 metres high boundary wall at Riverdale House, High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/0532/BRI - Replacement conservatory, garage, store and rebuild 1.8 metres high boundary wall at Riverdale House, High Street, Bridge.

CA/00/0036/BRI - Erection of two-storey doctors' surgery with associated parking and formation of new access on land adjacent to the recreation ground, Patricxbourne Road, Bridge.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Notice of Intention: The following notice of intention has been received and will not have a Tree Preservation Order served by Canterbury City Council: Fell approximately 50 Leylandi around perimeter of garden at The Old Forge, 49 High Street, Bridge.

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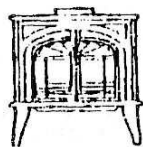
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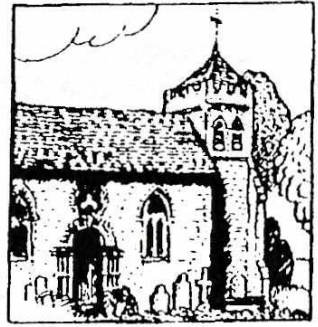
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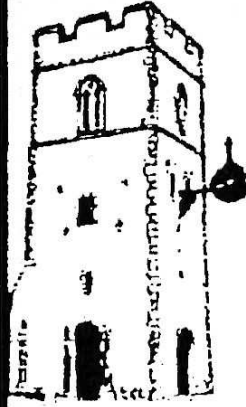
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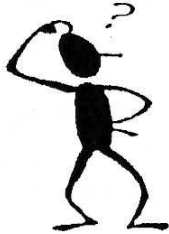
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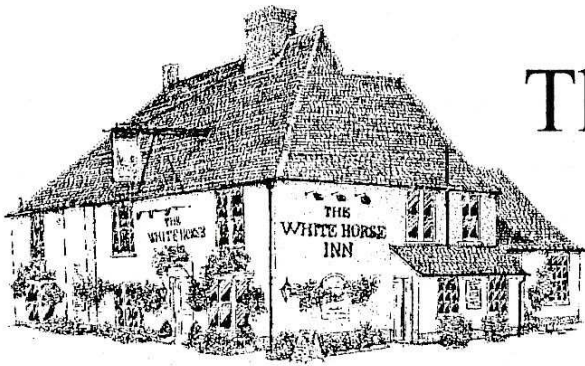


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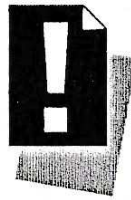
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Sun 9th Trinity 13	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Mattins Mrs A Nicholson	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Jer 18. 1-11 NT: Phil 1-21 6: Luke 14. 25-33
Sun 16th Trinity 14	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	4.00 pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Jer 4.11-12, 22-28 NT: 1 Tim 1. 12-17 6: Luke 15. 1-10
Sun 23rd Trinity 15	9.30 am Harvest Festival Rev R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Jer 8: 18-9.1 NT: 1 Tim 2. 1-7 6: Luke 16. 1-13
Sun 30th Trinity 16		8.00am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer			10.00am Benefice Service Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	OT: Jer 32.1-3a, 6-15 NT: 1 Tim 6. 6-19 6: LUKE 16. 19-31
Sun 7th Oct Trinity 17		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Harvest Festival Rev J Shorrocks	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Lamen 1. 1-6 NT: 2 Tim 1. 1-14 6: Luke 17. 5-10



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What Is Worship?

'Sheep-dip' Christianity is a phrase that describes a weekly visit to church for a dip into the religious chemical bath for spiritual cleansing, followed by a return to the real world to get dirty again on Monday. This is clearly not what the Bible tells us that God expects of his worshipping people.

When the people of Israel worshipped God on the one hand but rejected justice and righteousness on the other, he said; "I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"

And Jesus, observing the two-faced behaviour of the religious leaders who acted piously in public worship, but lived unholy lives in private, said "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites: as it is written: 'These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."

In contrast, to truly worship God we must sacrifice our own needs and desires and offer ourselves to do God's will. As Paul wrote; "I urge you, friends, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship."

At the end of the communion service we pray; "Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory." Let us remember that God commissions, equips and motivates us when we return to our every day lives; at all times and in all places; whether at work, rest, or play; to be living sacrifices in his service.

May God continue to bless you and all those you love.

PAUL

Diary for September 2001

- 4th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
5th Ears & Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge, 8.00pm
6th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.00pm
8th Friends of Kent Churches Bike Ride, 9.00am onwards
10th Benefice Caring & Sharing, Bridge Vicarage, 7.30pm
11th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
12th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall
10.00am-11.15am
NADFAS at Bridge Church 10.00am
Confirmation Service at Cathedral 7.30pm
14th Bekesbourne Photo Exhibition
15th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres
Church 10.15am
17th Caring & Sharing Trip to Marlowe Theatre
Health For All Talk, Littlebourne Memorial Hall 7.30pm
18th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
19th Lower Hardres/Nackington PCC, JBW Hall, 7.30pm
25th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge, 8.00pm
26th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10.00am
28th Coffee Morning, Mansfield Court, Bridge 10.30-12.00
October
7th Harvest Lunch, Bridge School, 12.30pm

Bridge Methodist Preachers for September 2001

- Sept 2nd Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
Sept 9th Rev. David Marshall
Sept 16th Rev. George Baugh
Sept 23rd Mrs Muriel Packer (Harvest Festival)
Sept 24th Harvest Festival Evening Service 7.30pm
Mrs Rosemary Walters
Sept 30th Rev. Barbara Heather

Your Parish Matters

Marriage

04/08 Patricxbourne Elisa Hudson & Adrian Mortimer
04/08 Nackington Laura Flisher & William Sapsed

Funeral

23/07/01 Bekesbourne Robert Child
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- In recognition of the Confirmation Service to be held in Canterbury Cathedral on 12th September, St Peter's Bridge will host a special **Benefice Holy Communion** at 4pm on Sun 16th (in place of the usual 10am service). This will be an opportunity for the 5 churches to celebrate the Eucharist with our recently confirmed members and their families. The service will be followed by a simple buffet tea.
- Tues 25th September sees the launch of our new midweek **house group After Eights**, to be held twice each month at 10 Union Road, Bridge from 8-9.30 pm. To start us off, we will be reviewing the BBC series 'Son of God' shown at Easter this year. In order to find out more, or tell us you will be coming, call Paul Filmer (830250) or Sarah Solly (832149) If you would like to be involved but can't make the advertised date, tell us and we will start a second group on a different evening.
- Caring and Sharing meets twice in September; firstly on 10th for a coffee and chat at the Vicarage and on 17th a pre-booked visit to the Marlowe Theatre.

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This group is for anyone living locally who is interested in all aspects of the village's past, and that of the locality in general. The new season's activities begin on Tuesday 25 September with a very brief Annual General Meeting, followed by a talk entitled 'Unknown Canterbury', at which new members will be most welcome. Meetings begin at 7.30 pm, and take place in Bridge Village Hall.

In addition to organising monthly talks and outings, the Society has also a lively 'research' group. We are planning to produce a brief history of the village, with further publications in the pipeline for the future, and we are always enthusiastic to receive any material concerning the history of Bridge, whether of the more distant past or individual memories of more recent times. For further information, contact either John Bishop, chairman (832596) or Meriel Connor, publicity (830487).

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Our thanks are due to all those who turned up, especially those with their trimmers, for a most productive morning in the Churchyard on 18th August. A great deal was achieved and we are most grateful to those who worked so hard to keep our Churchyard looking neat and cared for. Be warned - we hope to have another Working Party in October!

