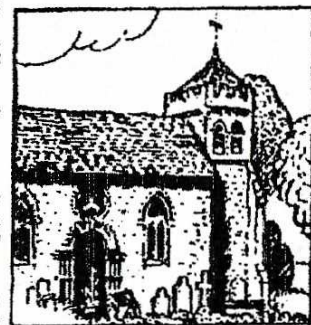


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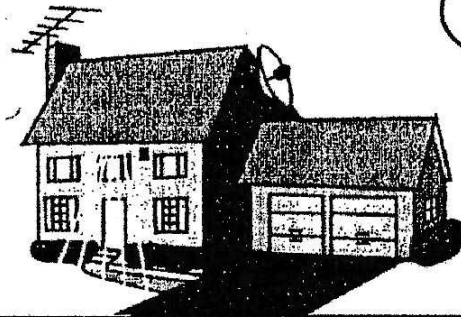
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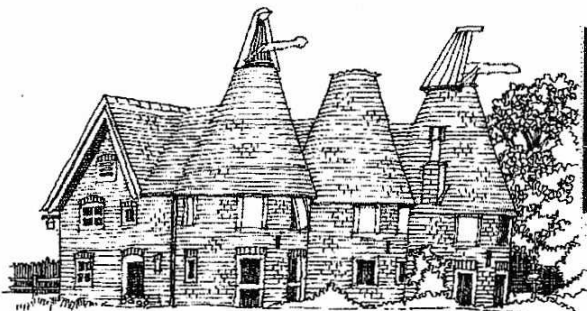
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Sun 4th January 2004 Epiphany		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service & Baptism Mrs P Kusel Rev Bretherton	OT: Jer 31. 7-14 NT: Eph 1. 3-14 G: John 1. 10-18
Sun 11th Epiphany 1	9.30 am Holy Communion Can Humphriss	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00am Family Service & Baptism Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mattins Chris McLean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Isa 43. 1-7 NT: Acts 8. 14-17 G: Luke 3.15-17,21-22
Sun 18th Epiphany 2	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley		10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Isa 62. 1-5 NT: 1 Cor 12. 1-11 G: John 2. 1-11
Sun 25th Epiphany 3	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss		8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Neh 8.1-3,5-6, 8-10 NT: 1 Cor 12. 12-31a G: Luke 4. 14-21
Sun 1st February Epiphany 4		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Ezek 43. 27-44.4 NT: 1 Cor 13. 1-13 G: Luke 2. 22-40

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Diary for January 2004

- 5th Caring and Sharing, 8 Green Court, Bridge 7.30pm
6th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
12th Caring and Sharing, 8A Conyngham Lane, Bridge 7.30pm
13th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
14th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10.00-11.15am
19th Caring and Sharing, 25 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown 7.30pm
20th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
21st Fish Scheme Winter Lunch, Bridge Village Hall
26th Caring and Sharing, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 7.30pm
27th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
Horticultural Society AGM, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
31st Jumble Sale, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 10am

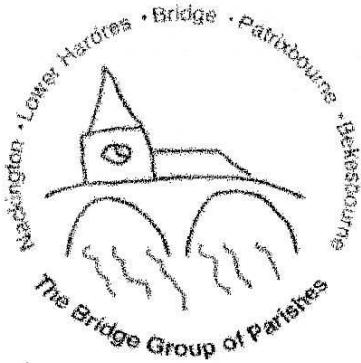
Forthcoming Events

Bekesbourne

5th March Wine & Wisdom, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 7.15pm

Patricxbourne with Bridge

- 7th Feb Bangers, Beetle and Bingo
20th Mar Coffee Morning
24th April Cheese and Pudding Evening
22nd May Treasure Hunt
19th June Bridge Village Fete



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Back to Work

June is a long time ago, and I am finally back at work! Thank you to everyone for the prayers, the phone calls, the visits, and the cards I have received over the past six months. I am also grateful to the team of ministers, both lay and ordained, that have taken on the extra workload of Sunday services and weekly pastoral ministry in my absence. In particular I want to thank Margaret Clarke (Munchkin) for working tirelessly across the benefice, giving the impression of being in three places at the same time, and without whom I would have been ill a lot sooner!

Paul Filmer

Dear Friends,

How time flies! As I write on the 2nd Sunday of Advent it is a week ago that I celebrated my 50th birthday, and this week is the 3rd anniversary of my induction to my living. Such a lot has happened in so short a time (and yet to put things into a different perspective, how much more was achieved in a much shorter time by our Lord in his lifetime!). I don't feel old enough to be 50!

When we look back over 50 years it's easy to see changes in our society, and it would be foolish to think nothing has – or should have – changed in our church. Life expectancy is much longer, with a greater quality of life along the way, opportunities for almost everyone are limited to our own imaginations alone, and our expectations are higher too.

In 1953 we would have expected the vicar to do everything in the parish and in worship, possibly with the help of a sexton or vergier, and his word was 'law'. Now the involvement of lay people in every aspect of church life (and who would want to revert to the past, even if we could?), and the vicar is more of a team leader than autocrat.

But there is still work to do. We still have to make changes and allow opportunities for growth if we want to give God's church the best possible future. We need to continue to listen to God's will for the church, to discover afresh how the church should order its worship and structures, to be open to what is new, whilst learning from and valuing the past. It is a task which will never be done if we are to remain a healthy and lively worshipping community of faith.

Change has come unexpectedly in the Aylesham benefice, as Tom Barnfather has reluctantly decided that he must leave parish ministry for now. We both thank Tom for his valuable and costly ministry, and wish him and Rosie well for the future. Until a new appointment is made, we must both offer support to, and keep in our prayers, the members of those churches and their communities, as we seek God's will for the future of the parishes.

A very happy new year to you all.

David Roper
Eastbridge Area Dean

CARING AND SHARING

(Monday evenings - 7.30pm) unless otherwise stated

Date	Venue	Subject
5.1	8 Green Ct, Bridge	Bring and show Xmas gift
12.1	8a Conyngham Lane, Bridge	Sri Lanka evening
19.1	25 Lanfranc Gdns, Harbledown	Coffee and Chat
26.1	58 Western Ave, Bridge	Everyone does it: Is it alright to be ambitious?
2.2	18 Riverside Cl, Bridge	Coffee and Chat
9.2	8 Riverside Cl, Bridge	The wider world: Is God on the side of the poor?
16.2	The Vicarage, Bridge	Coffee and Chat
1.3	The Vicarage, Bridge	Women & Men: A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle?
8.3	37 High St, Bridge	Coffee and Chat
15.3	The Purlings, Meadow Cl	Politics & Economics: Should the church be involved in politics?
22.3	16 Riverside Cl, Bridge	Coffee and Chat
29.3	32 Riverside Cl, Bridge	Social Fashion: Is seeking happiness what life is all about?

Garden opening Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July 2004

Patricxbourne with Bridge Parish Churches are considering having gardens open within the villages, as something different in our fund raising programme.

If you would like to join us by opening your garden, be it large or small, please contact Andrea Nicholson (830947) or Pat Dunderdale (830668), for further details.

Fish News

A Happy New Year from the Fish Scheme.

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

There will be a special Winter Lunch in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday, January 21st to honour the retirement of our founder Mrs Joan Warren.

W.I.

For the first meeting in the New Year Ann Catoor will speak about 'The Life of the Armish'. This is on Tuesday 20th January at 7.30pm and the competition is an article beginning with F.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

As a consequence of my published appeals in October, I was overjoyed to receive five new offers of help with this year's Poppy Appeal.

It was a splendid response, for which I am so grateful. In Fact, I was actually unable to take advantage of all the offers so can only hope that they might be renewed next year.

At the time of writing I can record a total of £1346.49 collected but would like to think that this will rise significantly when the three Church offerings are received.

May I thank, most sincerely, all those who collected so willingly and all those who gave so generously.

Barry Whiting

Bridge Methodist Church January 2004

January 4th	Rev. George Baugh (Covenant Service)
January 11th	Mr John Ellis
January 18th	Rev. David Marshall
January 25th	Mr Ron Chadwick, MA.,DMS.
February 1st	Rev. George Baugh

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Gill Moon

Our next event will be the JUMBLE SALE on Saturday 31 January 2004 at 10 am in Bekesbourne Village Hall. All contributions will be most welcome, either early on the morning or phone Jane on 832133 or Romany on 831029 to arrange collection. Do come and support us - we always have some super bargains!

STOP PRESS! Our WINE & WISDOM EVENING is on Friday 5 March - book the date!!

Bekesbourne Bells and Organ

A challenging new project for Bekeshourne Church has recently been approved by the Parochial Church Council and will be launched in the New Year. This is the third phase of our on-going restoration of the church to preserve our village heritage and hand it on in a good state to future generations.

The six bells at Bekesbourne are regularly rung for services by an enthusiastic band, but they have had no significant work done on them since they were hung at the end of the 19th century. They are **very** difficult to handle and learners are discouraged when trying their hand at this activity which can be enjoyed by all ages. A complete overhaul is planned, which will put the bells in tune and make them safer and easier to handle.

The organ in the church also dates from the 19th century and is described by David Flood, the Cathedral Organist, as 'really delightful,....making a glorious sound'. It is virtually in its original condition, although, unlike the bells, has been regularly maintained. It has suffered from damp and dust in the church over recent years and now needs a full restoration. We aim to raise at least £40,000 for this work. Watch this space!

Jane Millyard

Bekesbourne Flower and Cleaning rota

3rd January	10am Family Service	Jill Gillanders
10th January	8am Holy Communion	Janet Street
17th January	10am Holy Communion	Jill Gillanders
24th January	No Service	
31st January	10am Family Service	Vicki McPherson/ Cheryl Barker
7th February	8am Holy Communion	Joan Atkins

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The student visit is part of a new project initiated by the Tenryumura Board of Education, Japan.

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The AGM of the Society will be held on Tuesday 27 January at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. After the business part of the meeting, our very own delphinium enthusiast, John Shorrocks, will give a talk on the growing of delphiniums and distribute seeds to get us all started.

Annual subscriptions are also payable at the AGM and, at £2.50 for individual members and £4 for a family, represent good value for money. Remember that those members paying their subscription at the AGM will be entered in the draw for free tickets to the Chelsea Flower Show.

The Society organises 2 shows each year as well as a variety of outings and talks. The published programme of events will be available at the AGM and also, for the first time, show schedules for both the Spring and Summer Shows to enable members to plan their seed buying and planting.

We would also welcome new faces on the Committee. Now that the allotments in Bridge are up and running, it would be a good opportunity for the allotment holders to join us and let us know how we can cater for them too. Please contact me, Kathy Walder on 830057 (evenings) if you would like more details.

We look forward to seeing you all on 27th January.

So, that's it and thanks.

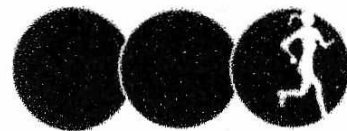
Kathy Walder

Bridge Slimming and Exercise Group for 2004!

Now that the festive season is behind us for another eleven months, some of us now need to get to grips with shedding a few pounds and getting fitter by gentle exercise. There are those of us in the village that pay anything between £3 and £5.50 per week to attend meetings of national slimming organisations. Why don't we keep that money within Bridge and put it towards a local cause such as the purchase of a village minibus?

Now that my duties as the Secretary of CHEK are somewhat reduced as a result of paying off the legal bill for the Judicial Review, (thanks by the way to who made a contribution, at least £5.000 was raised by residents of this village), I am willing to organise such a group that would be held in the village hall on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm. I have run slimming groups in my previous life when I was employed as a Health Visitor in East Kent. I have access to a State Registered Dietician and a Physiotherapist.

If you are interested in this project please give me a ring on 01227 832058 or if engaged (Still waiting for Broadband in Bridge!) 01227 832477 or e mail me at: ppryer@hotmail.com Peggy Pryer



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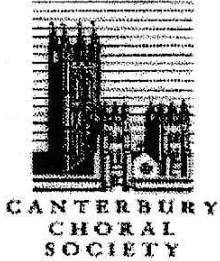
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The Canterbury Group of the Women's Running Network meet every Tuesday in Canterbury (venue to be confirmed) at 6.30 p.m. from **Tuesday 13th January 2004**. The cost is £2.00 per session (first session free).

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the Legion in 1921. The chairman, Doug Fenn endorsed the President's appreciation and was encouraged by our links with Group 4 and Staple Branch.

14 members were present at the November 2003 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. Good wishes were sent to Paddy and Heather Leaves who are both unwell. A proposed new member, Mr Ken Rayner, was welcomed to the meeting.

The Chairman thanked those who attended our Remembrance Parade and Service at Wickhambreaux on 9th November. He also expressed his thanks to The Revd A J Alian our Padre, to the bugler Fred Phillips and to Philip Rigden-Murphy who carried the Branch Standard. Members also attended services at Preston and Stodmarsh churches on that day.

The Beef Pudding Supper which was well supported, was agreed to have been very enjoyable. We are now talking about having a Hotpot Night in the new year at another local venue. Anyone interested, please let us know!

Many thanks to all who helped with our Poppy Appeal, especially those who collected door to door and helped on the stand outside Littlebourne Post Office.

The next Branch monthly meeting is on Tues 13th January 2004, at 8pm. All meetings are at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

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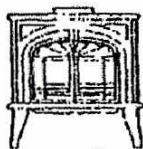
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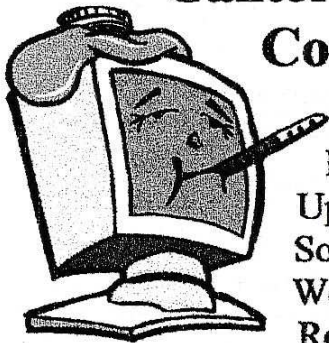
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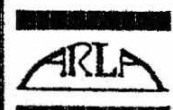
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Sun 1st February Epiphany 4		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service & Baptism Mrs P Kusel Rev P Filmer	OT: Ezek 43. 27-44.4 NT: 1 Cor 13. 1-13 G: Luke 2. 22-40
Sun 8th 3 before Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	11.00am Family Service & Baptism Tony Washington Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mattins Chris McLean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Isa 6. 1-8 NT: 1 Cor 15. 1-11 G: Luke 5. 1-11
Sun 15th 2 before Lent	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Gen 2.4b-9,15-25 NT: Rev 4 G: Luke 8. 22-25
Sun 22nd 1 before Lent	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss		8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Ex 34. 29-35 NT: 2 Cor 3. 12-4.2 G: Luke 9. 28-36
Sun 29th Lent 1			10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	25th Ash Wednesday 6.30pm BCP Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Deut 26. 1-11 NT: Rom 10. 8b-13 G: Luke 4. 1-13
Sun 7th March Lent 2		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 15.1-12,17-18 NT: Phil 3. 17-4.1 G: Luke 13. 31-35

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for February 2004

- 2nd Caring and Sharing, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
3rd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, 8pm
5th Health and Healing, Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge 7pm
7th Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital, AGM and
Coffee, Bridge Village Hall 10.30am
Bangers, Beetle and Bingo, Bridge School 5pm
9th Caring and Sharing, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
10th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
11th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10.0-11.15am
Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
16th Caring and Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
17th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane 8pm
19th Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
24th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm

Forthcoming Events

Bekesbourne

- 5th March Wine & Wisdom, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.15pm
22-25th Sept Son et Limiere

Patricxbourne with Bridge

- 20th March Coffee Morning
24th April Cheese and Pudding Evening
22nd May Treasure Hunt
19th June Bridge Village Fete
3rd/4th July Garden Opening

Bridge Methodist Church

- Feb 8th Rev. Jeff Ward
Feb 15th Rev. Peter Cornish
Feb 22nd Rev. Howard skinner
Feb 29th Rev. Barbara Heather



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Got a Bit of Trouble?

Bridge school's assembly theme this half term is 'Celebrations' and we recently looked at the way various cultures celebrate the new year. We had fun with, among others, some first footing in Scotland, grape eating in Spain, party poppers (Firecrackers) in China and a good dose of laughter in Japan. All of these traditions mark the beginning of a new year in the same way, by getting rid of all that was bad or unhappy about the past year and invoking a good or happy year ahead. We do much the same thing in England with our tradition of making new year resolutions.

As the new year starts we turn over a new leaf, or make a fresh start, or promise to do things differently, in order to make the new year better than the last. But I wonder, when you think of your resolutions this year, just who will benefit from you making or breaking them? I suspect that most of us make promises to change things for our own good, and if others benefit as well, that's a useful side effect, but not of much importance. This focus on ourselves can be positive if we are honest and critical and seriously want to change, but most resolutions don't last very long.

