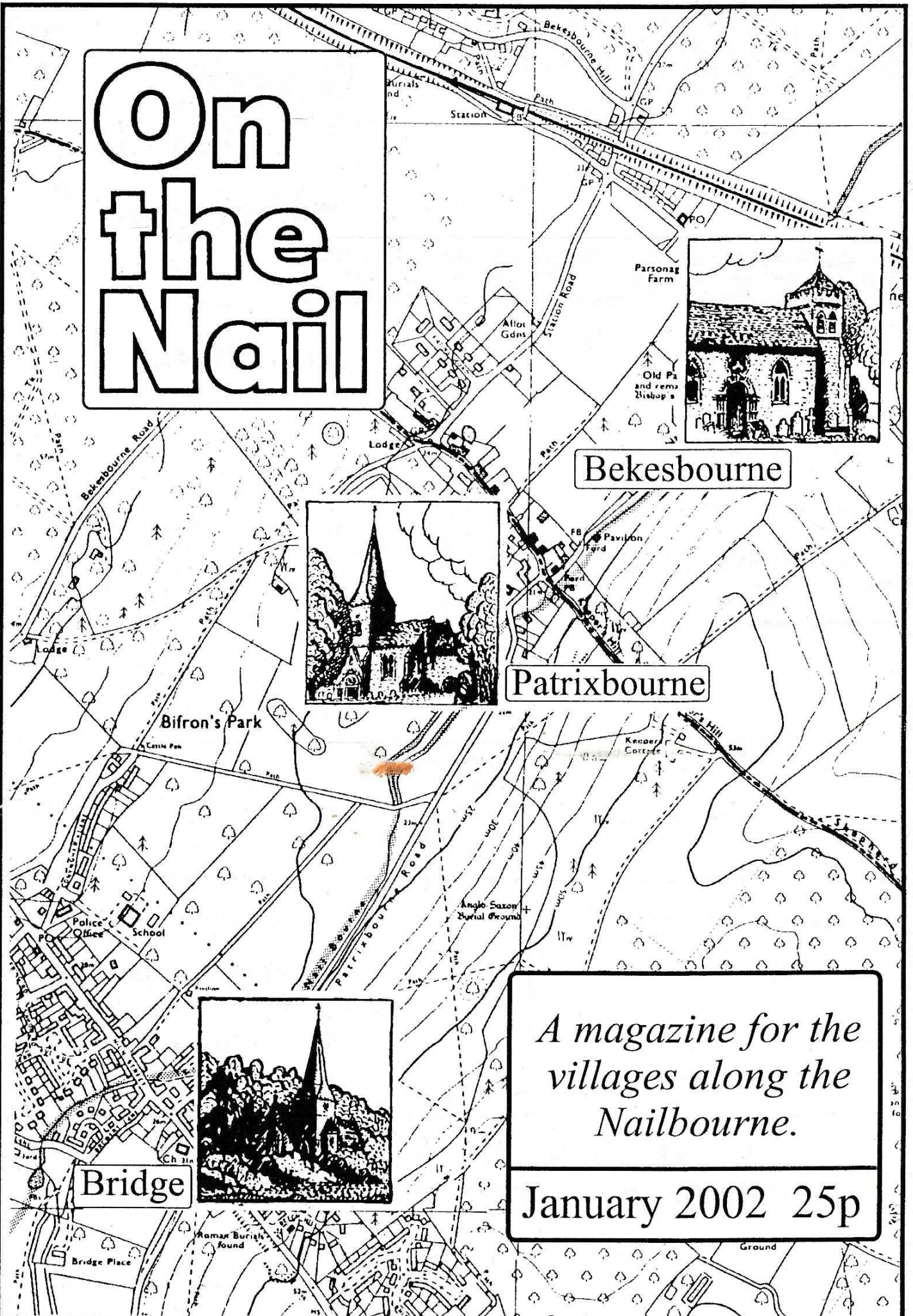


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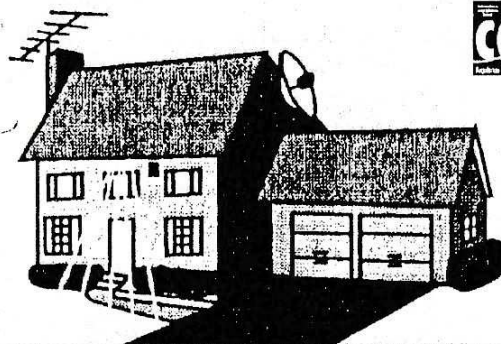
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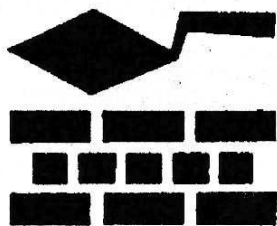
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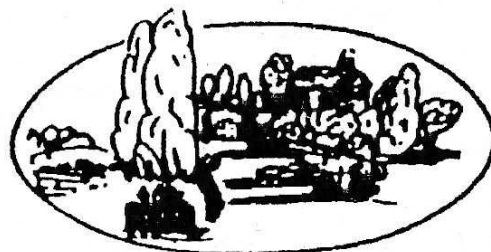
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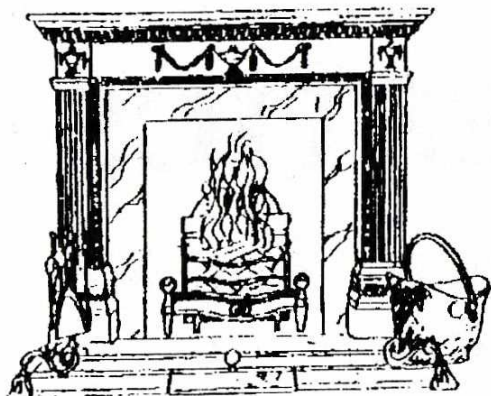


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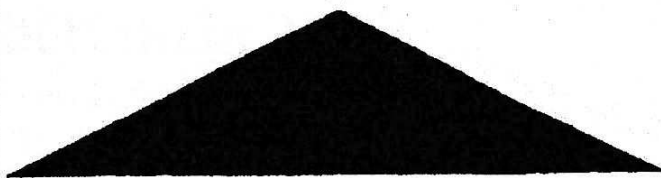
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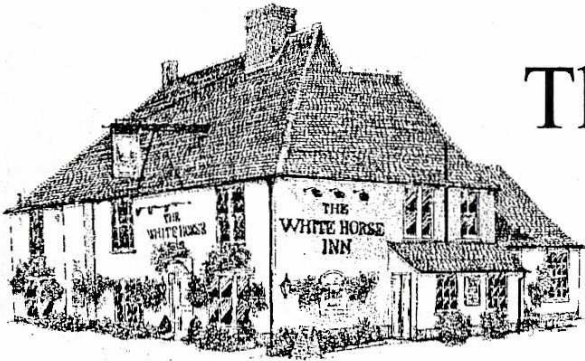


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Sun 6th Epiphany		10.00 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Thackray	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service & Baptism Mrs P Kusel Rev P Filmer	OT: Isa 60. 1-6 NT: Eph 3. 1-12 G: Matt 2. 1-12
Sun 13th Epiphany 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev J Thackray		11.00am Family Service Mr M Legatt Mrs M Clarke 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev D Roper	10.00 am Matins Mr C Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Is 49. 1-7 NT: Cor 1. 1-9 G: Jn 1. 29-42
Sun 20th Epiphany 3	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Can & Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Is 9. 1-4 NT: 1 Cor 1. 10-18 G: Matt 4. 12-23
Sun 27th Epiphany 4	9.30 am Holy Communion Can 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: Isa 7. 10-16 NT: Rom 1. 1-7 G: Matt 1. 18-25
Sun 3rd Feb Presentation of Christ		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: Mal 3:1-5 NT: Heb 2:14-end G: Lu 2:22-40

A New Year Message from the
Area Dean of East Bridge Deanery

Dear Friends,

I wonder if you are the kind of person who likes to make New Year Resolutions - and if you are, how long is it before you break them? (Can you really keep them all of January?!) The turn of the year has always been a good opportunity to reflect and take stock, but only if that helps us to change for the better, not simply for us to wallow in misery at the memory of what might have been an "annus horribilis" nor in smug satisfaction at a good year.

Looking back 12 months, I had been in post only a few weeks and looking forward to settling in. Little did I know that Bishop Stephen was shortly to ask me to be the next Area Dean and take responsibility for training a Curate! (and I am extremely glad to have both!).

Our Christian faith calls us to reflect on our lives and resolve to do better, not just at the turn of the year but constantly. When we meet together to worship God - and most supremely when we celebrate the Eucharist - we first consider our relationship with God and how we have removed ourselves from his presence, and then hear the words of restoration as, with a change of heart and mind, we are once more brought back into the loving embrace of his arms.

Time is a strange phenomenon. The more time we have the longer it seems to take for us to do something, yet sometimes we seem either not to have enough hours to do what we have to do, or end up wasting - or even killing - time. And yet time is something we cannot control, only use. Someone has said "Time is a precious gift of God: so precious that it is only given to us moment by moment".

We cannot know what is ahead for us, but if we use time wisely at least we can be prepared. Now that would be a good resolution to make.

A very happy new year to you all.

David Roper

Diary for January 2002

- 7th Caring & Sharing, Fairview, Bekesbourne 7.30pm
8th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
9th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 6pm
15th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Womens Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm
19th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres
Church 10.15am
21st Caring & Sharing, 37 High Street, Bridge 7.30pm
22nd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
27th 'The Works' 10am
29th Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Village
Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8pm
31st Youth Meeting, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events in 2002

- ? Feb King's School Singers Concert, Bridge Church
9 March Parish Supper, Bridge Village Hall
20th April Book & Puzzle Fair, Bridge Village Hall
11th May Treasure Hunt, Bridge Village Hall
22nd June Village Fete, Bridge School
13th July Benefice B.B.Q., Patrixbourne
21st Sept Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall
6th Oct Parish Harvest Lunch, Bridge Village Hall
9th Nov Christmas Craft Fair, Bridge School
? Nov Wine & Wisdom, Bridge Village Hall

Your Parish Matters

Funerals

30/11/01	Barham (Bridge)	Queenie M Epps
03/12/01	Barham (Bridge)	Winifred L Over
05/12/01	Barham (Bekesbourne)	Zac Robson

Confirmation 2002

This year's confirmation course is set to begin in February. Its not too late to enrol by contacting Paul Filmer (830250).

Lent 2002 Lent Begins on Wednesday 13th February. Details of special Lent events, including a benefice lent course, will be in the February edition of the magazine. Watch this space.

Helping Hands Many thanks to David Clarke for repainting the crib figures at Lower Hardres. Also, a great big thank-you to all those who helped at the Lower Hardres Crib Service and 'The Works' Christmas workshop.

Bridge Youth An open Parish Council meeting 'Giving Voice to Youth in Bridge' will be held on Thursday 31st January in Bridge Village Hall. The Parish Council wants to hear your views and suggestions as to what, if anything, can be done for this large group (over 120 teenagers) in the Village. Ideas suggested include a youth club, a drop-in centre, a Youth Forum (what ever that is) and day trips just to have fun.

Bridge Methodist Preachers for January 2002

January 6th	Rev. George Baugh (Covenant Service)
January 13th	Rev. David Marshall
January 20th	Rev. Howard Skinner
January 27th	Rev. Barbara Heather
February 3rd	Mr Peter Hurt

Health and Healing Concerns

Please note there will be no meeting in January.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th February at 7 Windmill Close, Bridge at 7pm.

Kath Pierce

830844

Bridge with Patixbourne W.I.

At the December meeting, after hearing from Mr C Wade, that smugglers were not the romantic characters that we read about in fiction, members enjoyed a buffet supper. Mrs Watson won the competition and Jean Foster won the cup for the most competition points in the last year.

On Thursday 15th January Mrs Jan Clovers' talk is on Basket Making and the competition is a photograph of a winters scene. Visitors and new members will be made very welcome.

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Apologies to those who may have been misled about the date for CAROLS AT THE UNICORN on 13th December! Nevertheless everyone turned out in force the following evening and were all in good voice to start off the Christmas season. The musical accompaniment was played entertainingly by Stuart Field on the fiddle, Dave Cutting on piano and Eleanor Pearson singing solos.

Thanks to Clive and Cheryl for supplying raffle prizes and mince pies, £100 was raised for Bekesbourne Church.

Our next effort will be a JUMBLE SALE in the Village Hall at 10am on Saturday 2nd February 2002 (please note the new date). Contributions of good quality items will be very welcome, either before 9.30am on the day, or if necessary please phone Jane Shorrocks 832133 or Jennifer Skinner on 768925 to arrange collection. There are always some splendid bargains, so do come along and support us.

Zan Clifford

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Nailbourne Horticultural Society

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The evening will also include a short AGM when members will have the opportunity to renew their subscriptions (£2.50 for single membership, or £4 for a family) 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 29th. We would love to hear from anyone with ideas for our evening meetings and are, as ever, looking for new committee members. 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?

That's it for another year!

Kathy Walder

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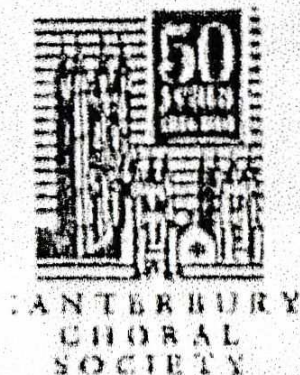
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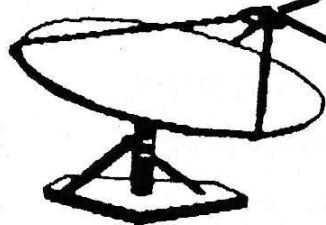
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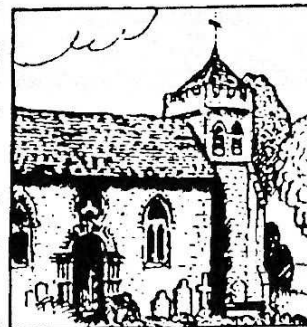
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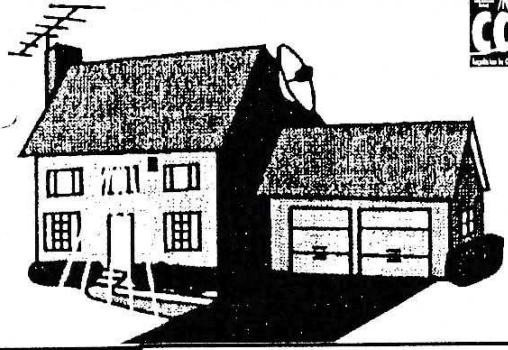
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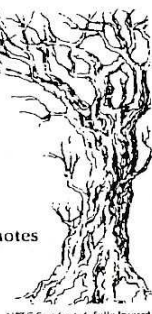
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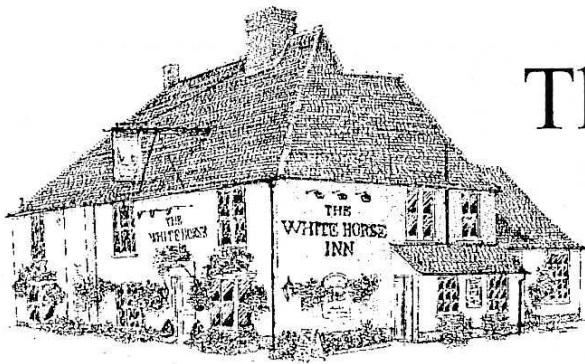
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Services for the month of February 2002

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 3rd Presentation of Christ		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: Mat 3: 1-5 NT: Heb 2: 14-end G: Lu 2: 22-40
Sun 10th 5 before Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Mr D Haver Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Matins Mrs A Nicholson	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Ex 24: 12-end NT: 2 Pe 1: 16-end G: Mat 17: 1-9
Wed 13th Ash Wednesday			7.30 pm Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks			OT: Isa 58: 1-12 NT: 2 Cor 5:20b-6.10 G: Jn 8: 1-11
Sun 17th Lent 1	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Can G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7 NT: Ro 5: 12-19 G: Mat 4: 1-11
Sun 24th Lent 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Can 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: Gen 12: 1-4a NT: Ro 4:1-5,13-17 G: Jn 3: 1-17
Sun 3rd March Lent 3		10.00 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	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: Ex 17: 1-7 NT: Ro 5: 1-11 G: Jn 4: 5-42



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Is God to Blame?

Our car has just broke down again! I could blame it on the age of the car, or on the manufacturer - but if I'm honest there is only one person at fault, Me! It shouldn't be surprising if after 25,000 miles without a service the car says 'enough' and refuses to work.

Sometimes we get into the same fix with our lifestyles. Too much work, too much stress, too little time. And when things go wrong in our lives, our first reaction is to blame God. How can he allow this to happen? What have I done to deserve this? Whether its our personal lives, illness or redundancy for example, or on a wider scale, like the 11th September, we naturally ask where is God when you need him? Why didn't he step in and stop it?

But is this any different from my sick car? How can we blame the manufacturer (God) if we don't follow his advice? Driving the car in the wrong gear, with the wrong tyre pressures, using the wrong petrol and with no services leads to one outcome - the car will break down! Similarly, by living as we want, excluding God from our schools, our ethics, our politics, our business, our entertainment - even our personal spirituality leads to one thing - A Godless mess!

Rather than stand back and say "I told you so!" God became personally involved getting his own hands dirty through the birth at Christmas of his son Jesus Christ - Also known as Emmanuel - 'God with us'.

Next month as we prepare for Easter once more, we will ask how an all powerful God can allow evil to exist but at the same time show infinite love for his creation.

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

Paul

Diary for February 2002

- 2nd Friends of Bekesbourne Church Jumble Sale, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am
Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals, Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall 10-12 noon
- 3rd Deanery Candlemas Service, Wingham Church, 3.30pm
- 5th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8pm
- 6th Bekesbourne PCC, Fairview, Bekesbourne 7.30pm
- 7th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 9th Kings School Choir, Bridge Church 7.30pm
- 12th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
- 13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall 10.00-11.15am
Ash Wednesday Service, Bridge Church 7.30pm
- 16th Councillor's Surgery, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10-12 noon
Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church 10.15am
- 19th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
Lent Course (week 1) Bridge School 8.00pm
- 20th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 6pm
- 21st Lent Course (week 1), Bridge School 12.30-1.30pm
- 23rd Friends of Bekesbourne Church, Working Party, Bekesbourne Church 10am
- 24th The Works, Bridge Church 10am
- 25th Caring & Sharing, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 26th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
Lent Course (week 2) Bridge School 8pm
- 27th Deanery Synod, Aylesham Church 7.30pm
- 28th Lent Course (week 2) Bridge School 12.30-1.30pm

Forthcoming Events

- 8th Mar Friends of Bekesbourne Church Wine & Wisdom 7.15pm
- 9th " Parish Supper, Bridge Village Hall
- 23rd " Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals
Table Boot Fair, Bridge 10-12 noon
- 20th Apr Book & Puzzle Fair, Bridge Village Hall
- 11th May Treasure Hunt, Bridge Village Hall
- 22nd Jun Bridge Village Fete, 12 noon - 4.00pm
- 13th Jul Benefice BBQ, Patrixbourne

Your Parish Matters

Baptisms

09/12/01	Bridge	Emily Lloyd-Hughes
16/12/01	Bridge	Matthew Hopkins
06/01/02	Bekesbourne	Jack Oliver Robinson

Funerals

18/12/01	Barham (Bridge)	Cyril Hogben
21/12/01	Barham (Bridge)	Jean Scarborough
09/01/02	Bridge/Barham	William (Bill) Dawson
10/01/02	Bridge/Barham	Joyce (Joy) E.O. Monk

Interment of Ashes

28/12/01	Bridge	Jean Scarborough
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Smarties for Charity

- 180 tubes of smarties were distributed to children across the benefice in November. Over Christmas we received 62 tubes back, worth £232. This money will be sent to the Children's Society, together with the Christingle, Crib & Nativity collections - a total of £525. A further 240 tubes of smarties were distributed at Christmas, for the children to collect small change for our Easter charities. A big thank you to everybody who has (or will) join in this fun way of collecting for those in need.

Lent Course 2002

- A series of 5 sessions studying the Character of God and our relationship with him through the Lord's Prayer. Weekly sessions will be held at Bridge & Patricbourne School every Tuesday evening in Lent from 8 - 9.30 pm, and will be repeated on Thursday lunchtimes from 12.30 - 1.30 (bring your own sandwiches).

Confirmation 2002

- Last call for confirmation candidates. Information will be sent to all applicants during Feb for a start in March. Please contact Rev Paul Filmer to express an interest in the course or remind him if you hear nothing! This year's confirmation service will be taken by the Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Stephen Venner in Canterbury Cathedral on November 19th.

Electoral Roll

- A new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared every 6 years, and this will happen this year. Please contact your Church Warden or Secretary for an application form (this applies to existing members of the old electoral roll as well as anyone applying for the first time).

Health and Healing Concerns

Update on George

Jill sent a Christmas letter giving an update on George. It is too long to reprint in the magazine so it will be on display in the Village Notice Board for a short while. The good news is that George has had the first seizure free year of his life! He is much more willing to talk to others and is less in his own world now. He plays with his sister Lola which was not possible a year ago! He now holds a pen and wants to draw. Jill enclosed his recent 'art' work. He can also write his name now. Jill says it has been a wonderful year and through your support and the skill of the medical team in Melbourne, George has been given a great opportunity to have a better future. The family wish everyone a wonderful New Year.

The health and healing meeting will be on Thursday 7th February at 7pm at 7 Windmill Close, when we pray for your requests and world wide concerns. The power of prayer is so vital and much needed when the world is in such torment. Do feel free to join us on Thursday 7th.

Kath Pierce
830844

Bridge with Patricxbourne W.I.

Visitors and new members will be made very welcome on Tuesday 19th February at 7.30pm to hear Mrs Avril Woolf speak on 'My Life in Amateur Dramatics'. The competition is an interesting mug.

Fish News February 2002

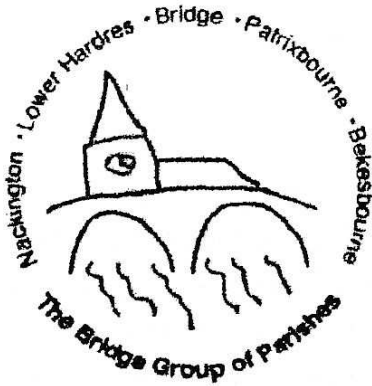
The monthly Coffee Pop-In will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday February 13th from 10 - 11.15am. Everyone is most welcome.

The next chiropody clinic runs from March 4th to 6th. Please telephone Mrs Joan Warren (830233) if you need a lift.

We were all saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Joy Monk. She helped to establish the Fish Scheme here in 1980 and in particular she helped with the Lunch Club which ran from 1980 to 1992. She was cheerful and reliable and is greatly missed.

Bridge Methodist Church February 2002

10th Feb	Rev. David Marshall (Holy Communion)
Feb 17th	Rev. George Baugh
Feb 24th	Rev. Jeffrey Ward



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For further information, please contact
Rev Paul Filmer 01227 830250

Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals

Coffee Morning and AGM, Saturday February 2nd, Bridge Village Hall, 10am - 12 noon, Cakes, Raffle, Bring and Buy.

Also Saturday 23rd March, Table Boot Fair, Bridge Village Hall 10am - 12 noon. Book a table and sell all that unwanted clutter or donate your items to be sold for the League of Friends or come along and buy some bargains. (Clubs and organisations most welcome to book a table for fund raising). To book a table or donate goods phone Rosy Green on 830204.

Please support your local hospitals.

The Children's Society - Fund Raising

The Christingle Service held in St. Peter's Bridge on Christmas Eve 2001 raised the large sum of £441 for the Society's project to keep runaways and homeless children off the streets by providing help, care, shelter and safe homes.

Thank you to all who attended and made this record amount possible. The smartie tubes used by children to contribute their savings were a great success. Also grateful thanks to Mr Tilly for the oranges, all helpers, christingle makers, musicians, singers and to Paul, our Vicar, for the service and his improvisations during it to make more room safely! Last but not least, thank you to Pat and Laurence Dunderdale for their hard work and support.

Kathy Eynon

The Children's Society Shop and Home Boxes will be emptied during March 2002. Should any be full before then, please phone Kathy Eynon (Tel 830466) who will collect at your convenience.

New Church Electoral Roll

Every six years the church prepares a new Electoral Roll of its members and this will happen again in 2002. The roll is the register of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parish Meeting (APCM), where elections take place for the Parochial Church Council and the Deanery Synod. By enrolling, you become a voting member of the Church of England and ensure that all levels of church government are fully representative of its members.

Even if you are already on the Electoral Roll, you still have to apply for the new one. (See below for arrangements in each parish). To apply for membership, you need to be baptised, aged 16 or more (or in your 16th year), a member of the Church of England (or of certain other designated churches) and be **either** resident in the parish or have habitually attended the parish church during the last 6 months.

Bekesbourne.

Application forms are available in the church, from Jane Millyard (Electoral Roll Officer), 10 De Havillands (Tel: 820256), or from the Churchwardens. Completed forms must be returned to Jane Millyard by **Friday 22 March**. The new roll will be posted in the church by the beginning of April, in advance of the APCM on 18 April.

Patricxbourne & Bridge

Applications forms in the Churches or from the Churchwardens.

Please return completed forms via Churchwardens, for passing to Mrs R Whatley (Electoral Roll Officer), by 30th March. The new Electoral Roll will be published by mid April prior to the APCM.



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Bill Dawson

I wish to thank all of our many friends and acquaintances who have written, telephoned and called in person to express their respect and affection for Bill. Neither of us realized how much true feeling for Bill existed in the Village.

At the moment I cannot imagine life without him, or his "striding" around the village chatting to people.

With regret I am unable to write individually to thank friends and acquaintances for their letters but during the ensuing weeks and months I will meet you and express my heartfelt thanks.

David Wilding

Bridge History Society

It was with regret that we heard, soon after Christmas, of the death of Bill Dawson, a founder member of the Society and, until his final illness, secretary of the Society. It was on 27 April 1995 that the inaugural meeting of Bridge History Society was held, under the temporary chairmanship of Mervyn Gulvin, whose brainchild the Society was. Mervyn was unable to undertake long-term chairmanship of the society because of his other commitments, but at that inaugural meeting Jimmy Tamsitt was appointed chairman and Bill Dawson secretary. From that time on. Bill gave great enthusiasm and dedication to his role as secretary, and his energy will be greatly missed. It is sad that neither our original chairman nor our secretary is any longer with us.

Our Christmas buffet held on 15 December was a jolly occasion. Those present undertook a demanding quiz, and the White Horse served us a good lunch in a congenial atmosphere. Our January event was a talk on 'Old Ramsgate', and on Tuesday 26 February there will be a Ghost Evening at the White Horse. By popular request, Stewart Ross will tell blood-curdling tales of the supernatural again, by candlelight, and hot rolls and soup will be served. For information, please telephone John Bishop, 832596.

Meriel Connor

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

REMINDER

Our Jumble Sale is on 2nd February - 10 = 12 noon in Bekesbourne Village Hall. Bargains galore!! Phone Jane (832133) or Jennifer (768925) to arrange collection of any donations.

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

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Friends of Bekesbourne Church

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- Those who used the service
- Scouts, leaders and parents who gave up valuable time

Rajini Dasan
Nailbourne Scout
Executive Committee

THANK YOU

I recently held a Charity Evening at the Lower Hardres Village Hall on Friday 23rd November. It was in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief and Cancer & Leukaemia In Children (CLIC). I had a fantastic response to the event and would like to thank all that supported it by coming, their donations, the stallholders and finally the friends and family that helped on the evening. We made a fantastic sum of **£1,005.35** to be split 50/50 between CLIC and Macmillan.

Someone also lost a purse at the evening, so if they require more details, please ask them to contact me - Anne Tapley, 01227 830473

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

17 members were present at the January 2002 meeting held at the, Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn, was in the Chair. He gave the Exhortation and the Silence was observed., during which those present were asked to remember Geoff Almond and Alf Matthews who had passed away recently.

It was agreed that Mr James Martin Nugent of Bridge become a new member of the Branch.