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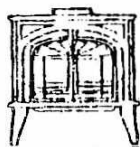
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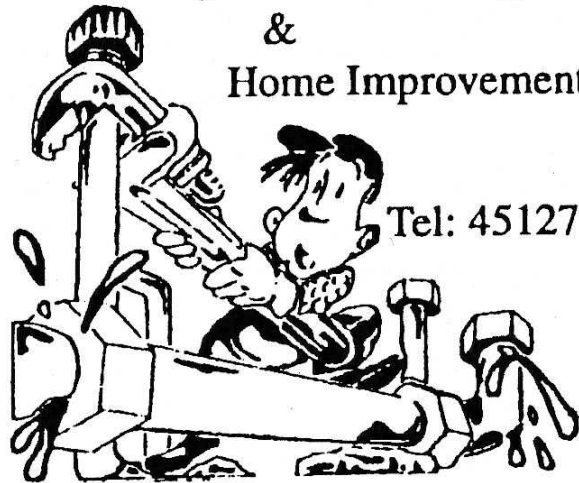
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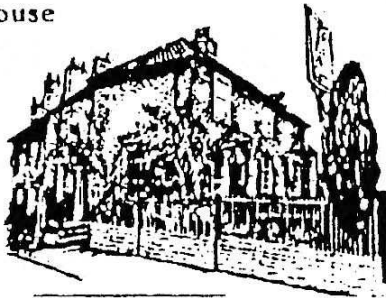
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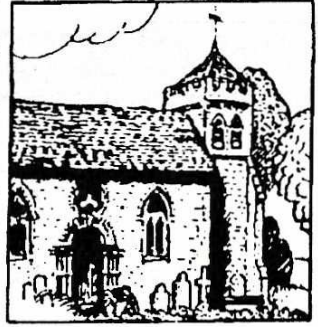
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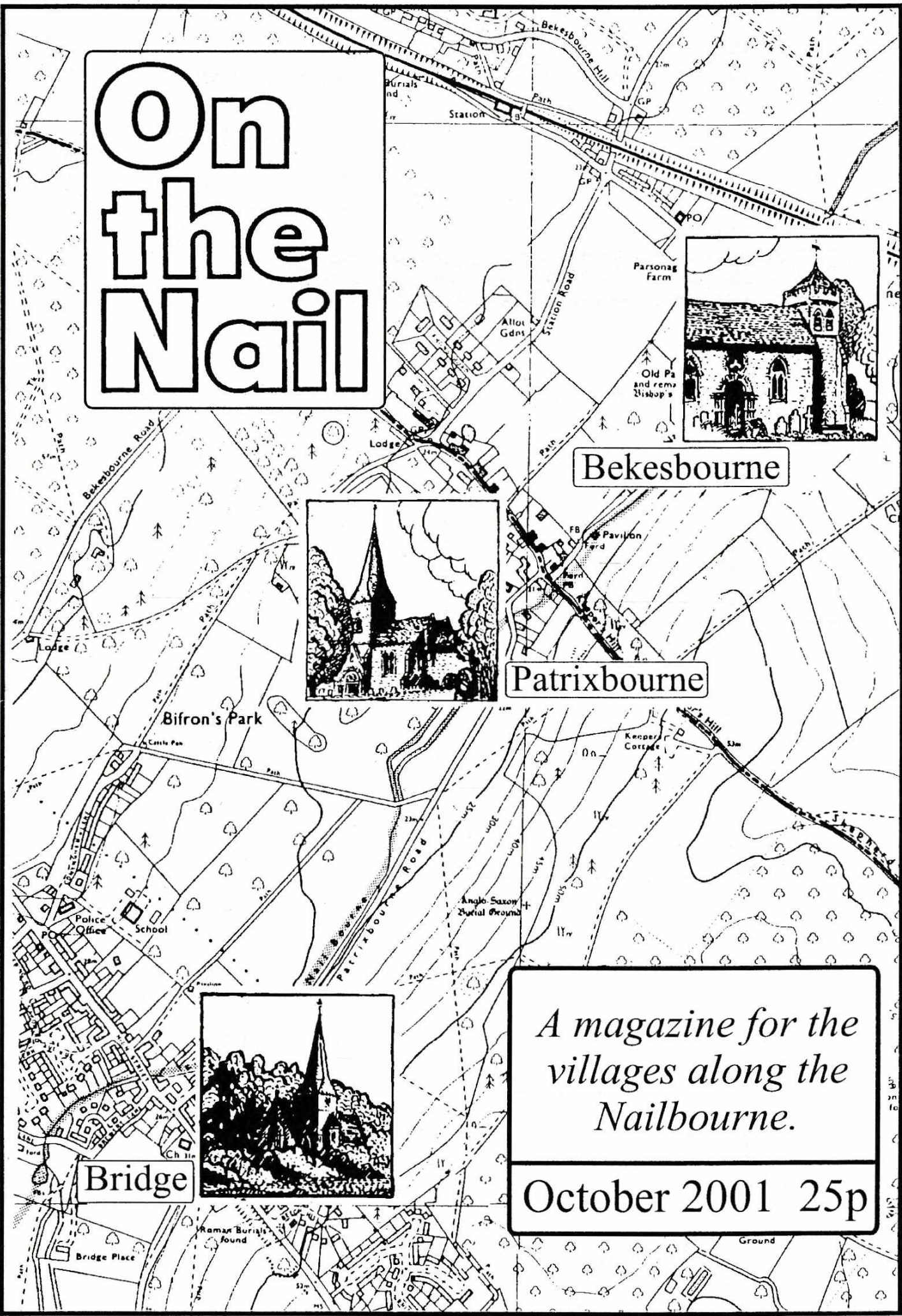
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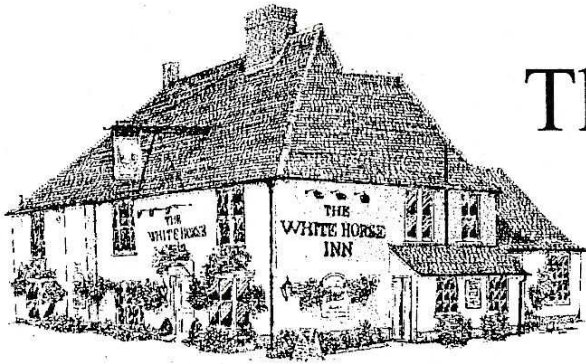
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Sun 7th Trinity 17		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Harvest Festival Rev J Shorrocks	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Harvest Festival Mrs P Kusel	OT: Lamen 1. 1-6 NT: 2 Tim 1. 1-14 6: Luke 17. 5-10
Sun 14th Trinity 18	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Harvest Festival Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Jer 29. 1,4-7 NT: 2 Tim 2. 8-15 6: Lu 17. 11-19
Sun 21st Trinity 19	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Choral Eucharist Rev G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Jer 31. 27-34 NT: 2 Tim 3. 14-4.5 6: Lu 18. 1-8
Sun 28th Trinity 20	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev R Diss	3.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks		OT: Isa 28.14-16 NT: Eph 2.19-22 6: John 15.17-27
Sun 4th Nov 4th before Advent		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev R Humphriss	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Isa 1.10-18 NT: 2 Thess 1.1-12 6: Lu 19.1-10



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Pause For Thought

I find it hard to concentrate on the print deadline for this letter, given the events of the past two days. I have found myself comparing the video footage from New York with the special effects dished up by Hollywood in films such as Die Hard, Godzilla or Independence Day. I have struggled to come to terms with the numbers involved - estimates of 10,000+ dead. And we saw it live on TV thousands of miles away.

By the time you read this, the dust would have literally settled, but what has happened in the mean time? I hope that President Bush's promise of justice has not, and will not, turn into a call for revenge. As we see from around the world, and experience within our own lives, revenge tends to be unmeasured, indiscriminate and unjust. It invariably escalates the conflict, and leads to more suffering for more innocent people.

I have seen film of Palestinian children dancing in the streets, and heard talk of Afghanistan being attacked because one outlaw lives there. Do Palestinian children understand what is going on, any more than those kids in Northern Ireland being made to run the gauntlet every morning? I think not. Should we wage war on a country because of the (suspected) actions of one man? I pray to God that we don't.

Jesus said "turn the other cheek". This does not mean that criminals should be left unpunished, but it does take away any perceived right to retaliation. You might think that "an eye for an eye" is a more useful quote, but would you murder 10,000 innocent civilians in cold blood to balance what happened in America? I hope not.

Perhaps the shock of this tragedy will serve to slow reactions down, to stop us from lashing out in blind fury. There will come a time for justice, there will come a time for forgiveness and peace. We can choose to hasten that time through our attitudes and our prayers for the victims of injustice. Please think about it.

May God continue to bless you and all those you love.