Perhaps we should not be so ambitious. Bad habits or attitudes take a long time to form and can take an even longer time to change. The Christian journey of being more 'godly' is one that takes a lifetime (and even then we are still far from perfect). If we set our sights at a more realistic level, we may have more chance of success. Instead of expecting things to change overnight because of a new year, we could take a leaf from the book of someone not always noted for his wisdom. Frank Spencer (husband of the long suffering Betty) was always trying to improve - one day at a time. My new year's resolution this year is "every day, in every way, I'm getting better and better".

May God's blessing upon you and those you love, one day at a time.

Paul

Health and Healing

After the Christmas break, the Health and Healing Prayer Group will meet again on Thursday 5th February at 7pm at Netherbury, Meadow Close, the home of John and Muriel Packer. The group is very special to so many people. This I can vouch for myself during my long stay in hospital. Thank you everyone for your loving support and prayers and get well wishes. I received 65 cards! So no-one need feel alone in their illness or troubles. Just ring Muriel or me, with your requests, or better still join us and find out for yourself, the loving and caring and spiritual support to be found there.

Kath Pierce (830844) or 830364

Fish News

The February Coffee Pop-in will be on Wednesday 11th from 10am to 11.15am in Bridge Village Hall. Please contact Ann Medhurst on 830762 if you would like a lift.

W.I.

The meeting on Tuesday 17th February will take the form of a talk and presentation by Mrs Helen Carter entitled "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner". Samples of Mrs Carter's cooking will be available for tasting and a contribution of £1 is asked for from members towards the cost of the ingredients.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

To brighten up the month of February, Una Smith, one of our members, has put together a presentation of slides of Italian and English gardens. So, escape from the cold winter evening and come along to Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 19th February at 7.30pm.

Christmas Services 2003, St. Peter's, Bridge

The Area Dean opened his letter in the January magazine with the words:- 'How time flies!' Doesn't it just! By the time you read this, Christmas 2003 will almost be a memory, but we must not let it pass without expressing our thanks to everyone who made it a memorable time at St. Peter's.

To the officiating Ministers, to the Organist/Choir Master (Martin Miles) for his services in raising such an excellent choir for the carol service and also for playing at the Eucharist, celebrated by Bishop Stephen on the morning of Sunday 21st December. To the readers at the Carol Service and to Laurence, Pat and David for all their preparations in lighting up all the candles at all the services and indeed ensuring they were all extinguished when the services were ended. For ensuring that the Church was warm and for providing a mince pie and glass of wine - one could go on and on. Thank you to the ladies who had decorated the Church so beautifully and thank you to the school for the tree. It was good to have Christine and Andrea acting as Acolytes and to have some of the retired clergy with us and it was so nice to see Paul amongst us.

Thank you to everyone who was in anyway involved in the Christingle Service - the attendance at this service grows - year on year.

All the services were well attended and added to the joy of giving thanks at this time as we celebrated the birth of God's gift to us - His son and Our Saviour.

David Hover

And a vote of thanks to David Hover for masterminding the Carol Service again this year.

L.H.D.

The Children's Society Fund Raising in Bridge

<u>In 2003</u>	Home/shop boxes raised	565.95
	Dec 24th Christingle Service Collection	372.00
	Total	£937.95

Looking Back: Christingle Service at St. Peter's Bridge

The Church was full and the congregation, with the help of the children's smartie tube savings, enables the sum of £372 to be raised for which the Children's Society is very grateful.

Special thanks are due to Pat Dunderdale and Margaret Clarke for coming to the rescue, taking the service when unfortunately the Rev. John Thackeray had to be elsewhere **and to Mr Tilly** for once again giving all the oranges (180 Christingles were distributed). David Leach and his Choir for the music before as well as during the service and all helpers, especially the children.

An enthusiastic welcome back, after his long illness, was given to Paul Filmer, our Vicar, who gave the blessing and led the school children in their Christmas and New Year Greetings to end a joyful service.



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Looking forward in 2004:- The home/shop boxes will be emptied in early March. Kathy Eynon will contact box holders in order to collect at their convenience. Should boxes be full already, please contact Kathy on Tel. 830466, or at 19 Bridgedown, Bridge. Please continue your support for the

work of the Children's Society.

Thank you.

Kathy Eynon
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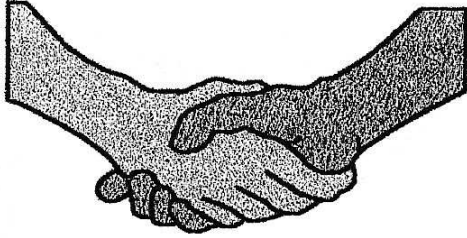
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EAST MEETS WEST 2004

The year 2004 brings an opportunity for residents of Bridge to extend friendly relations with the village of Tenryu, Japan, where William Rose was confined during WWII. Tenryu was the location of the Prisoner of War camp where Bill (as he is known locally) kept notes documenting his period of captivity constructing the Hiraoka Dam. Now, in happier times, a junior high school occupies the former labour camp site, and the region of Nagano hosted the 1998 winter Olympics. Bill's diary has been incorporated into The Imperial War Museum collection, London, and in August 2002 his book ' *You Shook My Hand* ' was launched at Bridge Village School. Bill's journey of reconciliation has been an inspiration to many.

The elders of Tenryu have built a memorial celebrating Bill's book and his visit, and they wish to promote goodwill and lay the foundations for future exchanges between our two villages. As part of this initiative, 16 students from Tenryu school will visit Bridge from 20-28 March 2004. The students are studying Bill's book, ' *You Shook My Hand* ' as part of their social studies curriculum, and wish to extend their understanding of the English language and our way of life.

The itinerary currently being planned for the Japanese visitors includes a demonstration of origami (the Japanese traditional art of folding paper into intricate designs) at Bridge Village School, a meeting with the Mayor of Canterbury, and a visit to the Simon Langton School for Boys. If you would like to host a Japanese student (£110 per week) please contact:

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Son et Lumière

A date for your diaries. Bekesbourne is planning an exciting project which will run in the church on four evenings in late summer: Wednesday 22 - Saturday 25 September. This new Son et Lumière will trace the history of the village, with a cast of many local people. The production will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Friends of Bekesbourne Church, many of whom are currently involved in all aspects of its planning. Not to be missed!

Jane Millyard

FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

WINE & WISDOM EVENING - Friday 5 March 2004 at 7.15 pm

We are all looking forward to our next WINE & WISDOM EVENING, when last year's winning table will be all set to challenge us with their own brand of questions. Tickets are £3 and as usual BYO Food, Drink, Plates, Cutlery and Glasses. Please phone Gill on 832134, Romany on 831029 or Jane on 832133 to book your table and tickets. Do come and join us for a fun evening.

Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital

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Our thanks also go to the Scout members who delivered the mail and of course to everyone who used the service. We raised £85.00, which will enable us to replace old and damaged equipment. The Nailbourne Scout Group wishes you all a very Happy New Year.

Rajini Dasan

Crib Service - Lower Hardres

At the Crib Service (December 21st) we had a lovely service with much 'children participation'.

I would like to thank the parents and children for all the wonderful gifts. You were extremely generous and they were much appreciated at the Children's Refuge.

M.A.C.

EAST MEETS WEST 2004

We are looking for homes in Bridge to host Japanese students visiting the village from 20-28 March 2004. Students, preferably in pairs, require bed, breakfast & evening meal. Payment for accommodating 2 students for the week is £220. For further details please contact:

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17 members were present at the December 2003 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair.

Poppy Organiser, Geoff Welch said the Poppy Appeal Collection had realised £2,709.14 in total and thanked in particular Jim Mount, our oldest Branch member, who collected £143.56. The Chairman thanked Geoff for his hard work in organising the Poppy Appeal collection.

We are hoping to hold a Quiz and Hot Pot Night at the Hay Wain on Monday, 19th April (date to be confirmed). Anyone interested, please let us know!

Now that the fuss has died down, can I once again say that we are always pleased to receive new members. Contact numbers are on the Notice Board outside the War Memorial Hall door in Littlebourne, but the Branch Secretary can be contacted on 01227 472023. We meet every, second Tuesday of the month at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. The next Branch monthly meeting is on Tues 10th February 2004, at 8pm. You will be made most welcome.

Also any ex service person or their dependant who feels they may need help or advice is very, welcome to contact the Branch.

MY TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me.. "I'm glad we bought fresh turkey and a proper Christmas Tree".

On the second day of Christmas, much laughter could be heard as we tucked into our turkey, a most delicious bird.

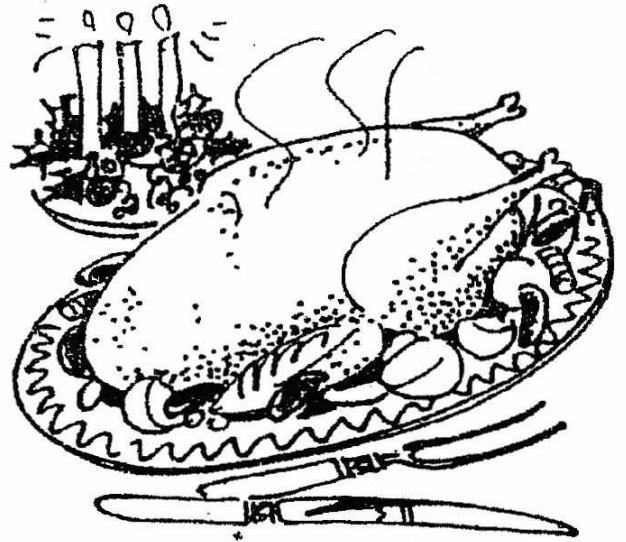
On the third day we entertained the people from next door. The turkey tasted just as good as it had the day before.

Day four, relations came to stay; poor Gran is looking old. We finished up the Christmas pud and ate the turkey cold.

On the fifth day of Christmas, outside the snow flakes flurried. But we were nice and warm inside, for we had our turkey curried.

On the sixth day, I must admit, the Christmas spirit died. The children fought and bickered, we ate turkey rissoles, fried.

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love he did wince, when he sat down at the table and was offered turkey mince.



Day eight, and nerves were getting frayed, the dog had run for shelter. I served up turkey pancakes, with a glass of Alka Seltzer.

On the ninth day our cat left home, by lunchtime Dad was blotto. He said he had to have a drink to face turkey risotto.

By the tenth day the booze had gone (except our home made brew). And if that wasn't bad enough we suffered turkey stew.

On the eleventh day of Christmas, the Christmas tree was moulting. The mince pies were as hard as rock and the turkey was revolting.

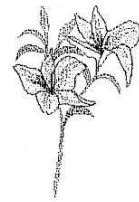
On the twelfth day, my true love had a smile upon his lips - The guests had gone, the turkey too - and we dined on fish and chips.

[Anon]

**Garden opening Saturday 3rd and Sunday
4th July 2004**



Patricbourne with Bridge Parish Churches are considering having gardens open within the villages, as something different in our fund raising programme.



If you would like to join us by opening your garden, be it large or small, please contact Andrea Nicholson (830947) or Pat Dunderdale (830668), for further details.

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Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the village hall on Thursday 11th December 2003

Street light Conyngham Lane

Bridge Parish Council has received £1395 from Canterbury City Council to install an additional street light along Conyngham Lane.

Resignation of City Councillor Oakey

Bill Oakey has resigned from his post as City Councillor of the North Nailbourne Ward.

Annual Parish meeting

The Annual Parish meeting is to be held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 25th March 2004

Bifron's Street Light

Canterbury City Council's Legal Department has received a draft easement, from the solicitors acting for Enterprise Inns, to place a street light in the garden of the White Horse.

Street light Western Avenue

The Parish Council is awaiting a quote from Seeboard Contracting Services for a replacement street light outside 38 Western Avenue

Election of Chairman

Cllr Hill accepted the post of the new chairman to Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee.

Planning applications received: the planning committee agreed that they had no objections to the planning applications listed below:
CA/03/01619/BRI- 20 Windmill Close- garage extension to provide side extension to side of dwelling

CA/03/01616/BRI- Church Cottage 104 High Street- single storey rear extension to dwelling

CAL/03/00137/BRI- Church Cottage 104 High Street- single storey rear extension to dwelling (listed building consent)

CA/03/01649/BRI-1 Renville New Cottages- two storey side extension to dwelling.

CA/03/01649/BRI- 1 Renville New Cottages- two storey side and rear extension to dwelling (revised scheme)

Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will meet next at 7pm on 8th January 2003 in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the village hall on Thursday 8th January 2004

Parking

C.A. Metcalfe and Bob Pollard, representatives from the Parking Services Department at Canterbury City Council have agreed to attend the next parish council meeting on 12th February 2004 between 7.30 and 8.00pm to discuss parking issues in Bridge.

Broadband in Bridge

Cllr Esdale reported that i) BT has set a target for broadband in Bridge by Easter and that ii) Shepherd Neame have installed a broadband system in the Plough and Harrow as a test site. The tests should start in mid-January and last until the end of March.

Christmas Trees

The Parish Council would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped erect and take down the Christmas trees along Bridge High Street.

Bridge Parish Council will meet next at 7.30pm on 12th February 2004. Members of the public are invited to address the Council between 8.00pm and 8.15pm.

Planning applications received: the planning committee agreed that they had no objections to the planning applications listed below:

CAL/03/00147/BRI- Lynton House High Street-installation of satellite dish

CA/03/01792/BRI- 88 High Street Bridge- change of use of part of ground floor flat to estate agents office

The planning committee objected to the following planning applications:

CA/03/01679/BRI- 80 High Street- demolition of existing shop and erection of dwelling

CAC/03/00024/BRI-80 High Street- demolition of existing shop

Old Hairdressers, 45, High Street

Liz Kerr of Development Services has agreed to investigate the possible breach of planning control at the Old Hairdressers 45 High Street Bridge.

Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will meet next at 7.15pm on 12th February 2004 in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

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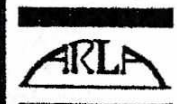
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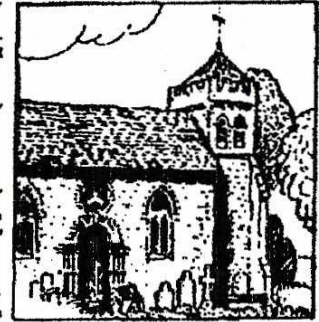


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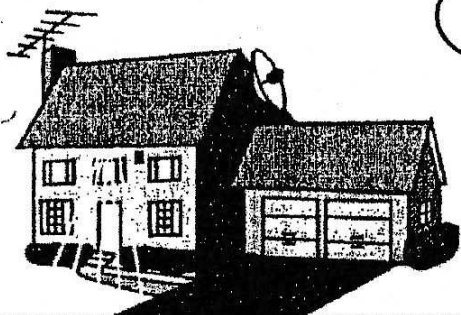
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Sun 7th March Lent 2		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 15.1-12,17-18 NT: Phil 3. 17-4.1 G: Luke 13. 31-35
Sun 14th Lent 3	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00am Family Service Martin Leggatt	10.00 am Mattins Chris McLean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Is 55. 1-9 NT: 1 Cor 10. 1-13 G: Luke 13. 1-9
Sun 21st Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mothering Day Service Rev J Shorrocks	OT: Josh 5. 9-12 NT: 2 Cor 5. 16-21 G: Lu 15. 1-3,11b-32
Sun 28th Lent 5	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss		8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer Chris McLean	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Is 43. 16-21 NT: Phil 3. 4b-14 G: John 12. 1-8
Sun 4th April Palm Sunday		11.00 am Holy Communion Mrs M Clarke	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service and Baptism Mrs P Kusel Rev P Filmer	OT: Is 50. 4-9a NT: Phil 2. 5-11 G: Lu 22. 14-23, 56

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Diary for March 2004

- 1st Caring and Sharing, Bridge Vicarage 7.30pm
2nd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane 8pm
4th Health and Healing, Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge 7pm
5th Women's World Day of Prayer, Bridge Methodist Church 11am
Friends of Bekesbourne Church Wine & Wisdom, Bekesbourne
Village Hall 7.15pm
8th Caring and Sharing, 37 High Street, Bridge 7.30pm
9th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
Bridge History Society, Bridge School 7.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
10th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10.0-11.15am
15th Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge 7.30pm
16th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane 8pm
17th Highfield House Coffee Morning, Bekesbourne Lane 10.30am
20th Spring Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall 10.0-12 noon
22nd East Meets West Reception, Bridge School 5pm
Caring and Sharing, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
23rd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
24th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
30th Nailbourne Horticultural Society Spring Show, Bridge Village
Hall 7.00pm

Forthcoming Events - Patrixbourne with Bridge

- 22nd April Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Bridge School 7.30pm
24th April Cheese and Pudding Evening
22nd May Treasure Hunt
19th June Bridge Village Fete
3rd/4th July Garden Opening

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

- 3rd April Churchyard Working Party 10am
21st April Annual Parochial Church Meeting
10th July Annual Boot Fair
22nd-25th Sept Son-et-Luniere
27th Nov Christmas Bazaar

Benefice

- 11th May Archdeacon's Visitation, Cathedral 7.30pm
15th June Visit by Bishop Graham - all day with joint PCC's in evening



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A Call For Help

Imagine a taxi firm starting out with a new fleet of cars. The office is staffed, the drivers are hired and the cars are serviced and taxed. But there is one problem - they have no money to buy petrol! What's the point of maintaining roadworthy cars, complete with drivers, if the taxis can't do their job of carrying passengers?