Good wishes go to Ron Bates, who is unwell, and to Les Hogben who is recovering from a recent operation. We hope they will both soon be much better.

The Branch is to have another Beef Pudding Supper at the Unicorn, Bokesbourne on Tuesday, March 19th - price £6.50 per head. Places are limited to 35 so anyone wishing to go should contact a committee member. This is always an enjoyable evening.

As mentioned last month, all our meetings are to be held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne in future and they take place on the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm. Any ex-service person interested in coming along to meet us will be made very welcome. Non ex-service people can be eligible to become associate members too. We are a friendly bunch and are always pleased to see new faces.

The next two Branch monthly meetings will be on:-

Tuesday, 12th February 2002 at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne and

Tuesday, 12th March, 2002 at the Recreation Club, Littlelebourne.

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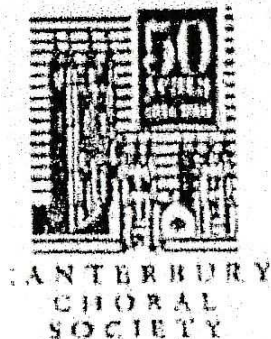
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Saturday 16th March 2002 7.30

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The last concert of the season will be in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Golden Jubilee, and will be performed on Saturday 22nd June 2002, Elgar and Vaughan Williams have been chosen as the composers for this exceptional concert. Canterbury Choral Society, in collaboration with the Cathedral Education Centre, will be performing Handel's Messiah on Saturday 14th December 2002 at The Cathedrals as a special charity concert.

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**Bridge & Bishopsbourne at
The Methodist Church Hall
Patricxbourne Road, Bridge**

**March 16th
May 18th
July 20th
September 21st
November 16th**

**Bekesbourne & Patricxbourne
at Bekesbourne Village Hall
Station Road, Bekesbourne**

**February 16th
April 20th
June 15th
August 17th
October 19th
December 21st**

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Traffic Calming and Parking Attendants: Kent Highways advise that the gully on the Canterbury side of the crossing will be adjusted by the contractor who is working on the footway to the surgery. They confirm that the grating which has been used is of a standard type and the closer gridded type is not used unless a gully grating is in a pedestrian area. They also advise that the outstanding works to the traffic calming, including the anti-skid surfacing, are due to be completed within the next few weeks. Cllr Anderson reported that 2 parking attendants were seen in the village on Monday evening issuing parking tickets.

Christmas Trees: Cllr Walder reported that the erection of the Christmas trees had gone well with the help of Cllr Gulvin, four venture scouts and a few villagers. Cllr Anderson thanked Cllrs Walder and Gulvin and their helpers for their hard work and also thanked all the villagers in the High Street who made donations.

Sandbag Store: It was reported that the sandbag store door has been vandalised and it was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to Canterbury City Council for the details of the supplier so that the door can be repaired or replaced. The clerk was also requested to see if a notice can be supplied for the outside of the store stating its contents so as to avoid any misconception of the value of the goods held in it.

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

CAL01/1268/BRI - Porch to front and conservatory to rear of dwelling, 4 Filmer Road, Bridge

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

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

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

CAL01/0095/BRI - Replacement two-storey rear extension, internal and external alternations at Lynton House, High Street, Bridge.

CA/01/0675/BRI - Replacement two-storey rear extension at Lynton House, High Street, Bridge.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Proposed Work to Trees in Conservation Area: The following notice has been received and is being considered: Fell 2 Laburnum trees and one decaying crab apple tree at front, one to side and one to rear of 2A Meadow Close, Bridge. A tree preservation order will not be served to control proposed work at Coppice, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

NOTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Golden Jubilee 2002: Cllr Hill reported that he had looked at the various options for a souvenir for the children of Bridge and had found one of good quality and at a reasonable cost. It was **AGREED** that the criteria for eligibility would be all children up to the age of 18 who live in the parish of Bridge. To establish the numbers of souvenirs required it was **AGREED** that a leaflet with a return slip would be produced and circulated to all households in Bridge.

Christmas Trees: It was reported that there had been many favourable comments on the Christmas tree display and the clerk reported that she had also received a letter from a resident in Riverside Close thanking the Parish Council for the delightful display and hoping that the event continues in future years. Cllr Walder confirmed that he had all but one set of tree lights, which he should have shortly, and that he would be responsible for storing the lights for use next year. Cllr Anderson thanked Cllrs Gulvin and Walder for their efforts in taking down the trees.

Sandbag Store: It was reported that the door to the sandbag store was now completely off and had been stored in the sandbag store and, as the contents of the store are now obvious to all, councillors hope that there will be no further vandalism. The clerk advised that on the advice of the City Council she had had the installer take a look at the damage to see if it could be repaired and the installer had advised that he could effect a reasonable repair for a cost of approximately £200.00 but he felt it would not withstand further vandalism. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to the City Council with a copy to Cllr W Oakey expressing disappointment that, as the store is in a public open space, it was not of a more durable quality and it was **AGREED** that a decision as to whether to go ahead with the repair would not be taken until the City Council's response had been received.

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

CA/01/1322/BRI - Conservatory to rear of dwelling at 28 Western Avenue, Bridge.

CA/01/1339/BRI - First floor side extension to dwelling (renewal) at 2 Filmer Road, Bridge

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

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

CA/01/1322/BRI - Conservatory to rear of dwelling at 28 Western Avenue, Bridge.

CAT01/0028/BRI - Coppice 4 Ash trees and 1 Sycamore tree at High Beech, Patricxbourne Road, Bridge.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Proposed Work to Trees in Conservation Area: The following notice has been received and is being considered: Fell large Yew tree in front garden at Cosby, Higham Lane, Bridge.

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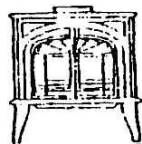
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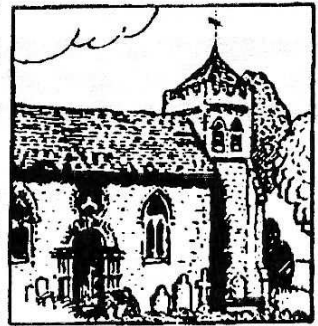
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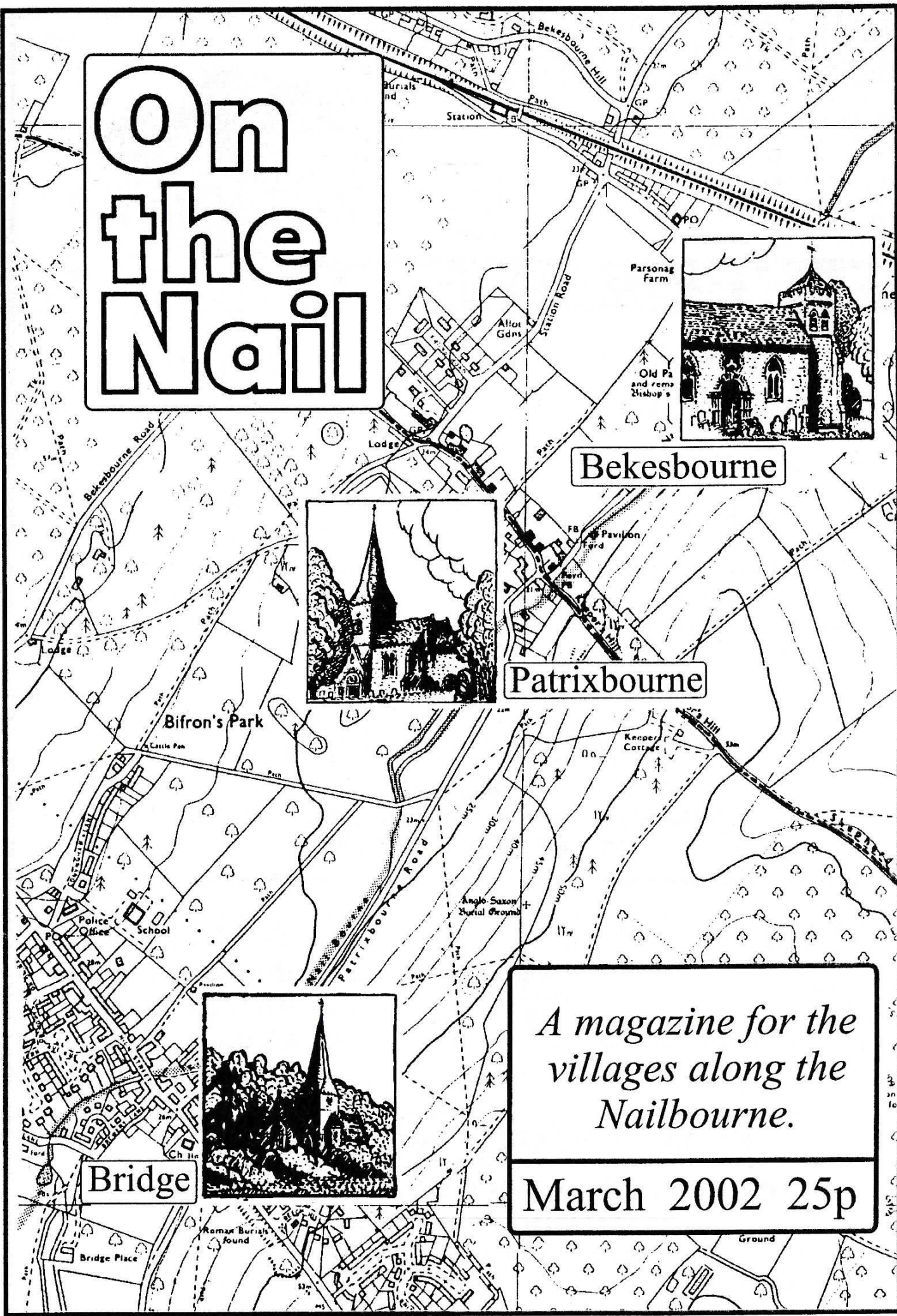
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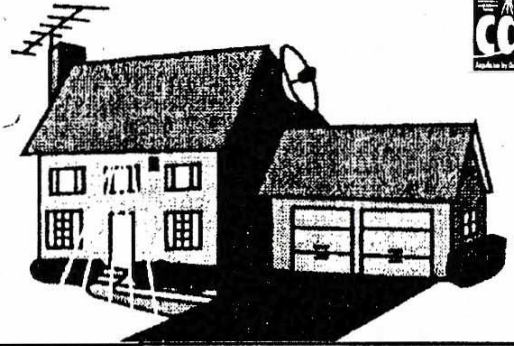


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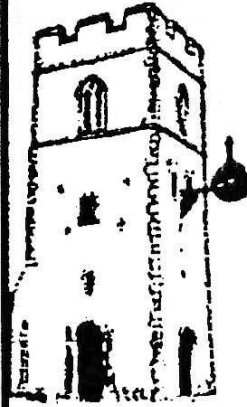
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Services for the month of March 2002 continued

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
HOLY WEEK	Sat 30th March 7.30 pm Service of Light	Mon 25th March 8.00 am Holy Communion	Thurs 28 March 7.30 pm Tenebrae Bridge School	Weds 27th March 5.30 pm Evening Prayer	Tues 26th March Noon Holy Communion	
		Good Friday 29th March 9.30 am Childrens Worship JBW Hall	NOON WALK OF WITNESS			
Sun 31st Easter Sunday			NOON	10.00 am Benefice Service Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Jer 31: 1-6 NT: Acts 10: 34-43 6: Jn 20: 1-18
Sun 7th April Easter 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: Ex 14: 10-end NT: Acts 2: 22-32 6: Jn 20: 19-end

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Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardnes	Bridge	Patnixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 3rd Lent 3		10.00 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	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: Ex 17: 1-7 NT: Ro 5: 1-11 G: Jn 4: 5-42
Sun 10th Mothering Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Mothering Sunday Service Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Matins Mrs A Nicholson	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Ex 2: 1-10 NT: 2 Cor 1:3-7 G: Lu 2: 33-35
Sun 17th	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Can G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Ez 37: 1-14 NT: Ro 8: 6-11 G: Jn 11: 1-45
Sun 24th Palm Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Diss	3.00 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: Ps 118:1-2,19-29 NT: Phil 2: 5-11 G: Mat 21: 1-11

Your Parish Matters

Bridge Youth

- The open meeting **Giving Voice To Youth In Bridge** was attended by 15 young people along with 17 older villagers. Brief presentations were given by leaders of the local Scouts and Church, together with visiting speakers from Canterbury City Council and the Wye Youth Forum. After a lively discussion the youth group identified a number of issues of concern that will now be discussed at another meeting in the near future. A small team of adults has agreed to help the youth group, giving advise or assistance when required.

Children - Stop Press!

- On Good Friday (March 29th) in the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres, there will be a children's **Easter Arts & Crafts Workshop** from 9.30 to 11.30 approx. Then those children who are able will take the 'results' to Bridge Church where we will join all those from the Walk Of Witness for a short **Benefice Service**. Please book your place now, by phoning Margaret Clarke (01227 765598) or Julie Cox (01227 788316).

Parents - if your child is pre-school age, please stay with them. You will enjoy it! Also, it would be appreciated if you could donate 50p per child toward the cost of materials. However, it is the children we want, not your money! Please do come. Margaret (munchkin) Clarke

Smartie Tubes

- Whereas at Christmas all smartie tubes went to a central charity - The Childrens Society , the Easter Smartie collection will be a separate charity for each church. Each charity will be announced by the church and children are encouraged to return their smartie tubes at their own March or April family services.

Bridge Methodist Services Prachers for March 2002

March 3rd	Mr Ron Chadwick, MA. DMS.
March 10th	Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
March 17th	Mr John Ellis
March 24th	Rev. David Marshall
March 31st	Rev. George Baugh (Holy Communion)

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God and Evil

Imagine that its summer again. You're out in the back garden, soaking up the sun, relaxing with a good book or a glass of something cold, when along comes a cloud. Suddenly you're in shadow and there is a chill in the air. What has happened? We say that 'The sun has gone in', but the sun hasn't gone anywhere - its just that the cloud has blocked our view of it. If we wait a few minutes, we know that the offending cloud will move on, and the sun, which was there all the time, will come out again.

Bare with me as I try to explain how God and Evil coexist in the same way as light and dark. God, by definition is 100% just, and 100% loving. Evil, in contrast, is the total absence of justice and love, they are opposites - just like light and dark. Although the sun doesn't cause darkness, the very existence of light makes it possible for darkness to exist. Have you ever seen a shadow when its dark? Of course not! So does God cause evil? Well, as with light and dark, there can be no evil without God, but that doesn't mean he causes evil any more than the sun causes a shadow. It is the obstruction, the cloud that causes the shadow, and it is our sinful (ungodly) behaviour that causes evil.

Even if God doesn't cause evil - how can he allow it to happen? Because we are not brainwashed robots. We have been created with free will - the ability to make choices for good or bad. We can choose to live in the shadows and darkness or seek out the light with its life giving warmth. It was for this purpose that God sent his son Jesus to us. Jesus is the 'light of the world' and we are invited to follow him as The Way, The Truth and The Life. Which choice will you make?

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

Paul

Forthcoming Events

27th April	Book, Puzzle and Video Fair, Bridge Village Hall 10am - 2.00pm
11th May	Treasure Hunt, Bridge Village Hall
22nd June	Bridge Village Fete and Golden Jubilee
13th July	Benefice BBQ, Patrixbourne
21st Sept	Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall
6th Oct	Parish Harvest Lunch, Bridge Village Hall
9th Nov	Christmas Craft Fair, Bridge School
Nov	Wine & Wisdom, Bridge Village Hall
30th Nov	Friends of Bekesbourne Church, Christmas Bazaar

Easter Sunday Benefice Service

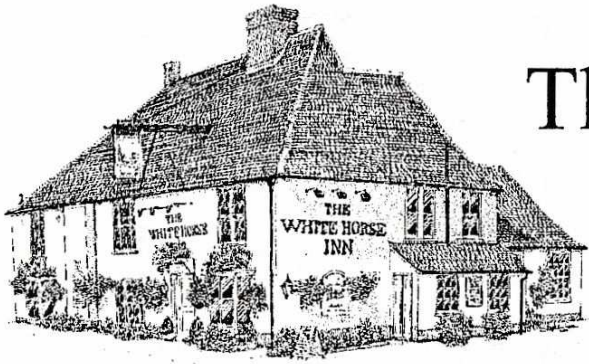
It is traditional for the Christian church to celebrate the anniversary of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Normally we would make use of all our church buildings to offer a range of services across the group during the day. This year Easter Sunday falls on the 5th Sunday of the month, giving us a rare opportunity (the next occasion will be in 2013) to combine our Easter celebration with the normal practice of a single 5th Sunday Benefice Service.

Celebrating Easter Sunday together in one service is particularly important this year as we prepare for the formal end of the interregnum. The past two years has been a trial period for the new combination of parishes to show how well they work together. If this period has been the engagement, we are about to apply for the marriage, when the group of parishes legally becomes a benefice and the temporary ministry of a Priest in Charge is replaced by the permanent ministry of a vicar.

I encourage you to take this opportunity to demonstrate that we care about the formation of a new benefice by attending the Easter Benefice Service at St Mary's Church, Patrixbourne.

Diary for March 2002

- 1st Women's World Day of Prayer, Methodist Church,
Bridge, 11am
- 5th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
Lent Course (week 3), Bridge School, 8pm
- 7th Lent Course (week 3), Bridge School, 12.30-1.30pm
Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 8th Friends of Bekesbourne Church, Wine & Wisdom Bekesbourne
Village Hall, 7.15pm
- 9th Bangers, Beetles & Bingo, Bridge Village Hall 6pm
- 11th Caring & Sharing, 20 Riverside Close, 7.30pm
- 12th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
Lent Course (week 4), Bridge School 8pm
- 13th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10am
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop in, Bridge Village Hall 10.00-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 6pm
- 14th Lent Course (week 4), Bridge School, 12.30-1.30pm
- 16th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church, 10.15am
Councillor's Surgery, Methodist Church, Bridge 10am -12noon
- 19th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
Lent Course (week 5), Bridge School 8pm
- 21st Lent Course (week 5), Bridge School 12.30-1.30pm
- 23rd Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals
Table Boot Fair, Bridge Village Hall 10 am - 12 noon
- 24th The Works, Bridge Childcare Centre, adj School 10am
- 25th Caring & Sharing, Bridge Village 7.30pm



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Health and Healing Concerns

The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th March, 7pm, at 7 Windmill Close. Please ring me if you have any requests for a person or situation you would like included in our prayers. Better still, why not join us and share in the fellowship. You are assured of a warm welcome.

Kath Pierce
830844

Bridge with Patricxbourne W.I.

"Funerals" is the subject of the talk by Mr T Davies on Tuesday March 19th, and the competition is a decorated hard-boiled egg. New members and visitors will be made very welcome.

Fish News - March 2002

The monthly Coffee Pop In will be in Bridge Village Hall on March 13th from 10am - 11.15am. Remember that a lift can be arranged by phoning Mrs Ann Medhurst on 830762.

Chiropody Clinic, 4th-6th March. Please phone Joan Warren 830233 if you need a lift.

NHS Crisis

CHEK (Concern for Health in East Kent) will be attending a mass parliamentary lobby and meeting in Westminster Hall on Monday 25th March 2002. We will be joining campaigners from Crawley, Kidderminster and Penzance where, in some cases, their A & E departments have already gone and bed numbers drastically reduced.

Many CHEK members live in Bridge and the surrounding area. If there are sufficient members wanting to attend this event, a coach will be organised to leave Bridge at 9am. For further details phone Mrs Peggy Pryer on 01227 832058. Not yet a member of CHEK? Phone for an application form!

Eastertide Lillies

Donations in memory of loved ones for Eastertide Lillies at either St. Mary's Patricxbourne or St. Peter's Bridge can be sent to Andrea Nicholson at Patricxbourne or to Viv Brazier at Bridge.

Kings School Musicians and Crypt Choir

We are very grateful to Mr Stefan Anderson, the Crypt Choir and all the Musicians from the Kings School who provided us with a splendid evening of music at St. Peter's Church on February 9th.

The evening raised the magnificent sum of £403 towards the roof repairs at St. Peter's, which are due to commence in the Spring.

Thanks are also expressed to all who helped on the evening, especially to those who donated puddings. The whole evening was a great success and we hope that the young musicians will honour us with another such event at some point in the future.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

This is an advance notice for your diaries. Our spring show will be held on Tuesday 9th April in Bridge Village Hall. Show schedules can be obtained from Ann Edmonds (830795) or Kathy Walder (830057).

We will be having a plant stall and any unwanted cuttings etc can be left with Kathy at 17 Union Road a few days prior to the show.

Ann Edmonds

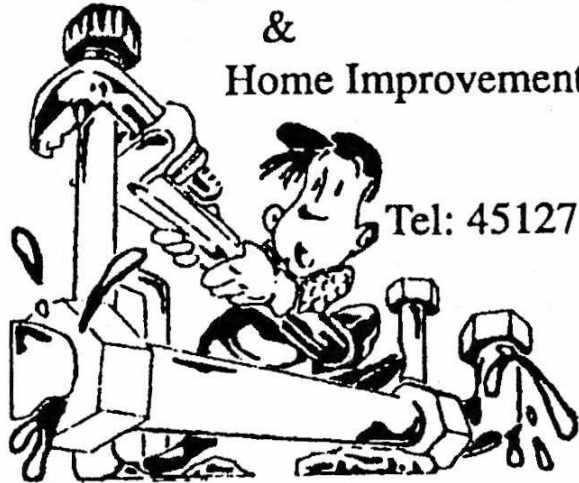
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The Children's Society - Fund Raising

Home and Shop Boxes - annual emptying

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Should I miss any box holder, or it be more convenient for you, boxes can be left at Mr Whitten's office, 29 High Street, Bridge, Monday - Friday between 10am - 12 noon and I will return them to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the box scheme. Boxes can be obtained from me at 19 Bridge Down, Bridge. Tel 830466, if others would like to join in.

Kathy Eynon
Hon. Local Sec for
The Children's Society

BRIDGE GOLDEN JUBILEE FESTIVAL

Saturday 22nd June 2002

If you remember the Village Millennium Festival, you will be pleased to know that a similar event is planned to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Taking place on the day of the Village Fete, there will be events and activities all day around the village.

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 - Morris Dancing and historical re-enactments
 - Duck Race and Tug of War competition
 - Pig Roast and Barbecue
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Don't forget that the Fete will also provide a wealth of fun and entertainment as well on this day.

In the week leading up to the Festival a Barn Dance and a Quiz Night are also planned.

More details will follow and a full programme will be published soon.

Bekesbourne Family Services

As I shall be away on a family holiday over the Easter break, the Family Service on the 7th April will probably be taken by our lay reader Margaret Clarke. The 'smartie tubes' for charity can be brought along to this service or any service over Easter. All money collected at Bekesbourne Church will be donated to our local based charity British Humanitarian aid and will go towards paying for the holidays of the orphaned children of Chernogov.

The Family Service in May falls on Rogation Sunday and will therefore be combined with the Annual Rogation walk organised by the Friends of Bekesbourne Church. Look out for posters/notices etc nearer the time for final arrangements.

Our next Friday service is on 3rd March at 10.00am. I look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Kusel

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Many thanks to all those who worked hard to sort out and sell the splendid array of items sent to our JUMBLE SALE in January, and thanks also to our loyal supporters who came along to buy. As a result we made a net profit of £375.

Wine & Wisdom Evening

Last chance to book your tickets for another of our splendid Wine & Wisdom Evenings - on FRIDAY 8th MARCH 2002 at 7.15pm - contact Jenny Skinner on 768925 or Gill Moon on 832134 to reserve your table. Tickets are still only £2.50 and BYO food, drink, cutlery, plates and glasses. Do come along for a brain-teasing evening in good company!

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Thank you to all who supported the Coffee Morning A.G.M., £131.00 was raised for funds.

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This concert has been arranged to raise money for the League of Friends so do come and support your local hospital and have a night out with the family. Tickets are £8 and are available from Maggie Fairweather (Tel. 830320), Rosie Green (Tel. 830204), Maggie Field (Tel. 830224) or the Breast Screening Unit at the Hospital.

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

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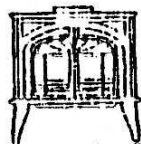
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NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Golden Jubilee 2002: Cllr Hill reported that the leaflet to establish the number of souvenirs required had now been circulated with a requested return date of 28 February 2002. Cllr Dobson reported that Golden Jubilee Committee had applied for funding and that they were looking into the possibility of a community art project involving 50 groups coming together to produce a commemorative tile or slab work of art which could be sited in the village. Councillors unanimously **AGREED** to approve the idea with a site for the artwork being decided upon at a later date if the project went ahead.

Mole Treatment: The clerk advised that Bounty Pest Control had been contacted regarding the increased activity at the recreation ground and treatment had been carried out and weekly checks would be carried out until the problem is cleared.

Sandbag Store: The clerk reported that, in response to letters from the parish council and Cllr Oakey expressing disappointment in the quality of the sandbag store, Canterbury City Council had advised that, although the sandbag store is the parish council's responsibility, on this one occasion they would arrange for the repair to be carried out by the contractor and would contribute 50% of the cost from the City Council Land Drainage budget.

30 Mph Speed Limit - New Medical Centre: Kent Highways have confirmed that the gateway and speed signs have been moved further back along Patricxbourne Road and that the coloured surfacing should hopefully be laid within the next few weeks depending on the weather.

Newsletter: Cllr Dobson advised that she is preparing the next newsletter and she requested councillors to supply her with any items for inclusion as soon as possible. Cllr Dobson also requested an article from the Planning sub-committee and Cllr Hill **AGREED** to write it.

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

CA/00/1018/R - Amended details - rooflights at Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School, Bridge.

CA/02/0015/BRI - First floor side extension to dwelling at 1 Bourne View, Bridge.

CA/02/0035/BRI - Conservatory to rear of dwelling at 10 Dering Road, Bridge.

CAL02/0018/BRI - Internal alterations to River House, 67 High Street, Bridge.

CA/02/0061/BRI - Single-storey front extension to dwelling at 53 Bridgedown, Bridge.

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

CA/01/1268/BRI - Porch to front and conservatory to rear of 4 Filmer Road, Bridge.

CA/01/1339/BRI - First floor side extension (renewal) at 2 Filmer Road, Bridge.

CA/01/1378/BRI - Conservatory to rear of Beech Cottage, Beech Hill, Bridge

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Proposed Work to Trees in Conservation Area: The following notice has been received and is being considered:

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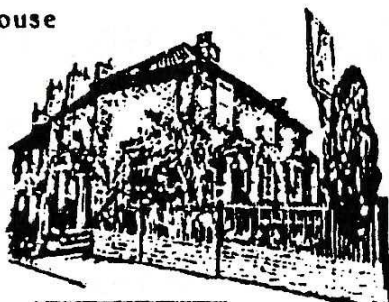
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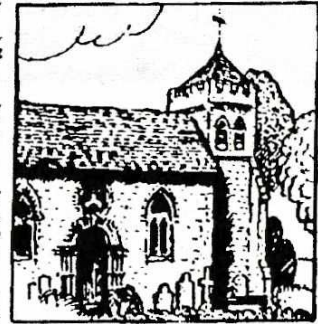
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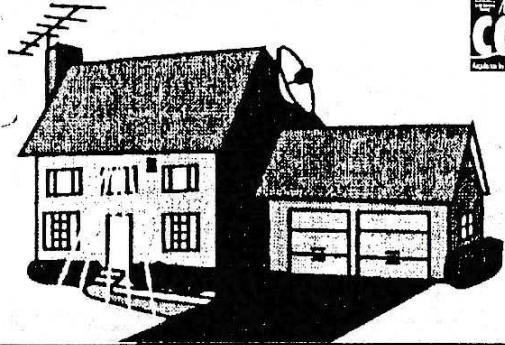
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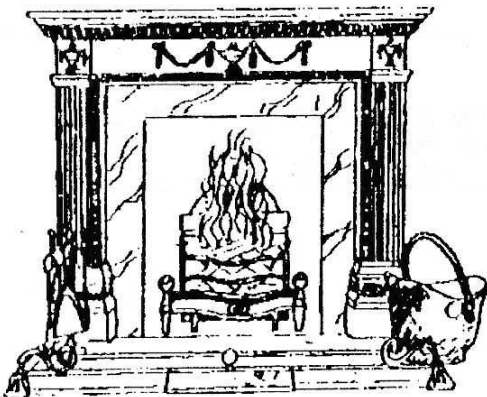


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Ears & Beers

They say that everyone has their moment of fame at some time, and I had mine last month when the Ears & Beers session at The Plough & Harrow came to the attention of the BBC. What, you didn't see it? Never mind, perhaps they will repeat it in the best of 2002 review.