Paul

Diary for October 2001

- 1st School Harvest Service, Bridge Church, 9.30am
- 2nd School Harvest Service, Bridge Church, 9.30am
Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
- 3rd East Bridge Deanery Synod, Kingston 7.30pm
- 4th Health and Healing 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.00pm
Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Methodist Chapel 7.30pm
- 5th Friends of Bekesbourne Dance, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.30pm
- 6th Bridge Village Playgroup Jumble Sale, Bridge Village Hall 2.00pm
- 7th Bridge & Patricxbourne Harvest Lunch, Bridge Village Hall 12.30pm
- 8th Caring and Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
- 9th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm
- 10th Archdeacon of Canterbury's Benefice Visit (All day)
NADFAS at Bridge Church 10.00am
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10.00-11.15am
Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Benefice/PCC Meeting with Archdeacon, J.B.W. Hall
Lower Hardres 7.30pm
- 11th Methodish Church Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy
Methodist Chapel 10.00am
- 16th Womens Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm
- 17th Ears & Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 6.00pm
- 18th Bridge & Patricxbourne PCC, Methodist Chapel 7.30pm
- 20th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church 10.15am
- 22nd Caring and Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
- 23rd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
- 24th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10.00am
- 27th Bridge & Patricxbourne Autumn Fair, Village Hall 10.00am
- 30th After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm

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12/09 Lower Hardres Rebecca Louise Woodcock

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Lucy O'Brien

Marriage

01/09 Bekesbourne Naomi Warren & Stephen Dumbrell

15/09 Bekesbourne Beverley Todd & Darryl Whitlock

29/09 Bridge Jemma Brockhurst & Gary Rowland

Funeral

11.09 Barham (Bridge) Enid M Booth

21/09 Bridge / Barham Jean Oakey

22/09 Kingston (Bridge) Hilda Brent

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Bridge Methodist Church October 2001

Oct 7th Mr Michael Baybutt, B.Sc., DMS, C.Eng.

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Oct 14th Rev. David Marshall (Holy Communion)

Oct 21st Rev. Howard Skinner

Oct 28th Rev. David Marshall

Nov 4th Rev. Jeffrey Ward

Health and Healing Concerns

The meeting this month is on Thursday 4th October, at 7pm, at 7 Windmill Close.

There have been such appalling disasters this past month, that our prayers are even more vital; and individuals, with their tragedies feel very supportive by our prayers, as feed back has shown.

There is a Health and Healing Study day at the Education Centre, in Canterbury this year. Usually this is held at Maidstone, too far away. If anyone is interested in attending, I have the details. This date is Saturday 3rd November, 10.00am-3.00pm.

Kath Pierce

830844

Fish News

The Annual General Meeting of the Fish Scheme will take place during the Coffee Pop-In at Bridge Village Hall (10.00am-11.15am) on Wednesday October 10th. Please do come. Your comments are needed to shape what we do.

The committee meeting on September 11th was punctuated by news of the terrorist attacks in America. It seemed beyond belief. Our deepest sympathy goes to anyone directly affected.

W.I.

An enjoyable day was spent last month by 11 members with a group from our twin institute from West Kent, Otford, in Tenterden at the Vineyard.

On Tuesday 16th October at 7.30pm Mrs Lambert will talk on 'The Joys and Perils of Home-sitting' when the competition is an unusually shaped vegetable. New members and visitors will be made very welcome.

Bridge Village Playgroup

Playgroup is having a Jumble Sale on Saturday 6th October in Bridge Village Hall at 2.00pm. Please come and support the Playgroup. (Any jumble for selling please bring in the morning from 10.00am).

Thank you.

Joanne Watt

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Patricxbourne with Bridge P.C. C. - Victorian Fete 22nd September

The Victorian Fete due to be held on Saturday 22nd September, sadly, was cancelled. This was due to the continuing road closures in Patricxbourne, and the heavy rain in the days prior to the event, which resulted in very wet conditions at Bekesbourne Recreation Ground. All items kindly donated will be save for the **Autumn Fayre on Saturday 27th October**. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

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Bekesbourne News October 2001

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Harvest Festival is to be celebrated at the Family Service at 10.00am on Sunday 7th October.

As usual gifts of produce and other items presented at the service will be donated to The Women's Refuge in Canterbury. Please bring your donations of food (fresh or packaged), plus any other useful items, to the service and join in the celebrations and thanksgiving.

Jonathan Cowans

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Autumn Dance

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Conker Competition

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Boules

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Christmas Bazaar - is to be held in Bekesbourne Village Hall on Saturday December 1st at 10.30am.

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It was proposed and agreed that Mr A Bevan of Bridge become a member.

As mentioned last month, there are a few Beef Pudding Supper tickets still available for the 27th November. This is a very enjoyable evening and very good value. Anyone interested please contact Fred Bennett on 721237 or Barbara Hunt on 472023.

Our notice board is now re-sited at the Hall near the memorial plaque by the main doorway. Contact names and numbers for the Branch can be found here, besides news of Branch activities.

Our recent 80th Anniversary Parade and Service of Re-dedication on 31st August was well attended, with 12 Standards and representatives from other Branches. The Parade was led by the Herne Bay Sea Cadets. The Salute was taken by Col Patrick Crowley of the Princess of Wales Royal Regt, T.A. The Branch President, Oswin Kent gave a short address and a cake decorated with the Legion badge and poppy emblem was cut by Jim Mount. The Service was conducted by The Revd John Allan.

The Branch Grand Draw, which was run to coincide with the 80th Anniversary, has raised £742 for the Poppy Appeal. Result sheets are available from Branch Officers.

The next three Branch monthly meetings will be on:

Tues, 9th Oct at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

Tues, 6th Nov (A.G.M.) at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. and

Tues, 13th Nov at 8pm at the Plough & Harrow, Bridge.

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Kathy Walder

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The Friends of Canterbury Festival play an important supporting role in helping to raise funds. In return, for an annual subscription of £15 (£20 for couples/families) the Friends gain priority booking on all Festival events, discounts on selected events, Friends' events organised throughout the year, and a regular Newsletter.

Canterbury Festival Friends now number over 1100, which makes us one of the best supported groups of its kind in the country, but we constantly need more people to join us in order to help sustain the quality and range of the Festival programme. If any of you would like to know more about the Friends or the work of the Friends organisation, may I invite you to contact Mrs S. Martell, Friends' Secretary, Festival Office, Christ Church Gate, The Precincts, Canterbury, Kent. CT1 2EE - Tel. 01227-452853; or write to me at the Festival Office and a membership form will be sent to you.

My thanks for taking time to consider this request - I hope that we may welcome you as a Friend of Canterbury Festival in the near future.

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Newsletter: The second newsletter is currently being prepared and is due to be delivered to all households in Bridge by mid October.

Bus Shelter: The repair work to the fire damaged bus shelter in the High Street has been carried out and the insurance claim has been settled. Canterbury City Council have agreed to the Parish Council's request for the bus shelter to be swept at the same time as the High Street which is done every Friday

Sandbag Storage: A representative from Canterbury City Council has visited the village to look at the agreed position for the sandbag storage container and work to extend the existing base at the recreation ground near the pavilion and erect the storage container is scheduled to begin within the next two to three weeks.

Unkempt Land: Kent Highways have advised that the areas of unkempt land in Western Avenue adjacent to Ford Close and Green Court will be attended to by them in the future.

Village Hall Disabled Access: Planning permission has been granted for the disabled access to the rear of the village hall and tenders to carry out the work have been requested. The proceeds from the Art in Bridge Exhibition to be held in October will be going to the disabled access fund.

Applications received: The following new applications have been received and have been considered by the planning sub-committee:
CA/01/0869/BRI - Erection of detached garage/log store at Old Renville Farm House, Renville, Bridge.

Planning applications granted: The following planning applications have been notified as granted:
CA/01/0701/BRI - Replacement porch including pitched roof over garage at 55 Bridge Down, Bridge.
CA/01/0292/BRI - Two single storey extensions and external alterations at The New Close Residential Home, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.
CA/01/0684/BRI - Access ramp to rear of village hall at Bridge Village Hall, 28 High Street, Bridge.
CAL01/0071/BRI - Demolition of existing conservatory and replace with single-storey extension at 90 High Street, Bridge.
CA/01/0487/BRI - Single-storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory at 90 High Street, Bridge.
CAL01/0081/BRI - Slab reinstatement to basement floor at 67 High Street, Bridge.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Notice of Intention: The following notice of intention has been received and will not have a Tree Preservation Order served by Canterbury City Council: Fell small tree in front garden at 11 Riverside Close, Bridge.