Well, that's the problem our local churches (and most other churches as well) are up against. We cannot make ends meet from month to month. Voluntary giving allows us to maintain our church buildings, unless the roof falls in and we have to fund raise. Most of our income is paid directly to the Diocese who use it to provide a full time vicar, complete with vicarage, and a whole raft of support services that would cost a lot more if each church tried to go it alone. Our trouble is that we don't have any income left to do anything after paying all the bills. In fact, each of our parishes is as much as £500 a month short of what is needed for us to provide the level of pastoral care that we think you deserve.

Sooooo. The only thing we can do is ask our parishioners and friends to dig a bit deeper to help us out. The good news is that the tax man will help us, giving back 28p for every £1 you give, as long as you pay tax. The problem is not impossible to solve. For example, we would balance the books if every magazine subscriber simply gave an extra £1 each month. Or perhaps you could give the equivalent price of a pint of best a week, or 20 cigarettes, or a gallon of unleaded, or the Sunday papers, or even a lottery ticket.

If you value the active presence of a church in your community, maybe through your experience of a wedding, baptism or funeral, a hospital or home visit, or by our work in Bridge Primary School, please give this appeal some thought. Anything extra you can give will help us to help you.

May God's blessing be upon you and those you love.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

01/02	Bekesbourne	Joshua Ethan Cutting
08/02	Bridge	Ellie Diane Knox

Funeral

27/01	Barham (Bekesbourne)	Pamela Farbrace
28/01	Patricxbourne	Felix H. Corteen-Coleman
29/01	Barham (Bridge)	Nanette Foster
12/02	Barham (Bridge)	Emily A. Fryer

- **East Meets West** Bridge church are pleased to invite all our parishioners to a reception as part of the programme of activities for the Japanese school children visiting Bridge during March (see February magazine for more information). During this two hour event, to be held at **Bridge School from 5pm to 7pm on Monday 22nd March**, we will play a cross cultural game of Bingo, have a cup of tea and a slice of cake, and watch a presentation by the children about their home village and the reason for their visit to England. All ages welcome - please tell us if you need transport there and home again. In any case, contact either Paul Filmer (830250), or Pat Dunderdale (830668) so we have an idea of numbers for catering. There is no set cost for this event, but any donations towards the refreshments would be appreciated.
- **Samaritans** To mark their 50th anniversary, the Canterbury & District branch of the Samaritans is looking to recruit new volunteers. If you have a few hours to spare; want to make a difference to others and yourself; and can listen to others without judging them, then call to find out more on 01227 457777. You do not need any formal qualifications as training and support will be provided on the job.
- **Children's Celebration Morning** East Bridge Deanery will launch a new annual activity for local primary school children in May. There will be workshops on Song, Dance, Music, Theatre and Storytelling, with the event finishing with a celebration lunch. Provisionally the event will run from **9.30 am to 1.30 pm on Saturday 15th May at Bridge School**. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis for the limited places available. More details will be available next month, including how and when to register your child. Watch this space, and book early to avoid disappointment.

Health and Healing

The prayer group will meet on Thursday March 4th at 7pm at Netherbury, Meadow Close, by kind invitation of John and Muriel Packer. The prayer group has been, and still is, a vital part of God's ministry and so many people have been grateful for our prayers and support in times of need. so please let us have your requests. ring Muriel on 830364 or myself on 830844. Better still, why not come in person, you know you will be very welcome.

Kath Pierce

Fish News

The Annual Cornelia Slavin Blommon Tour will be on Wednesday May 5th and the Bring and Buy Coffee Morning is on Saturday May 22nd. When sowing seeds and taking cuttings please remember to raise some for the plant stall which is always a great success.

The next Coffee Pop-in is on Wednesday March 10th in Bridge Village Hall. Knitting wool is running out fast. If you have any tucked away please bring it to the Coffee Pop-in or telephone Rosy Green on 830204.

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There have been changes to the published programme of meetings for the Institute due, as they say, to 'circumstances beyond our control'.

The presentation on Tuesday 17 February was replaced by Mrs Ley Liberson, previously scheduled for March, talking about her experiences when their boat capsized in the Atlantic and they had to take to the life raft before they were rescued.

The March meeting on 16th in Bridge Village Hall will now be a talk by Mrs Margaret Beckworth entitled "Our Unmentionable Past" and the competition is for an article beginning with the letter "I".

Bridge Methodist Church - March

March 7th	Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc. DMS. C.Eng
March 14th	Rev. David Marshall
March 21st	Mr John Ellis
March 28th	Rev. Barbara Heather
April 4th	Rev. Jeffrey Ward (Palm Sunday)

Christmas at Bekesbourne

A belated report on the Christmas activities at St Peters and grateful thanks to all who supported the Church services and events.

The Christmas Market in the Village Hall was popular as usual and raised a record total of £625 for church funds. At the Family Service at the beginning of December, Pat Kusel received a large quantity of goods, toys and clothing donated by the congregation to be given to British Humanitarian Aid for their work amongst children in the Ukraine. Then in the week before Christmas at the ever-popular carol singing at the Unicorn, it was standing room only and a contribution of £137 was made to church funds.

St Peters was beautifully decorated for Christmas, including a mammoth Christmas tree from Essentially Hops, and the bells rang out on Christmas Eve and again on Christmas morning. A large congregation came to the Midnight Communion led by John Shorrocks and the church was full to capacity at the Carol Service on Christmas Day. Jonathan Cowans ably led this service and we were pleased to welcome Paul back with us to give the blessing. Many thanks to Rosalie Stacey for the part she played on the organ at all the services. Half of the total of the two Christmas collections was donated to the Childrens' Society, to whom we were able to send a cheque for £175. JM

Pam Farbrace

A Communion Service was held on Sunday 15th January at Bekesbourne to remember the life of Pam Farbrace. Held on the day of her birthday the congregation were reminded of her contribution to the village over the last 30 years. Her support for local activities, and her contribution to village life continued even after a debilitating brain tumour and a long recovery. She will be remembered as instigator of the first flower festival held at Bekesbourne and, together with her family their support for all the local village activities.

Bekesbourne Flower and Cleaning Rota (March cleaning only)

7th March	10am Holy Communion - Zan Clifford
14th March	8am Holy Communion
21st March	Mothering Sunday Service posies please - Janet Street
28th March	No Service
4th April	10am Family service - Wendy Woods
11th April	Easter Day - all help on Saturday 10th 10.30am donations welcomed to Christine Ash

City Councillor's Surgery

Councillor John Anderson will be holding one of his regular 'Surgeries' in Bekesbourne Village Hall on Saturday 20th March from 10am-12 noon.

Son et Lumière

A date for your diaries. Bekesbourne is planning an exciting project which will run in the church on four evenings in late summer: Wednesday 22 - Saturday 25 September. This new Son et Lumière will trace the history of the village, with a cast of many local people. The production will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the formation of the Friends of Bekesbourne Church, many of whom are currently involved in all aspects of its planning. Not to be missed!

Jane Millyard

FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

WINE & WISDOM EVENING - Friday 5 March 2004 at 7.15 pm

Last chance to book a table or a place at our WINE & WISDOM EVENING, when last year's winning table will be all set to challenge us with their own brand of questions - see advert for details.

In spite of the terrible weather, we had a very successful JUMBLE SALE on 31 January, which raised £437. Many thanks to NIPPERS for sponsoring our advertising, David for printing posters, all the helpers on the day and especially those who came to support us and bought lots!

FUTURE DATE: Churchyard Working Party on Saturday, 3 April at 10 am. Please make a note and come along to help us do a 'spring clean' of the Churchyard - and do bring a strimmer if you have one! All helpers very welcome.

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Alternatively you could make a one off donation.

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NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next event on this year's calendar is the Society's Annual Spring Show on Tuesday 30 March in Bridge Village Hall. The hall will be open from 6 pm for members to stage their exhibits prior to judging, with the presentation of prizes at 7.30 pm. Refreshments will be available during the course of the evening and there will also be a raffle. It is hoped to run a plant bring and buy stall for which contributions will be very welcome.

We shall be taking names at the Show of those who want to take part in the "Chairman's Challenge" at the Summer Show. For this, Roger Austin, our Chairman, has kindly agreed to produce and distribute small seedlings, possibly Geraniums, at an appropriate stage for members to grow on themselves and subsequently enter at the Summer Show. If you are interested and will not be at the Spring Show, then please give your name to one of the Committee members.

A reminder that you need to be a member to exhibit at the shows, but you can actually join on the day. Membership remains for this year at £2.50 for a single person and £4 for a family.

Finally, show schedules for both shows are available now from Committee members.

Bridge History Society

Our Members Evening, held at the Red Lion, was a great success. Alan Walton told us about the chequered history of the Elham Valley Railway, built at a staggering cost of £27,000 a mile, and beset with problems from the start. Roger Mardon gave us the story of the local fire service - the funding, the fire fighting, the engines and the volunteers. Both talks were full of interest, with tales of the personalities involved and the challenges they experienced. Both were well illustrated with fascinating slides. For our next meeting we will meet once again the School Hall, Bridge at 7.30 on Tuesday 9 March. The speaker will be Professor Ted Parker who will be talking about developments in clocks and timepieces, items which have influenced the way people live. This talk will be followed, on 17 April, by a visit to Belmont House with its wonderful collection of clocks, watches and paintings.

Canterbury Choral Society

Canterbury Choral Society will perform Handel's Israel in Egypt at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 27th March 2004 at 7.30pm.

Tickets for this concert can be purchased from the Canterbury Information Centre on 01227 378188 - or by e-mail on

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EAST MEETS WEST



East meets West extends warmest thanks to the residents of Bridge offering to share their homes with the Japanese school children arriving in the village on 20 March. Those taking part now form a host family network, with many members personally known to each other, and in contact by telephone and e-mail. Several of Bill Rose's friends have generously contributed to the programme of events and activities, providing additional interest and entertainment for the guests.

The visitors are from the village of Tenryu, similar in size to Bridge, a few hours by train north west of Tokyo. The village straddles the banks of the Tenryu river in the central mountain range of Honshu Island. Despite their relative proximity to Tokyo, the Japanese teenagers have little exposure to the sophisticated urban life of the capital, and almost no personal experience of western culture. Compared to some of their western contemporaries, the Japanese are considered hard working, highly disciplined and extremely courteous.

The Tenryu school children are currently engaged in a project to make 1000 origami cranes, symbol of peace and goodwill, to lay at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial in August this year. Some of the cranes will be brought to the special Evensong on Sunday 21 March at Canterbury Cathedral, and placed at the High Altar during the service. During their stay our guests will be demonstrating and teaching the art of origami to children at Bridge School and Kent College. Pupils at both schools will be encouraged to make and sign origami cranes for inclusion in the collection destined for Hiroshima.

The pilgrimage to Bridge provides an opportunity for the visitors to meet Mr William Rose, author of *You Shook My Hand*. Bill forged profound friendship and made many acquaintances during his visit to Tenryu in 1999. His journey, described in the final chapter of the book, provides a moving account of reconciliation. Following on from the success of his first publication, based on extracts from his diaries written as a POW in Mitsushima, (now renamed Tenryu) Bill is awaiting a publisher for the second edition. The later version, titled *From Bluebell Hill to Kanose and Return*, gives a fuller account of his experience.

Bill and I invite you to join us, together with the Japanese visitors, in a special Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral, Sunday 21 March, 15.15hrs.

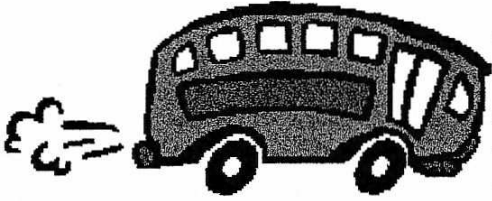
Thank you again for your kindness and messages of goodwill.

Valerie de Furrentes

East meets West

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PROPOSED PARISH OUTING



Being a child of the 40s when our pleasures were few and far between, one of the highlights of our year was the annual Sunday School outing. My first trip to the seaside soon after the war ended was with the Sunday School when we went to Hastings from Loose near Maidstone.

I got thinking and chatted this over with one or two others. "No such thing as Sunday school outings these days, but what about a parish outing?" I suggested. "What a good idea!" was the response. So now I have made tentative enquiries about going on a river trip from Westminster Pier London to the Thames Flood Barrier. This is a three-hour round trip on a boat with catering and toilet facilities. I have been on the trip three times and can guarantee I have learnt something new about our capital city every time. For example, I have seen the creek where scenes from the film Oliver were made and the statue made of wire that features the figure of a man at the Dome. If you are lucky you will pass right by Tower Bridge as it is being raised. I did just that last year both down to the Flood Barrier and on return to Westminster.

The timetable for the trip would be to leave Bridge at 9.45am, join the boat at 12noon and return to Westminster Pier at 3 pm. There could then be a choice of venues to visit by crossing over Westminster Bridge. There is the London Eye for a flight, the Florence Nightingale Museum at St Thomas's hospital and the London Aquarium. We would leave London at 6.30pm .

Costs:

Combined Coach & River Trip

Adults £19.50 Children £12.75

London Eye

Adults £11.50 Children 5.16 £5.75 under 5s free

Florence Nightingale Museum (last admission 15.30pm)

Adult £5.80 Child £4.20 OAP/Student £4.20 Family (2 adults 2 children) £13.00

London Aquarium

Adults £8.75, Children 3-14 £5.25 Students 15 and over (proof required) £6.50

OAPs £6.50. For a group of 10 and over £1.00 is deducted from these prices.

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EAST MEETS WEST 2004

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LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

21 members were present at the January 2004 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. Those present were asked to remember in the Silence Mrs Callard and Mrs Gibbs. A new member, Ken Rayner was welcomed to the meeting.

The Treasurer reported that all the Branch subscriptions are paid up and Fred Bennett asked for a vote of thanks to be recorded to the Treasurer, John Hewett, for having collected them so efficiently.

Geoff Welch reported on his attendance at the recent Group 4 meeting.

12 members were present at the February 2004 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. Good wishes went to Paddy Leaves who is having health problems. We wish him well.

There is a Branch Hot Pot Supper and Quiz at the Hay Wain, Bramling on Monday, 19th April, £4.50 per head plus £1 to enter the Quiz. Contact 01227 721237.

Now that we have reached the quiet time of our Branch year, can I use some space to once again extend an invitation to ex-service people who may be interested in the work of the Legion, to come along to a meeting. They can see what goes on at our meetings and perhaps consider joining the Branch. We are a friendly bunch and our meetings are quite informal. We meet at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne every second Tuesday of the month. We also have a notice board outside the main door of the War Memorial Hall.

The next two Branch monthly meetings are on Tues, 9th March and 13th April both at 8pm.

Folk in the Barn presents -

Friday 26th March 2004, at The Canterbury Cathedral International Study Centre (not in the Barn!!) - 'Show of Hands' in their 'Country Life - Up Close' Tour. Tickets £12 or £10 cons. Doors open 7.30 pm. Box office 01227 831493 (tickets not available direct from the Cathedral or Study Centre)

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March 2004 sees the start of a 30 date UK tour of small theatres, arts centres and intimate venues. Performing close-up, Steve and Phil interact with the audience on what feels like a one-to-one basis. With a fascinating mix of anecdotes, 'tricks of the trade', alternative arrangements and instrumentation on songs old and new, the show actively involves the audience in the decision making process, in a relaxed and accessible style.