Perhaps you don't even know what Ears & Beers is. Well, briefly, for one evening a month I serve behind the bar at The Plough & Harrow in Bridge, complete with dog collar and rolled up sleeves. The media became interested in the novelty of a "pint pulling person" and that was the way it was presented.

But is it all just a publicity stunt? Well not intentionally, that's for sure. It's my belief that as a Christian I should model my life according to the example of Jesus, what he did and how he did it. He didn't set himself up in the temple expecting people to crave an audience with him, but went out into their homes and workplaces, meeting them where they felt comfortable. What's more comfortable than a chat over a pint in the local? Jesus demonstrated that God can make a difference in our lives through actions, not just words, and that should be an example to all of us. Jesus taught in parables like the good samaritan, showing us that our 'neighbour' is anyone we can help, not just our existing circle of friends, and by his practical example through the way he treated everyone the same, with no preconceived ideas. We too are challenged to break out of our comfort zones to take risks for the sake of others.

I certainly appreciate the risk that Chris Maclean has taken, letting me loose on his best bitter, giving me the opportunity to meet and get to know new people. If you haven't tried it yet, why not pop in on any second Wednesday of the month, and I'll lend you an ear. Oh, and by the way, I can recommend the Masterbrew!

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

Paul

Diary for April 2002

- 2nd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm
- 4th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.00pm
- 8th Caring and Sharing, 37 High Street, Bridge 7.30pm
- 9th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
Nailbourne Horticultural Society Spring Show,
Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 10th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10am
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10.00-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 6.00pm
- 12th Lower Hardres and Nackington APCM, JBW Hall, 7.30pm
- 15th Adult Confirmation, Vicarage, 8.00pm
- 16th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm
- 18th Bekesbourne APCM, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20th Councillor's Surgery, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10-12 noon
Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church 10.15am
- 22nd Patrixbourne with Bridge PCC, Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm
Caring and Sharing Vicarage 7.30pm
Adult Confirmation, Vicarage 8.00pm
- 23rd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
- 24th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10.00am
- 25th Patrixbourne with Bridge APCM, Bridge School, 7.30pm
- 27th Book, Puzzle and Video Fayre, Bridge Village Hall 10am-2pm
- 28th The Works, Bridge Childcare Centre, Adj School, 10.00am
- 29th Adult Confirmation, The Vicarage 8.00pm
- 30th After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm

Forthcoming Events

- 11th May Treasure Hunt, Bridge Village Hall
- 22nd June Bridge Village Fete & Golden Jubilee
- 6th July Friends of Bekesbourne Church, Boot Fair
- 13th July Benefice BBQ, Patrixbourne
- 21st Sept Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall
- 6th Oct Parish Harvest Lunch, Bridge Village Hall
- 9th Nov Christmas Craft Fair, Bridge School
- Nov Wine & Wisdom, Bridge Village Hall
- 30th Nov Friends of Bekesbourne Church Christmas Bazaar

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

10/03Nackington	Owen Walton	
10/03Bridge		Elizabeth Anne Baxter
10/03Bridge		Margaret Katherine Baxter
17/03Lower Hardres		Faye Nicholls

Funeral

20/02 Lower Hardres/Barham	Alan A Toynbee
01/03Barham (Bridge)	Josaphine D Price
12/03Lower Hardres	Lawrence Brough
22/03Barham (Bekesbourne)	Ivy E Sharp

Bridge Youth

• A second meeting to discuss Giving Voice To Youth In Bridge was held in the Hunter Room on 11th March. Following a discussion about the way to move forward, it was agreed that the young people present would design, distribute and collect a feedback form for all the young people (age 12-18) in the village, asking what issues they would like to see addressed on their behalf. Ideas discussed included the use of a minibus for organised trips, somewhere to 'hang out' and tennis/basketball facilities.

Smartie Tubes

• If you still have your money saved since Christmas, you can hand it in and pick up a fresh tube of smarties at any of the April family services in Bekesbourne, Bridge or Lower Hardres. The next collection will be at the harvest festivals in the Autumn.

Thank You

• Margaret Clarke would like to thank all those who participated or supervised at the Works special Easter Workshop @ Lower Hardres on Good Friday.

Slimathon

• Laurence & Paul have now ended their sponsored diet with a combined weight loss of 28 lb. This is nowhere near the planned target of 84 lb, but we leave it to individual sponsors to decide whether to pay according to actual or planned weight loss. There are envelopes at the back of each church for the return of sponsorship money, and if you pay tax we would be grateful if you could complete the declaration so that we can recover another 28% from the taxman.

Bridge Methodist Church

Preachers for April and May

- April 7th Rev. Barbara Heather
April 14th Mr Michael Baybutt, B.Sc. DMS. C.Eng.
April 21st Mrs Beryl Skinner
April 28th Rev. David Marshall
May 5th Miss Jean Hall
May 12th Rev. Peter Cornish
May 19th Rev. David Marshall
May 26th Rev. Barbara Heather

Health and Healing Concerns

The next meeting will be on Thursday 4th April, 7pm, 7 Windmill Close. Please ring me if you have any requests for a person or situation you would like included in our prayers. Better still, why not join us and share in the fellowship. You are assured of a warm welcome.

Kath Pierce

830844

Fish News

Two dates for your diary, first the Cornelia Slawin Blossom Tour will be on Thursday May 9th and secondly, the annual fund-raising Coffee Morning will be on Saturday May 18th. You can get more details about both events at the April Coffee Pop-in at Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday April 10th from 10am-11.15am.

Horticultural Society

As it was reported in the March magazine the Nailbourne Horticultural society will hold its Spring Show on the 9th April. Should you wish to exhibit please contact Ann Edmonds (830795) for a schedule.

The village hall will be open for viewing at 7.30pm and there will be a plant stall.

We look forward to seeing you.

Ann Edmonds

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London to Brighton Cycle Ride

This year's London to Brighton Cycle Ride takes place on 16th June
(Father's Day) raising funds for the British Heart Foundation.

A party is being raised to join in the Ride from the Plough and Harrow,
anyone interested please contact Chris Maclean.

The Children's Society - Fund Raising

Home and shop Boxes in Bridge

The annual emptying of these was completed in March and the contents amounted to an amazing sum of £567.17, proving once again that pence become £'s when saved in this way. In March 2001 the total raised was £435.62, so congratulations to our 35 box holders for the increase achieved.

The Children's Society is very grateful for this support and valuable funding for its work with over 40,000 children every year.

If others are interested in having a box, please contact Kathy Eynon, 19 Bridgedown, Bridge, tel. 830466.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12th - 19th MAY

Just a reminder that next month those red envelopes will be dropping onto the doormat once again as the time for our house to house collection comes round. Last year the tremendous total of over £1200 was raised and I hope you will feel able to support the work of Christian Aid just as generously this year. If you are a tax payer and indicate this fact on the envelope, then an extra sum can be claimed from the tax man with no further effort on your part!

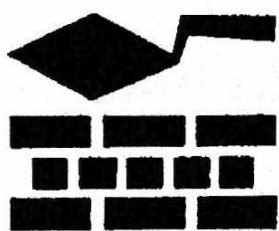
The work of Christian Aid is needed just as desperately this year as ever before across the globe and for a variety of projects to enable many people to live a basic existence with enough to eat and clean water to drink. Great strides have been made in breaking the crippling bonds of debts impossible to finance let alone repay, but much more remains to be done in the pursuit of fair trade rules so that the benefit of trade is felt by those most in need.

I do hope I can call upon your support, and if you would like to join the growing band of collectors, even if you can only deliver and collect say 10 envelopes, your assistance will be much appreciated.

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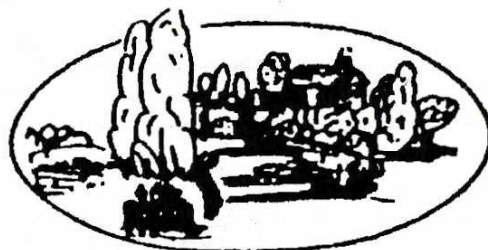
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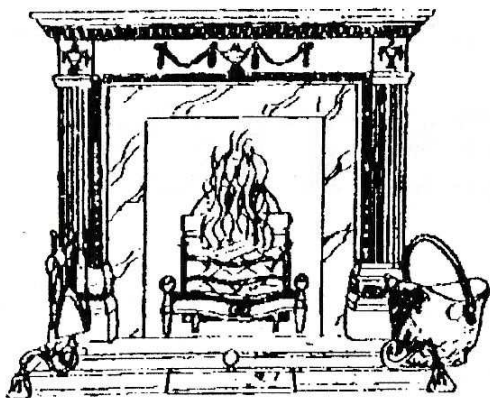


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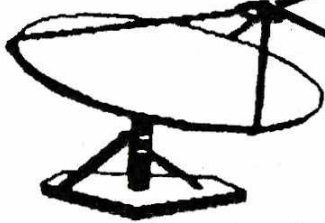
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Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting

The election of churchwardens of St Peter's for the coming year will take place in Bekesbourne Village Hall at 7.30 on Thursday 18 April. People eligible to vote include not only those on the new church Electoral Roll, but also everyone on the civil Electoral Roll of Bekesbourne. Do make note of the date and come and support your parish church. The election will be followed by the Annual Church Meeting, at which voting is restricted to those who are on the church's electoral roll.

Jane Millyard

Friends of Bekesbourne Church

The Wine and Wisdom Evening was held in Bekesbourne Village Hall on March 8th and £252 was raised.

Special thanks to Brian and Jenny Skinner for so ably presenting this event for the past 8 years. Next year it will be run by this year's winning team (which included the Vicar).

ADVANCE NOTICE

Yes, the Friends are organising a Boot Fair again this year!

Note the date SATURDAY, 6TH JULY.

Further details later, but book the date now.

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BRIDGE GOLDEN JUBILEE FESTIVAL

Saturday 22nd June 2002

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Taking place on the day of the Village Fete, there will be events and activities all day around

the village.

- Lots of Music - Jazz, Popular, Folk and Classical
 - Morris Dancing and historical re-enactments
 - Duck Race and Tug of War competition
 - Pig Roast and Barbecue
- and lots more fun!

Don't forget that the Fete will also provide a wealth of fun and entertainment as well on this day.

In the week leading up to the Festival a Barn Dance and a Quiz Night are also planned.

More details will follow and a full programme will be published soon.

GOLDEN JUBILEE SAFARI SUPPER - SATURDAY 15TH JUNE 2002

As part of Bridge's Golden Jubilee celebrations a Safari Supper within the village is planned for 15th June.

All participants will meet for drinks at the very beginning of the evening and then for coffee at the end, and in between you will host one of three courses in your own home and go to two other homes for the other two courses! Each 'supper party' will consist of 6 persons and these will change for each course.

If you would like to book a place on the evening or would just like to know more about it please telephone:

Lesley Forwood, Fundraiser/Vice Chairman NNWCA on 832175
after 6.00 pm or at weekends

Emergency First Aid

It has been suggested to me that it might be useful to demonstrate some basic life-saving skills for those interested. One can never predict when such a need might arise - at any age!

Consequently, I shall be pleased to do just this on the 25th April, 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall.

I'm afraid I shall have to make a charge of £1 per head to cover the costs of the hall and a donation to the Red Cross, for loan of equipment.

All welcome.

Barry Whiting

First Aid Trainer (BRCS)

NOT IN MY FRONT YARD!

Like many others I am sure, I regularly pick up street litter. However I am sorry to see that some remains adjacent to property whilst owners or tenants walk straight in or out leaving it still there.

We used to live in one of the cleanest countries in Europe, but sadly no more. Please help to keep Bridge a clean village to be proud of by clearing the area by your own property and whenever possible popping general litter in the nearest bin.

Don't forget to let me know (831075 or note to 18 The Close) of any large road or pavement cracks or protrusions. Please also report any other dangerous places or eyesores you see and we'll do our best to rectify.

Maurice Smith (Street Monitor)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

having just seen the item about "Ears and Beers" on television I felt compelled to write to congratulate both Chris Maclean and Paul. Their sincerity and Christianity, it seems to me, left a mark on the television crew, as witnessed by the sympathetic way the report was put together. This item could easily have been played for laughs by the 'Beeb'. The fact that it came across as the church being as relevant today as it was 2000 years ago is a tribute to both of them.

However these things can always be improved upon and, in a slightly less serious vein, may I humbly make the following suggestions.

For maximum publicity why not combine Ears & Beers with a patronal choral evensong and call it "Hymns and Pimms"? The sermon could expound the tribulations of Peter under the title of "Its rum on the Rock". But I get ahead of myself.

Perhaps first Paul could broaden the appeal to those, like myself, of a high church persuasion, by introducing a quarterly "Smells and Bells" evening. Indeed, in the spirit of ecumenism, we could invite the Roman Catholics to a "Pope and Coke" event, whilst for the charismatics I would propose a "Happy Clappy Hour".

But you old chauvinist, I hear you say, what about the fairer sex, the ladies of the benefice? From small acorns mighty oaks grow, (or something like that), so start with what we've already got. The Caring and Sharing group could put on a "Gin and Sin" evening. If successful, this could transfer to the Banner Making group on a regular basis with the ultimate goal of creating banner headlines and, I dare say, of instigating another visit from dear old "Aunty".

Just a thought.

Baldric's (Apprentice) Acolyte

News from Perry Court CSA

In spite of the difficulties caused by the flooding of the Nailborne throughout our valley last year and the problems caused by having to plant into sodden earth, we have had a good yield with our autumn and winter vegetables this season. {Although our leeks are dainty rather than being robust, the flavour is excellent} 80 boxes were taken up by our members. They are now going even further afield, with pick-up points in Chartham, Canterbury, Faversham and Whitstable. We have also been selling in local farmer's markets and even as far away as Sussex. Rising to the surface in public awareness is a growing interest in biodynamic growing methods and a growing reluctance to pay the premium for imported organic vegetables as found in the supermarkets.

More people than ever are looking at the possibilities of buying local produce and thereby supporting our own farmers, whether it be poultry, meat, fruit or vegetables.

We are now at the planning stage of the new season. If you would like to join the scheme, which is a Community Supported Agriculture Vegetable Box Scheme, the details are - starting in early June for (12 weeks), the **summer** box costs £78 for a standard box - £117 for a large box. The **winter** box, starting in September, (26 weeks), costs £145 for a standard box and £215 for a large box. There is a small reduction for prompt payment. For further information and to join please ring Alan Brockman at 01227 738449 or Nina Taylor at 01227 731549.

In the raffle at our AGM recently, there were four lucky winners who each won a subscription to the Biodynamic Agricultural Association.

NOTES FROM THE MARCH MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Golden Jubilee 2002: The clerk reported, on behalf of Cllr Hill, that a total of 83 responses had been received to date, with 174 mugs being requested for children. Cllrs Beer and Corfield both reported that several households had stated that they had not received the leaflet and it was **AGREED** that a further invitation for requests for mugs would be included in the Parish Newsletter to be distributed early next week..

Street Lighting - Part-Night Cells: The clerk reported that following a discussion with Seeboard it appeared that approximately 40 lanterns could require replacing to accommodate the new units as and when the SS9 units fail. To date this year 6 units have been replaced by Seeboard with the same number the previous financial year. Incatron have advised that they do not refurbish the SS9 unit as it is a sealed unit which has to be broken and cannot be resealed by them. Cllr Gulvin **AGREED** to meet with a member of the lighting department at the City Council to investigate the matter further.

Recreation Ground Footpath: Cllr Dobson advised that to date she had received two quotations to lay a 1.8 metre footpath from the junction at Bifrons Path to the school and that a request for funding under Safer Routes to School had been sent to the Highways Department. The clerk advised that FPD Savills could not confirm who had laid the original footpath but they believe it was probably one of the developers who built the adjoining houses. It was **AGREED** that the clerk would write to the school requesting a donation towards the cost of the footpath and that details of the proposal should be sent to FPD Savills in order to obtain the Landlord's consent for the work to be carried out.

Newsletter: Cllr Dobson provided copies of the final draft of the newsletter which was approved by councillors subject to the inclusion of the invitation for requests for mugs. Cllr Anderson advised that the previous distributor was now no longer available and it was **AGREED** that the newsletter would be distributed early next week by councillors. For future distribution it was **AGREED** that Cllr Anderson would approach John Thackeray to see if the scouts would be interested in carrying out the distribution for a donation to their funds. It was also **AGREED** that extra copies of the newsletter would be printed and that the Post Office, Bridgeway Stores and Bridge News would be asked if they would display these for any villagers who do not receive a copy via the normal distribution channel.

Lay-By Below Church Cottage: Kent Highways have made arrangements for this to be inspected in due course and for any remedial repairs necessary to be carried out.

Gully Below Pedestrian Crossing: Kent Highways advise that the drainage system is designed to allow water to pass beneath the build out. With a view to future connections to the drainage system an initial investigation to the highway drainage in the High Street has recently been carried out. The results of this investigation will lead to a programme of works during the 2002/2003 financial year and the flow of water down the hill is one of the areas to be addressed and will provide the opportunity to improve the drainage at the footway build out for the zebra crossing. It was **AGREED** that a copy of the letter from Kent Highways would be sent to Mrs T Carr who has been affected by the excess water at the crossing.

Car Parking: i) Cllr Anderson presented a draft plan and artists impression for improving car parking in Western Avenue and Green Court and it was unanimously **AGREED** that Ruth Goudie of Kent Highways should be requested to prepare an actual scheme for public consultation. ii) Cllr Anderson presented a plan for improving car parking in Conyngham Lane and it was unanimously **AGREED** that this idea should be forwarded to the school for their consideration and that the parish council would fully support and encourage any decisions made to improve the car parking problems in Conyngham Lane.

Footbridge at Mill Lane: Cllr Gulvin presented a drawing of a date stone to mark the erection of the replacement footbridge in the Golden Jubilee year. It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with the date stone and aim to have it in place ready for unveiling on 22nd June. Cllr Anderson agreed to obtain a quotation from a local stone mason to supply and fit the date stone. The clerk was requested to write to Kent County Council to obtain their permission to site the date stone in the footbridge brickwork.

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

CA/02/0015/BRI - Minor Amendments for information only on First floor side extension to dwelling at 1 Bourne View, Bridge.

CA/02/0267/BRI - Single-storey extension to front of bungalow at Coppice, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

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

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.

CA/02/0061/BRI - Single-storey front extension; link wall and gate between dwelling and garage at 53 Bridge Down, Bridge.

CA/00/1018/R - Amended details - roof lights at Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School, Bridge.

Applications refused: No applications have been notified as refused.

Proposed Work to Trees in Conservation Area: The following notice of proposed work has been received with no intention to serve a Tree Preservation Order: Pollard small Lime tree outside front of house at 51 High Street, Bridge. Clean out crown of mature beech tree between Great Pett Farm and Oast, Pett Hill, Bridge.

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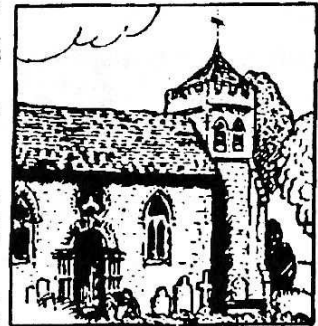
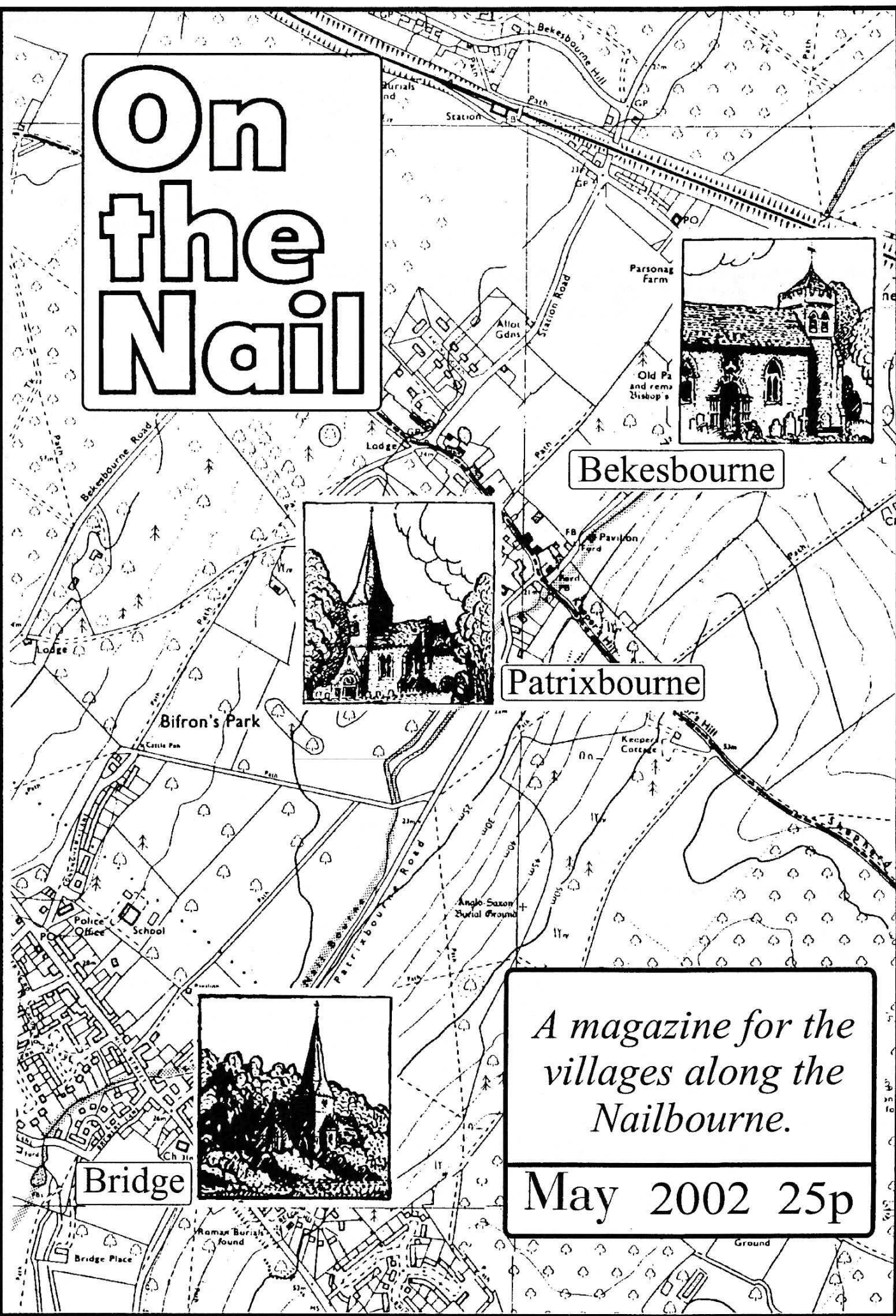
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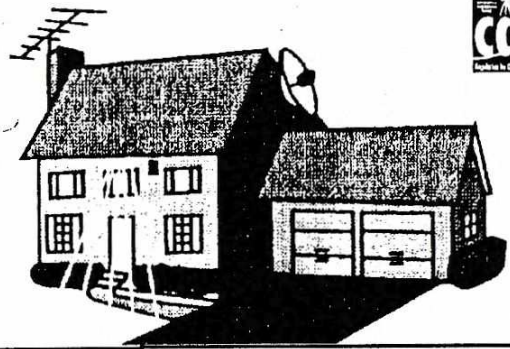
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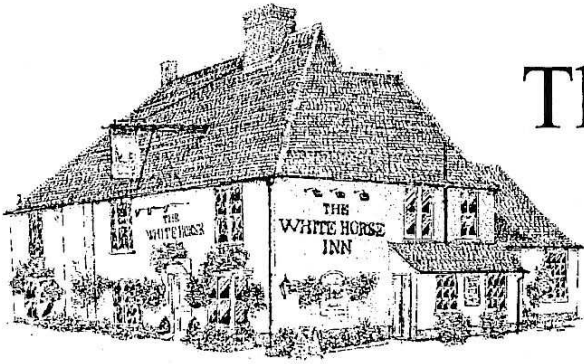
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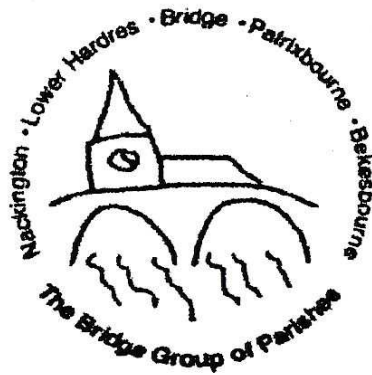
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The Bridge Group
Services for the month of May 2002

Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 5th Easter 6		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	No Service ROGATION WALK	OT: Gen 8: 20-9:17 NT: 1 Pe 3: 13-e G: Jn 14: 13-21
Sun 12th Easter 7	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 Matins Mrs M Clarke Mr R Steadman	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Ez 36: 24-28 NT: 1 Pe 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11 G: Jn 17: 1-11
Sun 19th Pentecost	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Can G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Nu 11: 24-30 NT: Acts 2: 1-21 G: Jn 7: 37-39
Sun 26th Trinity		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: Is 40: 12-17, 27-end NT: 2 Cor 13: 11-end G: Mat 28: 16-end
Sun 2nd June 1 after Trinity		10.00 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Jubilee Evensong Rev P Filmer Ven Patrick Evan	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 6: 9-22 NT: Ro 3: 21-28 G: Mat 7: 21-end

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God's Minister

Each week, somewhere in the Benefice we say a prayer for the Queen, not just for her wellbeing, but that God will "so rule the heart of thy chosen servant Elizabeth, our Queen and Governor, that she, knowing whose minister she is, may above all things seek thy honour and glory." I find this phrase reassuring - that whilst we acknowledge our place as subjects, we put it into perspective by understanding that she governs us on behalf of God, obedient to his will, in an attitude of humility.

Muriel Packer from Bridge was chosen this year to receive the Maundy Purse from the Queen at Canterbury Cathedral. Normally, when someone is honoured in this way, they are summoned to an audience with the Queen in Buckingham Palace. However, for the Maundy Service, the Queen comes to the people being honoured, not just by attending the cathedral, but by walking to them for the presentation, not the other way round. This tradition is seen by the Queen as an opportunity for her to express her humility, before her subjects, but more importantly before her God. All the pomp and ceremony is laid on in honour of the recipients, not for her own benefit.

If only other people in positions of influence would follow her example by sitting lighter on their authority and firmer on their responsibilities, our society would be a better place.

*"May she defend our laws and ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice, God save the Queen."*

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

Paul

Diary for May 2002

- 2nd Health & Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 7th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8pm
- 8th NADFAS at Bridge Church, 10am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 6pm
- 9th Fish Scheme Blossom Tour
Junior Confirmation, Vicarage 5.30pm
- 11th Treasure Hunt, Bridge Village Hall 4.45pm
- 12th Christian Aid Week (until 19th)
- 13th Caring and Sharing, 62 Strangers Lane, Canterbury 7.30pm
Senior Confirmation, Vicarage 8pm
- 14th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
- 15th Deanery Confirmation Service, Wingham Church 7.30pm
- 16th Junior Confirmation, Vicarage 5.30pm
- 18th Fish Scheme Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy, Bridge Village
Hall 10am
Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church 10.15am
- 20th Senior Confirmation, Vicarage 8pm
- 21st Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8pm
- 22nd NADFAS at Bridge Church 10am
- 23rd Junior Confirmation, Vicarage 5.30pm
- 26th The Works, Bridge Child Care Centre, Adj School 10am
- 27th Caring and Sharing, 20 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown 7.30pm
Adult Confirmation, Vicarage 8pm
- 28th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bridge 2.30pm
- 30th Junior Confirmation, Vicarage 5.30pm
- 2nd June Benefice Choral Evensong, St Peter's Bridge, 6pm
- Forthcoming Events
- 22nd June Bridge Village Fete and Golden Jubilee
- 6th July Friends of Bekesbourne Church, Boot Fair
- 13th July Benefice BBQ, Patricbourne

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

14/04 Bridge Susan Clarke

Funeral

04/04 Bekesbourne Barbara F Hawkins

Interment of Ashes

10/04 Lower Hardres Phyllis Mackay-Miller

Jubilee Celebrations

To mark the beginning of the Jubilee Celebrations for HM Queen Elizabeth II, St Peter's Church, Bridge will host a special Benefice Choral Evensong on Sunday 2nd June at 6pm. our guest preacher will be The Ven Patrick Evans, Archdeacon of Canterbury. Anyone interested in joining the choir for the evening should contact either Emma Medhurst (830762) or Bill Rose (830560).