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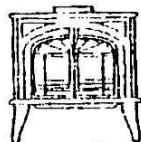
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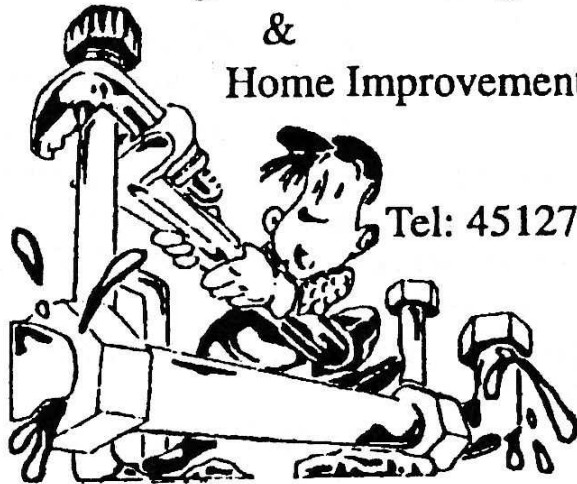
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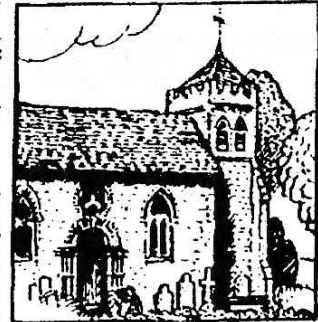
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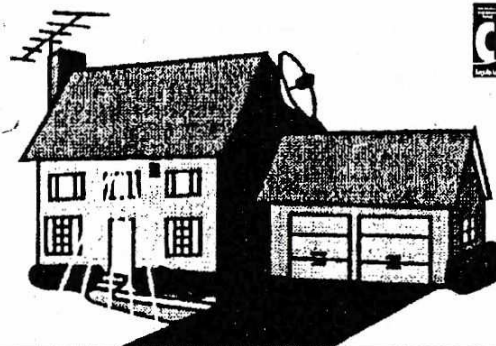
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Sun 4th All Saints		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev R Humphriss	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10 Fami Mr
Sun 11th Remembrance Day	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.50am Remembrance at Memorial Mrs M Clarke	10.50am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Matins Mrs A Nicholson	8 BCP Rev
Sun 18th 2nd before Advent	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Choral Eucharist Rev G Manley		1 Holy Rev
Sun 25th Christ the King	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev R Diss	3.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	
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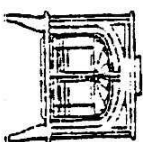
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Back to Basics

I was recently asked if I consider myself a Religious Fundamentalist. Strong language when you think of others who attract this label by their extreme behaviour and beliefs.

But what is a fundamentalist? Look at your car (or your neighbour's if you don't have one). What makes it a car? Certain features such as an engine, a wheel in each corner (and one for steering) and the ability to carry passengers are 'Fundamental' to it being seen as a car. Other details, such as alloy wheels, leather trim, or CD player are all extras rather than essentials, and diesel or petrol engines or manual/automatic gears are important individual choices, but do not change the car to a bike, or a lorry, or a lawnmower.

Christianity also has its fundamentals, features that are non-negotiable if the faith is to remain recognisable. We summarise them in statements of belief, the creeds (credo = I believe). The Apostles' Creed is a clear statement of essential christian truths. Through it we declare our belief in a creator God, a saviour for all mankind, born of a virgin, executed by order of a Roman Governor, and resurrected from death. God continues to work through his Holy Spirit, and we have the assurance of forgiveness of sins and resurrection to eternal life. These are the Fundamental underpinning beliefs of the christian faith, and other issues such as styles of worship, types of music, choice of bible translation are no more than a matter of personal preference.

So, in answer to the original question, as I stand by the beliefs set out in the creeds - the answer must be - Yes - I am a fundamentalist!

May God continue to bless you and all those you love.

Paul

Diary for November 2001

- 1st Bekesbourne PCC, School House 7.30pm
4th Songs of Praise, Canterbury Cathedral, 6.30pm
6th Holy Communion, The New Close, 2.30pm
8th Health and Healing 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7.00pm
10th Diocesan Synod, Cathedral Education Centre 9.30am
Bridge & Patricxbourne Wine & Wisdom,
Bridge Village Hall 7.00pm
12th Caring and Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
13th Holy Communion, Churchill House, 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm
14th Toddler Group, Lower Hardres Village Hall
9.15-11.15am
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall
10.00-11.15am
NADFAS at Bridge Church 10.00am
Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow, Bridge 6.00pm
17th Friends of Bekesbourne Church Working Party 10.00am
Lower Hardres Junion Choir, Lower Hardres
Church 10.15am
20th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Womens Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
23rd Charity Evening for Women, Lower Hardres Village
Hall 7.30pm
24th Lower Hardres & Nackington Christmas Fair
J.B.W. Hall 2.00pm
25th The Works, Bridge Church 10.00am
26th Caring and Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
27th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm
28th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10.00am
Lower Hardres & Nackington P.C.C. J.B.W. Hall 7.30pm

Bridge Methodist Church November 2001

- Nov 4th Rev. Jeffrey Ward
Nov 11th Mrs Beryl Skinner
Nov 18th Rev Peter Cornish
Nov 25th Miss Jean Hall

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

14/10 Bridge Elena Louise King

Funeral

02/10/01 Lower Hardres/Barham Phyllis E Mackay-Miller
12/10/01 Bridge/Barham Roy Starling
18/10/01 Barham (Bekesbourne) Harry Rothwell
19/10/01 Barham (Bekesbourne) William H Sidaway

Confirmation 2002

In September this year 11 children & 4 adults from our Parishes were confirmed as members of the Church of England by the Bishop of Dover in Canterbury Cathedral.

Do you want to 'confirm' the promises made on your behalf by your parents and godparents when you were baptised as a young child? If you do, or would like to find out more about confirmation, please contact Paul Filmer for information about our Spring 2002 confirmation course.

Remembrance Sunday

This year the Bridge group will hold acts of remembrance at Bridge and Lower Hardres. The Bridge family service will start outside at 10.50, followed by a short service in church. At Lower Hardres, we will congregate at the Memorial following the 9.30 service at Nackington. All are welcome to attend the memorials, regardless of attendance at the associated church service.

Canterbury Prison's Visitor's Centre

This local charity is looking for volunteers to staff the centre on an occasional basis. Opening hours are 1pm -4pm from Mon to Sat. They provide a caring and supportive environment where visitors can receive information and emotional support as well practical facilities including light refreshments, toilets, baby changing and a children's play area.

To find out more, please contact the Coordinator on 01227 785173; leave a message with your name and number, and she will contact you.

Is Your Church Open?

Parish churches exist for your use, when you need them - not just in Sunday mornings. Please contact Paul Filmer if you have found access to any of our churches difficult when visiting for private prayer or some personal space.

Health and Healing Concerns

The next meeting will be on Thursday 8th November, 7pm, at 7 Windmill Close. We usually meet on the first Thursday but as ALL SAINTS DAY falls on November 1st, and quite a few people like to attend a service on that day, we have moved the prayer meeting to the 2nd Thursday for this month. Several people have asked how young George is progressing, so I am pleased to up-date. George is completely free of seizures and diabetes praise God! He relates so well with his sister Lola now. He is still autistic but is having help and is progressing. The family still need your prayers and support and they are so grateful for your concern.

Please ring me if you have any requests for a person or situation you would like included in our prayers.

Kath Pierce, 830844

Fish News

The next Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 14th November between 10.00 and 11.15am in Bridge Village Hall.

Canterbury City Council has recently launched a new service called Homestay to help older or disabled who need help with repairs, maintenance or adaptations to their home. If asked, they will make home visits, advise on what needs to be done, help obtain estimates from reliable tradesmen, help you take advantage of any loans or grants available, and support you until the work is satisfactorily completed. If you would like to contact Homestay telephone 742731.

W.I.