"Classy...compelling...punchy, literate songs played with impeccable professionalism and flair" - The Daily Telegraph"

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the village hall on Thursday 12th February 2004

Parish Contributions Scrutiny Panel is meeting on 23rd March in Bridge Village Hall to discuss future funding to parish councils. It was agreed that Cllrs Esdale and Gulvin would attend this meeting along with the clerk.

Concurrent Functions Funding Grant 2004/5 The Parish Council is still waiting for a decision about the level of concurrent functions funding grant it will receive from Canterbury City Council. It is known that street lighting costs are no longer considered eligible for funding.

Parish Plan Steering Group- The Parish Plan steering group now has a committee of nine people. Cllrs Dobson and Hill have agreed to represent the Parish Council. The steering group will meet next in the Hunter Room on 19th February at 7.30pm.

Notice of Proposed work to trees in a conservation area for which a tree preservation order has been served: 1 High Street, Bridge- repollard hazel tree in rear of garden.

Allotments It was agreed that the Parish Council would apply for grant from the Kentish Stour Project to plant a hedge around the allotments. The sheds are to be erected on 25th February.

Bifrons Street light Kent Highways have confirmed that it is acceptable to leave the Bifron's streetlight in its current position. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Seeboard about wiring up the Bifron's street light in its current position as soon as possible.

Parish Council Meetings - Bridge Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm (with the exception of August) in Bridge Village Hall. Parishioners are invited to speak between 7.30 and 7.45 pm.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee held in the village hall on Thursday 12th February 2004

Planning applications received: the planning committee agreed that they had no objections to the planning applications listed below:

CA/03/01790/BRI- La Dacha, Patricxbourne Road - single storey extension to side of dwelling

CA/04/00073/BRI- 6 Bridgeford Way- pitched roof with living accommodation to replace flat roof to rear of dwelling

CA/04/00127/BRI- 3 Park View, Mill Lane Bridge- single storey extension and conservatory to rear of dwelling

The planning committee objected to the following planning applications:

CA/04/00013/BRI- erection of bungalow on land adjacent to Trees at Bridge Hill

CA/04/00020/BRI- 2 Park View Mill Lane Bridge- two storey extension to front and rear of dwelling

Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee meets in Bridge Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7.15pm (excluding August). All parishioners are invited to attend.

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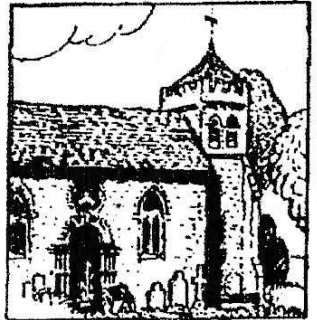
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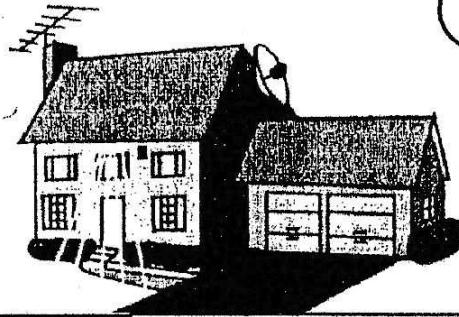
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Services for the month of April 2004

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patritxbourne	Bekebourne	Readings
Sun 4th April Palm Sunday		11.00 am Extended HC Mrs M Clarke	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 50. 4-9a NT: Phil 2. 5-11 G: Lu 22. 14-23, 56
HOLY WEEK		Good Friday 9th 9.15 am Childrens Worship JBW Hall	Thurs 8th April 7.00 pm Tenebrae Bridge School			
				GOOD FRIDAY 9th April		
				WALK OF WITNESS		
			Noon	11.00 am	10.00 am	
Sun 11th Easter Day	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong with Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	11.00am Family Service Rev P Filmer	10.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Is 65. 17-25 NT: Acts 10. 34-43 G: John 20. 1-18
Sun 18th Easter 2	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Ex 14. 10-31 NT: Acts 5. 27-32 G: John 20. 19-31
Sun 25th Easter 3	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss		8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Extended HC Mrs M Clarke		OT: Zeph 3. 14-20 NT: Acts 9. 1-6 G: John 21. 1-19
Sun 2nd May Easter 4		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion and Baptism Rev Helen Connell	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 7. 1-18 NT: Acts 9. 36-43 G: John 10. 22-30

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for April 2004

- 1st Health and Healing, Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge 7pm
2nd Quiz Evening (The New Close), Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7.30pm
3rd Bekesbourne Church and Churchyard Working Parties 10am
5th Bridge Digital Camera Club, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 8pm
6th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
7th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
12th Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage 10am
13th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
15th Joint (Benefice) PCC Meeting, Bridge School 7.30pm
17th Councillor's Surgery, Methodist Church, Bridge 10am-12noon
20th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
21st Bekesbourne Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Bekesbourne
Village Hall 7.30pm
22nd Patribourne with Bridge Annual Parochial Church Meeting,
Bridge School 7.30pm
24th The New Close Jumble Sale, Bridge Village Hall 10am
26th Caring and Sharing (venue to be arranged) 7.30pm
27th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
28th Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm
30th Lower Hardres and Nackington Annual Parochial Church Meeting,
John Baker white Hall, Lower Hardres, 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events - Parixbourne with Bridge

- 25th April Unfortunately the Pudding Evening has been cancelled
22nd May Treasure Hunt
19th June Bridge Village Fete
4th Sept Parish Outing

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

- 10th July Annual Boot Fair
22nd-25th Sept Son-Et-Lumiere
27th Nov Christmas Bazaar

Forthcoming Events - Benefice

- 11th May Archdeacon's Visitation, Cathedral 7.30pm
15th June Visit by Bishop Graham - All day with Joint PCC's in evening



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Getting Passionate

By the time you read this, Mel Gibson's privately funded film *The Passion of The Christ* will be playing at a cinema near you. If the American market is anything to go by, this film will break a few box office records - not something religious films are noted for. What is it that promises to make this film a blockbuster?

Early reviews focus on two issues in particular; emotions it stirs up in viewers, and the graphic portrayal of torture and execution by crucifixion. Interestingly this has led to calls for the film to be banned as Anti Jewish, and to its censorship rating as an 18. I don't remember the recent film *Pearl Harbor* being labeled as anti Japanese, and the 9pm adult watershed for sex and violence on TV is a distant memory. So what is all the fuss about? What makes this rage and spite?

It seems to me that this film has hit a nerve. Instead of wrapping the Easter story up in comfortable fluffy images, it tells it as it really happened. Crucifixion wasn't pleasant - it is still amongst the most barbaric and cruel ways to kill someone. And yes, Jesus was handed over to the Romans by his own people, who happened to be Jews. Of course, he could have come to 21 century Canterbury, and I wonder if we would have treated him any different! The thing is, Easter is about salvation for everyone, Jew and Gentile, and we face the same choice that the citizens of Jerusalem faced 2000 years ago. Saviour or scapegoat, 'Hosanna!' or 'Crucify!' which will it be?

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day hosannas to their King
Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

May God's blessing be upon you and those you love this Easter.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Funeral

12/03	Barham (L Hardres)	Laura Coveney
24/03	Barham (Bekesbourne)	Arthur Godman

- **Easter Services** A word of explanation behind some of the dates and events on this month's service plan. The **Tenebrae** meal on Maundy Thursday at Bridge School is reminiscent of the Last Supper, with a simple meal, the sharing of bread and wine, and readings leading up to the crucifixion. On Good Friday, the **Walk of Witness** ends at Bridge Church with a short act of worship where we will be joined by the children from Margaret's **Good Friday Workshop**. Please feel free to join us for any part of the walk, or simply meet us at Bridge church for the final service.
- **Good Friday Workshop** This year's children's Easter Arts & Crafts Workshop will be from 9.15 - 11.30 in the John Baker White Hall at Lower Hardres. Those children who are able to will then take their 'results/products' to Bridge Church where we will join those from the Walk of Witness for a short Benefice service. Please book your place now with Margaret Clarke (765598), Julie Cox (788316) or Sue Leggatt (830251). Margaret asks for all pre-school children to be accompanied by an adult, and *suggests* a 50p donation per child to cover costs of materials.
- **Easter Monday Youth Pilgrimage** The annual youth pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral will be on Monday 21st April. Groups will converge on the Cathedral from all directions, and we will be walking from Bekesbourne, Bridge and Nackington, starting at 10.00 and combining at Patribourne before setting off together at 10.15am. The programme of events is outlined below.
 - 12.00 Service in Cathedral
(worship led by the *Soul Survivor* band, and talk by Archbishop Rowan)
 - 13.00 Lunch in Chapter House/Cloisters
(bring a packed lunch)
 - 14.00 Range of activities for all ages
(including concert, communion & drop-out zone)
 - 15.15 Finale - Lights for the world

New Sunday Groups for Children

Starting on 2nd May a new monthly group suitable for children up to 10 will run in conjunction with first Sunday the 9.30 communion service at Bridge church. The Upper Room will meet at 9.15 in the function room behind the Plough & Harrow and the children will join the congregation in church just before the communion itself. To register your child's name for this group, or to offer your help as an adult assistant, please contact Ruth Washington (831156) or Paul Filmer (830250).

We will soon be re-launching **The Works**, our monthly workshop for children of all ages across the benefice. The Works will meet every 4th Sunday at Bridge School. Again, please contact Ruth or Paul to register your interest.

Health and Healing

The prayer group will meet on Thursday April 1st at 7pm at Netherbury, Meadow Close, by kind invitation of John and Muriel Packer. The prayer group has been, and still is, a vital part of God's ministry and so many people have been grateful for our prayers and support in times of need. so please let us have your requests. Ring Muriel on 830364 or myself on 830844.

Better still, why not come in person, you know you will be very welcome.

Kath Pierce

Fish News

Thank you for responding to last month's appeal for knitting wool. Please keep it coming. Rosy Green on 830204 is the one to contact.

We look forward to seeing you at the Cornelia Slavin Blossom Tour on May 5th and at the Bring and Buy Coffee Morning on Saturday May 22nd.

St. Mary's Patrixbourne - Donations for Easter Lilies

After the preparative period of Lent, when there are no flowers in the Church, it is always a joy to see St. Mary's Church beautifully decorated for Easter. Once again we are asking for donations towards the cost of Easter lilies for the Church.

If you would like us to place some lilies in St. Mary's, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please send your donation to Andrea Nicholson, Pauline Pritchard or Margaret Marsh.

St. Peter's Bridge - Donations for Easter Lilies

Preparation for Easter floral decorations are underway. The approximate price this year for lillies will be £2.50-£3.00. If you wish to donate towards a lily, in memory of a loved one, please give your donation to Rosy Green (830204) before April 8th.

We are still desperately short of flower arrangers at St. Peter's, Bridge, so if you think you may be interested in joining us, please pop in to the Church on Easter Saturday to see how you could help us.

Thank you,

Viv Brazier

The New Close

Bridge

Friday April 2nd - 7.30pm

Quiz Evening at The Plough and Harrow

by kind invitation of

Chris and Melanie

Tickets: £3.50 to include buffet supper

Saturday April 24th - 10am

JUMBLE SALE

at Bridge Village Hall

Proceeds of both events for the Residents' Amenity Fund

at The New Close

Bridge Methodist Church - April Services

- April 4th Rev. Jeffrey Ward (Palm Sunday)
April 11th Rev. George Baugh (Easter Sunday)
Holy Communion
April 18th Rev. Donald Luff
April 25th Rev. David Marshall
May 2nd Mrs Marjorie Beckwith

**East Bridge Deanery
Children's Fun Day**

Free event for 5 - 11 year olds

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Saturday 15th May @ Bridge School

9am - 1.30pm

Application forms/ further info from:
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Maximum 60 children - First come, first served.
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The Organ at Bekesbourne

We thought you would be interested to know that the organ in Bekesbourne Church has recently been inspected by the British Institute of Organ Studies, who list interesting organs throughout the British Isles. The inspector was most impressed by what he found and at a recent meeting, the Institute decided to award the organ a certificate Grade II* in recognition of it being a fine instrument.

The grading is similar to building listing, so is very close to being of the highest quality. The certificate, which will be hung near the organ, states that the organ

'is therefore listed in the Institute's Register of Historic Pipe Organs as being an instrument of importance to the national heritage and one deserving careful preservation for the benefit of future generations.'

Built by Bevington of Soho in about 1877, the organ is in its original position in the church and is in virtually its original condition, apart from the installation of a balanced swell pedal in the 1960s. Many organs made been modified because they have been moved to new positions. There were plans to move our organ to the back of the church in the 1950s but, fortunately it now seems, the scheme was never followed up.

Charities are now being approached to fund a full restoration and cleaning of the instrument and it will form part of a local appeal to restore both the bells and organ to be launched shortly.

Jane Millyard

Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Wine and Wisdom

11 teams battled it out in a keenly contested event at Bekesbourne Village Hall, Friday 5th March. Interesting and varied questions were asked by Dorothy King and her son Roger, who as last years winners researched for the quiz.

Scoring was done by Rev Paul Filmer who displayed the totals via a lap top computer to a large screen. He was assisted by Jill Gillanders, Margaret Clarke and Eileen Piggott also from last years winning team.

Congratulations to this years 'Brains of Bekesbourne', Pat Kusels team who won by a nose.

£400 was raised for the Friends of Bekesbourne Church. Well done and thank you to every one.

BEKESBOURNE CHURCH

SPRING CLEANING is definitely in the air and so it is proposed to have 2 WORKING PARTIES on **Saturday 3rd April starting at 10 am!**

We hope for a good turn-up of people and their strimmers to tidy the Churchyard - all who like working outside will be very welcome. We also think it might be a good opportunity for those who enjoy cleaning and polishing to come along to spring clean the Church! We now have quite a few new and recently recruited Church Cleaners (as distinct from Flower Arrangers) and if we can clean and prepare the Church for Easter it will give everyone the opportunity to be involved. We are planning to do this twice a year, so that the Church always looks well cared for, and so that those on the regular cleaning rota do not feel it is too major a task. Do please think about joining us to do a worthwhile job - and bring your dusters and polish as well. Thank you in advance.

Bekesbourne Flower and Cleaning Rota

- 4th April Cleaning only 10am Family Service, Lent Wendy Woods
- 11th April EASTER DAY - all help please on Saturday 10th 10.30am
 donations welcomed to Christine Ash
- 17th April Wedding
- 18th April 10.00am Holy Communion
- 25th April No Service
- 2nd May 10am Family Service - Jane Mason/Jane Millyard

Women's Institute

The April meeting of Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute will be held on Tuesday 20th April at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall when Mr Mike Bingham will give a talk entitled "Hearing dogs for the Deaf".

The competition this month is for an article beginning with the letter "E".

Kathy Walder

The Children's Society - Home and Shop Boxes

The contents of 32 boxes held in Bridge, which were emptied in February and early March, raised the splendid total of £545.02 for this Charity. Also tax payers who have signed Gift Aid declarations enable the Society to claim a further payment on their contributions.

A grateful thank you to all box holders who made this result possible. It is surprising how quickly small coins add to £1's in a box but not in a purse or pocket! Boxes are normally emptied annually before the end of March, or when full and can be obtained from Kathy Eynon, 19 Bridge Down, (Tel 830466).

Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital

A date for your diary - Friday May 21st, a talk and supper evening at Bridge Village Hall. Mr John Harris will be giving a talk entitled 'Pakistan Past, Present and Future'.

More details next month.

Christian Aid

We believe in life before death

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 9th - 15th MAY 2004.

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 £1350 was raised and over half of that sum was "gift aided", so the total sum raised was nudging £1600! Remember, if you are a tax payer and indicate this fact on the envelope, then an extra sum equal to almost 30% can be claimed from the tax man with no further effort on your part!

£5 buys rice for a family in Sierra Leone to plant, providing food, income and seeds for next season.

£10 pays for taps and troughs to provide two villages in Bolivia with a safe and reliable water supply.

£15 trains a Guatemalan woman in business techniques, and gives her the opportunity to learn how to make a sustainable living.

By supporting Christian Aid Week, you are among millions of people who think poverty is a scandal we do not have to accept. Your actions, commitment and contributions will bring about a better life for people in poor communities all over the world.

DON'T FORGET - it's never too late to volunteer to deliver a few envelopes to the houses round about where you live - the more helpers, the lighter the load all round.

My thanks for your continuing support.