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

The Family Service on Sunday 5th May will be combined with the Rogation Walk. The walk will start at 10am from Bekesbourne village hall. We will leisurely walk about 3-4 miles, stopping for prayers on the way. Well behaved dogs welcome. The walk will finish at The Unicorn Pub, so don't forget to book your lunch if you wish to eat

Bridge Methodist Church

Preacher's for May

May 5th Miss Jean Hall

May 12th Rev. Peter Cornish

May 19th Rev. David Marshall

May 26th Rev. Barbara Heather

Health and Healing Concerns

The next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd May, 7pm, at 7 Windmill Close. Please ring me if you have any requests for a person or situation you would like included in our prayers. Better still, why not join us and share in the fellowship. You are assured of a warm welcome.

Kath Pierce 830844

Fish News

This month we have the Cornelia Slavi Blossom Tour on Thursday 9th May and the all-important fund-raising Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy on Saturday May 18th in Bridge Village Hall from 10 o'clock on. This is a great opportunity for gardeners to bring their surplus plants and buy other peoples. We also sell exceedingly good cakes. So come - all of you.

This year, instead of the June coffee Pop-In, we are planning a Jubilee Lunch on Wednesday June 12th from 12.30 to 2.15pm in the Village Hall. There will be more details at the May Coffee Pop-In.

The next Chiropody Clinic runs from 3rd to 5th June. Telephone Mrs Warren (830233) if you need more details.

Christian Aid Week 12th-19th May

Those red envelopes will be dropping onto the doormat once again as the time for our house to house collection comes round. Last year the tremendous total of over £1200 was raised and I hope you will feel able to support the work of Christian Aid just as generously this year. If you are a tax payer and indicate this fact on the envelope, then an extra sum can be claimed from the tax man with no further effort on your part!

The work of Christian Aid is needed just as desperately this year as ever before across the globe and for a variety of projects to enable many people to live a basic existence with enough to eat and clean water to drink. Fair trade projects enable people to support themselves and bring a sense of dignity to their lives.

My thanks for your continued support. Chris Hoare 832447

On 23rd March at the League of Friends Boot Fair The Children's Society Table raised, from goods sold and donations, the sum of £48. Many thanks to those who made this possible.

K.M.Eynon

St. Peter's Bridge, Roof Repairs

£18,000 - Why Bridge?

Those who attended 10am Communion at Bridge on 7th April saw Sir John Grugeon hand Paul Filmer a cheque for £18,000 as a very substantial contribution to urgent repairs to the Church roof.

How we got that money is complicated. Briefly, anybody operating a tip, or to give its official title a "landfill site" has to pay the Government a tax per tonne of rubbish dumped. This is currently over £13 per tonne increasing by £1 per tonne per year. However, the landfill site operator is allowed to keep 1/5 which he then passes to a charitable trust which is able to pass on funds to recycling initiatives, matters affecting the environment and the repairs of buildings of historic interest, which is of course where Bridge Church qualifies.

The P.C.C. started over a year ago approaching, firstly Entrust who are the regulatory body governing the scheme. They examine the application and if they agree, make the applicant (us!) an 'enrolled body'. We then approach the landfill operator, Robert Brett & Son Ltd., who have a charitable trust, Brett Environmental Trust, of which Sir John Grugeon is Chairman. We applied to the Trust and they inspected the Church and saw the need - it happened to be raining at the time and we had the usual line of buckets in the nave and side aisle.

Simple really - noting to it!

The Trust has handed our £1.2m so far, of which £300,000 has been given to churches.

It was a very drawn out process but we are very grateful to Sir John and the Brett Environmental Trust for their generous contribution and support. We also received a smaller but welcome and vital donation from Friends of Kent Churches, for whom we cycle every September.

J.E.Hill

Bridge History Society

Our speaker on 26 March, Peter Ewart, talked to us about smuggling in Kent - not the modern kind so much as the government's fight against smuggling in the 18th and 19 centuries. Traditionally, sympathy has tended to be with the smugglers - Charles Lamb wrote that a smuggler was 'the only honest thief! The defrauding of the Revenue of taxes on luxury goods was only one side of the story though. Smuggling gangs could pose a threat, and were sometimes guilty of great violence. Our April outing was to Lambeth Palace and the Museum of Gardening History and on Saturday 18 May we plan an afternoon visit to Maidstone. A guided tour is arranged and we shall visit the Archbishop's palace and other buildings of interest, finishing our afternoon with a cream tea. We will travel by car, and lifts can be arranged. For details, telephone Jenny Vye, 831820. On Saturday 22 June a visit to Ypres and the surrounding area is planned, to include Sanctuary Wood, Tyne Cot cemetery and Hill 62, the Cloth Hall and its museum, the Menin Gate, Cathedral and other historic buildings in Ypres. We depart by coach from Bridge Village Post Office at 7 am. Some places remain. Anyone interested should telephone John Bishop, 832596.

Meriel Connor

Celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee

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We have received a generous offer to make up special pew cushions for the Church in commemoration of the Queen's Golden Jubilee. The cost of materials is £24 per cushion.

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CHEK BARN DANCE

A Barn Dance will be held in aid of the CHEK (Concern for Health in East Kent) Fighting Fund on Friday 17th May 2002 in the Bridge and Patricxbourne School Hall commencing at 7.30 pm. Music will be provided by the 'CHEKMATES'. Tickets £5 available from Bridgeway Stores, Western Avenue Bridge or at the Bring and Buy Sale to be held in aid of CHEK funds at Mansfield Court, Riverside Close, Bridge on Saturday 11th May commencing at 10.30 am. For further details of these events please ring 01227 830506

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on

Saturday 11th May

at 10.30am

URGENT APPEAL

VOLUNTEER CHURCH CLEANERS

I need to make an urgent appeal for volunteers for the Church cleaning rota at Bridge Church. This only involves a commitment of an hour or two once a month.

If you could feel that you could help please contact Julie Latham on 831678.

Muriel Packer was one of 152 specially chosen people who received the Maundy gifts from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at the Maundy Service held this year in Canterbury Cathedral. In this article Muriel explains something of the history of the Maundy distribution and shares her memories of this unique occasion.

The Royal Maundy Service March 28th 2002

First let me give you a brief history of the Maundy distribution. Its origin lies in Christ's washing of his disciples' feet on the day before Good Friday, symbolising humility and service to others. Maundy comes from *mandatum*, the latin word for "commandment" and so the first words of the service are "Jesus said: I give you a new commandment: Love one another; as I have loved you, so you are to love one another". Royal distributions have taken place since 1210 when King John personally distributed gifts at Knaresborough. The act of washing the feet continued until about 1730 (several washings preceded the royal washing!), nosegays of sweet-smelling herbs are still carried by the principal people. Nowadays the service takes place in a different Cathedral each year or at Westminster Abbey. The Queen personally chose Canterbury for her Jubilee Year, although she had already been once before in 1965. The number of recipients depends on the Queen's age (this year 76 men and 76 women). They come from the diocese where the service is held and represent their own area (in our case the parishes of Patricbourne with Bridge, Bekesbourne, Lower Hardres and Nackington). Gifts are specially minted silver coins to the value of 1, 2, 3 and 4 pence to make up as many pence as the Queen's age, presented in a white purse. A red purse contains current money to the value of £5.50: £3.00 for clothing (formerly a length of cloth to make a cloak), £1.50 for provisions (formerly fish and bread) and £1 for the redemption of the Sovereign's gown.

The following, in note form, will give an idea of the sequence of events culminating in the service itself: a lecture on March 2nd by the Lord High Almoner (the Bishop of Wakefield); letters of acceptance as recipient and instructions for the day from the Royal Almonry; letters from the Dean with invitations to the lecture and to lunch after the service in the Study Centre.

Here are some of the highlights from my memories: The Bishop of Wakefield's knowledgeable lecture and his infectious smile and enthusiasm throughout; breathtaking beauty of the Cathedral's flowers; dignity and variety of processions; Queen's arrival at the West Door looking radiant in an outfit which matched the glory of the spring morning and her Golden Jubilee; triumphal fanfare; magnificence of the choirs' singing and organ music; variety of individual people taking part: the Lord High Almoner, the Precentor, the Pastor of the French Huguenot Church, the representative of the Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Dean, the Minister of the United Reformed

Church, the Archdeacon, the Archbishop of Canterbury; the Dean's new anthem on the message of the Last Supper; the unhurried progress of the distribution as the Queen paused before each recipient; her ease of manner and evident happiness especially as she came to the recipients in wheelchairs; the Yeoman carrying the purses on enormous alms dishes held above their heads; the Queen pausing on her way out to chat to four young children from Canterbury schools chosen by their family links with the six Wandsmen of the Royal Almonry, who acted as stewards for the recipients. Above all the atmosphere of Joy, mingled with humility, in which the Queen herself set the example. I should like to express my deep gratitude to all who made possible my nomination as recipient of the Royal Maundy gifts and who, before and since the service, have been so kind and generous in conversations with me. The friendship of the residents, their families and the staff at the New Close and at Saxon Lodge, the companionship of so many people in the Fish Scheme and the happy relationships with residents of all five villages in the Bridge group of parishes have enriched my life immeasurably since we came to Bridge and this has now been crowned with the wonderful privilege of representing you all at the Maundy Service.

My special thanks go to Paul for nominating me and John Anderson for supporting the nomination, to Margaret for encouraging me and to John for being behind me (literally and figuratively!)

It is hoped to arrange for as many people as possible to have the opportunity of seeing the Maundy gifts and hearing more about the whole historic occasion. If you miss these opportunities and would like to see the gifts, please feel free to ask.

Muriel Packer

These are the words of the Dean's anthem, printed here with his kind permission

Stooping to demonstrate a new commandment,
Girt with a towel to serve the need of friends,
He calms with loving words confused resistance,
Knowing this must be done before life ends.

Sensing the imminence of cruel betrayal,
Fearing the frailty of all human vows,
In the communion of a last supper,
The Son of God to his vocation bows.

Feeling their weakness needed strong example,
Taking the water by his own hands poured,
The King of Glory kneels in humble service
To wash the feet of those who call him Lord.

BRIDGE GOLDEN JUBILEE FESTIVAL

Saturday 22nd June 2002

The Bridge Festival Committee are still busy with plans to make this a happy and memorable day. A number of fundraising events will occur in the week leading up to the Festival Day.

- Friday 14th June** -BARN DANCE at the School Hall.
7.30pm -Music from Camine
 -Licensed Bar
 -Bring your own food
 -£5 per person
- Tuesday 18th June** -GUIDED HISTORY TOURS OF BRIDGE
7.00pm -starting from The White Horse
 -£2 per person
- Thursday 20th June** -SUPPER QUIZ in VILLAGE HALL
7.00pm -Hosted by the Bridge & District History Society
 -Teams of 8 persons
 -Ploughman's Supper
 -Bring your own drinks, plate, cutlery & glass
 -£5 per person

Bookings for the above events can be made at The White Horse - 'phone 830249

The programme for the Bridge Golden Jubilee Festival Day is still being formalised. The following are already confirmed:

- Pig Roast & Barbeque
- Tennis Club, LTA Play Tennis 2002 event
- Live music from The Odd Couple
- Celtic Music from Camine
- At least Three Morris Sides
- Jitterbug & Jive Dancing from Marsh Lindyhoppers.
- Canterbury Clerks performing in St Peters Church Bridge
- Bridge Duck Race (Nailbourne permitting!)
- Grand Tug of War Contest
- A Steam Traction Engine

We are still hoping that there will be displays of

- Living History
- Classic Cars & Motor Cycles
- More music performances

But these and some other events are still under discussion.

The Village Fete will provide all the usual entertainments and side shows and lots of fun including the Childrens' Fancy Dress Parade.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

24 members were present at the April 2002 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn was in the Chair. He gave the Exhortation and the Silence the meeting was asked to remember Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

Good wishes went to Ron Bates who was not able to be present. We wish him well. As mentioned last month, in addition to Ron, we now have members Tony Bevan and John James assisting with welfare work for the Branch. These two can be contacted either through Ron or another of the Branch committee.

Our Branch dinner is on Friday 27th September at Littlebourne Hall. Our recent Beef Pudding Supper was a great success and we will be holding another one on Tuesday, 19th November at the Unicorn, Bekesbourne when the raffle will be in aid of the Poppy Appeal.

Members of the Branch are to visit the Etaples War Cemetery in France again this year on Sunday 23rd June.

As mentioned last month, all our meetings are to be held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne in future and they take place on the second Tuesday of every month.

The next two meetings are on 14th May (when Mr Andy Williams will be with us to talk on "Solving Conflicts") and 11th June, both at 8pm.

COUNCILLOR'S SURGERIES

Martin Vye, K.C.C. Councillor, will hold a surgery on Saturday 4th May
10am-12 noon in Bridge Village Hall.

Bill Oakey, C.C.C. Councillor will hold a surgery on Saturday 18th May
10am-12 noon in The Methodist Church, Bridge.



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The programme of music given by Mike Lewis' family and friends covers a wide range, and should include something to suit most tastes. Many of the performers from previous similar concerts have very kindly agreed to come and support us again. The concert is in aid of the church organ restoration fund and we hope to commence work before the end of the year.

Following the concert, tea and cakes will be served in one of the village gardens (weather permitting).

Entry - £5.00 to include refreshments.

For booking please contact Gaby McGuire on 01227 831557 or Marilyn Lewis on 01227 831206. Space is limited so please book your seats early.

BOULES

The Elham Valley Boules Club announces the following programme of events for the summer at the Pentanque Terrain,

The Green, Elham

Sunday 5th May - Bank Holiday Melée (11am start)

Sunday 19th May - Whit Sunday Melée (11am start)

Sunday 23rd June - Shepway/Boulogne Sports Day

Sunday 14th July - Bastille Day Melée (11am start)

The melée events are open to all; everyone will get the chance to play - all age groups and abilities including beginners.

We want the maximum support for the Shepway/Boulogne Sports Day which is being hosted this year by Shepway; the Pétanque matches will be played on the Elham Terrain. We are looking for players to complete our teams and supporters to cheer the teams on on the day - details of the start times will be announced in the next newsletter; please contact Colin Hewlett (01303 840418) if you want to participate.

The purpose of the Boules Club is to encourage the use of the Pétanque terrain by all in the Elham Valley. Petanque (Boules) is fun for all the family and application for family membership (£5.00) can be made by contacting a committee member. Bridge (Tony Walder 01227 830057) and Patricxbourne/Bekesbourne (Peter Morris 01227 830437) and the secretary of the club is Colin Hewlett (01303 840418).

NOTES FROM THE APRIL MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Ground Footpath: Kent Highways have agreed to contribute 50% of the cost of upgrading the footpath as part of the County Council's Safe Routes to Schools initiative. It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with the upgrade subject to the Landlord's consent.

Code Of Conduct: It was unanimously **AGREED** to adopt The Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils and the Standards Board for England will be notified accordingly.

Art In Bridge: Cllr Dobson reported that the group had had an AGM to form a committee and constitution in order to obtain grants and that it had been suggested that the parish council have a member on the committee. It was unanimously **AGREED** that Cllr Dobson should represent the parish council on the committee.

Golden Jubilee 2002: Cllr Hill reported that he had now closed the boxes for the requests for souvenir mugs and once the numbers were collated would be placing the order. The matter of distribution of the mugs was discussed and it was suggested that they could be collected from the village hall on a couple of Saturday mornings. It was **AGREED** that a letter should be sent to Her Majesty the Queen congratulating her on her Golden Jubilee.

Lighting - Bifrons Path: A request has been received from the Manager at Mansfield Court on behalf of all the residents for lighting in Bifrons Path. It was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with installing lighting and the clerk was requested to obtain the relevant estimates.

Rubbish - Town Hill: Cllr Anderson reported that he had received a copy of correspondence from Bekesbourne with Patricxbourne Parish Council to Canterbury City Council regarding the rubbish that accumulates around the re-cycling bins in Town Hill and the possibility of removing them or re-siting them on land at the Bridge allotment site. It was **AGREED** that the parish council were against both options and that a letter would be sent to the City Council requesting that a sign be erected asking people to take their rubbish home and to also investigate the possibility of putting up a camera as a deterrent. It was also **AGREED** to write to Cllr Oakey requesting his support.

Planning applications received: No new planning applications have been received.

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

CAL02/0018/BRI - Internal Alterations at River House, 67 High Street, Bridge.

CA/02/0015/BRI - First-floor side extension to 1 Bourne View, Bridge.

CA/02/0035/BRI - Conservatory to rear of dwelling at 10 Dering Road, Bridge.

Applications refused: No planning applications have been notified as refused.

Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area: The following notice of proposed work has been received:

Reduce Conifer in rear garden by 5ft and tidy crown at 10 High Street, Bridge.

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

Lay Reader: Mrs. Margaret Clarke. (Tel 765598)

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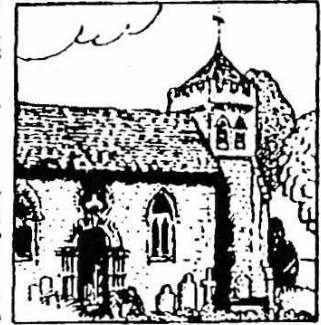
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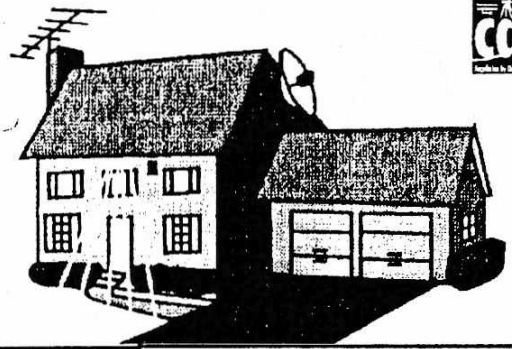
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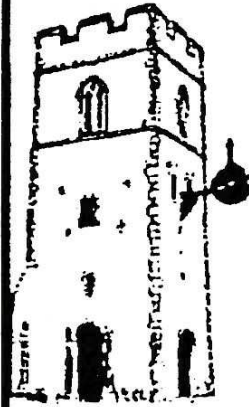
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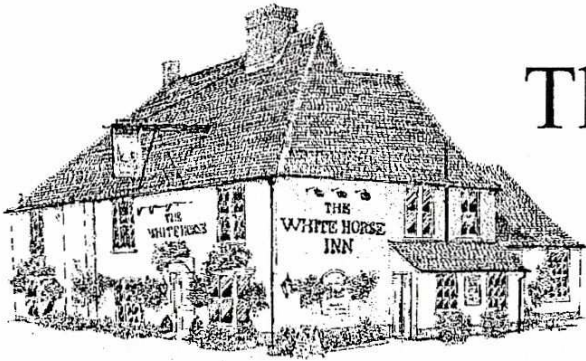


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Sun 9th 2 after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton		11.00am Family Service Mrs M Clarke Mr M Leggat	10.00 am Matins Chris McLean	8.00 BCP Con Rev J S
Sun 16th 3 after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Can G Manley		10.00 Holy Con Rev P
Sun 23rd 4 after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion 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	
Sun 30th 5 after Trinity	10.00 am Benefice Service Rev P Filmer				
Sun 7th July 6 after Trinity		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.0 Family Mrs P

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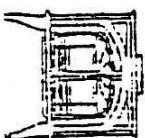
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Tit for Tat

All the current fuss about the release of the latest Star Wars film took me back to the mother of all Sci-Fi films, Star Trek. I remember one particular baddie who had it in for Captain Kirk. Khan was an alien Peter Stringfellow lookalike who hunted down the Enterprise in deep space with the quote "Revenge is a dish best served cold". I like this saying, but not because of its intended meaning. The author advises us to spend time preparing our revenge, savouring the thought and building up an appetite, ready to strike when least expected.

On the other hand, I have always found that counting to ten before responding has the effect of calming things down. Instant retaliation can be excessive, random and ineffective. Waiting for the heat of the moment to cool allows us to gain a better perspective, so that if a response is needed it can be deliberate, measured and focussed.

Looking back on the past few months at the "eye for an eye" conflict between Jew and Palestinian in Israel, I find it hard to take sides, or to remember who started it. What seems more important is who will finish it. Someone needs to stand back from the immediate heat of the conflict and say enough is enough! I think that's what Jesus meant when he said 'turn the other cheek'. Instead of striking back, we are to contain the violence - understanding that our revenge will only lead to the other person seeking their own revenge again. Perhaps - if Israel and Palestine plan their retaliation as a dish served cold - they will find they've lost their appetite for revenge after all.

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

Paul

Diary for June 2002

- 3rd Jubilee BBQ, John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres 12.30pm
- 5th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
- 6th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 10th Caring & Sharing, Visit to Gypsy Caravan 7.30pm
Senior Confirmation, The Vicarage 8pm
- 11th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC, Bridge Church 7.30pm
Horticultural Society Visit to Windy Ridge 7pm for 7.30pm
- 12th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10am
Fish Scheme Jubilee Lunch, Bridge Village Hall 12.30-2.15pm
Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow 6pm
- 13th Junior Confirmation, The Vicarage 5.30pm
- 15th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church 10.15am
Councillor's Surgery, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am-12 noon
- 16th London to Brighton Cycle Ride
- 17th Senior Confirmation, The Vicarage 8pm
- 18th Coffee Morning, The Old Farmhouse, Lower Hardres 10.30am
Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm
- 19th Lower Hardres and Nackington PCC, John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres 7.30pm
- 20th Junior Confirmation, The Vicarage 5.30pm
- 22nd Village Fete, Bridge School and Village
Canterbury Clerkes Concert, Bridge church 7.30pm
- 23rd The Works, Bridge Childcare Centre, Adj School 10am
- 24th Caring & Sharing Visit to Rapid Response, 7.30pm
Senior Confirmation, The Vicarage 8.00pm
- 25th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
- 26th NADFAS, Bridge Church 10am
Bekesbourne PCC, 10 De Havilands, Bekesbourne 7.30pm
- 27th Junior Confirmation, The Vicarage 5.30pm

Forthcoming Events

- 6th July Friends of Bekesbourne Church Boot Fair
- 13th July Benefice BBQ, Patricxbourne
- 14th July Music For A Summer's Evening, Lower Hardres Church
- 3rd August Friends of Bekesbourne Church, Concert in Bekesbourne
Church
- 21st Sept Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall

Your 'Parish Matters

Funeral

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16/05 Bridge/Barham (Sandy) Leonard W.C. Sanford

•**Archdeacon's Visitation** The church wardens of our 5 churches were sworn into office by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Ven Patrick Evans during a service at Canterbury Cathedral in mid May. On your behalf I thank them all for standing for office this year, we especially welcome Brenda Reynolds as she replaces Bill Hinchliffe at Lower Hardres and thank him for all his work in the past.

•**Deanery Confirmation** The Bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Stephen Venner, confirmed 15 parishioners from East Bridge Deanery at a special service, held at Wingham on 15th May. There were no candidates from our benefice on this occasion, but we hope to have 12 people, both young and old, confirmed at the next Diocesan service, to be held in Canterbury Cathedral on 19th November.

•**German Church Visit** During the last weekend of September (28-29) we will welcome members of the parish church of Marburg, near Frankfurt to our benefice. Saturday will be spent on social/tourist trips, and on Sunday we will have a special benefice service at Bridge, followed by a shared lunch. The Rev Hans Hentschel will preach in the morning and members of the Trinitatisgemeinde (Trinity Church) will give a presentation on their church and city in the afternoon. Please keep this weekend free if possible (and brush up on your German in the meantime!)

Methodist Church

2nd June	Rev George Baugh
9th June	Rev Barbara Heather
16th June	Mr Alistair Barwick (Church Anniversary)
23rd June	Rev David Marshall
30th June	Mrs Marjorie Beckwith

Health and Healing Concerns

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th June, 7pm at 7 Windmill Close. Please ring me if you have any requests for a person or situation you would like included in our prayers. Better still, why not join us and share in the fellowship. You are assured of a warm welcome.

Kath Pierce 830844

Fish News

Thanks go to everyone who supported the Bring and Buy Coffee Morning on May 18th. At the time of writing it has yet to take place, but news of how we did will come to you next month.

This month there will be a Jubilee Lunch on Wednesday June 12th from 12.30 to 2.15pm in Bridge Village Hall. Do please contact Ann Medhurst on 830762 if you are hoping to come and have not been approached. This means that just for this month there will not be a Coffee Pop-In that morning.

W.I.

For the Birthday Meeting on Tuesday 18th June, fish and chips will be served promptly at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Members should take knife, fork, plate and a glass. There will be no competition. A table will be provided for memorabilia of the Queen's 50 Year Reign.

A Plea from the Vicarage

I would be grateful if anyone could lend the Vicarage (occasionally) a powerful lawnmower, as we are experiencing problems with both our own lawnmower and the gardener's back (Paul's!!!) thanks.

Judy Filmer 830250

R.N.L.I. House-to-House Collection

The house-to-house collection amounted to £471.40 - over £100 more than last year.

Thanks go to all who donated, and to all the street collectors, who generously gave their time to achieve this result.

Sadly, Sandy Sanford, one of the collectors, died shortly after the R.N.L.I. collection. His help over the years has been very much appreciated.

Joan Hill

Village Co-ordinator

SAVE-A-LIFE DEMONSTRATION

Following the successful session on resuscitation, a second demonstration has been requested. It is scheduled for the 30th May, from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall again.

I'm afraid a charge of £1 per head will need to be made to cover costs and a small donation to the Red Cross. All ages are invited.

Barry Whiting

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Horticultural Society have planned an evening visit to a nursery at Windy Ridge, Victory Road, St Margaret's-at-Cliffe, near Dover on Tuesday 11 June at 7.30 pm.

As it might be difficult to find, we have decided to meet centrally in the village car park at St Margaret's at 7.00 pm and then go on from there together to the nursery. The car park is situated just off the High Street, behind a row of shops and almost opposite the Cliffe Tavern.

There will be an opportunity to buy plants and refreshments will be provided.

If anyone requires help with transport to St Margaret's or can offer a spare seat in their car, or would like more information, would they please telephone 830057 in the evenings.

As always, non members are very welcome to join us.

Many thanks.