The A.G.M. on November 20th will be followed by a quiz. There will be no competition.

Joyce Hopkins

Youth Group

We are very interested in the idea of the formation of a youth group for young adults in the village. This is an idea supported by the Revd Paul Filmer who has been discussing this issue for some time. If you are a young person reading this, what would you like to see in the village for you? Would you like to meet with others in the village on a regular basis? Would you be interested in attending an open meeting on the subject in the future? We need your help! Please contact Pam Dobson 832369 or Paul Filmer 830250 with your thoughts and views.

Sponsored Bike Ride 2001

We would like to thank all the stalwarts - new and old - who turned out for us on the day, manned the church or sponsored riders. Marian Harlow, Chris and Rosemary Hoare, David Morgan and Viv Pritchard between them raised the excellent total of £319 for Friends of Kent Churches and St Mary's Patrixbourne. Well done, all of you! A special thank you, too, to the band of ladies who kept the warm welcome going in the church, despite the sudden and unexpected lack of water for catering and washing-up purposes and the noise and mess occasioned by Southern Water's prompt attention to the need for emergency excavations just outside the church gate.

Pauline Pritchard

THE SMALLEST GARDEN PARTY IN THE WORLD raised the amazing sum of £279 for Demelza House the Children's Hospice, and Traidcraft sales reached just over £300!! Thank you very much indeed for your generous support of this event which enjoyed good weather for the first session, and rain for the second, but the inclement weather clearly did not dampen the generosity of those attending. The Adscene photographer paid a visit during the morning session - did you spot the photo in the edition published the following week?? My thanks again,

Christ Hoare

Latest from Bridge and Patrixbourne CEP School

Well, we are already half way through our first term and many things have been happening. The term started with the flooding of two classrooms and the hall, consequently with regret we had to delay the start of the new reception children by a week. On the bright side we have at long last moved into the new building leaving the mobiles behind. It did not take long for the mobiles to be removed from their resting places, and as you can imagine this caused great excitement all round.

We would like to welcome all the new pupils to the school and hope that they are all setting in well. We also welcome 5 new teaching staff, Mr Clark, Yr3/4 and Asst Headteacher, Miss Buchan Yr6, Mr Lockerby Yr3/4, Mrs Turner Yr1 and Miss Lane our new Reception Teacher.

Both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 celebrated Harvest with assemblies both of which were due to be held at church. Unfortunately very heavy rain meant holding the Key Stage 2 assembly in the school hall, which is well on the way to completion. We will keep you up-to-date with further progress.

Bekesbourne Family Service

A big thank you to everyone who took part in decorating the church for the recent Harvest Festival, We had an excellent turn out and lots of gifts for the women's refuge who would like to pass on their thanks to all who contributed.

November's Family Service will be ALL SAINTS and the Bekesbourne Brownies will be attending for their Annual Church Parade.

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Bekesbourne Sponsored Bike Ride

On a typical autumn day riders Joan Atkins, Roger Nicholls, Cheryl and Clive Barker (Unicorn) and friends, and first time riders Ashley Bates and daughters Abigail, Georgina and Harriet set off and raised between them £339, to be shared between St Peters Bekesbourne and The Friends of Kent Churches. Thanks also go to Janet Street, Jonathan Cowans and Pat Kusel who manned the church and served refreshments and to all the sponsors for their invaluable support. Well done all!!

Jill Gillanders

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Our AUTUMN DANCE in October was a great success and nearly 70 people enjoyed a very happy evening dancing to the excellent music provided by Jimmy Lennox. Thanks to the efforts of all concerned, we made a profit of £312.

As promised (or threatened!) there will be another CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY on Saturday 17th November, at 10am, and as before those with strimmers will be welcome, as well as anyone who can spare a few hours.

The CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held at Bekesbourne Village Hall on Saturday 1st December. Doors will open at 10am. The BROWNIES will be organising Teas and Coffees and running their competitions, and we will have our usual stalls, including Cakes, Produce, Books and Gifts and Bric-a-Brac, etc. donations of good quality items suitable for gifts will be most welcome. Do come along and support us and be surprised by the treasures you may find!

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Cleaning and Flowers

Every December Christine Ash compiles a rota for these important tasks for Bekesbourne Church.

More volunteers are required to join the rota for either flower arranging, cleaning or both.

No-one is expected to arrange flowers and clean on the same weekend.

If you can spare some time to help keep our ancient building looking beautiful and well cared for please contact Christine Ash, Jill Gillanders or myself.

Thank you.

Jonathan Cowans

Bekesbourne Church Flowers and Cleaning Rota

11 Nov	Christine Ash
18 Nov	Jane Mason/Jane Millyard
25 Nov	Jane Millyard
2 Dec	Romany Cowans

Wine and Wisdom Evening

Saturday 10th November

Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC is holding a Wine and Wisdom Evening in Bridge Village Hall on Saturday November 10th starting at 7pm.

The cost will be £5 per person or £40 for a table of eight. A light supper will be provided but you are asked to bring your own plates, cutlery, drinks and glasses.

Book your ticket(s) now, by phoning

Pat Dunderdale on 830668 or

Andrea Nicholson on 830947.

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The NAILBOURNE SCOUT GROUP is organising a CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY, again this year for BRIDGE VILLAGE ONLY.

Special stamps (price still help at 10p), and decorated Christmas posting boxes will be at the following locations from 6th to 20th December.

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THE SCOUT GROUP HOPES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Rajini Dasan

Free Trees in the Stour Valley

The Kentish Stour Countryside Project is currently offering an opportunity to parishes in their project area to take part in a Free Trees Scheme. The scheme is open to landowners, farmers, parish councils, schools and community groups and it is hoped that many trees will be planted in the parishes of the Canterbury area. Trees may be planted as individual standards, as standards in hedgerows or in field corners, parkland, village greens or other public spaces. For further details and an application form please contact the Kentish Stour Countryside Project: 01233 813307.

TODDLER GROUP

Why not come along and have a coffee and a chat while your children play.

We meet monthly at Lower Hardres Village Hall, £2.00 per family, next meeting Wednesday 14th November 9.15-11.15am.

Further details from Julie Cox 788316.

Dates for the future:

12th December, 9th January 2002.

Julie Cox

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LITTLEBOURNE AND DISTRICT BRANCH

17 members were present at the October meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn was in the Chair. He gave the Exhortation and the silence was observed.

Former Branch Chairman Basil Stirton, who has recently returned from living in Spain, was warmly welcomed to the meeting. Also Ron Bates was welcomed back following his illness.

As mentioned last month, there are a few Beef Pudding supper tickets still available for the 27th November price £6.50. Contact Fred Bennett on 721237.

Our notice board (removed from outside the old Post Office) has now been resited at the Hall near the memorial plaque by the main doorway. Names and numbers for Branch Committee are available there.

Our Annual Remembrance Parade and Service is at Ickham Church this year on Sunday 11th November. The Parade will assemble at 10.45am outside the Lych Gate.

And last, but by no means least, our Poppy Appeal Organiser, Geoff Welch, is looking for people to help with the Poppy Collection, not only in Littlebourne but also Ickham and Wickhambreaux. If you have a few hours to spare during the fortnight beginning 29th October, please get in touch. His number is 728507.

The next two Branch monthly meetings will be on:-

Tuesday 6th November at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne (AGM) 8pm

Tuesday 13th November at the Plough & Harrow, Bridge 8pm

ST PETERS CHURCH, BRIDGE

CLEANING ROTA NOVEMBER 2001

Week ending Nov 3rd	Kathy Eynon
Nov 10th	Viv Saunders
Nov 17th	Pat Hulyer
Nov 24th	Viv Saunders
Brasses	Kath Pierce, Gladys Lemar

THE WORKS!

The WORKS is a group of young people aged from 5 upwards from across the Bridge Group of Parishes. We meet on the 4th Sunday of every month. We spend time together doing craft, music, drama, outings, enjoying each others company and having lots of fun! Each week we have a number of activities to do. You can choose which ones you take part in and we would also love to hear your ideas. We are sometimes invited by the churches to share some of our activities in the family services.