Chris Barnett 832447

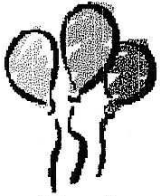
Bridge History Society

At our March meeting, Professor Ted Parker talked to us about antique English clocks and timepieces. The principal driving forces for the development of reliable time keeping were the church, navigation and finally the railway, when the efficient running of the system depended on reliable arrival and departure times. The invention of the pendulum clock in the 17th century improved accuracy considerably and made a minute hand possible, and the placing of a balance wheel under spring control revolutionised time-keeping. By the latter half of the 17th century pocket watches of great beauty were being produced and Charles II was so impressed that he ordered one for himself. Dials as well as cases were often highly decorative and the production of a pair of hands in a fine clock could take two weeks. There were clocks with one hand and clocks with two; clocks with painted dials; regulator clocks for measurement; astronomical clocks, and even clocks that played dance tunes. So-called Act of Parliament clocks were produced for public use when William Pitt created a tax for raising revenue on domestic clocks - a less well known outrage than the hated window tax! And finally, a clock that was made right here in Bridge that went for a whole year on only one wind.

On Saturday 17 April, this talk will be followed up by a visit to Belmont, not far from Canterbury. Belmont is a charming 18th century house with fine furniture and paintings and a wonderful collection of clocks and watches. Telephone Maurice Raraty if you would like to come (830508). On Saturday 22 May we will make a coach visit to the picturesque riverside village of Shoreham, where we will have a guided walk followed by lunch. In the afternoon we go on to Lullingstone Castle, followed by tea. The visit costs £15 to members and £20 to non-members, including entry charges and meals. Telephone me, Meriel Connor for this (830487).

UGANDAN STUDENTS

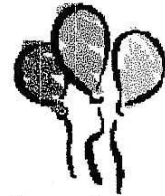
With others, we have been paying the secondary school fees for three Ugandan girls. Their father was killed in a car crash in 1989 and their mother worked as our housekeeper in Kampala in 1994- 1996. One of the girls is now at University training to be a teacher, and the other two are awaiting their 'A' level results in the hope that they will be able to go on to university, one to study law and the other engineering. Some of their sponsors are no longer in a position to contribute financially and we are looking for help elsewhere. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested in helping to complete the education of these bright, hard-working girls. Please contact Bridget or Bob Douthwaite, tel. 01227 831744.



Woodpeckers Nursery Spring Fayre

Saturday 8th May 2004.

Bridge School Grounds



On Saturday 8th May, the nursery will be holding its annual spring fayre. The nursery hopes to raise funds for an outdoor play surface to enable the children to play outside on their bikes and toys.

The Fayre will be held from 11.30 - 2.00 and have a Peter Pan theme, so lots of pirates and fairies. There will be refreshments, hot dogs, raffles and tombolas. We will also be having a fancy dress competition for nursery children. We will also have all the usual stalls including plants, toys, bric a brac and cake stall, as well as the more unusual treasure hunt and name the parrot!

It should be a fun day for all the family, so please come along and help us raise money and have a great time.

Nailbourne Craft Club

Summer Season begins April 13th. We meet once a month on the 2nd Tuesday 2pm - 4.30pm at Bridge Methodist Church, Patricxbourne Road. Come and join us - all welcome.

Contact Nos: 830078, 830120.

Barham Bowls Club

Open Day - Sunday May 9th 10.30am - 4.00pm

Come and join us for a fun introduction to the sport of bowls at our friendly village club. All ages welcome - men, women and children.

Try your hand at the sport on the green, refreshments available.

Flat soled shoes without heels should be worn on the green (sandals not allowed for safety reasons); we will provide equipment on the day and there will be a chance to buy new equipment if you decide to you us.

For further details telephone Hazel 760747

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PROPOSED PARISH OUTING-NOW THE DATE!

The proposed parish outing to London is planned for Saturday 4th September 2004.

This date was chosen as it will not clash with family holidays and would give the children and parents something to look forward to on their return to school after the long summer holiday.

The seats are filling up so if you want to come please ring or e mail Peggy Pryer 01227 832058 (if engaged 832477) or e mail ppryer@hotmail.com. Non-returnable deposits will be collected at the beginning of June £5 per adult £2 per child.

The Gardeners Hymn

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all

But what we never mention
Though gardeners know it's true
Is when he made the goodies
He made the baddies too

Refrain
*All things spray and swatable
Disasters great and small
All things paraquatable
The Lord God made them all*

The green fly in the roses
The maggots in the peas
Manure that fills our noses
He also gave us these

Refrain

The draught that kills the fuchsias
The frost that nips the buds
The rain that drowns the seedlings
The blight that hits the spuds

Refrain

The midges and mosquitoes
The nettles and the weeds
The pigeons in the green stuff
The sparrows in the seeds

Refrain

The fly that gets the carrots
The wasp that eats the plums
How black the gardeners outlook
Though green may be his thumbs

Refrain

But still we gardeners labour
Midst vegetables and flowers
And pray what hits our neighbours
Will somehow by pass ours

Refrain

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the village hall on Thursday 11th March

Notice of Proposed work to trees in a conservation area for which a tree preservation order has been served:

a. The Whitehorse Inn Bridge- reduce T1 by 1/3 and reduce overhang from neighbours side, T11 reduce storm damage limb and reduce tree below tear and overhang, T15 dismantle large ash,

T16 and T17 remove major dead wood from both trees, T18 sever ivy and remove dead wood

and T19 cut back dense ivy growth and lift all round

b. 17 Union Road- fell two large conifers on rear of boundary

Litter Picking at Bridge Recreation Ground:

It was agreed to ask SERCO to clear litter from the recreation ground on a fortnightly basis for a six-month trial period.

Concurrent Functions Funding and Precept 2004/5

The precept this year for 2004/5 is set at £ 10,258 and the concurrent functions funding grant from Canterbury City Council is set at £4970. The agreed concurrent functions funding grant includes funding of £474 already held by Bridge Parish Council for the maintenance of bus shelters. Street lighting is no longer eligible for funding from the concurrent functions funding grant. It was agreed to make up the shortfall in the concurrent functions grant of £3796 from Parish Council Reserves.

Parish Council Meetings - Bridge Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm (with the exception of August) in Bridge Village Hall. Parishioners are invited to speak between 7.30 and 7.45 pm.

Planning applications received: the planning committee agreed that they had no objections to the planning applications listed below:

CA/04/00200/BRI- 72 Bridge Down- erection of detached double garage

CA/04/00263/BRI- Coppice, Bridge Hill, Bridge- single and two storey extensions to dwelling and relocation of dormer window

CA/04/00299/BRI- dormer window to rear of dwelling at 58 Western Avenue.

However it was agreed to ask the planning department to bring the loss of a cherry tree outside 72 Bridge Down to the attention of Jon Lambourne, Canterbury City Council's Arboricultural Officer.

Planning applications granted: the following applications have been notified as being granted:

CA/04/00073/BRI- 6 Bridgeford way- pitched roof with living accommodation to replace flat roof to rear of dwelling.

Planning Application Rejected: the following application has been notified as being rejected:

CA/04/00020/BRI- 2 Park View, Mill Lane- extension to front and rear of dwelling

CA/04/00013/BRI- erection of bungalow (revised scheme) on land adjacent to Trees, Bridge Hill

Renville Stables: It was noted that Canterbury City Council has asked the owner of the recently erected stables at Renville to submit a retrospective planning application, as this constitutes a breach of planning control.

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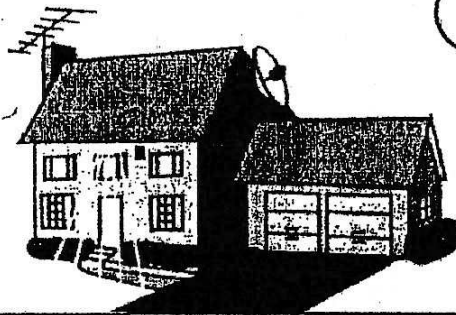
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Sun 2nd May Easter 4		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion and Baptism Rev Helen Connell	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Gen 7. 1-18 NT: Acts 9. 36-43 G: John 10. 22-30
Sun 9th Easter 5	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00am FS and Baptism Tony Washington Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Gen 22. 1-18 NT: Acts 11. 1-18 G: John 13. 31-35
Sun 16th Easter 6	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	9.45 am FS and Baptism Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Ezekiel 37. 1-14 NT: Acts 16. 9-15 G: John 14. 23-29
Thurs 20th Ascension Day			7.00 pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer			OT: Dan 7. 9-14 NT: Acts 1. 1-11 G: Luke 24. 44-end
Sun 23rd Easter 7	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss		8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Ezekiel 36. 24-28 NT: Acts 16. 16-34 G: John 17. 20-26
Sun 30th Pentecost					10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Gen 11.1-9 NT: Acts 2. 1-21 G: John 14. 8-17
Sun 6th June Trinity Sunday		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service and Baptism Mrs P Kusel Rev P Filmer	OT: Prov 8. 1-4,22-31 NT: Rom 5. 1-5 G: John 16. 12-15

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for May 2004

- 3rd Caring and Sharing 12 Fome Court, Howe Barracks,
Canterbury 7.30pm
Bridge Digital Camera Club, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 8pm
- 4th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 5th Fish Scheme Blossom Tour
Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm
- 6th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
Horticultural Society outing to Goodnestone Park 7pm
- 8th Woodpeckers Nursery Spring Fayre, Bridge School Grounds
11.30am - 2pm
- 10th Caring and Sharing, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 11th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
Archdeacon's Visitation, Cathedral 7pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 12th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10am - 11.15am
Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm
- 15th Deanery Children's Fun Day, Bridge School 9am
Christian Aid Coffee "Pop In", 25 The Close, Bridge 10.30-12 noon
City Councillor's Surgery, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am-12 noon
Deanery Confirmation, Bishopsbourne Church 7pm
- 17th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 18th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 19th Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm
- 21st League of Friends of Hospital Talk, Bridge Village Hall 8pm
- 22nd Fish Scheme Coffee Morning, Bridge Village Hall 10am
History Society Visit to Shoreham
Treasure Hunt, Bridge Village Hall 4.30pm
- 24th Caring and Sharing, 8 Green Court, Bridge 7.30pm
- 25th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 8pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 26th Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm

Forthcoming Events - Patrixbourne with Bridge

- 19th June Bridge Village Fete
4th Sept Parish Outing

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

- 4th June Around Historic Bekesbourne, Bekesbourne Village Hall
7.30pm
- 12th June Church Open Day
- 10th July Annual Boot Fair
- 22nd-25th Sept Son-et-Lumiere
- 27th Nov Christmas Bazaar

Forthcoming Events - Benefice

- 15th June Visit by Bishop Graham - all day with joint PCC's in evening



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Staying Power

If I tell you that Judy and I recently celebrated our silver wedding anniversary you could think one of three things; either 'not bad for beginners', or 'surely you're too young to be married that long', or 'twenty five years - that's a life time!'. Certainly, when I hear of another couple reaching 50 or 60 years of marriage I think of everything we have done in 25 years, and wonder what we will do with the next 25.

In our pick and mix culture, where lifetime guarantees last a year or two, words like *always* and *never* are used carelessly, and permanent means until you change your mind, is it any surprise that numbers getting married are down, and divorce rates are higher than ever?

Marriage vows are meant to be a life long contract between husband and wife, whatever the world throws at them, and, within reason, whatever they throw at each other! So why do we give up so easily when things go wrong? Not just in the big things like marriage but in anything that takes commitment, effort, time or concentration.

Perhaps its just easier for us to walk away, or something more interesting comes along, or we get bored and fancy a change. We are encouraged to buy now - pay later, and TV remote controls combined with 50 satellite channels turn us into channel hoppers.

Compare this with the example that God gives for our reassurance and encouragement. *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* In other words, he has never changed, and he will never change. He can be trusted to be always with us for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to infinity and beyond. His example is all the inspiration we need to persevere through the good and bad times, for as long as it takes.

May God's blessing be upon you and those you love, today, tomorrow and for ever.

Paul

Health and Healing

The next meeting is on Thursday 6th May at 7pm at 7 Windmill Close. It was good to see so many people at last month's meeting, Please keep your requests coming: whether for illness, bereavement, anxiety or any other circumstances. No one need feel alone in their troubles and you know you are very welcome to join us and find out for yourself, the loving and caring and spiritual support to be found there.

Kath Pierce

830844

Fish Scheme (Neighbourly Help) News

Please remember that there is always a Coffee Pop-In on the second Wednesday of the month (12th May this month) even though we sometimes forget to mention it in the Parish Magazine.

The important fund-raising Coffee Morning is on Saturday 22nd in Bridge Village Hall from 10am. We need plants, cakes, books and bric a brac. But, most of all, we need you. Do please come and support this thoroughly worthwhile scheme.

The Cornelia Slavin Blossom Tour is on May 5th and includes tea in Hythe and a visit to a garden centre.

W.I.

The May meeting on the 18th is the Resolutions Meeting and the competition is for an article beginning with the letter "N".

NADFAS Church Recorders are working in Patricbourne Church and would be grateful for any information about Bertha Money who died 4th May 1946.

Please contact Elizabeth Stewart, 830344.

Bridge Methodist Church May 2004

May 2nd Mrs Margorie Beckwith
May 9th Mr John Ellis
May 16th Rev. David Marshall, Holy Communion
May 23rd Miss Jean Hall
May 30th Rev. Donald Lugg

Tribute to Ethel Cartwright

Ethel Cartwright was involved with many village events. She was a committee member for the Horticultural Society, Treasurer of the After School Club and helped at the annual fete and other events, She taught Yoga in Bridge and Lower Hardres for many years. She will be remembered for the years she worked at the Post office. After that she began to arrange day outings by coach to gardens and theatres which everyone appreciated. Ethel was pleased to know that her trips are going ahead thanks to Mr & Mrs Barling from Barham.

Ethel's great love was music and for many years she sang soprano in St. Edmund's Choral Society. Personally she was very kind to me through my husband's last illness and after his death. A strong and determined lady she fought her illness with typical courage.

She will be sadly missed.

Mavis Parsons

EAST MEETS WEST

The visitors from Tenryu left Bridge after a week which exceeded all expectations. thanks to the residents of Bridge, and supporters of East Meets West, our guests had an exciting and interesting trip. Inevitably, there were the unforeseen problems encountered in every new undertaking, all of which were quickly resolved. However, next year I will ensure that the Japanese come equipped with a basic phrase book or dictionary.

The Japanese Ambassador has contacted me recently to ask for photographs to illustrate a feature on the Tenryu visit for the next edition of the Japanese Embassy magazine. We have permission to use the press pictures, but would welcome further contributions by anyone else involved in the project.

The Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation, North London, has made a similar request. Please send any photographs, with supporting text, to me, and I will forward them. The submitted material may also be included in the East Meets West website, due to be launched at the end of April.

Thank you again to all who contributed to this first major project, helping to make it such a memorable event.

Valerie de Furrentes MA

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Nailbourne League of Friends of Canterbury Hospital

A talk and supper evening on Friday May 21st at 8pm in Bridge Village Hall. Mr John Harris is kindly giving a talk entitled Pakistan, Past, Present and Future. A fascinating talk and finger supper will make a most enjoyable evening, please come and join us and support your local hospital - for tickets and further information call Elizabeth Stewart 830344 or Rosy Green 830204.

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Horticultural Society has organised an evening outing to Goodnestone Park on Thursday 6th May, meeting there at 7.00pm prompt. Everyone is welcome, both members and non-members alike.

For further details and help with transport, please contact Ann Edmonds on 830795.

A reminder that we have introduced a "Chairman's Challenge" at the Summer Show. Roger Austin, our Chairman has kindly agreed to produce small geranium seedlings to distribute to members to grow on themselves and subsequently enter at the Summer Show. If you are interested, please give your name to one of the Committee members as soon as possible.

Summer Show schedules are available from Committee members.

Bridge in Bloom

Just a short note to remind all villagers that the Parish Council has extended 'Bridge in Bloom' to include every property.

Please plant up your pots and baskets, ready for the judging in the Summer. Details will follow later.

Ann Edmonds

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne
Bell and Organ Restoration Project

It was at the end of last year that a committee was formed to organise and oversee this exciting project for the restoration of the Organ and Bells at St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne.

To celebrate the official launch of this project there is to be an OPEN DAY at Bekesbourne Church on Saturday 12th June between 10.00 am and 6 pm. You are all invited to come and see exactly what is involved in the restoration, what it will mean for our historic church and how fund raising is progressing.

The target is £45,000 and over the past six months the committee has been busy applying for grants from various organisations to help raise funds. We are pleased to report that over 30% of the total amount required has already been pledged with further applications still to be considered.