Kathy Walder

BRIDGE GOLDEN JUBILEE FESTIVAL

Timetable of Events

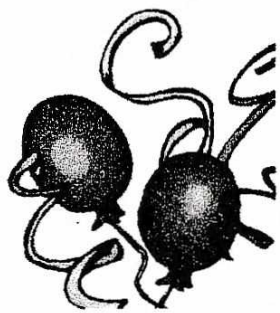
Friday 14th June		
7.30pm	BARN DANCE	School Hall. £5.00
Tuesday 18th June		
7.00pm	GUIDED HISTORY TOURS OF BRIDGE	Start at White Horse £2.00
Thursday 20th June		
7.00pm	SUPPER QUIZ	Village Hall £5.00

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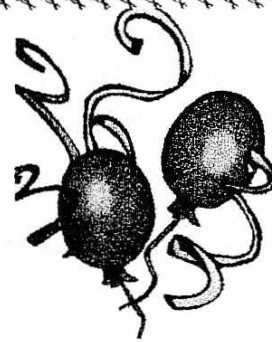
Friday 21st June		
8.30pm	LIVE MUSIC FROM KEITH JAMES	White Horse
Saturday 22nd June		
9.30 - 12.00		
	LTA PLAY TENNIS EVENT	All children Welcome Tennis Club
11.00 Onwards	LIVING HISTORY DISPLAY	Church Meadow Brewery Lane
	CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY	Rogers Garage High Street
	CLASSIC MOTOR BIKE DISPLAY	Mortimer's, Brewery Lane
11.45	PROCESSION TO SCHOOL FETE led by Morris Dancers	Red Lion Car Park
12.00	VILLAGE FETE opening by The Lord Mayor	Bridge School
12.15	MORRIS DANCING	Bridge School
1-5pm	MUSIC from The Odd Couple & Andrew Wiggins	White Horse
1.30	PUNCH & JUDY SHOW	Bridge School
1.45	MORRIS DANCING	Red Lion
2.00	JIVE DISPLAY by Marsh Lindy Hoppers	Bridge School
2.30 Onwards	TRACTION ENGINE	High Street
2.30	DISPLAY by Reception & years 1 & 2 classes	Bridge School
2.45	MORRIS DANCING	White Horse
3.00	MAGIC SHOW	Bridge School
3.30	DISPLAY by years 5 & 6 classes	Bridge School
3.45	JIVE DISPLAY Marsh Lindy Hoppers	White Horse
4.00	GRAND RAFFLE DRAW	Bridge School
4.15	MORRIS DANCING	Plough & Harrow
4.30	CHILDREN's KARAOKE Talent Contest	Red Lion
5.30	GYMNASTIC DISPLAY	Red Lion Garden
6.15	DUCK RACE & OFFICIAL OPENING OF FOOTBRIDGE	Mill Lane Ford
6.30	CANTERBURY CLERKES in PERFORMANCE	St Peters Church
8.15	PIE EATING & YARD OF ALE Contest	Red Lion
9.00	PIG ROAST & BARBEQUE	White Horse
9.00	BARBEQUE	Red Lion
9.00	LIVE BAND	Red Lion
9.00	CAMINE in PERFORMANCE	White Horse Garden

Every effort will be made to keep to the times - but circumstances & weather may cause alterations!

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Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting

At the meeting held on 18 April, Jonathan Cowans and Jill Gillanders were elected Churchwardens for another year. Patricia Kusel continues as a representative for Bekesbourne on the Deanery Synod and is joined by Christine Ash. Other members of the PCC elected were Zan Clifford, Vicki McPherson, Jane Millyard, David Millyard,

Hugh Pearson and Jenny Skinner.

A short meeting of the PCC followed, at which Vicki McPherson and Jane Millyard were re-elected respectively as Lay Chair and Secretary. David Millyard has retired as Treasurer after more than 20 years and Zan Clifford was elected to replace him. The Vicar thanked David warmly for his long service.

Jane Millyard

Bekesbourne Bell Ringers

At a recent meeting, David Farbrace was confirmed as tower Captain for the remainder of the year and Romany Cowans was elected Deputy Captain; Gill Moon continues as Secretary. The band aims to ring before the two 10.00am services each month at Bekesbourne.

New ringers are most welcome to the practice night every Monday from 7.30 to 9.00pm. Contact Gill (832134) or Romany (831029) if you are interested.

Jane Millyard

THE FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

Another **CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY** has been arranged for Saturday 15th June at 10am, when once again Strimmers will be especially welcome.

Our annual **BOOT FAIR** will be held at Parsonage Farm, Bekesbourne, by kind permission of Mr John Ash, starting at 9am on Saturday 6th July 2002. Please contact Jennifer on 768925 or Gill on 832134 to book your pitch (£6).

The Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Rogation Walk - Sunday 5th May

It was a chilly Sunday morning when 19 intrepid walkers plus 6 dogs set out on the Rogation Walk from Bekesbourne Village Hall, ably lead by Sid and Gill Moon. Pat Kusel welcomed everyone and explained the meaning of 'Rogation' before a short prayer and then we were off!

Our first stop was to be at the Well Chapel which we reached after a pleasant walk through a hop garden, field of bright yellow rape and a pasture with two very friendly horses who were intrigued by our procession. Once over School Lane we followed the footpath which takes you under the railway and into the orchards leading to Well Chapel. Several dogs took a dip in the water at this point after which Pat lead us in prayer within the ruins of the Chapel.

We then crossed Littlebourne Road and negotiated the narrow footpath running through Howletts Zoo, up and over the elephant enclosure, gathering together for our final prayer in the fields beyond. The last leg of our journey took us through beautiful bluebell woods and then out on to Bekesbourne Lane before arriving at The Unicorn Pub for welcome refreshment. Many thanks to Gill Moon and Joan Atkins for planning the route which was enjoyed by all.

Romany Cowans

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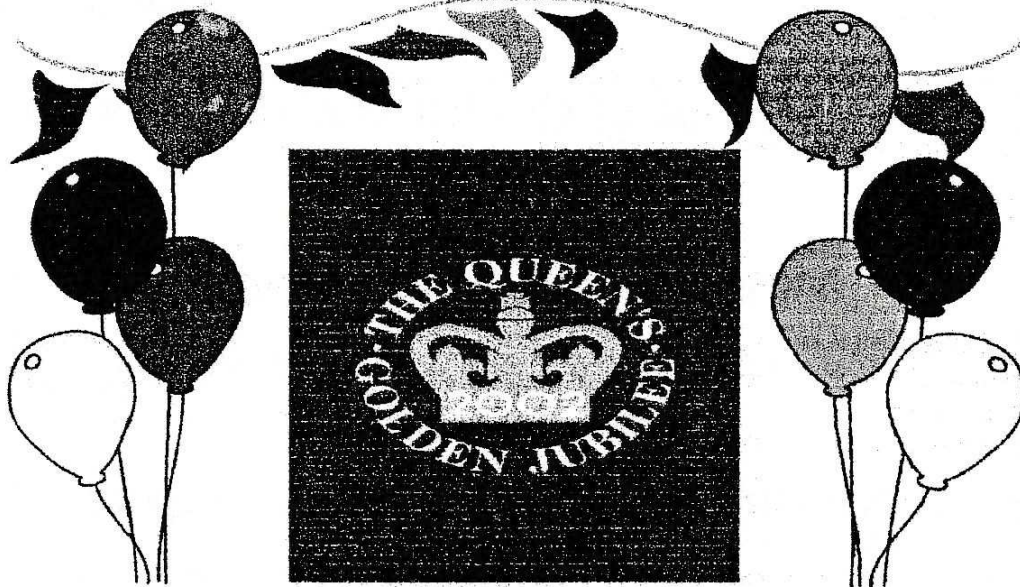
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NOTES FROM THE MAY MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Sub-Committees: At the May meeting Cllrs Anderson and Beer were re-elected for the year 2002-2003 as chairman and vice-chairman respectively and the appointment of sub-committees was also agreed.

Sandbag Store: It was **AGREED** to accept Canterbury City Council's offer to replace the vandalised metal sandbag shed with a concrete shed and the clerk was requested to write to this effect and request that the shed be supplied without the spar coating. It was also **AGREED** to investigate the possibility of painting the flat roof with a vandal-proof coating.

Footbridge at Mill Lane: Kent County Council have confirmed their agreement for the date stone to be installed by their contractor at our expense. The clerk reported that she had asked Kent County Council if the stone could be installed by our contractor but this would only be acceptable if he met their indemnity insurance requirements or could be employed for the work by a Kent County Council contractor. The clerk was requested to look into the matter further.

Beech Tree - The New Close Residential Care Home: Cllr Dobson reported that at a recent meeting with representatives from the parish council, the Kent Community Housing Trust, the City Council and Cllr Bill Oakey, the Housing Trust had agreed not to fell the tree until consultation had been completed. Mr Ian Embry, who also attended the meeting, was preparing a report for the parish council and it was also **AGREED** to go ahead with an independent specialists report which the clerk was requested to arrange.

Drainage: Kent Highways have advised that the proposed improvements to the surface water drainage system are due to begin on 27 May 2002 and will take approximately 8 to 12 weeks to complete.

Recycling Bins - Town Hill: Cllr Beer reported that the chairman had received a copy of a letter from the City Council to Bekesbourne with Patricxbourne Parish Council confirming that they will be putting up a sign requesting that litter is taken home and informing of the penalties for rubbish dumping. The City Council also advised that they will be looking into the viability of a CCTV camera at the Town Hill site. The clerk was requested to acknowledge the letter.

Tree Planting: Cllr Beer reported that the chairman had received a letter from Bridge Tennis Club concerning the location of the replacement tree and its threat to the stability of the tennis courts. They requested that it be moved further away from the courts. The clerk was requested to write to the Tennis Club advising them that it could not be moved before the Autumn and requesting a meeting with them in September to discuss the re-positioning of the tree.

Street Lighting - Bifrons Path: The clerk reported that she had met with the Seaboard representative on site to discuss the installation of a street light and a quotation is now awaited. It was **AGREED** that the clerk should write to the residents in the vicinity of the street light to advise them of the proposed installation.

Planning applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CA/02/0405/BRI - Two storey extension to front of dwelling at 1 High Street, Bridge.

CA/02/0508/BRI - Two and single-storey extension to care home including alterations to existing building at Saxon Lodge, 30/32 Western Avenue, Bridge.

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

CA/02/0267/BRI - Single-storey extension to front of bungalow at Coppice, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

CA/02/0280/BRI - Change of use from doctors' surgery to dwelling at 2 Green Court, Bridge.

CA/02/0278/BRI - Change of use of ground floor lock up shop from retail to estate agents at 88 High Street, Bridge..

Applications refused: No planning applications have been notified as refused.

Notice of Proposed Work to Trees in a Conservation Area: The following notice of proposed work has been received:

i) Fell two Conifer trees situated in back garden and reduce by 6-8 ft four Leylandi trees at White Gates, Bekesbourne Road, Bridge.

ii) Fell decayed Ash tree from side of house at Bridge Ford House, Brewery Lane, Bridge.

iii) Clean out crown of Cedar of Lebanon, fell Cherry Tree at side of house, reduce Cypress, Elder and Sycamore trees back to hedge at least 1.5m high on boundary to Bridge Down and trees with stem diameter less than 75mm at 1.5m high and all shrubs may be removed from the garden at the side of the house at 6 Bridge Hill House, Higham Lane, Bridge.

No Tree Preservation Order will be served to control the work for items ii) and iii).

Service	Readings
10 am Service Kusel	OT: Gen 6: 9-22 NT:Ro 3: 21-28 G: Mat 7: 21-end
10 am Communion Morrock	OT: Gen 12: 1-9 NT:Ro 4: 13-end G: Mat 9:9-13,18-26
10 am Communion Filmer	OT: Gen 18: 1-15 NT:Ro 5: 1-8 G: Mat 9: 35-10:8
	OT: Gen 21: 8-21 NT:Ro6: 1-11 G: Mat 10: 40-end
	OT: Gen 22: 1-14 NT:Ro 6: 12-end G: Mat 10: 40-end
10 am Service Kusel	OT: Gen 24:34-38,42- 49,58-end NT:Ro 7: 15-25a G:Mat 11:16-19,25-end

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Paul Filmer, The
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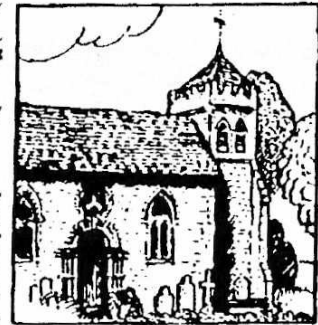
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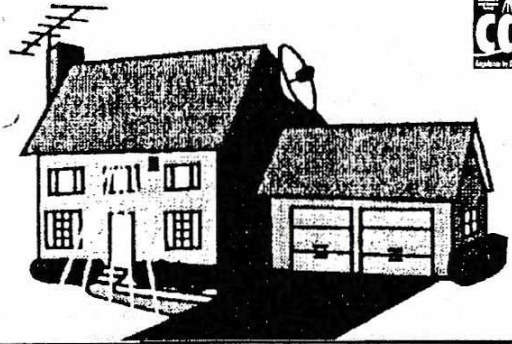
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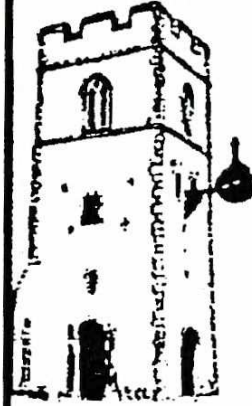
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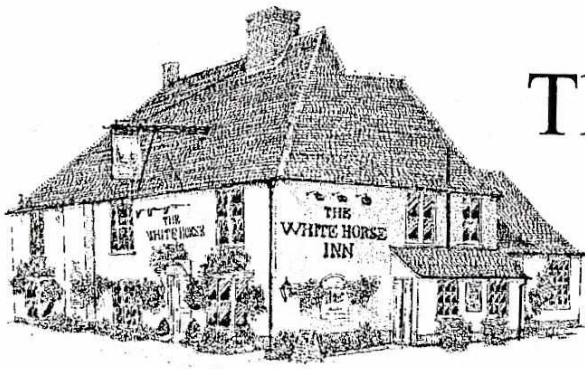


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Sun 14th 7 after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Matins C McLean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Gen 25. 19-end NT: Ro 8. 1-11 G: Mat 13.1-9,18-23
Sun 21st 8 after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service & Baptism Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Can G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Gen 28. 10-19a NT: Ro 8. 12-25 G: Mat 13.24-30,36-43
Sun 28th 9 after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Can J Packer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Gen 29. 15-28 NT: Ro 8. 26-end G: Mat 13.31-33,44-52
Sun 4th Aug 10 after Trinity		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 32. 22-31 NT: Ro 9. 1-5 G: Mat 14. 13-21

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Big Brother

It is a constant mystery to me, how a live programme showing 12 people sitting on a settee makes good TV viewing! Perhaps I'm just cynical, but what my daughters tell me is a fascinating sociological experiment seems to me to be voyeurism gone mad. The producers of the programme constantly change the rules in an attempt to get the contestants to do something interesting (like fall in love) and life in the Big Brother house is so unnatural that people have already asked to leave (they're normally voted out by the viewing public) or even gone 'over the wall'. Apparently life in a goldfish bowl is not all it was cracked up to be!

Of course, the Big Brother concept has been around a lot longer than Channel 4. Christianity, and most other mainstream religions, understand humankind's relationship with our creator to be one of complete transparency. God may not have installed two-way mirrors and microphones in every room, but we believe that he still knows everything we do or think or say, even our deepest hopes and fears.

My favourite Psalm, 139, expresses this beautifully; "O Lord you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. - Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also."

TV's Big Brother monitors and controls for the entertainment of the viewers. Personally I prefer the idea of a Big Brother who is there to comfort, protect, encourage and guide. How about you?

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

Paul

Diary for July 2002

- 1st Senior Confirmation, The Vicarage 8pm
2nd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8pm
4th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
6th Friends of Bekesbourne Church, Boot Fair, Parsonage Farm,
Bekesbourne 9am
8th Caring and Sharing, 34 Western Avenue, Bridge 7.30pm
Senior Confirmation, The Vicarage 8pm
9th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
10th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
10th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10am
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop In, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow 6pm
13th Benefice BBQ, Riverside Cottage, Patrixbourne 5.30pm
14th Deanery Taize Service, Aylesham Church 6pm
Highworth Girl's Choir, Lower Hardres Church 7.30pm
16th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8pm
20th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church 10.15am
Councillor's Surgery, Bridge Methodist Church 10am-12 noon
22nd Caring and Sharing BBQ, 8 Conyngham Lane, Bridge 7.30pm
23rd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
Deanery Synod, Bridge Church 7.30pm
24th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10am
27th Nailbourne Horticultural Summer Show, Bridge School 2.30pm
28th The Works, Bridge Church 10am

Forthcoming Events

- 3rd August Friends of Bekesbourne Church, Concert in
Bekesbourne Church
21st Sept Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall
29th Sept Patrixbourne with Bridge Harvest Lunch (with
German Visitors)

Your Parish Matters

Marriage

01/06 Bridge Katy Barry & Damian Brooks

Funeral

23/05 Bridge/
Barham Allan G Foster

Interment of Ashes

25/05 Bekesbourne Bettie Conway

Change of Service Pattern Patricxbourne w Bridge PCC have decided to move the Bridge Evensong from the second Sunday to the first Sunday each month. This change follows the shift to the first Sunday for the June Evensong, and will be reviewed at the end of the year.

German Church Visit Preparation for the September visit continues, and we are now looking for families across the group to host one or more of our guests. An understanding of German is not necessary as the German party have been selected for their ability to speak reasonable English. If you are interested please contact Paul Filmer (830250).

Deanery Taize Service Aylesham Church will host a Taize style service for all the churches in East Bridge Deanery at 6pm on Sunday 14th July followed by a BBQ (bring your own meat/drinks). All are welcome to attend. If you would like a lift, please contact Paul Filmer (830250).

Bridge Methodist Church

Preachers for July 2002

July 7th Rev. George Baugh
July 14th Rev. David Marshall (Holy Communion)
July 21st Mr Michael Baybutt, B.Sc. DMS,,C.Eng.
July 28th Miss Jean Hall
Aug 4th Rev. Barbara Healthier

Health and Healing Concerns

At the last prayer meeting we were privileged to see on video the wonderful operation that Professor Jeffery Rosenfeld performed to remove a Hypothalamic Harmartoma, a tumour at the base of the brain. The surgeon calmly said, with such a tricky and delicate operation, one must take one's time and not rush and that was just what he did! What a remarkable person! He has now performed 16 ops on children and everyone a success!

George is progressing steadily and is becoming a lively little boy and the future is brighter.

This months meeting will be on Thursday 4th July at 7pm, at 7 Windmill Close. Please let me have your requests if you are unable to attend yourself.

Kath Pierce

830844

Fish News

Many thanks to everyone who made the annual Coffee Morning and Sale in May such a success.

The next Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday July 10th from 10 - 11.15am in Bridge Village Hall. Do remember that if you would like to come but have no transport you can ring Ann Medhurst on 830762.

W.I.

Wet or fine the garden meeting on Tuesday 16th July will be at 2.30pm at 68 Bridge Down.

On Wednesday 7th August everyone will be welcome to a coffee morning at 26 Western Avenue between 10 and 12 noon. There is to be bring and buy, plant and cake stalls and a raffle.

Christian Aid Week 2002

Once again, a new record was set for the house to house collection for Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne when £1,446.96 was banked as a result of your generosity and the efforts of the collectors. Over £400 of the total sum was gift-aided and therefore the true total after the tax allowances are applied, is nearly £1,600.

Very many thanks to you all for your part in achieving this marvellous result to enable Christian Aid to continue and develop its programmes for fair trade and the relief of poverty.

Chris Hoare

A TRIBUTE TO IVOR BARTEN, RIVERSIDE CLOSE

DEAR IVOR,

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ONE WEEK - IT SEEMS - YOU WERE HERE
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MENDING SOMETHING WE COULDN'T FIX,
FIRST AT THE BAR TO BUY THE DRINKS, STRIKING A POSE IN YOUR GEAR;
GENEROUS TO A FAULT.
AND NOW YOU ARE GONE;

BUT WE SHAN'T FORGET YOU,
EVER.
WE SHALL LOOK INTO SPACE - OUTSIDE AND WITHIN -
AND BELIEVE YOUR SPIRIT JOURNEYS ON
TO SOMEWHERE WE HAVE NOT FOUND YET,
IN A NEW DIMENSION.

AFTER A LITTLE WHILE
WHEN WE DO DISCOVER FOR OURSELVES,
YOU'LL PROBABLY STILL BE CRACKING A JOKE,
HAVING A LITTLE MOAN,
GIVING A HELPING HAND;
ALL PAR FOR THE COURSE.

WE'RE GLAD YOU CAME TO BRIDGE, IVOR,
AND WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE BEEN YOUR FRIENDS.
WE DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THE NEXT STAGE OF YOUR JOURNEY,
BUT WE DO HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT YOU ARE IN VERY GOOD HANDS.

CHEERS DEAR FRIEND, THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!

The Bells of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

The bells of St. Peter's were rung on Monday 3rd June by a band
entirely of ladies to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

The six ringers were:

Romany Cowans
Joan Atkins
Jan Millyard
Gill Moon
Ann Medhurst
Wendy Durrell

Thank You

The CHEK Bring and Buy held at Mansfield Court raised £400.

Thanks to all who supported the event.

Mrs K Welsh

Resident Scheme Manager

BRIDGE - By Bess Browning aged 9 years

A place I know is a small village called Bridge, where my Nanny lives. This wonderful place is in Canterbury.

Bridge is never loud and always has a soft meaning for it. There is a building in the middle of the Close and around it is a grassy welcoming circumference. The grassy garden around the building is filled with dancing trees and sparkling flowers and bushes. At every house there are black clean steps leading up to a rather posh army of pots with flowers streaming out of them.

The small houses are places around the Close with gardens full of long menacing grass or maybe concrete slabs stuck into the soil. There are always flowers in these gardens in pots or racing out of the ground.

The people who are living in Bridge are kind and always sweet - but never sour. In the actual village of Bridge the people are just the same. This lovely village has got a small Post Office with everything you need, starting at smiley yummy sweets that just can't wait to be sucked, to a book written by Charles Dickens!! There is this amazing village shop that sells bread, chewy chewing gum and ice-cream and much more.

Back into the Close where clumps of grass near the houses are big, gigantic furry trees covered in green lined leaves, full of bright shadows of the sunlight and when it goes down you get a lovely view of the sun. I love this place and enjoy going there to stay!

BENEFICE BBQ

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ALL WELCOME

(Names by Thursday 11th July 2002)

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Society's Summer Show will be held this year at Bridge School on Saturday 27th July. The Show will open at 2.30pm with the presentation of prizes at 4.00pm. Teas with home-made cakes will be available throughout the afternoon. There will also be a raffle and a plant stall to raise funds for the society. Contributions of surplus plants or similar for the stall would be very welcome and can be brought along on the afternoon or left with Kathy Walder (830057) prior to the show if preferred.

Anyone requiring show Schedules should contact one of the following members of the Society: Mrs Billie Anderson (830260), Mrs Ann Edmonds (830795) or Kathy Walder. Please remember that you must be a current member of the Society (i.e. be up-to-date with your subscription!) to exhibit.

We look forward to an enjoyable Saturday afternoon on the 27th.

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Autumn Exhibition October 2002

The Autumn Exhibition was so successful last year that it is to be repeated on Saturday & Sunday 19th & 20th October 2002 in the Village Hall.

Anyone living or working in Bridge is invited to exhibit up to **three** works of art that can be hung on the wall or pinned to one of the display boards. Children and young people are especially encouraged to exhibit.

This year there will be an extra section for exhibits on any aspect of the Parish of Bridge.

Now is the time to think of what you will exhibit. We hope that you will submit new work but we will be very happy to show the same work as last year.

Fuller details will be announced in September but if you require any further information please contact John Corfield (830976), Pam Dobson or Emily Shirley.

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20 members were present at the May 2002 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn was in the Chair. He gave the Exhortation and in the Silence the meeting was asked to remember Mr Wilkinson from Wickhambreaux, a friend of the Branch, who passed away recently.

The Chairman welcomed Professor Andy Williams of Littlebourne who gave a very interesting talk on "Solving Conflicts". Following this, a short meeting took place in the usual format.

Good wishes went to Peter McEntee who has recently had an operation. We wish him a speedy recovery. Also to Daisy Allen who is unwell.

It was proposed and accepted that Mrs Ella Hilda Russell and Mr William Henry Pluckrose become associate members of the branch. We extend a warm welcome to them both.

We are sorry to announce that Ron Bates is no longer carrying out Welfare Committee work due to his own ill health, but Tony Bevan will be taking over from him with assistance from other members of the Committee.

As mentioned, our Branch dinner is on Friday 27th September at Littlebourne Hall. Further details will be available later on.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th July at 8pm in the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

Music for a Summer's Evening

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Sunday 14th July 2002: 7.30 pm

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NOTES FROM THE JUNE MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Golden Jubilee 2002: The clerk reported that the mugs had been delivered and were ready for distribution. There had been some breakages in transit and these were being replaced by the supplier and should be received shortly. The invoice received was incorrect and a revised invoice has been requested.

Cllr Hill asked for volunteers to help with the distribution and Cllrs Dobson and Anderson both agreed to help. The clerk was requested to produce a notice advising villagers of the dates and places of the collection points. Cllr Dobson advised that funding received for the Golden Jubilee event on 22 June was insufficient to cover all costs and that the Committee requested the Parish Council's support to cover the shortfall. As it had been previously agreed to cover losses up to £750.00 it was **AGREED** that the shortfall would be covered up to this sum

Sandbag Store : Canterbury City Council have advised that the replacement store is being ordered and are arranging for the removal of the old store and installation of the new one. They have also provided information on suitable anti-vandal coating for the roof and anti-graffiti coating for the walls.

Footbridge at Mill Lane - Date Stone: Cllr Anderson advised that the date stone is to be installed this week and the official commemoration will be held at 6.15 pm on Saturday, 22 June 2002.

Allotments: Councillors recently met with C Gooch of FPD Savills and welcomed the fact that the meeting had taken place and had received a positive response. Cllr Gulvin advised that a revised plan for 12 allotments has been proposed and Mr Gooch has agreed to obtain a revised estimate. The matters of rent and rent collection have yet to be decided upon and the old orchard area is to be discussed at a later date.

Street Lighting - Bifrons Path: Quotations have been received from Seeboard for the new street light and it was **AGREED** to accept the option of the roadlighting lantern with shield. The clerk was requested to advise Seeboard accordingly. The clerk advised that no adverse response had been received to letters sent to the neighbouring properties regarding the installation of the street light.

Floral Competition: It was **AGREED** to run the commercial floral competition this year to be judged during the last two weeks of July and the clerk was requested to produce a notice to be delivered to all the commercial premises in the village and Cllr Walder volunteered to deliver these.

Tree Warden: Cllr Monk reported that more tree wardens were required and it was **AGREED** to put a notice in the Parish News requesting additional help from someone interested in plants and trees who was prepared to volunteer a few hours of their time. Cllr Hill agreed to be a tree warden for the recreation ground.

Planning applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CAL02/0081/BRI - Single-storey rear extension at 15 High Street, Bridge.

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

CA/02/0405/BRI - Two-storey extension to front of dwelling at 1 High Street, Bridge.

Applications refused: No planning applications have been notified as refused.