DATES

<u>28th</u> <u>October</u> Bridge Church 10.00 - 11.15 Singing and Crafts for Remembrance.	<u>25th</u> <u>November</u> Bridge Church 10.00 - 11.15 Drama, Christmas Crafts and Singing.	<u>20th</u> <u>December</u> <u>CAROL</u> <u>SINGING!</u> Meet at Bridgeway Stores at 6p.m. for an hour's Carol Singing followed by Hot Drinks and Mince Pies.	<u>23rd</u> <u>December</u> <u>NO</u> <u>MEETING</u> Have a very Happy Christmas!	<u>27th</u> <u>January</u> Venue to be announced 10.00 - 11.15 'Light and Music' Crafts and Singing
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*** Christmas Special Workshop ***

Thurs 20th December, 10am at JBW Hall, L Hardres

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For further information phone Neile on 01227 722332.

NEW YOGA CLASS in Bekesbourne Village Hall every Friday 10.00am - 11.13am £4.00 beginners and all levels welcome - phone Sally on 01227 832268.

NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter: Cllr Dobson thanked councillors for their contributions to the newsletter which is now ready for distribution. It was unanimously **AGREED** that the newsletter will be distributed in the village during this week and Cllr Anderson **AGREED** to arrange this. Cllr Anderson also thanked Cllr Dobson for her hard work in producing the newsletter.

Traffic Calming: Cllr Anderson reported that although the areas of land created by the traffic calming had initially been planted by Cllr Oakey and his wife a decision as to sponsorship for future planting was required if these areas are to remain in good order. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Anderson would discuss the matter with Cllr Oakey and his wife for suggestions and ideas for planting. The clerk reported that no reply had been received regarding the request for a priority sign and it was **AGREED** that she should write to Andy Phillips regarding this and also about the textured surfacing which has not yet been laid.

Sandbag Storage: Cllr Monk advised that the storage container had now been installed and filled with sandbags and the keys had now been issued to the keyholders. Canterbury City Council will be advised of the names and addresses of the keyholders should a resident contact the City Council during any future flooding incident.

Village Directory: Cllr Dobson reported that a request for sponsorship had been made in the newsletter and asked councillors to let her have any information and sponsorship ideas they had for the directory.

Trees: Cllr Monk reported that Kentish Stour Countryside would provide up to 20 trees free for planting in Bridge and requested suggestions for the siting of the trees. It was unanimously **AGREED** that 10 trees would be requested and that sites would be decided upon in detail at a later stage.

Christmas Trees: Cllr Walder **AGREED** that he and Cllr Gulvin would arrange for the supply and installation of the christmas trees in the High Street this year. The clerk is to write to all residents in the High Street to ask if they wish to have a tree and also to request a donation towards the cost.

Police Report: Following the Police Meeting in September which was well supported, Chief Inspector P West has reported the highway issues raised at the meeting to Mr A Phillips at the Highways Department of Canterbury City Council. These include the pedestrian crossing, traffic calming and parking infringements.

Applications received: The following new applications have been received and are being considered:

CAL01/0124/BRI - Internal alterations, The Red Lion PH, High Street, Bridge.

CAL01/0127/BRI - Erection of conservatory at Dover Lodge, 48 High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/1065/BRI - Erection of conservatory at Dover Lodge, 48 High Street, Bridge.

Planning applications granted: No planning applications have been notified as granted.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

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0.00 am ly Service s P Kusel	OT: Dan 7.1-18 NT: Eph 1.11-23 G: Lu 6..20-31
3.00 am Communion P Filmer	OT: Job 19. 23-27a NT: 2 Thes 2. 1-5, 13-17 G: Lu 19. 1-10
0.00 am Communion v P Filmer	OT: Mal 4. 1-2a NT: 2 Thes 3. 6-13 G: Lu 21. 5-19
	OT: Jer 23.1-6 NT: Col 1.11-20 G: Lu 23. 33-43
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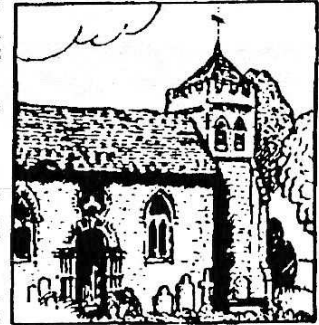
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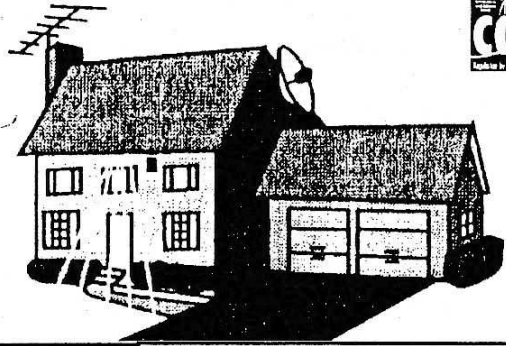
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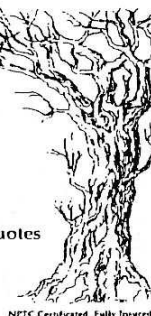
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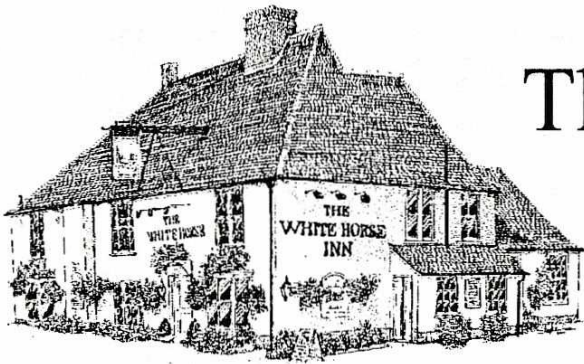
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Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekebourne	Readings
Sun 2nd Advent 1		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Isa 2. 1-5 NT: Rom 13. 11-end G: Matt 24. 36-44
Sun 9th Advent 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service with Baptism Rev P Filmer Can C Bradbury 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Matins Mrs A Nicholson	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Isa 11. 1-10 NT: Rom 15. 4-13 G: Matt 3. 1-12
Sun 16th Advent 3	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	3.00pm Crib Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion with Baptism Can G Manley Rev H Connoll		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Isa 35. 1-10 NT: James 5. 7-10 G: Matt 11. 2-11
Fri 21st				7.00pm Carol Service		

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 23rd Advent 4	9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Diss	3.00 pm Carol Service Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Can J Packer 6.00pm Carol Service	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00am Nativity Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Isa 7. 10-16 NT: Rom 1. 1-7 G: Matt 1. 18-25
Mon 24th Christmas Eve		11.30pm Holy Communion Can R Diss	4.00pm Christingle Rev P Filmer 11.30pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.30pm Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Isa 52. 7-10 NT: Heb 1. 1-4 G: Jn 1. 1-14
Tues 25th Christmas Day	8.00am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00am Family Service Mrs M Clarke		9.30am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	11.00am Carol Service Rev P Filmer	
Sun 30th Christmas 1		10.00am Benefice Service Rev P Filmer				OT: Isa 63. 7-9 NT: Heb 2. 10-18 G: Matt 2. 13-23
Sun 6th January 2002 Epiphany		10.00 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Thackray	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service & Baptism Mrs P Kusel Rev P Filmer	OT: Isa 60. 1-6 NT: Eph 3. 1-12 G: Matt 2. 1-12

Diary for December 2001

- 1st Bekesbourne Christmas Market, Bekesbourne
Village Hall 10am
- 3rd Carols with Salvation Army Band, Bridge School 7.30pm
- 4th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
- 5th Flower Arrangers Meeting, The Archways, Conyngham
Lane, Bridge 2.30pm
- 6th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.00pm
- 10th Caring and Sharing, Vicarage 7.30pm
- 11th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm
- 12th NADFAS at Bridge Church, 10am
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall
10.00-11.15am
Ears & Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7.00pm
- 13th Carols at The Unicorn, Bekesbourne 7.00pm
- 14th Senior Citizens Party, Bridge School 1.45pm
- 15th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres
Church 10.15am
- 18th Carols at Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
- 19th Carols at The New Close, Bridge 6.00pm
- 20th 'The Works' Christmas Workshop, J.B.W. Hall,
Lower Hardres 10am
Carols at Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm
'The Works' Carol singing, Bridge High Street 6.00pm

Bridge Methodist Church

- Dec 2nd Rev. Donald Lugg
- Dec 9th Rev. George Baugh (Holy Communion)
- Dec 16th Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
- Dec 23rd Rev. David Marshall (Christingle Service)
- Dec 30th Rev. Donald Lugg

Christmas Transport - If anyone requires transport to any of the
Christmas Services please contact Laurence Dunderdale, 830668



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Open the Box!