We also hope that you will want to help as well! Information on how you can make a difference will be available at the church on the OPEN DAY when you will have the opportunity to see and hear the bells being rung between 11 a.m. and 12 noon and again from 2p.m. to 3p.m. Should anyone be interested in playing the organ you are invited to bring some music with you and 'have a go'.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day. Everyone is very welcome so please bring all the family along for what should be a most enjoyable day.

Romany Cowans
Committee Member

Rogation Sunday Walk

This year Rogation Sunday is 16th May. The Rev. Paul Filmer will be joining us for this year's annual walk around some of the Bekesbourne parish footpaths.

The walk leaves Bekesbourne village hall at 10.45am, and will meet Paul at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne after the 10 o'clock communion service.

Do join us for what is a pleasant walk and if you are having lunch at the Unicorn remember to book a table.

'Around Historic Bekesbourne'

A talk with slides to be given by David Millyard on **Friday 4 June** in Bekesbourne Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Starting at the Village Hall and ending at the Church, via Patrixbourne Street, School Lane and Howletts, we will look at familiar sights and buildings and learn something about their history.

The talk is free, but donations are requested towards the Bekesbourne Bells and Organ Restoration Fund. David has researched the history of this interesting village and its church over many years and this is an opportunity to hear about it in advance of the Church Open day on 12 June (see details in the display advertisement). We hope that you will follow up the talk by coming to visit the church on that day.

Bekesbourne Flower and Cleaning Rota

2nd May	10am Family Service	Jane Mason/Jane Millyard
9th May	8am Holy Communion	Jane Millyard
16th May	10am Holy Communion	Jill Thomas
23rd May	No service	
30th May	Benefice service at Bekesbourne	Rosie Mount
6th June	10am Family Service	Rosie Mount

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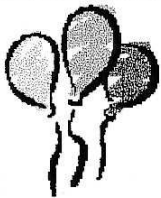
16 members were present at the April 2004 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair.

Branch Group 4 Representative Geoff Welch said that though we had come 5th out of 6 teams at the recent Group 4 Quiz night, we had an enjoyable evening.

We are making our usual trip to Etaples war cemetery again in June and we have a few places available still for anyone wishing to go. contact the Secretary on 01227 472023 for details.

Although it is still only Spring, we are already having to turn our attention to this year's Poppy Appeal Campaign. Our previous Poppy Appeal Organiser has had to give up for personal reasons and we are keen to find someone who could step into his shoes. Or we would like to hear from people who would be willing to help us form a committee to run a Branch campaign together. It is a hectic but rewarding job, and of course the Poppy Appeal is what the Legion is all about - raising money to help ex-service people and their dependants. Anyone interested in helping us can ring 01227 472023.

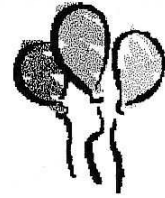
Our next two Branch monthly meetings are on Tuesdays, 11th May and 8th June, both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.



Woodpeckers Nursery Spring Fayre

Saturday 8th May 2004.

Bridge School Grounds



On Saturday 8th May, the nursery will be holding its annual spring fayre. The nursery hopes to raise funds for an outdoor play surface to enable the children to play outside on their bikes and toys.

The Fayre will be held from 11.30 - 2.00 and have a Peter Pan theme, so lots of pirates and fairies. There will be refreshments, hot dogs, raffles and tombolas. We will also be having a fancy dress competition for nursery children. We will also have all the usual stalls including plants, toys, bric a brac and cake stall, as well as the more unusual treasure hunt and name the parrot!

It should be a fun day for all the family, so please come along and help us raise money and have a great time.

Bridge History Society

On Saturday 22 May we will make a coach visit to the picturesque riverside village of Shoreham, where we will have a guided walk followed by lunch. In the afternoon we go on to Lullingstone Castle, followed by tea. The visit costs £15 to members and £20 to non-members, including entry charges and meals.

Telephone me, Meriel Connor for this (830487).

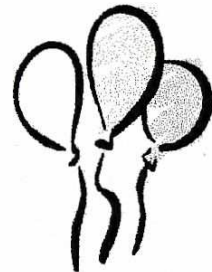
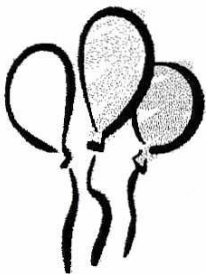
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Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the village hall on Thursday 8th April

Art in Bridge Group: The Art exhibition this year is booked for 16th and 17th October.

Notice of Proposed work to trees in a conservation area for which a tree preservation order has been served: 8 High Street Bridge - trim back Leylandii back to the boundary

Tree Wardens: Simon Knights has resigned as a tree warden. The Parish Council thanked Simon for his hard work for the Parish.

Speed Camera Training: Volunteers are still needed to undertake training to use speed cameras. Anyone with time to spare and an interest in road safety should contact the parish clerk.

Street lighting: The Parish Council agreed to pass control of the village street lighting back to the City Council. This has been necessary due to the shortfall in the concurrent function funding from the City Council for 2004/2005.

Strategic Rail Authority

Concern was raised about the Strategic Rail Authority's plans to cut the services to Bekesbourne Station. It seems that the plans are based on inaccurate passenger data and with very little consultation of rural Parishes. This is our nearest station and the proposed reduction in services will mean more car journeys, more parking problems and more environmental damage.

Refuse Collection

The Parish Council was divided over the issue of the new refuse collections proposed by the City Council. By the Chairman's casting vote, the Council agreed to oppose the plans. Although it was felt that bi-weekly collections might encourage some to increase recycling there was concern that the kind of rubbish that cannot be recycled (nappies, meat products, cooked food etc) could cause smells, attract rats and lead to health risks, especially in hot weather. It was noted that other councils that had tried the scheme had reverted to weekly collections and that some people put their ordinary waste into recycling bins, thus ruining the recycling effort. The Parish Council noted the poor communication from the City council about the proposals.

Parish Council Meetings - Bridge Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm (with the exception of August) in Bridge Village Hall. Parishioners are invited to speak between 7.30 and 7.45 pm.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council 's Planning Committee held in the village hall on Thursday 8th April 2004

Planning applications received: the planning committee agreed that they had no objections to the planning applications listed below:

CA/04/00372/BRI- 14 Green Court- replacement conservatory

CA/04/00409/BRI- 45a High Street- replacement access doors/ gates to rear elevation.

The planning committee objected to the following application because of the reduction in parking spaces and concerns about changing the location of the entrance to the property from front to back. Cars would have to reverse along the private concourse from this house, which is owned by another property, as there is no provision for turning.

CA/04/00326/BRI- Garden Cottage- change of use from a clinic to a residential dwelling.

It was agreed to request a time extension from Canterbury City Council to make a decision about the following applications:

CA/04/00465/BRI- Sharnwood Bridge Hill- single story extension to side of dwelling

CA/04/00468/BRI- 12 A Windmill Close- single storey extension to rear of dwelling.

Planning applications granted: the following applications have been notified as being granted:

CA/03/01790/BRI - The Dacha Patricxbourne Road- single storey extension to side of dwelling

CA/04/00127/BRI- 3 Park View Mill Lane- single storey extension and conservatory to rear of dwelling

Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee meets in Bridge Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7.15pm (excluding August). All parishioners are invited to attend.

The Parish Clerk, Tina Burchell can be contacted at 3, Cranmer Close Bokesbourne Canterbury CT4 5DF 01227 831085
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Mr L H Dunderdale, 37 High St, Bridge (830668)

Mr D Latham, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge.

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Choirmaster & Organist

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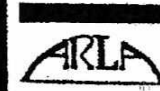
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Sun 6th June Trinity Sunday		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service and Baptism Mrs P Kusel Rev P Filmer	OT: Prov 8. 1-4, 22-31 NT: Rom 5. 1-5 G: John 16. 12-15
Sun 13th Trinity 1	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00am Family Service Martin Leggatt	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Can Dr G Walker	OT: 1 Kings 21. 1-10 NT: Gal 2. 15-21 G: Luke 7. 36-8.3
Sun 20th Trinity 2	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon A Duke	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: 1 Kings 19. 1-4 NT: Gal 3. 23-29 G: Luke 8. 26-39
Sun 27th Trinity 3	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss		8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: 2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14 NT: Gal 5. 1, 13-25 G: Luke 9. 51-62
Sun 4th July Trinity 4		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: 2 Kings 5. 1-14 NT: Gal 6. 7-16 G: Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for June 2004

- 1st Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 3rd Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 4th 'Around Historic Bekesbourne', Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.30pm
Musical Nostalgia, The Paddock, Higham Lane, Bridge 7.30pm
- 5th Bekesbourne Churchyard Working Party, 10am
City Councillor's Surgery, Bridge Methodist Church 10am-12noon
- 7th Caring and Sharing, 8 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
Bridge Methodist Church 110th Anniversary, 7.30pm
Bridge Digital Camera Club, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7.30pm
- 8th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 9th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
Confirmation Class, Bridge School, 7pm
- 12th Bekesbourne Church Open day (Bell & Organ) 10am-6pm
- 14th Caring and Sharing, 25 Lanfranc Gardens, Harbledown 7.30pm
- 15th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Joint Benefice PCC with Bishop Graham, Bridge School 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 16th Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm
- 18th Bridge Folk Festival, Barn Dance, Bridge Village Hall 8.30pm
- 19th Bridge School and Church Fete, Bridge School 12noon-4pm
Bridge Folk Festival, Red Lion, Bridge 1pm and 8.30pm
- 21st Caring and Sharing, 12 Somme Court, Canterbury 7.30pm
- 22nd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 23rd Horticultural Society Trip to RHS Wisley
Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm
Lower Hardres and Nackington PCC 7.30pm
- 26th The New Close Quiz Night, Bridge Village Hall 7.15pm
- 28th Caring and Sharing, 62 Strangers Lane, Canterbury 7.30pm
- 30th Confirmation Class, Bridge School 7pm
Bekesbourne PCC, 10 De Havillands, Bekesbourne 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events

Benefice

18th July Benefice BBQ Riverside Cottage, Patrixbourne

Bekesbourne

10th July Annual Boot fair

22nd-25th Sept Son-Et-Lumiere

27th Nov Christmas Bazaar

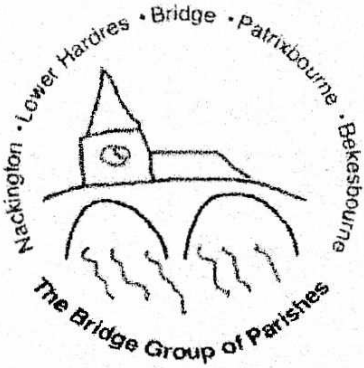
Patrixbourne with Bridge

18th Sept Book & Puzzle Fair

10th Oct Harvest Lunch

16th Oct Coffee Morning

13th Nov Wine & Wisdom



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True or False

The Bridge Digital Camera Club has recently reformed and as our opening meeting we visited the photo studio of Alfie and Trish Jarvis in Bridge. To follow the progress of a photograph from camera to printed image in the hands of a professional was fascinating. In the good old days with film, the last thing you would do is press the shutter release and then wait for the film to be developed. These days however, pressing the shutter release is only the beginning. Instead of being the final image the photo now moves to the computer where it can be manipulated in all sorts of ways. We can no longer say the camera never lies.

But even traditional photos can give a false picture if the subject has been artificially posed. This has most recently been proved with the photos of Iraqi prisoners being mistreated by British troops. When challenged, the publishing newspaper changed its claim that the photos were authentic to a true representation of the sort of thing that happened! Immediately the photos lost all credibility, as would an eye witness in court who wasn't actually there. Testimony whether spoken or photographic needs to be authentic to be of any value.

For 2000 years the Bible has been held up as a primary source of evidence for the existence and works of God. Its power to change lives does not rely on hearsay or fairy stories but on the testimony of eye witnesses with first hand experience. The most incredible events become credible when someone who is trustworthy declares that they were there and saw what happened. One of Jesus' closest friends, the apostle John, begins his teaching on the assurance of salvation through Jesus Christ the word of life with the following statement -

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life."

May the God of Truth guide you into all truth.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

02/05	Bridge	Christopher Alan Hopkins
09/05	Bridge	Luke Matthew Carpenter
16/05	Lower Hardres	Benjamin Edward Williams

Wedding

01/05	Bekesbourne	Barry Stones & Penny Griffiths
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Funeral

22/04	Barham (Bridge)	Marjorie G Lawrence
27/04	Barham (Bridge)	Arthur J Snell

The Works

The first meeting in the Village Hall took place on 25th April and will now meet, *same time same place*, on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Visit to Germany

Over the last weekend of April a group of us travelled to Marburg in Germany to represent our parishes at a confirmation and ordination service. Chris Maclean and I took 3 youngsters, Scott Shirley, Simon McCreddie from last year's confirmation course and Henry Day from this year's, to renew old friendships and make new ones between the English and German confirmation groups. Below Scott and Simon recall a favourite moment of the weekend for them.

At the German Confirmation we saw and heard many things that are not part of English confirmations. For instance apart from the different language, in addition to an organ we heard a brass band playing which took part in different stages of the service. The confirmation service was generally longer than our English service and involved many speakers from family and friends as well as the vicar. When it came to the actual confirmation of the six children they came up in pairs to the altar. The German vicar Hans confirmed them and then Paul joined Hans and said a prayer for them. When they had been confirmed they each received a wooden plaque of Noah's Ark with their name engraved on it. We gave them a gift as well from the Parish of Bridge for them to remember us by on their special occasion.

Scott Shirley

After the confirmation I went to Philipp's party held at his house. We started by having some prayers but I could not understand what people were saying because I have not learnt German. After the prayers we had food. There was quite a lot and it was very nice but I did not eat that much because I had eaten a big breakfast. There were many people present and they helped by eating it.

After the first course we had some gateau and Philipp's Granddad said in very good English "Here in Germany we fight for our gateau" and he then got me a piece of the cheese and chocolate gateau which I enjoyed. After lunch we played football following which everybody started to leave Philipp's house but not before he had been given 1000 Euros by his family. That was Philipp's special day over.

Simon Mccreadie

Bridge Methodist Church - June

- June 6th Rev. George Baugh
June 7th 110th Church Anniversary
7.30pm Rev David Marshall with the
St John's (Whitstable) Worship Group
June 13th Rev David Marshall
June 20th Mr Michael Baybutt B.Sc DMS. C.Eng.
June 27th Mr John Ellis

Health and Healing

The next meeting is on Thursday 3rd June at 7pm at 7 Windmill Close. It was good to see so many people at last month's meeting, Please keep your requests coming: whether for illness, bereavement, anxiety or any other circumstances. No one need feel alone in their troubles and you know you are very welcome to join us and find out for yourself, the loving and caring and spiritual support to be found there.

Kath Pierce

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Fish News (Neighbourly Help)

The next Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 9th June.

Many thanks to all who supported our Annual Coffee Morning which pays for the (very low) costs of running the scheme in Bridge, Patricxbourne, Bekesbourne and Bishopsbourne.

W.I.

On Tuesday 15th June at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall there will be a talk by Mr B Doome on 'Windmills'.

The competition for the June meeting is for an article beginning with the letter 'D'.

QUIZ NIGHT

**In aid of The New Close, Bridge
A local Residential Home for Elderly Gentlefolk**

**Bridge Village Hall
Saturday 26th June 2004
7.15pm for 7.30pm start**

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Bekesbourne Annual Church Meeting

Bekesbourne Parochial Church Council reported a successful year at its Annual Meeting on 9 April. Grateful thanks were recorded to all those who helped in so many ways behind the scenes, especially during Paul's months of illness. The Friends of Bekesbourne Church had again had a good year of fund raising for the church fabric, which was in good repair.

A deficit of £600 was noted in the general account which paid for the salary of the Vicar and the running of the church. More planned giving (especially via the Gift Aid scheme,) was needed, as Bekesbourne's regular monthly expenditure to meet these costs had risen to £665 in 2004.

Jonathan Cowans and Jill Gillanders were re-elected as Churchwardens and Pat Kusel and David Millyard continued as representatives on the Deanery Synod. There were some changes on the PCC - Ashley Bates was elected as a new member, Jane Millyard (Secretary) and Jenny Skinner were re-elected, having reached the end of their term of office. Vicki McPherson, who had resigned from the PCC, was thanked for her time as Lay Chair. Other members of the PCC are Christine Ash, Zan Clifford (Treasurer) and Hugh Pearson. Pat Kusel was elected as Lay Chair for the coming year and Jan Kent was welcomed as a new sidesperson.