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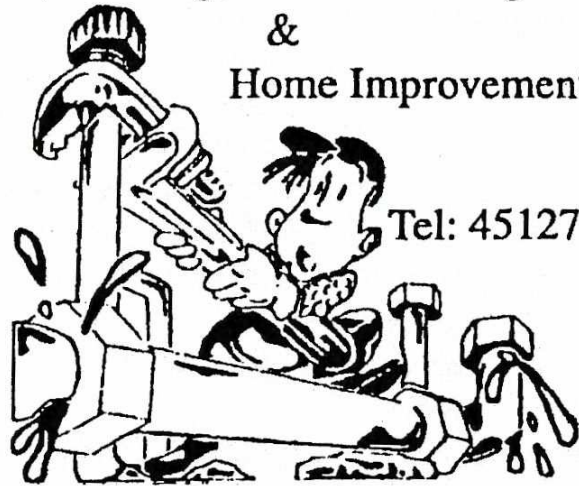
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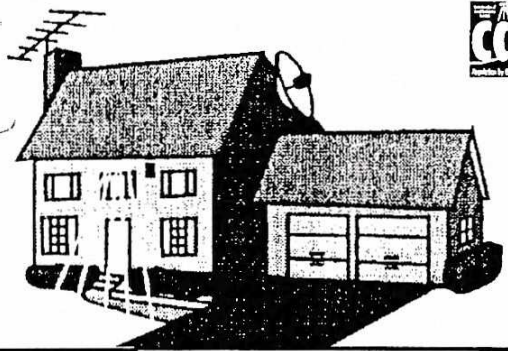
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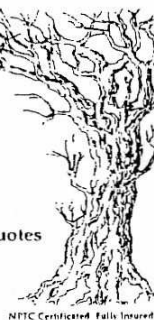
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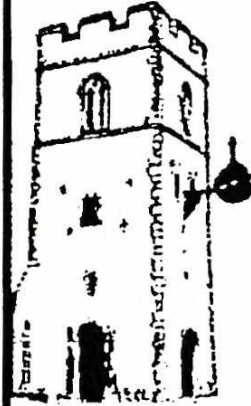
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Sun 4th Aug 10 after Trinity		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 32. 22-31 NT: Ro 9. 1-5 G: Mat 14. 13-21
Sun 11th 11 after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service & Baptism Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Matins Chris McLean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Gen 37.1-4,12-28 NT: Ro 10. 5-15 G: Mat 14. 22-33
Sun 18th 12 after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Can G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Gen 45. 1-15 NT: Ro 11.1-2a,29-32 G: Mat 15. 21-28
Sun 25th 13 after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks		OT: Ex 1.8-2.10 NT: Ro 12. 1-8 G: Mat 16. 13-20
Sun 1st Sept 14 after Trinity		10.00 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Joint Family Service at St Peter's Molash	OT: Ex 3. 1-15 NT: Ro 12. 9-end G: Mat 16. 21-end

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Dairy for August 2002

- 6th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30p.m.
- 7th Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow, Bridge, 6p.m.
- 13th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30p.m.
- 14th Fish Scheme 'Coffee-Pop-In', Bridge Village Hall, 10-11.15a.m.
- 17th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church, 10.15a.m.
Smallest Garden Party, 25 The Close, Bridge 12.30-2 & 5.30-7p.m.
- 20th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30p.m.
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30p.m.
- 25th The Works, Bridge Church, 10a.m.
- 27th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30p.m.

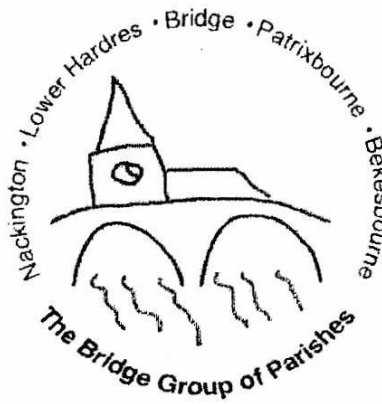
Forthcoming Events

- 14th Sept. Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Bike Ride
- 14th Sept. Auction of Promises, Bridge School
- 21st Sept. Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall
- 29th Sept. Patrixbourne with Bridge Harvest Lunch (with German Visitors)

Bridge Methodist Church

Preachers for August 2002

- August 4th Rev. Barbara Heather
August 11th Rev. David Marshall
August 18th Rev. George Baugh
August 25th Mrs Marjorie Beckwith



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Pass It On

I recently heard of someone who, just for a laugh, will occasionally pay for the car following him through the Dartford Tunnel. He doesn't know who they are, and will never meet them. He simply enjoys the thought of someone else being given the good news that they've already been paid for. Another man was hiking across Ireland when he was offered a lift to his next destination. He accepted, and by the end of the journey discovered that the driver was actually going in the other direction and had gone miles out of his way to give the lift. When the hiker asked how he could repay the motorist's act of generosity he said "pass it on".

Wouldn't the world, our communities, our families, be better if more acts of kindness were passed on unconditionally in this way. Instead of looking for reward, or calculating how to gain the most credit from the least effort, we can choose to behave selflessly, because someone else will benefit. This is what Jesus meant when he told us to love our neighbour as our self.

One man's reaction was to ask who his neighbour was, not so that he could help anyone, but to limit his kindness to only a few people. But when Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan he used someone who had nothing in common with the Jew he found bleeding by the side of the road. The care he showed was not because of who he was, or where he lived, or his desire to be thanked for his good deed; he just recognised that someone was in need of kindness, and he was capable of being kind. If the Jew had asked what he could do to repay him for his kindness, I wonder what he would have said?

May God bless you. Pass it on!

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

14/07 Bridge Helena Elizabeth Featherstone

Marriage

29/06 Patrixbourne Esther Walder & Thomas Webb
29/06 Bekesbourne Dawn O'Brien & Darren Coveney

Funeral

17/06 Barham(Bridge) Ivor RG Barten
12/07 Bridge/Barham David M Redfern

Interment of Ashes

21/06 Nackington Alan A Toynbee
10/07 Bridge Allan G Foster

- **Hymns N Things** A quiz sheet that tests your knowledge of hymns is available at the back of each of the churches. Each sheet costs £1 and all funds raised will be used for work within the Benefice.
- **Smartie Tubes** Don't forget that the next collection of smartie tubes will be at the Harvest Festival services across the Benefice. If you haven't got a tube, you can buy one for 30p treat yourself to the contents and then fill it with loose change. All money collected will go towards our chosen harvest charities.
- **Time Out** Rev Paul Filmer has changed his day off from Friday to Thursday. If he is not available, you can always leave a message on the answer phone, and he will reply as soon as possible.

Health and Healing Concerns

The Prayer Group will not meet in August because of the holidays. So many go away this month.

The cycle of prayer still continues, as it always has done, because we continue to pray for loved ones and situations all through the month until the next prayer meeting. We must not break the chain of prayer; that is most important.

So feel free to phone me with your requests and I will make sure they are passed on to all who are concerned in the prayer group.

Kath Pierce (tel. 830844)

The Bridge Group of Churches Caring and Sharing

The group has had 4 very, very interesting visits since April. The first, a makeup evening when Wendy taught us how to make the best of our God-given assets by judicious use of eyeshadow, lipstick etc! It was good fun and genuinely informative. Thank you to our brave model Julie. Our second Visit was to a Gypsy Caravan in the home of Don and Poppy Berling. We were given a wonderful welcome and a fascinating tour of an authentic Romany caravan, lovingly restored and now installed in splendor in their garden. We learnt about the background to the restoration and about various Romany customs. The evening ended with a surprise Jubilee quiz by our kind hosts, where we all ended up winning lots of chocolates!!

In June we were lucky enough to visit the Rapid Response Centre, where David (a Paramedic) showed us the various ambulances, rapid response cars and motorbike used in emergencies. We saw the medical equipment and learnt about the great work they do. We all felt very inspired and grateful to David for his time. Finally Rita kindly gave us a demonstration of how sugar craft flowers are made. The results were beautiful and very realistic, they could be used to decorate any special occasion cake and then be eaten!!

The programme for next term's Caring and Sharing evenings has been arranged and we will be discussing a number of topical Christian issues. We shall be meeting weekly, one week for a discussion, the next 'coffee and chat', held at a variety of venues. The full programme will be printed in next month's magazine and copies of the programme will be available at the back of each church or available from Judy 880250/ Margaret 765598. We would be pleased to welcome new members to our group at any of the meetings, please do join us.

FISH NEWS August 2002

Do you know someone who would benefit from the 'housebound library service' we provide? If so, please telephone Sheila Knox on 831915 for further details.

The August 'Coffee Pop-In' will be on Wednesday 14th August in Bridge Village Hall from 10am to 11.15am.

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Tickets still available for our Concert by "**JUST 4 MEN**" on Saturday, 3rd August. Phone 768925 Or 832134 to book - do come for a happy evening in our lovely Church and enjoy the singing and a glass of wine during the Interval.

Many thanks, to the intrepid few who turned up with their strimmers to the last Churchyard Working Party. We are very grateful to all those who give their time and energy to keeping the Churchyard looking good.

BOOT FAIR:

A big 'THANK YOU', to Mr John Ash, who once again has allowed us the use of his field, for this annual fund-raiser. We also thank all those who supported us and brought their goods to sell, those who donated items to the Church Stall and those who sold them, and especially those who erected signs, marked out the field, manned the entrance and kept everything running smoothly, and cleared up afterwards. The result of all your efforts was another £230 for our funds - well done!

FRIENDS OF KENT CHURCHES SPONSORED BIKE RIDE 2002 SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER FROM 10AM -6PM

Bicycle or walk around local Churches and Chapels to raise money for the restoration and maintenance of these buildings. Sponsorship forms available from Melanie Maclean (830455), Muriel Cullen (832694) for Bridge or Pauline Pritchard (830685) for Patrixbourne, or Jill Gillanders at Bekesbourne.

BRIDGE VILLAGE FETE – 22ND JUNE 2002

The organisers of the Fete are grateful to all those who helped to make the Fete such a great success – to all those who manned stalls, donated items for sale, provided entertainment, sponsored the event, worked behind the scenes, or supported the fete in whatever way.

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Each year, during the autumn, we run a ten-week basic training course for those wishing to explore the possibility of becoming a member of our team. This year the course will run on Monday evenings, from 7.30pm through to 9.45pm in the Kent and Canterbury Hospital Chapel. Starting on 30th September, the course will run through consecutive Mondays (with a break for half-term on 2 October) until the 9th December. Subjects covered will include listening skills, understanding bereavement, ward life, confidentiality and spirituality.

All those wishing to attend must have a letter of support from their pastor, be committed to attending all training evenings and undergo an interview with the Chaplaincy Team Leader of their local hospital. Once the course has been successfully completed, candidates will have a further interview, followed by a few months probationary period before formal commissioning and authorisation sometime in the spring of 2003.

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If you are interested in either or both of these opportunities for ministry and service, please contact Rev. Dr. Paul Kirby, Senior Trust Chaplain, on 07811.134383 or 01233.633331 Ext: 74212 or 43334 or e-mail paul.kirby@ekht.nhs.uk

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**St. Peter's Church, Bridge, Cleaning Rota
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Royal British Legion – Littlebourne and District Branch

Twenty members were present at the July 2002 meeting, held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. He welcomed Mr Alfred Buckmaster, a new member, to the meeting.

Good wishes went to Geoff Welch who has been in hospital having a knee operation.

The Secretary reported that the Branch team came second in the Group 4 Quiz at Herne Bay on 8 July and that they had had an enjoyable evening.

Tickets for our Branch dinner on Friday 27th September at Littlebourne Hall will be on sale soon. The Beef Pudding Supper, on Tuesday 19th November at the Unicorn, Bekesbourne, is now fully booked.

The Annual Poppy Draw will be drawn at the Branch A.G.M. on 5th November and tickets will be on sale in September. We will have some nice prizes again this year.

The next two meetings are on Tuesday 13th August and 10th September, both at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

CLIC Cycle Ride

Martin Southon, Bridge Dental Surgeon to participate in CLIC Charity Cycle Challenge, in Kenya November 2002.

In the middle of November Martin Southon, Dentist in Bridge will be cycling 250 miles off road in Kenya to raise money for CLIC- Cancer and Leukaemia In Childhood. CLIC is a leading children's charity providing home nurses, nursing homes, hospital accommodation and general help for both patients and families of children with these terrible diseases.

He will be cycling with two local friends. They have set themselves a target of raising £2500 each which they will need before they go. This will all go to CLIC to enable the charity to continue their vital work. These cyclists have already participated in a previous ride in Israel for CLIC two years ago and between six people raised £36000!

They are all keen cyclists but will need to train hard as they will be cycling on rough terrain from the slopes of Mount Kenya to Lake Victoria via savanna and rain forest. To this end you may see them out on their bikes. If you do please give them a toot and/or a wave! And give them your support for this grueling challenge. If you are able to sponsor them or donate money please contact Bridge Dental Practice on 01227 831110 or at 78, High Street, Bridge, Canterbury, Kent. CT4 5LA where there is a collection pot. If you want to write a cheque, please make it payable to CLIC. Thank you for reading this and for your support for this most worthy concern which touches so many lives, and could affect even your family.

Martin Southon

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NOTES FROM THE JULY MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Golden Jubilee 2002: The Golden Jubilee events held on 22 June were reported to have gone extremely well and provided an excellent day for the village. Councillors thanked Bridge Festival Committee for their efforts and the clerk was requested to write to the Committee accordingly. Councillors were pleased to note that the £750.00 the parish council had donated to cover any shortfall had been repaid as the event had been self-funding. Cllr Hill reported that the distribution of the mugs had gone well, although the replacement mugs from the supplier are still awaited, and he thanked Cllrs Dobson and Anderson for their help with the distribution.

Progress with Youth in Village Project: Cllr Corfield reported that he had attended a meeting of the Canterbury and District Forum in May which dealt the matter of Rural Young People. Canterbury City Council have a Community Development section who have funding available for youth projects and who are interested in doing a pilot study of the interests of the youth in the village. It was **AGREED** that they should carry out the study. Cllr Corfield also reported that two meetings with the youth group had taken place and although the questionnaire to establish the requirements of the youth had not yet been done it was hoped that this would be completed during the summer holiday.

Recreation Ground Footpath: The clerk confirmed that written consent for the refurbishment of the recreation ground footpath had now been received from Mr C Gooch of FPD Savills. The clerk was requested to send a copy of the quote and specification to Jon Lambourne at Canterbury City Council.

Playground Surface: Wicksteed have advised that their Wet Pour Manager will be inspecting the hole in the surface by the log swing this week and that they will report back next week as to whether they consider it can be repaired under guarantee.

Tree Warden: Cllr Dobson reported that Mr Simon Knights of Riverside Close had expressed an interest in becoming a tree warden and it was **AGREED** to accept his offer. The clerk was requested to write and thank Mr Knights and Cllr Monk agreed to arrange for the relevant information to be sent to him.

Floral Competition: Cllr Walder reported that two judges had now been appointed to judge the floral competition, Margaret Jones and Ann King, and that judging would take place during the last two weeks in July.

Planning applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CA/02/0737/BRI - Extension and porch to front of dwelling at 64 Bridge Down, Bridge.

CA/02/0738/BRI - Replacement of 20 metre monopole and equipment cabinets in existing compound at Highlands Court Farm, Bekesbourne.

CA/02/0739/BRI - Dormer window to rear of dwelling at 22 Windmill Close, Bridge.

CA/02/0756/BRI - Replace flat roof with pitched roof to rear of dwelling at 18 Union Road, Bridge.

CA/00/1018/R - Amended details - insertion of 3 windows on the south west elevation at Bridge & Patixbourne CE Primary School, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

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

Applications refused: No planning applications have been notified as refused.

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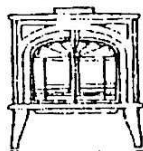
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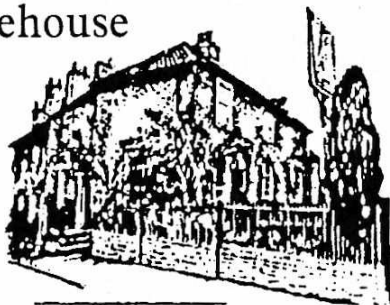
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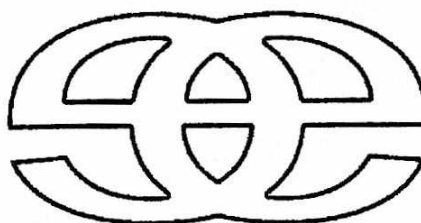


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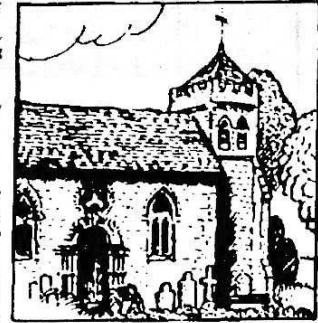
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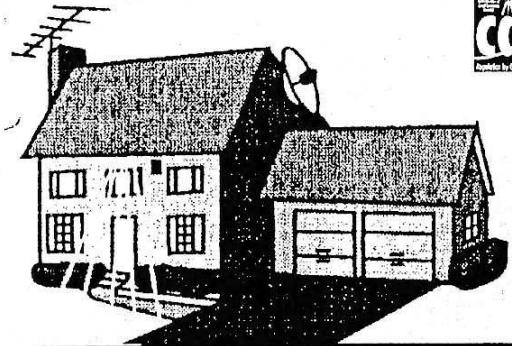
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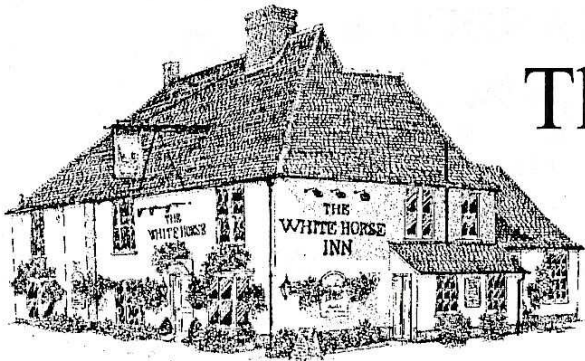
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Year A	Nackington	Lower Harches	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 1st Sept 14 after Trinity		10.00 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Joint Family Service at St Peter's Molash	OT: Ex 3. 1-15 NT: Ro 12. 9-end G: Mat 16. 21-end
Sun 8th 15 after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service & Baptism Martin Leggatt Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Matins Chris McLean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Ex 12. 1-14 NT: Ro 13. 8-end G: Mat 18. 15-20
Sun 15th 16 after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Can G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Ex 14. 19-end NT: Ro 14. 1-12 G: Mat 18. 21-35
Sun 22nd 17 after Trinity	9.30 am Harvest Communion Can R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Harvest Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Ex 16. 2-15 NT: Phil 1. 21-end G: Mat 20. 1-16
Sun 29th 18 after Trinity			11.00 am Family Service Rev P Filmer Pfr H Hentschel		9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer Pfr H Hentschel	OT: Gen 28. 10-17 NT: Rev 12. 7-12 G: Jn 1. 47-end
Sun 6th Oct 19 after Trinity		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Harvest Festival Mrs P Kusel	OT: Ex 20. 1-4, 7-9 12-20 NT: Phil 3. 4b-14 G: Mat 21. 33-end

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Diary for September 2002

- 3rd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm
- 5th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.00pm
- 9th Caring and Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
- 10th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
- 11th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10.00am
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 6.00pm
- 14th Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Bike Ride, 10am-6.00pm
Auction of Promises, Bridge School 6.00pm
- 16th Caring and Sharing, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 17th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge 8.00pm
- 19th Public Meeting, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 21st Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church 10.15am
Councillor's Surgery, Bridge Methodist Church 10-12 noon
- 22nd The Works, Bridge Church 10.00am
- 24th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
Bridge History Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 25th NADFAS at Bridge Church 10.00am
- 29th Benefice Harvest Lunch, Bridge School 12.30pm
- 30th Harvest Festival Evening Service, Methodist Church 7.00pm

Forthcoming Events

- 10th Oct Bridge Methodist Church
Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy Sale 10.00am
- 26th Oct Women's Institute Quiz Night, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- Nov Wine & Wisdom, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm

Bridge Methodist Church

- 1st Sept Rev. David Marshall, Holy Communion
- 9th Sept Miss Jean Hall
- 15th Sept Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
- 22nd Sept Mr Ken Adams
- 29th Sept Dr. Christine Pilkington, Harvest Festival



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Its Good To Talk

At the end of September, our group of parishes will host a visit by a group of 20 parishioners from the City of Marburg in Germany. One of the practical considerations of the weekend is the language barrier. Fortunately for us, all but a few of our guests speak good English, which will make up for our lack of German!

This is not the first time I have met this problem. Whilst working in industry, I was responsible for introducing some language training for our employees. The general attitude at management level was that if people wanted to communicate with us, they should speak English. After all, it is the world's most widely spoken language. I wonder what a poll amongst our villages would discover if asking which other languages we speak? Personally, I couldn't be bothered to learn French or German at school. - now I am embarrassed by my complacency.

"Jaw, jaw - not war, war" is a phrase that encourages dialogue instead of violence as a way of settling differences, whether at a personal, social or national level. Road rage, domestic violence, pub brawls, border incidents, terrorism and all out war are a testimony to our failure to communicate with each other. Frustration turns our words from sweet to sour, and when words fail altogether we lash out.

The Christian message is one of peace and reconciliation. "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion 'Your God reigns' " May our words, as well as our actions and thoughts, be pleasing to God and a blessing to those we meet.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

21/07	Lower Hardres	Bethany Ellen Lawrence
21/07	Lower Hardres	Matilda Ann Fairfax Phillips
11/08	Bridge	Samuel Craig Dobson

Marriage

20/07	Nackington	Kim Storrs-Prior & Richard Cook
03/08	Nackington	Victoria Anning & Andrew Heaps
03/08	Lower Hardres	Rebecca Woodcock & Kevin Williams
03/08	Patricxbourne	Charlotte Pay & Philip Stott

Funeral

15/07	Barham (Bridge)	William A Izzard
25/07	Bridge/Barham	Joyce H Rose
06/08	Barham (Bekesbourne)	Gladys JG Hubbard

- **Answered Prayer** Mrs Thea Skiffington of Bekesbourne would like to thank everyone who has prayed for her return to health over the past few months. She is feeling much better now.
- **German Visit** Guests from Trinity Church (Trinitatiskirche) in Marburg, Germany will be with us over the weekend of 27th to 30th September. Church families will host the group and activities have been arranged on Saturday and Sunday. Everyone is invited to an international game of Bingo on Saturday evening at Bridge School (from 8pm). There will also be a special family service at St Peter's Bridge at 11am on Sunday at which the German minister, Pfarrer Hans Hentschel will preach with the aid of his two puppets, Trini & Tatis. The service will be followed by the parish harvest lunch at Bridge School, and a slide show about the church and city of Marburg by our guests. Please contact Pat Dunderdale (830668) or Andrea Nicholson (830947) to book your lunch.
- **At your service** I suspect that many families who do not attend church feel that it would be hypocritical to request a church funeral for their loved ones. Please be reassured that our parish churches welcome the opportunity to help anyone looking for a Christian ceremony, regardless of previous association. For all enquiries contact Rev Paul Filmer (830250)

Health and Healing Concerns

The Prayer Group will meet on Thursday 5th September at 7.00pm at 7 Windmill Close. If you are unable to attend yourself, please let me have your requests so that we can include them in our prayers. God does listen to our petitions as confirmed by so many grateful people.

My phone number is 830844.

Kath Pierce

Fish News

The September Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 11th in Bridge Village Hall.

The next chiropody clinic runs from September 2nd to 4th. In future the mobile clinic chiropody patients will be treated at the Bridge Medical Centre in Patricxbourne Road. If you have not received a new appointment or need any other information please contact the centre on 831900. Requests for transport to the clinic should be made to Ann Medhurst on 830762.

W.I.

"A Seaside Photograph" is the competition on Tuesday 17th September when the popular Radio Kent presenter Paul Harris is the speaker, his subject "The History of Seaside Entertainment". New members and visitors will be made very welcome.

The W.I. are holding a quiz night on Saturday 26th October in Bridge Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm. Admission is £4.00 and tables are for 6-8 players. Please bring your own drinks but a ploughmans supper is included in the price. To book tables ring 830235 or 832042.

Joyce Healthier Rose - Memorial Service July 25th

Bill wishes to thank all those who have written to him or sent tributes, and for the kind donations to 'The League of Friends of Canterbury Hospitals' which will be used especially for the McMaster's Ward where staff gave so much care to Joyce whilst she was there.

W.C.R.

Bekesbourne Family Services

I have established a link between St. Peter's Bekesbourne Family service congregation and that of St. Peter's Molash. They have recently found themselves without a minister or lay reader to provide their Family services and have had to cope doing it themselves. I have been sharing my experience with them and providing what support I can. They came over to Bekesbourne and joined in our June service and have invited us back to **Molash** to join them on **1st September**. Any one from the Benefice is welcome to join us. If you want directions or need a lift give me a ring on Sat. 30th August. I know they would feel uplifted by a good show of support from us. Remember them also in your prayers.

Looking forward from there, the **October** family service (6th) will be the annual parish **Harvest Festival**. Traditionally the congregation have brought gifts of food and baby equipment which has then been donated to the Women's refuge in Canterbury. This is to continue. Don't forget the Smartie Tubes as well!

In **November (3rd)**, it is hoped, the Brownie's will have their **Annual Church Parade** and I have also invited the **Rev. Tony Budell of British Humanitarian Aid** to join us and tell us about the Chernogov children's summer holiday. As I write this Tony is at the Black Sea with the children. The family service congregation at Bekesbourne, through individual donations and the Smartie Tubes, raised enough money to sponsor at least one child for this trip. Tony has yet to confirm the date. I will keep people posted.

I hope you all had a good summer and look forward to seeing you in church.

Patricia Kusel (01227 830272)

Friends Of Bekesbourne Church

A superb evening of entertainment at Bekesbourne Church was enjoyed by all present. "Just 4 Men" provided barber-shop singing of splendid quality and the local girl Eleanor Pearson, plus musical accompaniment sang songs from the shows, completing her Performance with a wonderful aria from Bizets Carmen. The event raised £250 for the funds of the friends.

The Bridge Group of Churches Caring and Sharing

The programme for next term's Caring and Sharing evenings has been arranged and we will be discussing a number of topical Christian issues. We shall be meeting weekly, one week for a discussion the next 'coffee and chat' held at a variety of venues. The full programme is printed below and copies of the programme will be available at the back of each church or available from July 830250 or Margaret 765598. We would be pleased to welcome new members to our group at any of the meetings, please do join us.

- 9th Sept Coffee and Chat, bring something from the summer holidays @ Bridge Vicarage
- 16th Sept Coffee and Chat @ 8 Riverside Close
- 23rd Sept Forgiveness, putting the past behind us @ Bridge Vicarage
- 30th Sept Coffee and Chat @ 20 Riverside Close
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- 7th Oct Patience - Matthew 18:21-35 @ 20 Lanfranc Harbledown
- 14th Oct Coffee & Chat @ The Purlins, Meadow Close
- 21st Oct Peace - Isaiah 43:1-7 @ Bridge Vicarage
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- 4th Nov Self Control - 1 Samuel 26 @ 62 Strangers Lane
Canterbury
- 11th Nov Coffee and Chat @ Bridge Vicarage
- 18th Nov Kindness - 2 Samuel 9 @ 37 High Street
- 25th Nov Coffee and Chat @ 7 Windmill Close
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- 2nd Dec Challenges, facing all life throws at us @ 8 Green Court
- 9th Dec Coffee and Chat @ 16 Riverside Close
- 16th Dec Christmas Social @ Bridge Vicarage

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Bridge History Society

The new season starts on Tuesday 24th September at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall. The opening session will begin with a short Annual General Meeting, to be followed by a talk called 'Bridge, the First Two Thousand Years!'. The talk will be given by our treasurer, Maurice Raraty, who has been doing a considerable amount of research on the village and will tell us about some of his findings. Coffee and Tea will be served.

New members are welcome. The annual subscription is £6 per year for individuals and £10 per couple. Further details about the annual programme are available from David Gilmour, telephone 01227 832450.