Browsing through the toy department of a Canterbury store yesterday took me back to a time when the children were very young. Everything was big and bright; play kitchens complete with glowing hobs and pots & pans, or fantasy castles with secret rooms and dragons lairs. Perhaps the brightest things were the boxes they came in. On more than one occasion, after carefully selecting the present to eclipse all other presents, the girls would open it and spend all of Christmas Day playing with the box rather than the contents!

Sometimes I think we can make the same mistake with the meaning of Christmas. Our expectations are high, for peace on Earth and goodwill to all men. The time and effort spent on choosing presents, writing cards, planning parties (and carol services) adds to the growing excitement as the day grows nearer. The anticipation of family gatherings, mulled wine, that new pair of slippers, or perhaps a ticket to see Lord of the Rings (not that I'm hinting at all girls) keeps Christmas in our minds as the nights draw in and the heating comes on.

Come the day itself, what will we be celebrating? Do we see all the celebrations as an end in themselves, or a means to a greater, more significant end? Do we rip open the Christmas wrappings to get to the box, or the thing inside?

At Christmas we celebrate that God came to earth as a vulnerable baby, born in a humble stable and destined to die sacrificially on a cross, so that we can experience true peace, true joy and a restored relationship with each other, and with God. Enjoy the wrappings, but don't forget to open the box!

May God continue to bless you and all those you love.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Funerals

09/11/01	Barham (Bridge)	Helen M Thornhill
14/11/01	Barham (Bridge)	Reginald J Neame
19/11/01	Barham (Bekesbourne)	Charles F Carreck

Confirmation 2002

- Contact Paul Filmer (830250) for information about our Spring 2002 confirmation course.

Benefice Crib Service

- Dec 16th @ 3pm in Lower Hardres Church (No L Hardres family service today). Refreshments served after the service. Dress up as nativity character if you like. Please bring a gift (any size) for children (any age) at the Children's Refuge.

The Works' @ Christmas

- Children's Arts & Crafts workshop @ JBW Hall, L Hardres on Thurs 20th
Dec - 10am to 12 noon. All ages welcome. Come and have fun.
- Carol singing around Bridge on 20th Dec. Meet outside Bridgeway Stores at 6pm. Bring your parents if they can sing!

Saving with Smarties

- Children (and adults as well!) - don't forget to bring your smartie tubes along to the Benefice Christingle service, or any other Christmas service. All money will be donated to The Children's Society.

Bridge & Patrixboume School

- Carol Service with the Salvation Army. 3rd December @ 7.30 pm. Tickets £1, available from the school office.
- Senior Citizen's Party The children invite all local senior citizens to their annual party on 14th December. Please contact Mrs Andrews at the school (830276) to reserve your free place, and arrange transport if needed.

Family Trees

- Can anybody spare some time researching names in our parish records for people who live too far away to do it themselves. If so, please contact Paul Filmer (830250).

Calling all Singers

This year's carol service at Bridge is at 6.00pm on the evening of Sunday 23rd of December. We are hoping to have a strong choir for this service and would welcome anyone who would like to come along and sing even if you have never sung with us before or don't feel able to commit to singing regularly with the choir. There are going to be three rehearsals all in Bridge Church:

14th December 7.00 - 8.30

18th December 7.00 - 8.30

23rd December (During the afternoon before the service - time to be announced.)

Please contact Emma Medhurst for further details on 830762 / ecm2@cant.ac.uk or just turn up for the first rehearsal.



St. Mary's Patrixbourne

Carol Service

Friday 21st December 2001

At 7.00 p.m.

A Service of Traditional Carols, Readings and Anthems

All welcome afterwards at Riverside Cottage for Mulled Wine and Mince-pies

Anyone who wishes to join the Choir for this service should contact Rosalie Stacey on 01227 830205 for details of rehearsal times.

Health and Healing Concerns

The meeting in December will be on the first Thursday once again, 6th December, at 7pm at 7 Windmill Close.

Please contact me on 830844 if you have a request or special concern you wish to be prayed for on that meeting. Also you know you are very welcome to come along in person. You need never feel alone when you have caring people praying for you and supporting you, so please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

The Christmas Coffee Pop-In in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 12th December from 10.00-11.15am. do come and remember lifts can be arranged by telephoning Ann Medhurst on 830762.

The Ultimate Plum Pudding Co. makes beautifully presented puddings which are sold to raise funds for L'arche homes for the learning disabled. 1lb puddings are £4.50 and 2lb ones are £8.00. Please telephone 830298 for delivery to your home.

W.I.

The Christmas meeting is on the earlier date of Tuesday 11th December when Mr C Wade will speak on "Smugglers of Kent". The competition is a Christmas table decoration and members are asked to take a plate of food and a glass.

Joyce Hopkins

Flower Arranging - Bridge

A meeting to discuss decorations for Christmas at St. Peters Bridge, and next years rota, will be held at The Archways, at 2.30pm on Wednesday 5th December. Anyone interested in flower arranging is welcome, as new members are desperately needed, to ensure the Church is adequately decorated throughout the year. If you are not sure, just pop in for a cuppa.

Viv Brasier

Friends of Bekesbourne Church - A tremendous thank you to all who turned out, many with their strimmers, to do a sterling job in tidying up the Church yard on 17th November.

STOP PRESS - 26th January Jumble Sale - Save your jumble now!!

The Children's Society

Fundraising - Christmas Cards

These are on sale at the Charity's shop in Palace Street, Canterbury.

Christingle Service - at St Peter's Church, Bridge on 24th December at 4pm

The collection is for the society's work projects to keep young runaways off the streets, providing shelter, food, safe homes and care. Each year 40,000 children and young people are given help, but to continue the lifeline, the Charity needs to raise at least £1.5 million!

Donations from Christingle Services held all over the country at Christmas time will achieve this aim if each Church can raise £150.

In our Benefice some children are using Smartie Boxes in which to save coins (20p's fit in well) and if the adults wish, cardboard candles, these are available in Bridge Church, are available for their contributions, which have a Gift Aid Declaration attached for taxpayers to complete, (to enable to Government to add to the sum given!)

Please contact Kathy Eynon (tel 830466) or Pat Dunderdale (tel 830668) if more information is required.

St Peter's Church, Bridge Cleaning Rota December 2001

W/E	Dec 1st	Kathy Eynon, Joyce Dean
W/E	Dec 8th	Kath Pierce, Gladys Lemar
W/E	Dec 15th	Pat Hullyer
W/E	Dec 22nd	Volunteers
W/E	Dec 29th	Viv Saunders

Thank you to all who have helped with Church Cleaning during 2001

Kathy Eynon

Bridge Church Cleaning

Occasional cleaners needed for new rota, giving the faithful few a well deserved rest. More volunteers means less work, and saves the church from spending your cash on hired cleaners

Bekesbourne Family Services in December

Advent Sunday 2nd December

The usual Family Service but to include the annual collection of goods for British Humanitarian aid. suggestions for gifts, toiletries, nappies, dried foods, stationery, soft toys and good quality winter clothing.

Annual Nativity Service is an additional service this year to be held on Sunday 23rd December at 10.00am. Any children of the Bridge Group of Churches are welcome to take part but they must be available to attend a rehearsal at **Bekesbourne Church at 11.00am on the preceding Sunday 16th.**

Patricia Kusel

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

REMINDER CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday 1st December at 10am in Bekesbourne Village Hall.

The CONKER COMPETITION raised £106 for our funds and was greatly enjoyed, especially by the younger competitors, and once again we thank Clive and Cheryl for organising it, and Hoverspeed for their excellent Raffle Prizes.

The next major event is our CAROLS AT THE UNICORN evening, kindly hosted by Clive and Cheryl, on Wednesday 12th December at 8pm. Stuart Field and Dave Cutting will be there to accompany our singing, and Eleanor Pearson has also agreed to contribute one or two solo items. This is always a very special evening in our calendar and we warmly invite you to join us then.