Jane Millyard

Bekesbourne Son et Lumière

Preparations are going well for the Son et Lumière to be held in Bekesbourne Church in September. Recordings are now virtually complete and over thirty local people, as well as children from Littlebourne School, have taken the parts of villagers over the centuries. The Archbishop of Canterbury has agreed to record an introduction and Alan Wicks, formerly Organist of Canterbury Cathedral, will also be included, playing Bekesbourne's organ to accompany some of the scenes.

Certainly an event not to be missed. Book 22—25 September in your diaries now!

Jane Millyard

Friends of Bekesbourne Church

Many thanks to the splendid band of helpers who turned up to do a really marvellous job both inside and outside the church on the 3rd April, we really are most grateful for your help and support. We are organizing another church yard clear up for Saturday 5th June at 10 o'clock. As usual volunteers are needed especially with strimmers.

Our next major event is our annual BOOT FAIR to be held as usual at Parsonage Farm Saturday 10th July 2004 at 9am. Pitches are still only £6. To book a pitch phone Romany Cowans 831029 or Gill Moon 832134.

To launch the Bell and Organ Restoration Project
we are having an

OPEN DAY

ON

Saturday 12th June

AT

St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

From 10.00 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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Please come along with all the family and join in the celebrations

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St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne

Bell and Organ Restoration Project

It was at the end of last year that a committee was formed to organise and oversee this exciting project for the restoration of the Organ and Bells at St. Peter's Church Bekesbourne.

To celebrate the official launch of this project there is to be an OPEN DAY at Bekesbourne Church on Saturday 12th June between 10.00 am and 6 pm. You are all invited to come and see exactly what is involved in

the restoration, what it will mean for our historic church and how fund raising is progressing.

The target is £45,000 and over the past six months the committee has been busy applying for grants from various organisations to help raise funds. We are pleased to report that over 30% of the total amount required has already been pledged with further applications still to be considered.

We also hope that you will want to help as well! Information on how you can make a difference will be available at the church on the OPEN DAY when you will have the opportunity to see and hear the bells being rung between 11 a.m. and 12 noon and again from 2p.m. to 3p.m. Should anyone be interested in playing the organ you are invited to bring some music with you and 'have a go'.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day. Everyone is very welcome so please bring all the family along for what should be a most enjoyable day.

Romany Cowans
Committee Member

'Around Historic Bekesbourne'

A talk by David Millyard

Friday 4 June

7.30pm

Bekesbourne Village Hall.

Starting at the Village Hall and ending at the Church, via Patricbourne Street, School Lane and Howletts, we will look at familiar sights and buildings and learn something about their history

Admission free.

Donations to the Bekesbourne Bells and Organ Restoration Fund

Bekesbourne Rogation Sunday Walk

On the 16th May, the traditional Rogation Walk was marked and beaten by the Bekesbourne parishioners around the boundaries. It was a lovely sunny day and there was a good turn out of walkers, two and four legged. This year we decided on a different route and it slightly encroached into Patribourne territory, but we found no resistance from those goodly folk of that parish. The walk lasted for about an hour and a half, and finished up at the local hostelry, the Unicorn, for refreshments, food and good conversation.

Hugh Pearson.

ANNUAL BOOT FAIR

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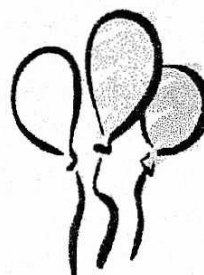
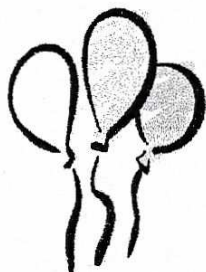
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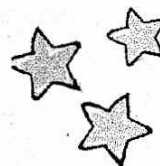
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50 pence will buy 10 pencils for children in Pakistan. £1 covers the cost of 6 exercise books in Laos. £2 buys a teaching manual to help educate 100 children.

Your generosity this year will help to improve and make a difference in educating children in the third world. Educating these children must surely be a firm step toward to helping them improve their lives.

If you would like to help us, help more children next year, please volunteer to collect for Save the Children in Bridge in 2005 .

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For further information ring 01227 832058, if engaged ring 01227 832477 or e mail ppryer@hotmail.com

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A reminder that there is a day coach outing to RHS Wisley on Wednesday 23 June organised by D & E Travel.

The next event for the Society is the Annual Summer Show on Saturday 24 July in Bridge School. Show schedules are now available from Committee members.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

16 members were present at the May 2004 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. Beryl Tupper was welcomed back following an operation. Also Sam Cork was welcomed to the meeting.

Our recent Hot Pot Supper and Quiz at the Hay Wain was a success, raising £121 for the Poppy Appeal.

It was decided that, instead of holding a Grand Poppy Draw this year, we would have some other fundraising events, one of which is to be a "Meet The Legion" Coffee Morning in the Littlebourne Memorial Hall Lounge on Saturday 11th September. We will also be having (by popular demand) another Beef Pudding Supper at the Unicorn, Bekesbourne on Tuesday, 19th October. Further details of both events will be announced.

We are already looking for help with this year's Poppy Appeal collection in the autumn. Anyone who can spare a few hours to help us will be very welcome either in assembling and distributing collecting trays, manning our stand outside the Post Office, collecting house to house, or various other small tasks. We wouldn't "overload" anyone with work, just a few hours helps. Please contact us on 01227 472023

Our next two Branch monthly meetings are on Tuesdays

8th June and 13th July, both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

An Evening of Musical Nostalgia is to be held in the garden of The Paddock, High Lane on Friday 4th June 7pm for 7.30pm.

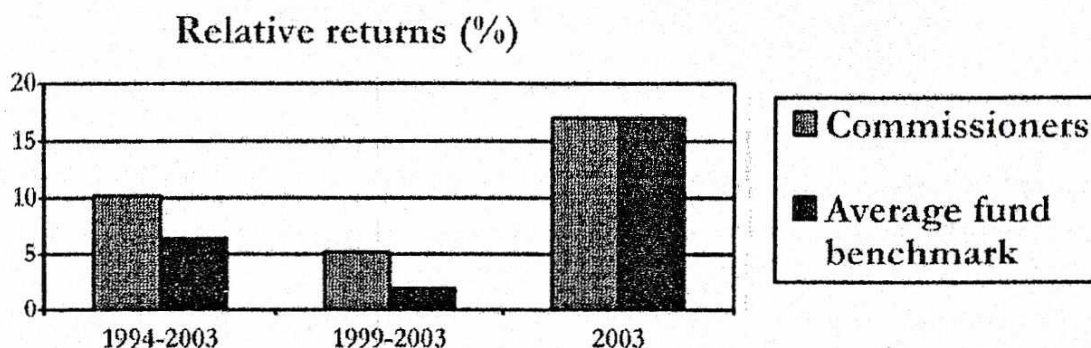
This date has been chosen to celebrate and remember the two most important dates in the early part of the month, but not the clash with any other activities taking place on those days. Namely, the 60th Anniversary of D Day and Her Majesty the Queens official birthday. The first half of the evening will be well known songs from the shows sung by a local talented and accompanied singer, Veronica Timms. The second half of the programme will consist of a Bridge Mini Night of the Proms led by the same artist and it is hoped that the audience will take part, as copies of the words will be available, Tickets will be £6 each including refreshments. There will also be a Raffle for the Pilgrims Hospice. For further information or to book tickets phone 01227 830418 or 01227 830260.

THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS IN 2003

Financial results in 2003

In 2003 the Commissioners achieved their best investment results for the last four years. Our fund saw a total return of 17% and the assets were worth £3.9 billion at the end of the year. For more detail about activity in 2003 do look at our annual report, available from the Policy Unit and on the website. But here are some key points:

In the last five- and ten-year periods our returns have been ahead of the average for comparable funds by more than three percentage points each year. This is better than for any of the 818 funds in the benchmark that we are compared with. Our property holdings have been a big contributor to this outstanding result.

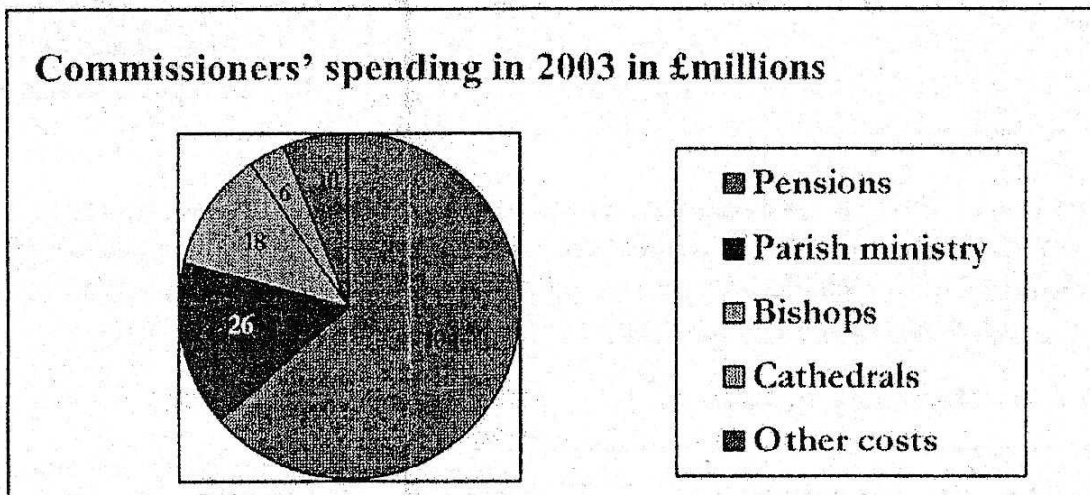


Supporting the Church's ministry

We fund all clergy pensions earned before 1998 and provide other support for the Church, especially in areas of need. In total we spent £164 million in 2003:

- £100.2 million for clergy pensions
- £3.7 million to help dioceses and parishes with the cost of clergy pension contributions
- £26.4 million for parish ministry, mainly payments to dioceses for clergy stipends. £19.7 million went to dioceses with least resources
- £17.8 million for bishops' stipends, office and working costs, and housing
- £6.1 million for stipends of cathedral clergy and grants to cathedrals, mainly for staff salaries
- £9.8 million for administration, support for other Church bodies and church buildings

Actuaries review our fund every three years (with yearly updates) to help gauge how much we can safely plan to spend. The 2003 review confirms that, thanks to recent performance, we can modestly increase spending in 2005-07. This will enable us to provide a steady pattern of support over the coming years.



Over the last three years the parish mission fund (£3.5 million in 2003) has given dioceses extra resources to provide for parish ministry. We plan for this to continue for at least the next two years. It has supported a range of activity: work with young people and with asylum seekers, tourism projects and a part-adaptation of a rural Leicester church to provide a post office for local villagers.

Containing costs and adding value

We have cut administrative costs by a third in real terms in the last 10 years and, like the Archbishops' Council, are holding costs at 2001 budget levels in 2002-04. Cost savings are just one result of looking for better ways of doing things. Other examples in 2003 include:

- We put in place new management arrangements for some of our UK stock market holdings to broaden the fund's investment base and reduce risk.
- Our review of bishops' houses aims to ensure these properties work well as homes and offices for bishops and their families, and that we optimise their full value. We replaced the Bristol see house with a better, more cost-efficient property.
- New information on the website about former churches available for sale has produced extra enquiries in 2003. We hope this will lead to increased sales and more money for the Church.

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- Our review of the Church's documentary heritage is looking at issues of ownership, finance and public access for these important collections.
- We worked with the Archbishops' Council in 2003 on the review of the Dioceses and Pastoral Measures. This aims to streamline procedures to meet the Church's changing pastoral and mission needs. Synod welcomed it and agreed to fast-track a proposal to enable parts of churches to be leased for other uses without redundancy.
- We have helped press the Church's case in Parliament for VAT relief on listed building repairs. The government's welcome decision to extend the listed places of worship grant scheme to March 2006, and to increase the relief rate, now effectively reduces parishes' VAT costs on these repairs to zero.
- We carried out a review of our spending pattern jointly with the Archbishops' Council. Synod debated the issues in February this year and the work will continue in specific areas.

The First Commissioner's quarterly newsletters at www.churchcommissioners.org continue to keep readers updated on our asset management and policy.

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BRIDGE FOLK FESTIVAL

Celebrate a wealth of traditional roots music and dance at the first Bridge Folk Festival in the heart of beautiful rural Kent.

Friday 18th June

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Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in the village hall on Thursday 13th May 2004

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2004-05

Cllr Lewis accepted the post of chairman to the council for 2004-5.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2004-05

Cllr Hill accepted the post of vice chairman to the council for 2004-5.

REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

The following councillors and local people were appointed as representatives to outside bodies:

Parish Council Police Forum- Cllrs Lewis and Esdale

Kent Association of Parish Council- Cllr Beesty

Village Hall Management Committee- Cllrs Beinder and Dobson

Mill Centre Management Committee- Cllrs Gulvin and Dobson

BVST- Cllr Gulvin

Nailbourne and Little Stour River Management Group- Cllr Gulvin

Allotment Association- Cllr Dobson

Parish Plan- Cllrs Dobson and Hill

Rural Area Member Panel Meeting- Cllr Esdale

Parish Forum Meetings- Cllr Edmonds

Rural Youth Bus/ Youth Group meetings- Cllr Dobson

KRCC - Joan Monk

Street monitor meetings - Cllr Esdale

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following councillors were appointed as representatives to the planning committee:

Cllrs Beinder, Edmonds and Hill

SUB-COMMITTEES FOR 2004-05

The following councillors and local people were appointed as representatives to outside bodies:

a) Recreation Ground- Cllrs Beesty, Corfield and Hill

b) Streets, Footways and Lighting- Maurice Smith

c) Environment - Cllr Edmonds (footpaths), Joan Monk (trees) and Andrew Pearson (trees)

Don't Dump Your car

People who no longer want their car can get it scrapped for free under a special scheme running for two months from Saturday 1 May until the end of June 2004. To arrange collections call Ling Metals on 01227 788188 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday or 7am to 12pm Saturday.

Laurie's Way

After consultation with John Shirley and Canterbury City Council it was agreed to name the Alleyway between Union and Filmer Road 'Laurie's Way'

The Clerk's Maternity Leave

The parish council welcomed Carol Baker, currently the clerk to Kingston and Womenswold, to the parish council meeting. Carol has agreed to cover Tina Burchell's maternity leave from July 1st.

Notice of Proposed work to trees in a conservation area for which a tree preservation order has been served:

The Willows, Patrixbourne Lane Bridge- remove 3 pollarded lime trees causing structural damage to adjoining neighbour's wall

A2 Overbridge at Patrixbourne Road

Interroute anticipates that remedial work on the expansion joint at the A2 Overbridge will take place in at the beginning of July 2004.

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Planning applications received: the planning committee agreed that they had no objections to the planning applications listed below:

CA/04/00468/BRI- single storey extension to rear of dwelling- 12a Windmill Close Bridge

CA/04/00465/BRI- Sharnwood Bridge Hill- single story extension to side of dwelling

CA/04/00483/BRI- erection of three replacement garages- 9 Dering Road

CA/04/00549/BRI- 1 Brewery Lane- single storey extension to side/ rear of dwelling

The planning committee objected to the following planning application:

CA/04/00581/BRI- 80 Riverside Close- replacement single storey pitched roof extension to rear of dwelling

Planning applications granted: the following applications have been notified as being granted:

CA/04/004009/BRI- 45a High Street- replacement access doors/ gates to High Street

CA/04/00372/BRI- 14 Green Court- replacement conservatory to rear of dwelling

CA/04/00263/BRI- Coppice Bridge Hill - single and two storey extension to dwelling and relocation of dormer window (revised scheme)

CA/04/00200/BRI- 72 Bridge Down- erection of detached double garage.