Meriel Connor

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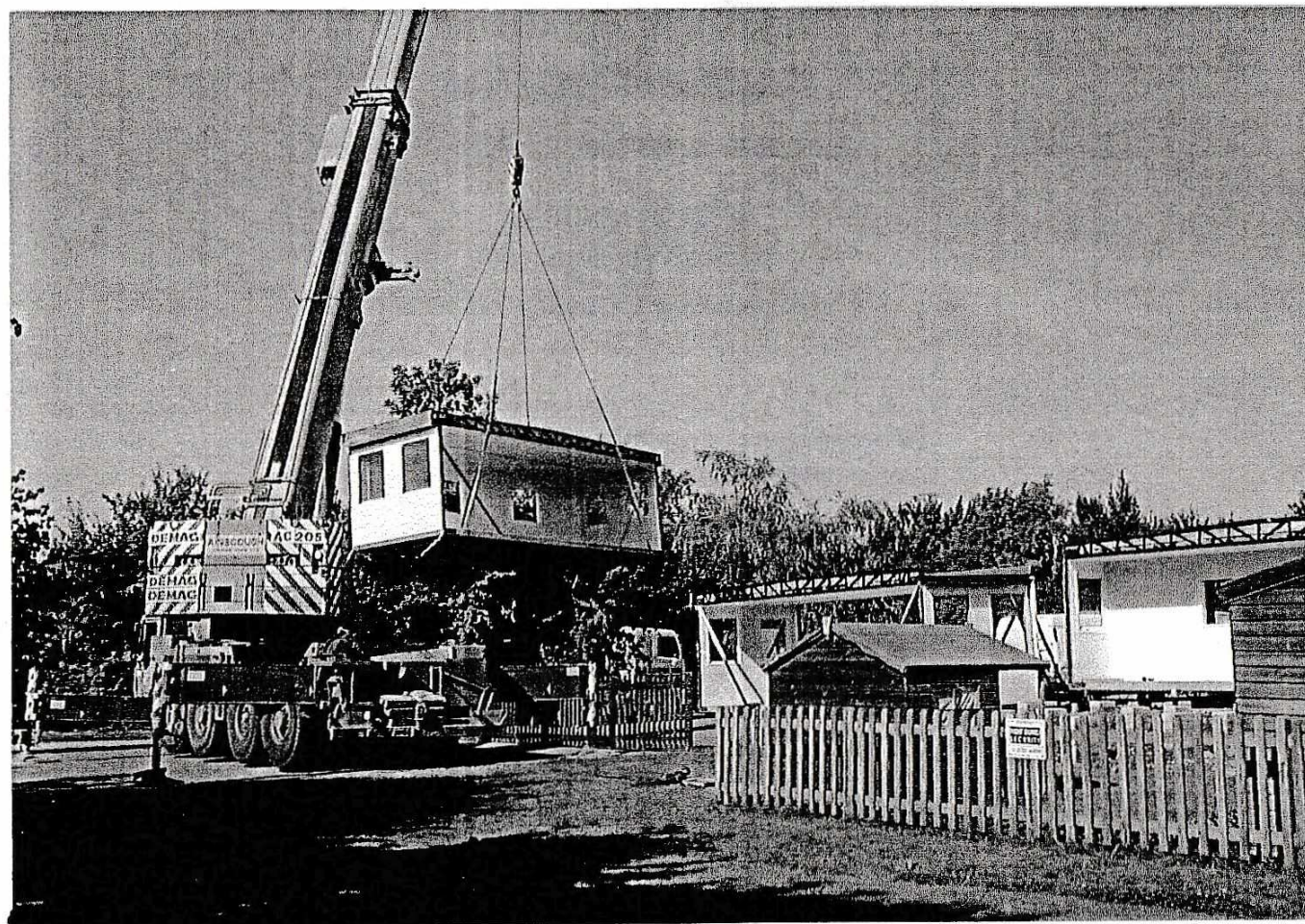
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In August 2003 the third visit to Kimalel by Guides and members of Senior Section will take place. Each Guide going on the trip has to raise a minimum of £1,600 to pay not just for the travel etc but also for the uniforms, equipment and materials that are needed and will be left there. Two local girls are undertaking the challenge; Jeanette Kusel from Bekesbourne who is a member of the Canterbury Rangers group and Jenny Rankin from Wingham who is a guide with the 1st Littlebourne Guides. Over the coming 10 months a variety of fundraising events will take place and it is hoped the local communities will support these.

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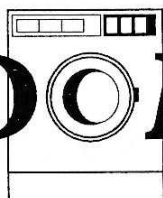
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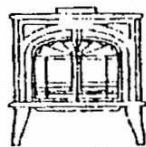
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Diary for October 2002

- 1st Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge, 8.00pm
- 2nd Bekesbourne PCC, 10 De Havilands, 7.30pm
- 3rd Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7.00pm
- 7th Caring and Sharing, 20 Lanfranc Gdns, Harbledown, 7.30pm
- 8th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
- 9th NADFAS at Bridge Church, 10.00am
Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in and AGM, Bridge Village Hall
10.00-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge, 6.00pm
- 10th Methodist Church Annual Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy 10.00am
- 14th Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 15th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge, 8.00pm
- 19th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church, 10.15am
Councillor's Surgery, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 10-12 noon
- 21st Caring and Sharing, Bridge Vicarage, 7.30pm
- 22nd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm
- 23rd NADFAS at Bridge Church 10.00am
- 26th Lower Hardres and Nackington Autumn Fayre
John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres
Women's Institute Quiz Night, Bridge Village Hall 7.00pm
- 27th The Works, Bridge Church, 10.00am

Forthcoming Events

16 Nov Wine & Wisdom, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm

Bridge Methodist Church

Oct 6th Rev. Barbara Heather

Oct 13th Rev. Peter Cornish

Oct 20th Rev. David Marshall

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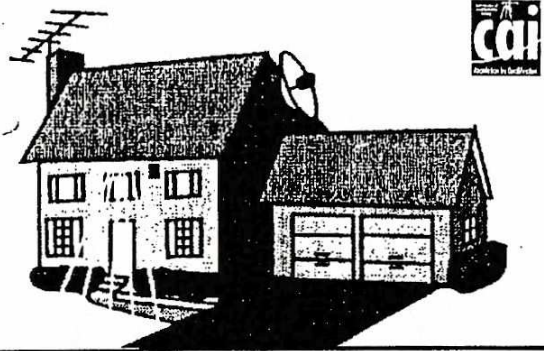


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Year A	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 6th Oct 19 after Trinity		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Harvest Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Ex 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20 NT: Phil 3. 4b-14 G: Mat 21. 33-end
Sun 13th 20 after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Harvest Family Service Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Matins Chris McLean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Ex 32. 1-14 NT: Phil 4. 1-9 G: Mat 22. 1-14
Sun 20th 21 after Trinity	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Harvest Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Can G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Ex 33. 12-end NT: 1 Thes 1 G: Mat 22. 15-22
Sun 27th Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Can 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: Deut 34 NT: 1 Thes 2. 9-13 G: Mat 22. 34-end
Sun 3rd Nov 4th before Advent		10.00 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton 6.00pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Micah 3. 5-end NT: 1 Thes 2. 9-13 G: Mat 24. 1-14

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Walking the Dog

Where do you go to do your thinking? Some people will soak in the bath, pop down the local for a pint, or listen to a piece of music. When I need to think, I walk the dogs. Walking the dogs used to be an effective way to think through issues at work before a big meeting. (My boss even told me to figuratively 'walk the dog' in the office when we needed to think clearly).

I wasn't always thinking about work on my morning walks. Sometimes it was a time for prayer, a time to talk to God about problems and concerns. Either way, that time was always reserved for God or GEC, although looking back I'm not sure who got the most attention. But recently something has gone wrong. I've still got the dogs, three now instead of two. But the walking has stopped. I suppose my excuse is that we have a very big garden and I'm too busy. But its not a very good excuse, is it?

Although the dogs may not need the enforced daily walk, perhaps I do. Instead of thinking whilst I walk, it could now be walking whilst I think. A combination of physical, mental and spiritual exercise can only be a good thing. After all, Jesus often went off on his own to 'walk the dog' during his ministry, and he encouraged his followers to do it as well.

The busier we are, the more important becomes the oasis of peace, allowing time and space for reflection and uncluttered thought. I hope that you make use of your church building when you need somewhere to think, or talk to God. Sunday worship always provides an opportunity for silence and reflection, but if you would rather be alone (with God) why not drop into church during the week. That's what its there for. If its not open, come and see me for the key

May God continue to bless you and those you love.

Paul

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08/09 Bridge Damien James Plommer

08/09 Bridge Kyle Thomas Plommer

Funeral

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Interment of Ashes

02/09 Bridge William A Izzard

03/09 Bridge Joyce H Rose

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Patricbourne with Bridge Churches

At the PCC on 10th September it was agreed that from the beginning of October collections will be taken at each service.

Parishioners who give regular donations either through the Gift aid Scheme or envelopes should continue as usual.

St. Peter's Bridge

The Family Service on Sunday 13th October will be our Harvest Service.

Donations of fresh, tinned or packet produce will be welcome together with "smartie" tubes.

Health and Healing Concerns

The prayer Group will meet on Thursday 3rd October at 7.00pm at 7 Windmill Close. If you are unable to attend yourself, please let me have your requests so that we can include them in our prayers. God does listen to our petitions as confirmed by so many grateful people.

My phone number is 830844.

Kath Pierce

Fish News

The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 9th October 10.00-11.45am and will include the Annual General Meeting.

Do come if you can.

Women's Institute

On the 15th October Mrs A Austin will be "Making a Christmas Decoration". The competition is Ghosts, Goblins and Ghouls make of paper, the winning entry to go to the group meeting.

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There is still life left in some of the very large candles which were used in the windows but replenishment is needed. It is realised that there are so many demands made on our incomes, so many worthwhile and needy charities calling for our support and there is no shadow of doubt that the parishioners within this Bridge Group of Churches are exceedingly generous to these calls. It is therefore a little difficult to make this request but PLEASE if anyone would care to make the gift of a large church candle (minimum diameter 2 inches), for future use (available in many of the supermarkets and stores) they will be greatly appreciated. Such gifts may be made to Pat or Laurence Dunderdale, David Hover or to Viv Brasier or one of her ladies who so kindly give of their time and talents to make the church look so lovely on these occasions. Alternatively if you prefer to make a financial contribution candles can be bought on your behalf. Thank you. DH.

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It was decided that we should hold an A.G.M. on the first Monday of December which this year falls on 2nd December and will be held at Gill Moon's house at 7.30 p.m. For the interim, Gill Moon has been elected Captain and Romany Cowans elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Arrangements are now in hand for the Bell Ringing Association's Quarterly Bye meeting which is to be held at Bekesbourne on Saturday 9th November. The ringing will commence at 3.00 p.m. followed by a short service at 4.30 p.m. and teas at 5.00 p.m. After teas the evening will conclude with further ringing.

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Our fund-raising this year has been greatly boosted by the efforts of Brian and Jenifer Skinner, who have raised £500 through the sale of Brian's splendid film of "The Nailbourne in Flood" - many thanks for all their hard work.

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Meriel Connor

The Hundred Association Jubilee Revue

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18 members were present at the September 2000 meeting held at the, Recreation Club, Littlebourne, when Doug Fenn, was in the Chair.

Paddy Leaves was welcomed back following his recent operation. Good wishes went to Betty Welch who has also had a recent operation.

Most of you will now have received your Grand Draw Tickets. We have some nice prizes to be won.

Our Annual Remembrance Parade and Service will be at Littlebourne Church this year on Sunday, 10th November, forming up at the Lych Gate at 10.45am.

Once again, Poppy Collection time coming round and we are making our usual appeal for people to help us with this. Anyone who feels they have a few hours to spare during the 2 weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday will be very welcome. Please ring Geoff Welch on 728507. Wingham are also in need of a Poppy Collection Organiser, so anyone who might be able to help should also contact Geoff

The next Branch meetings are on Tuesdays, 8th October, 5th November (A.G.M.) and 12th November, at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

Annual Poppy Appeal

Once again I find myself having to seek additional collectors for this year's major event.

An every ageing group of loyal supporters is finding increasing difficulty in covering the relatively small areas included in our area, via: Bridge, Patribourne and Bishopsbourne.

On average, each collector might expect to spend a maximum of two hours to complete his/her 'beat'.

I would not have thought that this was an unreasonable amount of time to give (per year) to the desperately needed services provided by the Royal British Legion. In fact, our current political situation rather suggests that the demands made upon the R.B.L. will increase considerably in the near future.

Please help! Just contact Barry Whiting on 830506.

NOTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Floral Competition: Cllr Walder reported that the judging had taken place and the winners were The White Horse - large frontage businesses and Colebrook & Sturrock - small frontage businesses and presentation of the trophies had taken place during the week. Cllr Walder also reported that the displays throughout the village have been outstanding and the quality stunning with many favourable comments having been received and the Parish Council thanks all those businesses who entered for their efforts in providing such wonderful arrangements. Councillors also thanked the judges, Mrs Margaret Jones and Mrs Ann Edmonds, for their time and effort in carrying out the judging and the clerk was requested to write to them expressing councillors' appreciation.

Playground Surface: The clerk reported that Wicksteed were asked to carry out a repair to the surface at the log swing under guarantee but they have inspected the site and report that as the area concerned has been removed they can only put this down to vandalism. It was **AGREED** that the repair would be carried out along with another area recommended following the inspection and the clerk was requested to arrange this. Cllr Gulvin requested that he be advised when the repairs are to be carried out.

Standing Orders and Chairmanship: It was unanimously **AGREED** to adopt the Standing Orders and Chairmanship as issued by The National Association of Local Councils.

Bulb Planting: It was **AGREED** to ask David Waters to carry out the bulb planting behind the seat at the junction of Bridge Hill and Beech Hill following the donation to fund bulbs by Mrs J Perrin of Bridge Down some while ago. The clerk volunteered to purchase the bulbs for planting.

Village Seats: Cllr Monk requested that the supply of additional village seating be considered and it was **AGREED** to look at the possibility of funding additional seats when preparing the budget. Cllr Gulvin confirmed that the repair of the broken seat at the recreation ground was in hand.

Street Lighting - Bifrons Path: Following the installation of the street light in Bifrons Path receipt of proof of ownership of the land on which the light has been erected has been received from Mr & Mrs T Bourner and they have requested that the light be removed and it was **AGREED** that this would be done. It was also **AGREED** that the light would be re-located at an alternative site in Bifrons Path and the clerk was requested to check with the Land Registry as to any title of ownership.

Recreation Ground Footpath: It was **NOTED** that the refurbishment of the recreation ground footpath had been completed.

Sandbag Store: Cllr Gulvin reported that the new sandbag store which is not yet fully completed had suffered some vandalism along with the pavilion and Mansfield Court.

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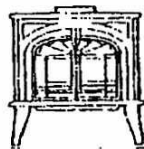
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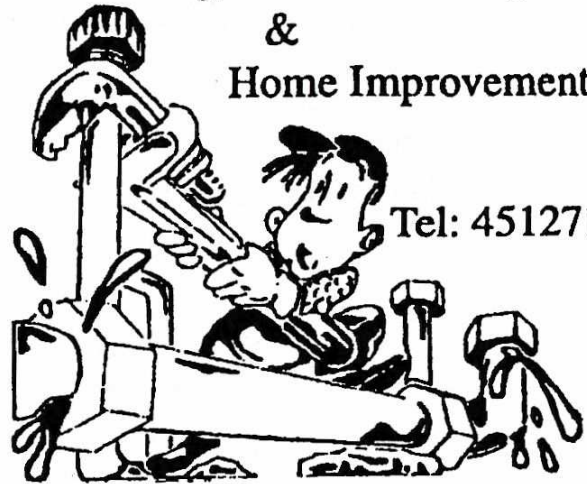
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Planning applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CAL02/0117/BRI - Internal and external alterations at Sunnyside, Dering Road, Bridge.

CA/02/01091/BRI - Change of use from hotel to single dwelling at East Bridge Country Hotel, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

CA/02/01090/BRI - Erection of single-storey rear extension and car port at 10 Brewery Lane, Bridge.

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

CA/02/0739/BRI - Dormer window to rear at 22 Windmill Close, Bridge (permitted development).

CA/02/0508/BRI - Two and single-storey extension to care home including alterations to existing buildings at Saxon Lodge, 30/32 Western Avenue, Bridge.

CA/02/0737/BRI - Extension and porch to front of dwelling at 64 Bridge Down, Bridge.

CA/02/0756/BRI - Replace flat roof with pitched roof to rear of dwelling at 18 Union Road, Bridge.

CA/00/1018/R - Amended details - insertion of 3 windows on the south west elevation at Bridge & Patricxbourne CE Primary School, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

CA/02/00800/BRI - Two-storey extension and replacement double garage at Pheasants Croft, Patricxbourne Road, Bridge.

CA/02/00710/BRI - Single-storey rear extension at 15 High Street, Bridge.

CAL02/00081/BRI - Single-storey rear extension at 15 High Street, Bridge.

Applications rejected: The following planning applications have been notified as rejected:

CA/02/0738/BRI - Replacement of 20 metre monopole and equipment cabinets in existing compound at Highlands Court Farm, Bekesbourne.

Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area: The following notices of proposed work have been received:

Fell one conifer and cut back Yew tree adjacent to shared driveway at Trees, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

Fell fifteen Leylandi trees along part of one boundary of rear garden at 65 High Street, Bridge.

Work for which a Tree Preservation Order is not being served is as follows:

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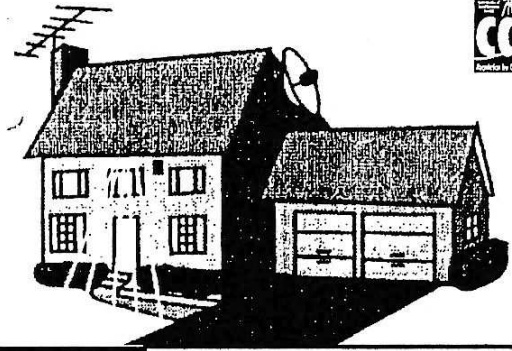
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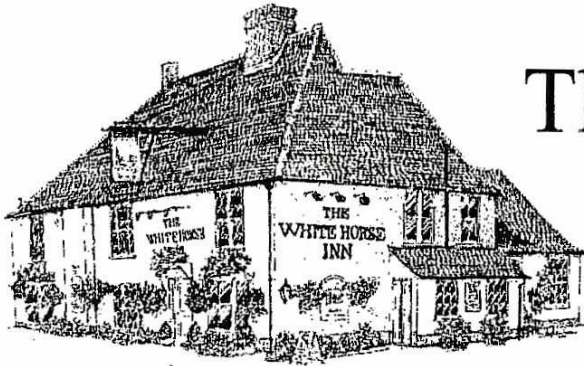
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Sun 3rd 4 before Advent		10.00 am Holy Communion Can R Humphries	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton 6.00pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Can R Humphries	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Micah 3. 5-end NT: 1 Thes 2. 9-13 & Mat 24. 1-14
Sun 10th 3 before Advent Remembrance Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 10.50 am Remembrance Service at Memorial		11.00am Family Service Martin Leggatt	10.50 am Remembrance Parade Service Rev J Thackray	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Wisdom 6. 12-16 NT: 1 Thes 4. 13-end & Mat 25. 1-13
Sun 17th 2 before Advent	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Can & Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Zep 1.7, 12-end NT: 1 Thes 5. 1-11 & Mat 25. 14-30
Sun 24th 1 before Advent	9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Advent Lecture I Can J Packer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	11.00am Friends Thanksgiving Rev P Filmer	OT: Ezek 34.11-16, 20-24 NT: Eph 1. 15-end & Mat 25. 31-end
Sun 1st December Advent 1		10.00 am Holy Communion TBA	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong and Advent Lecture II Rev P Filmer Can J Packer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Isaiah 64. 1-9 NT: 1 Cor 1. 3-9 & Mark 13. 24-37

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for November 2002

- 4th Caring and Sharing, 62 Strangers Lane, Canterbury 7.30pm
5th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
7th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7.00pm
11th Caring and Sharing, Vicarage, 7.30pm
12th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
Deanery Prayer Group, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge, 8.00pm
13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough and Harrow, Bridge, 6.00pm
16th Bekesbourne Churchyard Working Party, 10.00am
Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church, 10.15am
Councillor's Surgery, Bridge Methodist Church, 10-12 noon
Patricxbourne with Bridge Wine & Wisdom, Bridge Village Hall 7.00pm
18th Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
19th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
Women's Institute A.G.M. Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
Confirmation Service at Canterbury Cathedral, 7.30pm
24th The Works, Bridge Church, 10.00am
Dedication Service, St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne, 11.00am
Advent Lecture (1 of 4) St. Peter's Church, Bridge, 6.00pm
25th Bridge School Infant Advent Service, St Peter's Church, Bridge, 9.30am
Caring and Sharing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
26th Bridge School Junior Advent Service, St Peter's Church, Bridge 9.30am
Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm
After Eights, 10 Union Road, Bridge, 8.00pm
30th Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 10am

Forthcoming events

- 2nd Dec Salvation Army Carol Concert, Bridge School, 7.30pm
13th Dec Senior Citizens Afternoon of Entertainment, Bridge School 1.30pm
25th Jan Jumble Sale in aid of St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

Bridge Methodist Services

- Nov 3rd Mr Peter Burt
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What is a gift? If we give something for services rendered, it becomes a reward; and if we are looking for future favours it becomes an incentive, or even a bribe. I think a true gift is one that is given sacrificially. That is not to say that it hurts, or that something has to be destroyed; but that it is given freely, with no anticipated benefits for the donor, and no conditions for the recipient.

When we give to someone else we are usually expressing our gratitude for their kindness or generosity, and when we give to God we are doing the same. At harvest time we bring our gifts of money and produce as a way of thanking God for his kindness and generosity to us.

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good. The seed-time and the harvest; our life, our health, our food. Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts, and, what thou most desirest, our humble thankful hearts. All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

May God continue to bless you and those you love.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

13/10	Bridge	Carl Robin Gower
13/10	Bridge	Tania Charlotte Gower
20/10	Bekesbourne	Lillie Catherine Ann Bishop
20/10	Canterbury Cathedral	Joshua Daniel McFall
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Funeral

02/10	Nackington	Norman P Alcuri
09/10	Hawkinge (Bekesbourne)	Bessie Wilde
10/10	Barham (Bridge)	Mary L Steed
11/10	Patricxbourne/Barham	Eileen H Barker

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04/10	Bridge	Roy Starling
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· **Remembrance Day** This year there will be two Remembrance Day services in the benefice. At Nackington, parishioners will walk down to the memorial on Nackington Road after the 9.30 Communion Service. Matins at Patricxbourne will be moved to 10.50 and all uniformed groups are invited to attend for a full parade.

· **Confirmation Service** On Tuesday 19th November 11 parishioners from across our Benefice (4 adult/7 children) will be confirmed by the Bishop of Maidstone in Canterbury Cathedral. Anyone who wishes to support our candidates is welcome to join us on this special occasion.

· **Advent Addresses** Canon John Packer has very kindly offered to share his expertise with us through a series of four lectures on the Bible. His theme will be *The Word of God - Its Meaning Today* Each lecture will take place at St Peter's, Bridge at 6pm on Sunday evenings, incorporating either the office of Compline or Sung Evensong.

· Nov 24th The Lord Our God, The Lord Is One

· (Adam, Abraham, Moses, David)

· Dec 1st Prophecy, Wisdom & Song

· Dec 5th Paul And His Friends

· Dec 15th The Revelation In Christ

· **Smartie Tubes** Don't forget to pick up your smartie tube at one of our family services ready to save for the Benefice Christmas collection. As usual, all money raised through smartie tubes will be given to the Children's Society.

Health and Healing

The Prayer Group will meet on Thursday 7th November at 7pm at 7 Windmill Close. If you are unable to attend yourself, please let me have your requests so that we can include them in our prayers. God does listen to our petitions as confirmed by so many grateful people.

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The November meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. To be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th November in Bridge Village Hall.

Joyce Hopkins

Sponsored Bike Ride

We would like to thank all those who contributed their time, their money or their muscle power towards raising the wonderful sum of £175 for Patricxbourne Church and the Friends of Kent Churches during this year's sponsored bike ride. Special thanks to David Morgan and Viv Pritchard who stepped (?pedalled) nobly into the breach when Marian Harlow was injured and unable to take part. We hope to see her recovered and back in the saddle in time for next year. PP 13/10/02

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On Sunday Hans preached at Bekesbourne and Bridge, and the two church families presented each other with gifts to keep as a reminder of the visit.



Paul & Hans at the Harvest Lunch

In the afternoon, following the annual Bridge & Patixbourne Harvest lunch we were shown a video & slide presentation of cultural & church life in Marburg. Finally, we were invited to make a return visit to Marburg next year, an offer we intend to accept. In fact, we have already arranged for this year's confirmation group to visit Marburg during the Spring Half-Term next February.



Fish & Chips on Tankerton Sea Front

Thank you to every one who made our guests feel welcome over the weekend, either through hosting, catering or showing an interest by attending the different activities we shared. We hope that this will be the start of a lasting friendship between our two communities.

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NEWS FLASH !!!!

Is your family disappointed and feeling excluded because the family services are all on Sunday mornings?

Does rugby, hockey, cricket etc. stop you as a family coming to church? If so would you be interested in supporting a new family service to be held at 4.00 pm on the 4th Sunday of the month?

Then contact Pat Kusel on 830272 for more information.

It is hoped if there is enough interest that the services would begin early in the new year.

This is your chance! Get in touch NOW!

Repairs to Bekesbourne Church

I hope that by the time you read this the maintenance project will finally be complete and the vestry walls decorated. It has been a very long drawn-out process as the drying out took over two years longer than the architect expected! In fact, we have not had a vestry for Paul Filmer to use at St Peter's all the time he has been with us.

It is good news that the work will finally be finished and the PCC is extremely grateful to all the grant-awarding bodies, including English Heritage, the Friends of Kent Churches, the Wellcome Foundation and the Colyer-Fergusson Trust who made it all possible. Above all, we are grateful to all the Friends of Bekesbourne Church, without whose fund-raising we would never have started on the project or been awarded our large grants. The Friends will be inviting everyone to come to a service of thanksgiving and dedication on Sunday 24 November - see details elsewhere in *On the Nail*.

Jane Millyard

THE FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

In preparation for our Special Dedication Service on 24 November, we have a CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY on Saturday 16 November at 10am, when all helpers will be most welcome, especially those with strimmers!

DEDICATION SERVICE: This will take place on **Sunday 24 November at 11 am** on the Sunday when we do not normally have a service. The new kneelers at the Communion Rail and the new Curtains around the organ seat will be dedicated and our thanks expressed to those whose generosity has made their provision possible. All will be welcome at this Special Service and we extend a warm invitation to all our "Friends" and to any from our other parishes who would like to join us.

The annual **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** will be held on **Saturday 30 November**, starting at 10 am in Bekesbourne Village Hall, when the Brownies will join us to organise Teas & Coffees and run their competitions. There will be all our usual stalls and once again we ask for your support, by donating items suitable as gifts, baking cakes, and by spending extravagantly on the many gifts and goodies which will be for sale!

Bridge Group Stewardship Appeal

The church, as an organisation, relies mainly on volunteers to keep its various functions active. Apart from the obvious work of maintaining the church buildings and providing regular opportunities for worship, we also work in our local communities, through the school, residential homes, hospitals, and local voluntary groups.

If you consider yourself to be a member or friend of your local church, or simply appreciate the work it does in and for your community, I would ask you to consider giving us something more valuable than money - your time and talents. As little as one hour each month could make all the difference to us, and the people who benefit from our work.

Over the page you will find a form which lists a number of areas where more hands make light work, any of which could be improved with your help. Simply circle any activity you feel able to help with, or underline something you would like to know more about. Tear out this page and return it to me at Bridge Vicarage, or either of your Church Wardens. Someone will be in touch to discuss how you can help occasionally in your areas of interest.

Of course, you may not have any time to give, we all lead such busy lives these days. Although most items on the list involve time, two of them relate to money. Your generosity can help us to buy someone else's time; and one off gifts or regular giving would both help us to balance our income and expenses. If you are a tax payer, we can claim another 28p in the pound at no cost to you, making your gift even more valuable to us.

I hope you feel able to help in some small way. Every minute or penny counts. On behalf of your local church and those we serve, thank you for all that is already done, and for what you offer through this appeal.

The Rev Paul Filmer Priest in Charge The Bridge Group

The Bridge Group : Steward



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Church :

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Age : under 18 / 18-25 / 26

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Music

Prayers

Readings

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Weekday Help

Church cleaning

Church flowers

Please indicate the items you can help with or would like further information about (underline)

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Family S

The next family service on church parade. It has been an annual Gift Service. During it of clothing, toiletries, bedding region of the Ukraine. These the Reverend Tony Budell, will also talk to us about his recent for street children near the miles to the south of Chernobyl has to say and join us in this Traditionally Bokesbourne has again this year. All children invited to take part. This year a rehearsal on the previous Sunday service. More details:

Summary

Nov. 3rd Normal Family Service
Dec. 1st Brownies' Annual C
Gift service for BHA with R

Raleigh International

Amy Filmer invites you to her

Christmas Open House

Friday 20th December

10am-10pm

The Vicarage

23 High Street, Bridge

Drop in and enjoy a glass of Mulled Wine / Ginger Punch with Christmas cake and Minced Pie for £5.