CAROLS

AT

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Wednesday 12th December at 8.00pm

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Cleaning and Flowers

Every December Christine Ash compiles a rota for these important tasks for Bekesbourne Church.

More volunteers are required to join the rota for either flower arranging, cleaning or both.

No-one is expected to arrange flowers and clean on the same weekend.

If you can spare some time to help keep our ancient building looking beautiful and well cared for please contact Christine Ash, Jill Gillanders or myself.

Thank you.

Jonathan Cowans

Bekesbourne Church Flowers and Cleaning Rota

2nd Dec	Romany Cowans (clear flowers and clean)
9th Dec	Jane Shorrocks (cleaning only)
16th Dec	(cleaning only)
23rd Dec	Christmas decorating Monday 24th at 10.30am

Flower Arrangers needed for Christmas at Bekesbourne, meeting at 10.00am on Monday 24th please - All welcome

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Society's Annual Social Evening will be held on Tuesday 4 December commencing at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. To help us prepare for the Christmas festivities we have invited Mrs Jill Snashell along to demonstrate some seasonal arrangements and also to help us make our own. She has suggested that we bring along the following:

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and she will have a selection of ribbons and guide us on how to make bows.

The Society will have holly, ivy and pine cones available for those who cannot bring their own.

There will be a small charge of £2 per person for the evening which will include seasonal refreshments. Members, friends and non-members are all most welcome to join us.

Kathy Walder

Poppy Appeal

As Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser for Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bishopsbourne, I should like to thank my wonderful team of collectors, together with our generous donors for the magnificent sum of £1,484, given this year.

As this record total included the £170 Church collection, it would be appropriate to thank the Vicar and congregation for that superb offering.

Doubtless you will have read about the British Legion's ever increasing difficulties in maintaining an adequate financial basis from which to fund its many commitments. Consequently, our annual collections do have to show a constant increase, and this we have managed to achieve each successive year. Thank you all so much.

B V Whiting

Bridge History Society

Our September talk on Unknown Canterbury was followed up by a guided walk around Canterbury on 20 October, given by Meriel Connor. We sought out some of the intriguing and unnoticed things pointed out to us in Derek Butler's slide lecture, and fitted in hasty visits to the Eastbridge Hospital, the Greyfriars and the Heritage Museum. On Tuesday 27 November, Anthea Bryant gave a talk on Nelson, including his associations with Kent. On 15 December our Christmas Buffet will start with a photo quiz and a drink in the village hall at 12.30 pm, followed by lunch, a general knowledge quiz and a prize raffle. For information and tickets, please telephone John Bishop, 832596.

Meriel Connor

Art in Bridge Exhibition

The Exhibition took place on Saturday 20th October and was a judged great success. There were 144 exhibits from 66 artists plus the displays from the School, the Playgroup and Woodpeckers! We estimate that there were several hundred visitors and many came back for a further look. The comments were all so favourable that we have decided to run it again next Autumn.

The success is all down to the artists and their hard work and we want to thank them for their support and to encourage them to get working, ready for next year. Thanks also to all those who helped hang the exhibits, steward and provide refreshments during the day. Whilst it was not the main reason for having the Exhibition we did raise over £200 for the Disabled Access Fund.

We had several requests to include more craft work and whilst we would not have had the space this time, it does raise the possibility of having an Arts and Crafts exhibition in the Spring. If there is sufficient interest we would like to try that.

If you live or work in Bridge or nearby and would be interested in showing your craft work, whether it be furniture, toys, jewellery, weaving etc., please contact John Corfield on 830976.

Emily Shirley, Mervyn Gulvin, John Corfield

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

28 members and guests attended the Branch A.G.M. on 6th November at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. In the Silence those present remembered Basil Stirton, a past Branch Chairman and a great friend who had passed away.

President, Oswin Kent, said that he was proud of the Branch's achievement in reaching its 80th Anniversary and felt sure that it would be flourishing when the 100th Anniversary occurred too, but that success was due to the support of its members and officers. He thanked the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary for their work. Chairman, Doug Fenn, commended the members on the excellent turnout at the 31st August parade which he felt had brought the Legion to the fore locally. He also wished the Branch every success in the coming year. The Treasurer and the Service Committee Chairman gave reports.

A proposal was put forward that in future the Branch holds all its monthly meetings at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne instead of going to various venues on a rota basis. This was carried by 24 to 4. The meeting thanked the Steward for making us welcome there.

The Branch held its annual Parade and Service on Sunday, 11th November at Ickham Church. Standard Bearer, Tom Perry, was well supported by Branch members and colour parties and members of the Littlebourne Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. The Silence was observed at the War Memorial and a wreath was laid by the President, Oswin Kent. Afterwards the parade marched into church. The service was conducted by Branch Padre The Revd John Allan and the lesson was read by Oswin Kent.

12 members attended the November monthly meeting held at the Plough & Harrow, Bridge when Doug Fenn was in the Chair. In the Silence he asked those present to remember Ivan Batchelor, a friend of the Branch, who had recently passed away.

The Poppy Appeal Organiser, Geoff Welch said he would like to thank everyone for their efforts regarding the poppy collection, in particular John Berry of Littlebourne, Mrs J Rogers of Adisham, Mrs Deverson of Bekesbourne and Mr & Mrs White of Wickhambreaux.

The next two monthly meetings, which will both be at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, will be on

Tues 11th December 2001 at 8pm and

Tues, 8th January 2002 at 8pm.

NOTES FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Allotments: FPD Savills have advised that the allotments have not yet been cleared and are not likely to be ready in the near future due to lack of funding. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to FPD Savills advising them of the interest expressed by a number of villagers who wish to have allotments and asking them to give the matter a high priority.

Traffic Calming: It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to the City Council to request more parking attendant presence in the village as cars are still being parked on the hatched area of the pedestrian crossing.

Kent Highways have advised that the anti-skid surfacing should be completed in the next few weeks and that they are reluctant to erect priority signs as the normal convention of motoring is that the motorist with the obstruction on his side of the road gives way. Kent Highways have advised CI West that a large number of complaints about the scheme have been received but as the scheme is not yet finished they would prefer to wait to review the scheme in its entirety. The initial findings were that traffic speeds have reduced considerably on the southbound approach to Conyngham Lane but this will have to be measured again once the scheme is completed to see if the speed reduction has been sustained.

Trees: Cllr Monk reported that the request for the additional trees was in hand and they should arrive shortly. It was **AGREED** that one of the new Ash trees should be used to replace a Cherry tree in the recreation ground which needs to be removed as it is dead due to disease. The clerk was requested to write to the Women's Institute who provided the tree originally to advise them that it was to be removed to avoid it infecting other Cherry trees around it and that it would be replaced with the Ash. It was **AGREED** that work should be carried out on a Sycamore tree and the Cherry tree in the recreation ground and a Horsechestnut tree in Western Avenue.

Christmas Trees: Cllr Walder reported that there were a total of 25 requests for trees this year and that £185.00 in donations had been received. The trees had been ordered and it was proposed to erect them on the last Saturday in November. It was **AGREED** that a letter of thanks would be sent to everyone who had made donations.

Art Exhibition: It was reported that the Art Exhibition held in the village hall in aid of the Disabled Access Fund had been a success and was greatly enjoyed by all those who visited the exhibition. It was **AGREED** that a letter of thanks should be sent to Cllr Corfield and his team for all their efforts in organising the event.

Golden Jubilee: As part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002 it was confirmed that the combined Church and School fete is to be held on 22 June 2002. It was unanimously **AGREED** to cover any losses up to £750.00

Planning Applications received: The following new applications have been received and are being considered:

CA/01/TEMP/L - Replacement Building, Bridge after School Club and Woodpecker Nursery, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

CAL01/0136/BRI - Demolition of internal wall, Flat 4, Bridge Hill House, Higham Lane, Bridge.

CA/01/1116/BRI - Change of use to garden and formation of new vehicular access, Land adjacent to Field House, Station Road, Bridge.

Planning applications granted: No planning applications have been notified as granted.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

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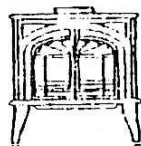
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