All proceeds will be used to fund Amy's charity trip with Raleigh International to Costa Rica in February 2003. Please do come and support this event and start the festive celebrations early.

St Peter's Harvest Collection

Thank you to everyone who generously contributed produce or money for our 2002 Harvest appeal. All the fresh and tinned produce has been delivered to the Canterbury Homeless Centre. Our Harvest collection raised over £188 for 'Seed For Africa', including £121 from smartie tubes. Two smartie tubes each containing 41x£1 coins !!!!

Don't forget to pick up a new tube of smarties to save money for the Christmas collection, which will, as usual, be given to the Children's Society.

Broadband High Speed Internet Access

There must be dozens, maybe hundreds, of computer/internet users in the villages included in the "On the Nail" catchment area. BT is currently advertising the benefits of Broadband Internet access, and having used it in other areas, it is fantastic. Instant dial up, very high speed and best of all, you keep the same telephone line, which can be used at the same time. BT say, on their website that 66% of the UK is covered by Broadband. The same site also tells me that there are no plans for Bridge to be included. Coverage is provided when local demand reaches an unknown and unspecified level. The site says that 23 people in Bridge have registered an interest. If everyone who has access to the net registered an interest, BT might be surprised into considering Bridge and other villages for including us in the Broadband rollout. Please would as many people as possible have a look at the BT Openworld site, check the information on Broadband, (there is a very good demonstration) and register an interest. Thank you.

Matthew Brodie

Woodpeckers Nursery



The children and staff of Woodpeckers Nursery have now settled into the new term and the wonderful new building. Over the last few weeks we have been learning about autumn and harvest and are looking forward to making our autumn exhibit for the forthcoming Village Art Exhibition. We have a fun packed rest of term planned? learning about topics such as 'Bonfire Night', 'In the Garden', 'Musical Instruments' and 'Winter'.

There will be a few spaces after the half term holiday for children aged between 2 1/2 - 5 to start at the nursery for morning sessions (8.45am- 11.45am) afternoon sessions (12 noon - 2.45pm) or all day sessions for 3 - 5 year olds (8.45am 2.45pm). If any one is interested please ring Angie Sheppard on 831159 for more details.

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NOTES FROM THE OCTOBER MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Street Lighting - Bifrons Path: Confirmation has been received from The Land Registry as to the sections of footpath for which they do not have ownership details registered and it was **AGREED** to position the light further along the footpath at one of these sections. The clerk was requested to arrange a site meeting with Seeboard to discuss the re-positioning of the light and also the possibility of reducing its height. The clerk advised that Orbit Housing have advised that they are only managing agents for Mansfield Court and any costs for security lighting/CCTV would have to be met by residents.

Sandbag Store: The replacement is now completed and Canterbury City Council has provided the parish council with the keys.

Church Clock: Cllr Anderson reported that a representative from John Smith & Son had contacted him and advised that repairs to the clock had been carried out in May but that a further visit would be made as the clock was still not keeping the correct time.

Moles: Bounty Pest Control have confirmed that their monthly visits are controlling a very large mole problem at the recreation ground and, although they could increase visits to the site at a higher cost, they feel that the contract the parish council has at present will cure the problem given a little more time.

Canterbury City Council have provided the parish council with penalty signs and Cllr Walder agreed to put these up at relevant places. Cllr Monk also advised that the 'No Dogs Allowed' sign in the area of the recreation ground with Bifrons Path had been turned round and Cllr Walder agreed to return the sign to its correct position if it was possible.

Vacancy - Parish Clerk: Councillors **NOTED** the clerk's resignation. Anyone interested in the vacancy should contact the clerk on 01303 862814 for information or write to 14 St Mary's Close, Etchinghill, Kent CT18 8NX. The closing date for applications is 7 November 2002.

Newsletter: Cllr Dobson provided councillors with the proof of the next Newsletter which was unanimously **AGREED** with a few minor alterations.

Christmas Trees: Cllr Walder agreed to distribute the letter to the occupiers of the High Street to establish how many residents are prepared to have a Christmas Tree sited outside their household/premises. Following its success last Christmas it is possible that more requests will be received this year and if this is the case it was **AGREED** that requests will be treated on a first come first served basis.

Flood Warden: The Environment Agency launched the Flood Warning Service for the Nailbourne/Little Stour, from Lyminge to Stourmouth, on 17 September 2002. As part of the development of the Flood Warning Service the Agency propose that each parish council on the Nailbourne should operate a Flood Warden Scheme. The volunteer Flood Wardens would be the point of contact for the Agency. Cllr Gulvin and Cllr Oakey have already agreed to be wardens and two other possible volunteers are to be approached for their agreement.

Planning applications received: The following planning applications have been received and are under consideration:

CA/02/01178/BRI - Installation of dormer window to front and roof lights to side of dwelling at 2a High Street, Bridge.

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

Applications rejected: No planning applications have been notified as rejected.

Notice of proposed work to trees in a Conservation Area: The following notices of proposed work have been received:

Various works to Laurel, Elder, Yew, Walnut, Horse Chestnut, Apple and Ash trees plus reduce two May trees and remove Elder tree at Bourne Lodge, Bridge Hill, Bridge.

Work for which a Tree Preservation Order is not being served is as follows:
Fell one dead Lime tree at Beechmount, Conyngham Lane, Bridge.

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

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Mr D Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

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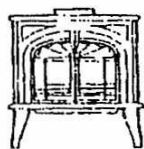
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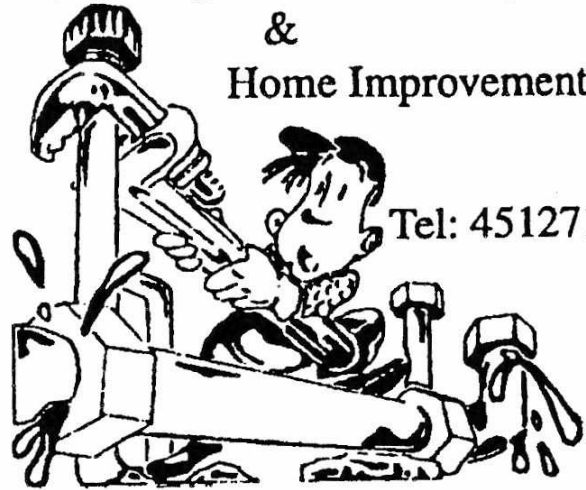
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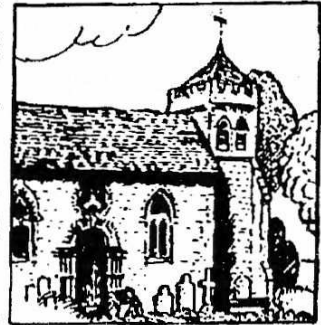
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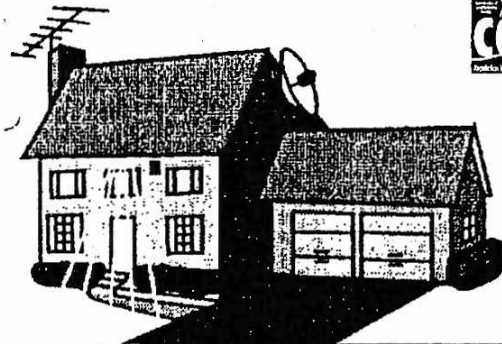
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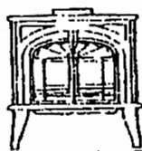
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Christmas Presence

Last month I said that a true gift is given freely, with no anticipated benefits for the donor, and no conditions for the recipient. This month I want to look at the greatest gift of all, God's gift of Jesus Christ to us at Christmas. But first of all, umbrellas!

If I were to buy you an umbrella for Christmas, as a gift, then according to my definition, there would be no strings attached. But when the function of the gift is obvious, the motives behind the gift become obvious too. There is nothing to stop you hanging the umbrella on your wall as an ornament, or using it to stir the paint, but naturally I would hope that you would benefit from it by remaining dry in the rain. If you don't, I won't demand it back or deliberately ambush you with a garden hose to teach you a lesson. I would simply hope that one day you would appreciate it for what it really is - something to keep you dry, and make the most of it, because it concerns me to see you wet through.

God's concern for us and our well-being led him to give us the most precious gift of all, his Son. There is nothing to stop us using this gift as a convenient excuse for a party or spending spree, but if that is all we do, we will not feel the full benefit of a restored friendship with God. Although we celebrate God's gift of Jesus to us on a particular day, his love for us means that the offer remains open all year long. I hope that one Christmas, if you don't already, you will appreciate the gift for what it really is, and make the most of it.

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

May God continue to shower his blessings upon you and those you love.

Paul

**The Bridge Group
Services for the month of December 2002 Part 1**

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Sun 1st Advent 1		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong and Advent Lecture II Mrs M Clarke Can J Packer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10 Toy Mrs
Sun 8th Advent 2	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		11.00am Family Service and Baptism Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Advent Lecture III Can J Packer	10.00 am Mattins Chris McLean	B BCP Rev
Sun 15th Advent 3	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	3.00 pm Benefice Crib Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Can G Manley 6.00 pm Advent Lecture IV Can J Packer		10 Holy Rev
Sun 22nd Advent 4	9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Diss	3.00 pm Evensong with Carols Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Carol Service Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	1 B Nativ Mr

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The Bridge Group
Services for the month of December 2002 Part 2

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Sun 5th January Epiphany 1		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 60. 1-6 NT: Eph 3. 1-12 G: Mat 2. 1-12

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for December 2002

- 2nd Caring and Sharing, 8 Green Court, Bridge, 7.30pm
Salvation Army Carol Concert, Bridge School, 7.30pm
- 3rd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall, 7pm
Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC, Methodist Chapel, Bridge 7.30pm
- 5th Flower Arrangers Meeting, The Archways, Conyngham Lane,
Bridge, 2.30pm
Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 6th Christmas Bazaar, Bridge School 1.30pm
- 9th Caring and Sharing, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 10th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
After Eights, The Vicarage, 8pm
- 11th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge, 6pm
- 13th Senior Citizens Afternoon of Entertainment,
Bridge School, 1.30pm
- 14th Lower Hardres Junior Choir, Lower Hardres Church, 10.15am
- 16th Choir Practice for Carols at Bridge Church, 7pm
Choir Practice for Carols at Patricxbourne Church, 7.30pm
Caring and Sharing, The Vicarage 7.30pm
- 17th Carols at Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
- 18th Choir Practice for Carols at Bridge Church, 7.30pm
- 19th End of Term Assembly at Bridge School, 9.15am
Choir Practice for Carols at Patricxbourne Church 7.30pm
- 20th Children's Christmas Workshop, John Baker White Hall,
Lower Hardres 9.30am
Open House at The Vicarage, 10am - 10pm
- 21st Councillor's Surgery, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 10-12 noon
- 23rd Carols at Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm

Forthcoming Events

25th Jan Jumble Sale in aid of St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

Methodist Services

- Dec 1st Rev. David Marshall (Toy Service)
- Dec 8th Mr Ron Chadwick
- Dec 15th Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
- Dec 22nd Rev David Marshall (Christingle Service)
- Dec 29th Miss Jean Hall

Health and Healing Concerns

The meeting this month is on Thursday 5th December as usual, at 7pm, 7 Windmill Close, but the meeting in January will be on Thursday 9th; as the first Thursday was deemed too close to the New Year. Please let me know of any sick person who needs our prayers or any situation. You know you will be very welcome to come in person on the evening of our prayer meeting.

Kath Pierce, 830844

Fish News

It is worth knowing that if you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit the Government will pay for insulation work to your home up to £1,500 and heating systems up to £2,500. If you think you might qualify telephone the Warm Front Team on freephone 0800 316 2813.

The next Coffee Pop-in will be in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, December 11th.

W.I.

The December meeting is on Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm and members are asked to take a plate of food and a glass. The theme of Mr Nixon's talk is "Hoodenars" and the competition is a Christmas table decoration.

Laurie Shirley

Laurie is still in hospital as I write on 18th November, but this seems a good time to thank all friends and neighbours for their kind enquiries and cards, and for keeping him in their thoughts and mentioning him in their prayers. He asked me most particularly to thank everyone.

Ann Shirley

St Peter's Bridge

New Hymn Books

Thank you to the church family who recently made a generous donation of a new set of hymn books. *The Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New* contains a wide range of worship material from traditional hymns & carols to contemporary songs. The books will be used regularly within our family service as well as other suitable occasions.

Raleigh International

Amy Filmer invites you to her

Christmas Open House

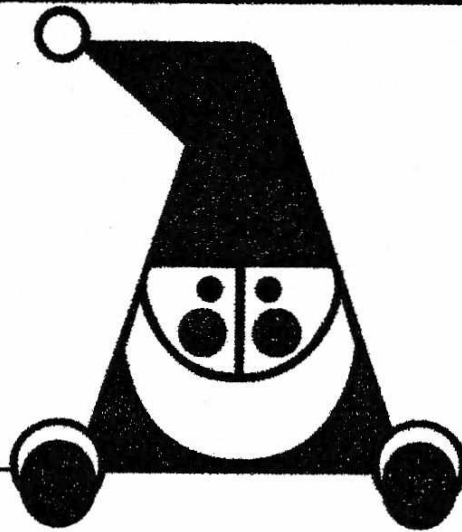
Friday 20th December
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All proceeds will be used to fund Amy's charity trip with Raleigh International to Costa Rica in February 2003. Please do come and support this event and start the festive celebrations early.

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Benefice Nativity Service

This will take place at Bekesbourne at 10.00 am on Sunday the 22nd of December. This is also the service at which the 'smartie tubes' will be collected and replaced. As usual there will be a rehearsal, for any young person who would like to take part, at St. Peter's Bekesbourne the previous Sunday (15th December) at 11.15 am immediately following the Communion Service.

Remember that we don't just need actors/actresses but narrators, stage hands, singers and musicians. It would help our planning if you could contact either Martin Leggett (Bridge) on 01227 830251 or Patricia Kusel (Bekesbourne) on 01227 830 272 before the rehearsal to confirm your participation and indicating what activity you are offering to do. We look forward to hearing from.

1st Bekesbourne Brownies Church Parade/BHA Gift Service

The Brownie Pack will be attending their annual church parade on December 15' at the Family Service. This service is also Bekesbourne's annual gift service where 'goodies' are collected to be given to British Humanitarian Aid. These gifts can include simple toiletries such as toothpaste, soap, flannels; dried food such as pasta, rice and beans; tinned foods; stationery including pencil, paper, colouring pencils; bedding particularly single bedding to be used in the orphanages and warm clothing for all ages other than babies/toddlers. If you prefer you can make up 'shoe boxes' for the children clearly labelled with age/gender. God willing the Reverend Tony Budell of BHA will be joining us for the service. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you wish to contribute gifts but are unable to make the service then please give me a call and I will collect.

Patricia Kusel

Sponsored Cycle Ride update (Bekesbourne)

On September 9th a windy overcast day, cyclists Joan Atkins, Roger Nicholls, Clive and Cheryl Barker (Unicorn) and their friends Simon Woodhouse, Barbara Timlett and Derek Todd, raised between them the magnificent sum of £315 to be shared equally between St. Peter's Bekesbourne and the Friends of Kent Churches.

Thanks also go to Romany Cowans, Janet Street and Gill Moon 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

The Conker Competition at The Unicorn at the end of October raised £88 for Bekesbourne Church, and we are grateful as ever to Clive and Cheryl for their great support. We also thank Martin White at Broome Park for his generous Raffle Prize and all those who in any way support our fund-raising efforts.

There was a splendid turn up of people and strimmers for our Churchyard Working Party on 16 November. The weather was kind and a tremendous amount of clearing and tidying was achieved - many thanks to all those who came and worked so hard.

Bekesbourne Cleaning Rota

- 6th Dec Cleaning only Jane Shorrock
- 13th Dec Advent - no flowers, cleaning only
- 20th Dec Advent - no flowers, cleaning only
- 23rd Dec Decorating for Christmas - all hands welcomed
- 27th Dec Nothing needed
- 3rd Jan Leave decorations - Jill Gillanders

Canterbury Choral Society

Canterbury Choral Society have planned an exciting concern season for 2002/3.

Handel's Messiah is to be performed in the Cathedral on Saturday 14th December 2002 at 7.30pm. This is a fundraising concert for Canterbury Choral Society and the Cathedral International Study Centre's Scholarship Fund. Canterbury will boost over 150 chorus members performing this masterpiece. The London Handel Orchestra will accompany the choir and will use many of the finest professional Baroque musicians in the country playing traditional instruments to great advantage in Canterbury Cathedral.

As the usual start to Christmas the Choral Society will perform traditional Family Carols at 7.00pm in the Cathedral on Tuesday 17th December 2002.

Tickets for both these concerts can be purchased from Canterbury Visitors Information Centre, 12/13 Sun Street, Canterbury, CT1 2HX or by telephone 01227 378188 or e-mail on boxoffice@canterbury.gov.uk.

Visit our Website on www.canterburychoral.co.uk

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY

The NAILBOURNE SCOUT GROUP is organising a Christmas Card Delivery, again this year for Bridge Village Only.

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The boxes will be emptied regularly and all stamped mail clearly and correctly addressed will be delivered before Christmas. We regret that we are unable to deliver any cards taken to box locations after 19th December.

The Scout Group hopes for your continued support.

Rajini Dasan

Flower Arrangers

There will be a meeting of flower arrangers at The Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge, on Thursday 5th December at 2.30pm. We will be discussing arrangements for Christmas decorations in St. Peter's Bridge, and drawing up next year's rota. Several regular members of the team have retired this year, so we are desperate for new talent. If the numbers continue to drop, there will be fewer vases in the church. Please think about joining us, the usual amount of time spent is just 2 hours every six months. Not a lot surely!

Any queries phone Viv 830981. Thanks you.

Viv Brasier

Richard E Beinder (Bridge)

I have had such wonderful support from people in the village who have been kind enough to write to me or make a donation to the Parkinson's Disease Society - and I would just like to say how much I appreciate all the kindness shown to me.

Dick was an exceptional man with many talents and a joyous sense of humour who will be greatly missed. Your sympathy and understanding has been a great help at this very difficult time.

Yours Sincerely; Barbara Beinder

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

In honour of 25 years of the Nailbourne Horticultural Society and the Queen's Golden Jubilee, the Committee have organised an evening of celebration to be held on Tuesday 3 December in Bridge Village Hall to which all Members have already received a personal invitation.

To start the evening off in festive mood, there will be a welcoming glass of mulled wine prior to the "Gardeners' Question Time" at 7.00 pm which will, in turn, be followed by a Buffet Supper.

We look forward to a very pleasant evening.

Kathy Walder

Bridge History Society

At our meeting in November, we had an amusing and interesting talk by Dick Bolton about John Tom (otherwise known as Count Moses Rothschild or Sir William Percy Honeywood Courtenay, Knight of Malta), whose Kentish revolt culminated in his death, together with that of nine of his men. His followers had at first believed this 'Messiah' could free them from the oppressions of poverty and injustice, but everything ended in disaster when a mixture of religious mania, instability of character and bizarre behaviour caused this extraordinary eccentric eventually to lead his tragic band further and further into conflict with the establishment, and finally to the battle of Bossenden Wood, on 31 May 1838. Everything had started with his release from the county lunatic asylum at Barming, near Maidstone, and by the end of the talk we could well believe that John Tom could accurately have been described as 'barmy'.

Our next event will be a Victorian Christmas Lunch on Saturday 14 December at the White Horse, Bridge at 12.30 pm. If you would like to have further details of this occasion, or of any other aspect of the Society, telephone David Gilmour (832450) or John Bishop (832596).

Meriel Connor

Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital

For your 'new' diary.

On January 31st 2003 Dr. Tony Beaumont will be giving a fascinating talk entitled The History and Constitution of Sark, his family home. A light supper with wine will be served and a raffle at Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm. For tickets please phone Elizabeth Stewart 830344 or Rosy Green 830204, (£7.50 for a single, £14.00 for a double).

Girlguiding UK

1st Bridge Guides meet on Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall and we offer the Guides fun activities every week aimed at helping them to develop social skills, respect for others, honesty and to develop spiritually.

This term for example we are holding fund-raising events, cookouts, craft activities, sport, first aid training, attending the Remembrance Service and a talent show. The Guides parents will be invited to this.

The Guides plan the terms programme in advance with some help from our Unit Guider Gill and her four Unit Helpers. We are always open to their ideas and each term we have a fun and varied programme as a result.

You will often see us walking through the village during the warmer evenings either drawing maps or following clues, heading off for a game of rounders or a scavenger hunt or laden down with sausages to cook on an open fire.

It's a great way to spend our Wednesday evenings!

WEA Bridge Literature Course 2003

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If you enjoy books and lively discussion why not join the Bridge WEA Literature class.

There will be a 2nd term of the 'Best of the Booker' course starting on January 15th at the Plough and Harrow, High Street, Bridge each Wednesday from 10.00 am to 12.00. New students are very welcome.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE ~ DISTRICT BRANCH

26 members attended the Branch AGM at the Recreation Club! Littlebourne. The outgoing President, Oswin Kent thanked everyone for their support but felt it was time to hand over to somebody else. The Chairman, Doug Fenn praised members for helping make such a flourishing Branch, and looked forward to another successful year in 2003.

Branch Officers were elected as follows:- President: Hugh Wheeler; Vice Presidents: George Mills, Fred Bennett and Oswin Kent; Chairman: Doug Fenn; Vice Chairman: Fred Bennett; Hon Secretary: Barbara Hunt; Hon Treasurer: John Hewett; Service Committee Officer: Tony Bevan; Standard Bearer: Ray Tupper.

Branch Officials were elected as follows:- Poppy Appeal Organiser: Geoff Welch; Publicity Officer: Barbara Hunt; Group 4 Rep: Barbara Hunt; Membership Representatives: Fred Bennett (W'ickhambreaux, 'lckham); Doug Fenn (Littlebourne); Doug Cartwright (Bridge); Ray Tupper (Wingham).

A vote of thanks was recorded to Victor Gibbs and Barry Whiting for organising the Poppy Appeal Collections in Wingham and Bridge respectively. Also to the Recreation Club for their hospitality throughout the year.

The Branch Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service took place at St Vincent's Church, Littlebourne on Sunday, 10th November. The Standard was carried by Tom Perry, supported by Branch members and representatives from the Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides. The Exhortation was recited at the War Memorial and the Wreath was laid by Branch President Hugh Wheeler followed by two minutes' Silence. The Last Post and Reveille was sounded by trumpeter Fred Phillips, followed by a service inside the church when the lesson was read by Oswin Kent. Branch Representatives attended services on the same day at 9.30am at Preston Church and 6pm at Stodmarsh Church.

A wreath laying and Silence took place at 11 am at Wickhambreaux War Memorial on Monday, 11th Nov when Branch representatives were accompanied by pupils from Wickhambreaux Primary School.

27 members were present at a shortened November monthly meeting held in Dover prior to a Curry Evening, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. The Grand Draw has raised £543.50 for the Poppy Appeal. It was proposed and agreed that Mr William Hawkins of Bekesbourne become a member of the Branch.

The Branch Committee were elected for the coming year as follows:- Ray Tupper, Ron Bates, Sam Cork, Barbara Hunt, Fred Bennett, Hugh Wheeler, John James. The Service Committee were elected as follows:- Revd Allan, John Hewett, Dr Sykes, Jean Hammond, Pat Deverson, Fred Bennett, Doug Cartwright The next Branch meetings are on Tuesdays, 10th December 2002 and 14th January 2003.

Helping Asylum Seekers - The Dover Visitors Group

There is an increasing need for volunteers in the vicinity of Dover to visit detainees in the Dover Immigration Removal Centre.

Visitors are given appropriate training and are then able to visit detainees during afternoons, in order to give them a link with the outside world. If you are interested in finding out more please phone 01227 840161 or 01227 831744 and leave your name and number.

Canterbury Refugee Support Group

This is a new group which aims to befriend and help asylum seekers in the Canterbury area. The group needs more volunteers who could spare a few hours each week. Please phone 01227 831744, or email cantrsg@hotmail.com for more information and leave your name and number.

NOTES FROM THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

STREET LIGHTING - BIFRONS PATH: Cllr Anderson reported that matters were progressing and that he would be attending a meeting on the 19 November to discuss the possibility of positioning the light on land in the garden of The White Horse as the two locations along the footpath previously thought suitable are privately owned.

SANDBAG STORE AND FLOOD WARDENS: The two keyholders for the sandbag store are Cllr Mervyn Gulvin at 92 High Street and Chris MacLean of The Plough & Harrow and the Flood Wardens are Cllr Mervyn Gulvin, Cllr Bill Oakey and Chris MacLean. Cllr Gulvin reported that a meeting is to be held to allocate each warden with the properties they are to be responsible for notifying in the event of a flood warning.

CHRISTMAS TREES: Cllr Walder reported that requests for Christmas Trees had been very successful and had exceeded those of last year. In all 34 trees are to be erected and this will be carried out on Saturday 7 December. Cllr Walder advised that he had 2 or 3 volunteers already but anyone else willing to offer their services should contact him.

CHURCH CLOCK: The clerk reported that John Smith & Sons have been out to measure up for a new part for the clock and arrangements had been made for the part to be fitted next week.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK: Cllr Anderson welcomed the newly appointed clerk, Ms Tina Burchell of Bekesbourne, to the meeting. Ms Burchell is to take up her appointment with immediate effect, acting as assistant to the present clerk until 31 December 2002 and assuming the appointment of clerk from 1 January 2003.

esbourne	Readings
1.00 am Service P Kusel	OT: Isaiah 64. 1-9 NT: 1 Cor 1. 3-9 G: Mark 13. 24-37
1.00 am Communion P Filmer	OT: Isaiah 40. 1-11 NT: 2 Peter 3. 8-15a G: Mark 1. 1-8
1.00 am Communion P Filmer	OT: Isaiah 61. 1-4,8-11 NT: 1 Thes 5. 16-24 G: Jn 1. 6-8,19-28
10.00am Benefice ity Service P Kusel	OT: 2 Sam 7. 1-11,16 NT: Rom 16. 25-27 G: Luke 1. 26-38

STREET LIGHT REPAIR AND STREET LIGHTING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Planning applications received and are under consideration for the month of...

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Lay Reader: Mrs. Margaret Clarke. (Tel 765598)

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Churchwardens Dr. AM Nicholson, Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne (830947)

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.

PCC Secretary Mrs A Williamson, Beechmount, Conyngham Lane, Bridge (830399)

PCC Treasurer Mr L Andrews, 120 New Dover Road, Canterbury

Gift Aid Officer Mrs J Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

Choirmaster & Organist

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

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens Mrs J Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne

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

PCC Secretary Mrs J Millyard, 10 De Havillands, Bekesbourne (830256)

PCC Treasurer Mrs Zan Clifford, Oakleigh Lodge, Bekesbourne (830328)

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

Captain of the Ringers Mrs Gill Moon, The Haven, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne (832134)

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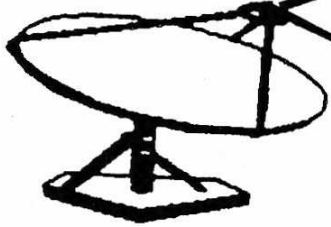


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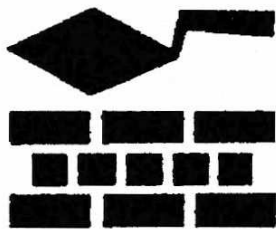
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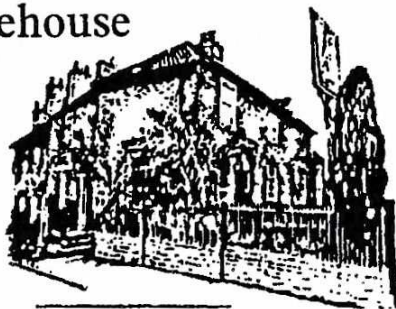
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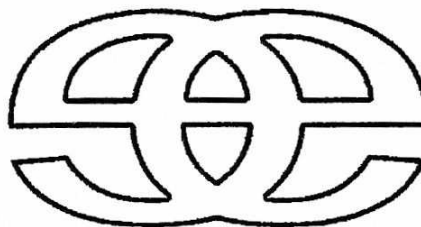
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