CA/04/00299/BRI- 58 Western Avenue- dormer window to rear of dwelling

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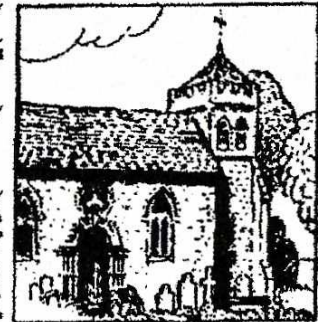
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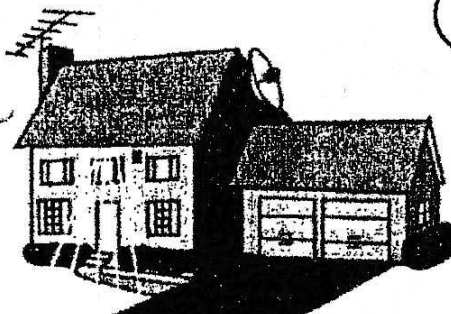
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Services for the month of July 2004

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Sun 4th July Trinity 4		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion Can R Humphriss	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service & Baptism Mrs P Kusel Rev P Filmer	OT: 2 Kings 5. 1-14 NT: Gal 6. 7-16 G: Luke 10. 1-11,16-20
Sun 11th Trinity 5	9.30 am Holy Communion Can Dr G Walker	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00am Family Service & Baptism Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Amos 7. 7-17 NT: Col 1. 1-14 G: Luke 10. 25-37
Sun 18th Trinity 6	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	9.45 am Family Service & Baptism Mrs M Clarke Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Rev P Filmer	10.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Amos 8. 1-12 NT: Col 1. 15-28 G: Luke 10. 38-42
Sun 25th Trinity 7	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss		8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00pm Evensong Chris Maclean	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev J Shorrocks		OT: Hosea 1. 2-10 NT: Col 2. 6-15 G: Luke 11. 1-13
Sun 1st August Trinity 8		11.00 am Holy Communion Canon A Duke	9.30 am Extended Holy Communion Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Hosea 11. 1-11 NT: Col 3. 1-11 G: Luke 12. 13-21

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for July 2004

- 1st Health and Healing, Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge 7pm
- 5th Caring and Sharing, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
Bridge Digital Camera Club, Plough and Harrow, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 6th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge, 2.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne, 8pm
- 7th Confirmation Class, Bridge School, 7pm
- 10th Boot Fair, Parsonage Farm, Bekesbourne, 9am
- 12th Caring and Sharing, 37 High Street, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 13th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge, 8pm
- 14th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall, 10 - 11.15am
Confirmation Class, Bridge School, 7pm
- 17th Councillor's Surgery, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 10am - 12noon
- 18th Benefice BBQ, Riverside Cottage, Patricxbourne, 12.30pm
- 19th Caring and Sharing BBQ, 8a Conyngham Lane, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 20th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
After Eights (Venue TBA) 8pm
- 23rd Bekesbourne Boules Tournament, The Unicorn, Bekesbourne,
7pm
- 24th Nailbourne Horticultural Society, Summer Show, Bridge School,
2.30pm
- 25th The Works, Bridge Village Hall, 9.45am
- 27th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge, 8pm

Please note on the table of Services on page 1 that Holy Communion at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on Sunday 18 July will be at 10.30am and not the usual time of 10 o'clock.



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Pobody's Perfect

Whether or not you are an avid soccer fan, you must at least be aware of all the fuss and excitement surrounding the recent European Championship, held in Portugal. Canterbury has been awash with St George flags and England team shirts were worn as a sign of support for the national team.

But one man in particular was held up as the saviour of English pride, who would lead us to victory and bring home the European trophy. David Beckham (or should we say Saint David) entered the first game against France with the hope of the nation on his shoulders - and all went well until he stepped up to take our first penalty. And he missed!!! Of course, he may have redeemed himself between me writing this letter and you reading it. England may well have picked themselves up and gone on to greater things, but he still missed that penalty.

We face a problem every time we elevate someone to super hero, in whatever specialism, because nobody is perfect. Everyone makes mistakes, sometimes at the worst time imaginable, with the worst possible consequences. Holding someone up as a perfect role model can only lead to dissatisfaction. We might reach perfection on occasion, but to remain perfect all the time is beyond any of us. Medieval archers were said to have 'synned' whenever they missed the bull's eye of their target because they had failed to take a perfect shot. And we all sin (or miss the mark) when we miss the bull's eye of living a perfect life.

Only one man has ever lived a perfect life, without sin, meeting God's standards for a godly existence, and that is Jesus Christ. Within the Christian faith we look to him as our role model and inspiration. We may not wear special shirts or fly flags on our cars, but we follow our team captain with total trust and commitment, confident that he has won for us a trophy much more precious than any man made award - the keys to heaven itself.

May God bless you and all those you love.

Paul

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

06/06 Bekesbourne Amelia Rose Dumbrell

Wedding

05/06 Bekesbourne Stuart Chapman & Stephanie Wall

Funeral

26/05 Barham (Bridge) Jennie Elizabeth Moon
19/06 Barham (Bridge) Raymond Stephenson
22/06 Patrixbourne/Barham David Morgan

Forthcoming Events

Bekesbourne

22 - 25 September Son-et-Lumiere

27 November Christmas Bazaar

Patrixbourne with Bridge

18 September Book and Puzzle Fair

10 October Harvest Lunch

16 October Coffee Morning

13 November Wine and Wisdom

STOP PRESS!!

Bridge School and Church Fete

On 19 June the weather remained fine and fair for the fete.

A very full and varied programme of events took place together with a large variety of stalls.

Thanks to all who helped in any way to make the day a success and to all who visited the site.

The final figure raised is yet to be confirmed but it will be about £5,500 — another record! This amount is divided between Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC and Bridge and Patricxbourne CEP School.

L.H.D.

Health and Healing

The next meeting is on Thursday 1 July at 7pm. at Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge, the home of John and Muriel Packer. They will be pleased to receive your requests for prayers, whether for someone ill, or a bereavement, or any other situation. Muriel and John can be contacted on 830364.

We will not meet in August but this does not mean the cycle of prayer and intercessions is broken. The group as individuals will continue to pray for those on the prayer list until we meet again.

Kath Pierce

Bridge Methodist Church — July

July 4th	Rev George Baugh / Mr Daniel Bishop
July 11th	Rev David Marshall
July 18th	Rev Donald Lugg
July 25th	Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
August 1st	Mr Reg Ward
August 8th	Mr Peter Burt

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

On The Nail

It has been agreed that the next edition will be a Combined August/September Magazine

Would all contributors please let me have items for August and September by **Thursday 15 July**.

Thanks in advance.

Lawrence Dunderdale
Editor 830668

Christian Aid Week 2004

Very many thanks for the support given to our house to house collection for Bridge, Patricxbourne and Bekesbourne when £1,416.36 was banked as a result of your generosity and the efforts of the collectors. Almost half of the total sum was gift-aided and therefore the true total, after the tax allowances are applied, is over £1,650. It was encouraging to see the gift-aid element grow from last year's total because it's money available to the charity at no further cost to the giver!

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.

Christine Barnett

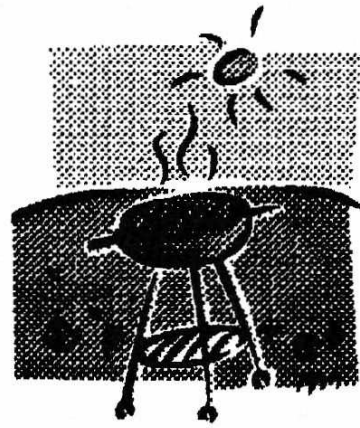
Fish News

The next Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday 14 July. Everyone is welcome, so do come along from 10 to 11.15am.

Thanks to your generosity the Annual Bring-and-Buy in May raised £300.

Patixbourne with Bridge PCC

Summer Barbeque



Sunday 18th July
Riverside Cottage
Patixbourne
12 noon

**Everyone from the Bridge Benefice is warmly
invited to come and join in the fun.**

**Tickets £5 adult, £12 family
Please buy from Pat (830668) or
Andrea (830947) by 14th July**

Please bring own drinks, plates, glasses and cutlery



Bell & Organ Restoration Project

Open Day at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne

Although threatened rain showers did indeed fall during the afternoon of Saturday 12th June, it did not dampen the spirits of those who organised the Open Day at St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne. I am happy to report that neither did it discourage visitors and we enjoyed a steady flow of people throughout the day.

Display boards were erected in the church with information on both the bells and organ together with details of restoration work. There was a working model of a bell to see, plus a static display of organ pipes. We were most fortunate to have two very capable and experienced church organists who had been invited to join us on Saturday to play the organ which everyone enjoyed and appreciated. Several of our visitors were also talented players and they had the opportunity to play the organ as well.

We were particularly pleased to welcome visiting bell ringers, many of whom were in the area for a local Bye Meeting and who came along to support us at St Peter's on our Open Day. The bells rang out at intervals during the day for all to hear and attracted much interest from onlookers. Indeed, several people expressed a keen interest in taking up bell ringing and we were happy to answer their varied questions. (Gill Moon is Captain of the tower at Bekesbourne and if you are interested in learning to ring please contact her on 01227 832134).

Delicious homemade cakes with tea and coffee were served all day, capably overseen by Joy Smith with the assistance of our regular band of willing ladies who are always ready to help on these occasions. Many thanks to everyone for their hard work!

The Open Day was a great success and I am very pleased to announce that the generous donations we received on Saturday amounted to £931.00 which brings the total raised so far to over £22,000. Look out in next month's edition of *On the Nail* for an update on how fund raising is progressing

Romany Cowans
Committee Member

**The Friends of Bekesbourne Church
Churchyard Working Party**

Many thanks to everyone who came and helped tidy up the Churchyard on Saturday 5 July. It certainly looked splendid for the wedding later that day.

Summer Boules tournament

The Unicorn Public house is hosting its annual boules tournament on Saturday 23 July at 7pm in aid of the *Friends of Bekesbourne Church*.

As usual it will be a pairs knockout competition. There will also be a barbecue and raffle. Do come along and have a fun evening. If you intend to eat a meal, don't forget to book.

**St Peter's Church Bekesbourne
in aid of church funds**

Boot Fair

Saturday

10 July 2004

9.00 am

**Parsonage Farm
Bekesbourne**

Sponsored by

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Pre-booked pitches £6

Phone 01227 831029 or 832134

Bekesbourne Church Son-et-Lumiere, September 2004

Performances will take place on Wednesday 22 to Saturday 25 September. Tickets at £7.50 each are now on sale. If you are interested in buying tickets, please write to Romany Cowans, Distant View, Adisham Road, Bekesbourne, Canterbury CT4 5EY stating the number of tickets required and for which day, send a cheque (payable to Bekesbourne PCC) for the full amount and enclose a SAE for the tickets to be sent to you.

Bridge with Patricxbourne Women's Institute

On 20 July at 7.30pm in Bridge Village Hall, Mr D Wilks will be giving a talk with the expansive title *Larger than Life*. This month the competition is for an article beginning with "S".

Nailbourne Horticultural Society

The Annual Summer Show will be held on Saturday 24 July at Bridge Primary School Hall, Conyngham Lane.

The hall will be open from 8am to allow members to stage their exhibits and then leave the hall prior to judging at 11am. The show itself will be open from 2.30pm with the presentation of prizes at 4pm. During the afternoon, we will be serving teas and homemade cakes. We will also be running a raffle and plant stall to help raise funds for the Society. If you have any spare plants or cuttings we would be happy to receive them. Please bring them along on the day or contact Kathy Walder on 830057 (evenings).

This year there is a new class - the Chairman's Challenge. Those who gave in their names have already received their young pelargonium plants to nurture and should now make sure that they enter them and bring them along to the hall on the morning of the show - and may the best one win!

Show schedules and entry forms are available from all committee members. The final day for submitting entries for the garden classes ("Prettiest Small Garden", "Best Kept Vegetable Garden" and "Most Picturesque Garden") is Monday 19 July. All other entries must be received by Billie Anderson (830260), Ann Edmonds (830795) or Kathy Walder (830057) by no later than Thursday 22 July. Please note that you must be a member to show, but it is still not too late to join (telephone Ann Edmonds, our treasurer as above).

We hope that there is something in the schedule to interest everyone. So, please

Samaritans 50th Anniversary Garden Party

The Canterbury and District Samaritans are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Samaritan movement by holding a Garden Party at Broome Park on Saturday 17 July from 3pm.

May I extend an invitation to you to join in our celebrations. Broome Park is a most attractive location and there will be every opportunity to enjoy the lovely gardens against a background of live music. Afternoon tea will be provided in the form of a buffet and I would be delighted if you could join us with your family and friends.

Tickets are £7.50 each which includes refreshments. If you would like tickets please send an SAE and £7.50 per person to: - SAMARITANS, Canterbury and District Branch, 32 Northgate, Canterbury. Kent CT1 1BL. If you need further information please telephone Sue on 01227 464150.

Royal British Legion Littlebourne and District Branch

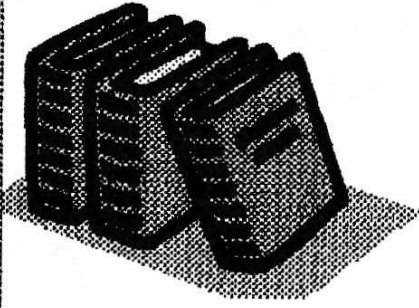
17 members were present at the June 2004 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair.

In the Silence the Chairman asked all present to remember those who lost their lives in the Normandy Campaign.

Jim Mount was congratulated on having recently celebrated his 95th birthday. Although this is our quiet time of the year, we are already organising events for the autumn. As announced last month, we are holding a "Meet The Legion" Coffee Morning in the Littlebourne Memorial Hall Lounge on Saturday 11th September and another Beef Pudding Supper at the Unicorn, Bekesbourne on Tuesday, 19th October. Further details of both events will be announced.

Could I once again remind those of you reading this that we are always happy to welcome new members to the Branch. Our meetings are quite informal and take place in very comfortable surroundings. Anyone wishing to find out more can contact the Secretary on 01227 472023.

Our next two Branch monthly meetings are on Tuesdays 13th July and 10th August, both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.



Patricbourne with
Bridge PCC

Book and Puzzle Fayre

Saturday 18th September

10am-2pm

Bridge Village Hall

Coffee and teas available

**Donations of books to
Pat Dunderdale (830668) or
Andrea Nicholson (830947)**



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Amended from previous submission - Sub-committees for 2004-05

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Notice of Proposed work to trees in a conservation area for which a tree preservation order has been served

Eastbridge House, Bridge Hill - reduce and reshape 4 yew trees by 30%, to remove overhang above road and above lawn drive but to maintain hedge-like appearance to continue screening from the road
15 The Close, Union Road Bridge - remove one leylandii on left hand boundary and two conifers on right hand boundary

Youth Activities

It was agreed that Canterbury City Council's 5 on 1 team could use the recreation ground on Mondays 10 -11.45am during the summer holidays to run youth sessions for 5-11 year olds and 1st July for a family day. There are spaces for 24 children on the Monday sessions.

Parish Accounts 2003/4

The parish accounts are available for inspection by the public at 92 High Street Bridge from 18th June to the 19th July 10am - 1pm

Zigzag Parking

The Parish Council would like to remind local people that it is both dangerous and unlawful to park on the zigzags by the zebra crossings along the High Street. Any one noticing regular offenders should contact Bob Pollard or Clive Metcalf on Canterbury 862287

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Planning applications received:

The planning committee agreed that they had no objections to the planning applications listed below:

CA/04/00673/BRI - erection of stables - open field to the north-west of Renville Farmhouse

CA/04/00781/BRI - conversion of integral garage into additional accommodation, porch to front and pitched roofs to existing conservatory and side extension - 72 Bridge Down

CA/04/00757/BEK - erection of B1/B8 storage warehouse building with ancillary parking and servicing - Highland Court Farm Bekesbourne

CA/04/00326/BRI - change of use from clinic to residential dwelling with single storey side extension - Garden Cottage, Bridge Hill (revised plans)

Planning applications that are being appealed:

CA/04/00013/BRI - erection of bungalow - land adjacent to trees, Bridge Hill

Planning Applications that have been withdrawn:

CAL/01/00124/BRI - external and internal alterations to The Red Lion, 75 High Street, Bridge

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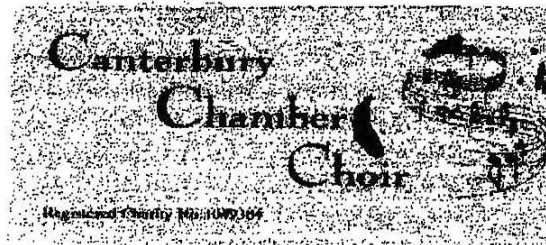
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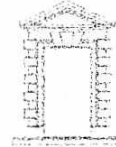
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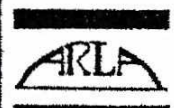
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Go With The Flow

Our family holiday this summer will be on a narrow boat, somewhere in the midlands. Its a holiday I've always fancied, but didn't risk until the children were grown up. I've been told that its the most relaxing holiday you can have, because you are forced to take it easy, travelling along at walking pace, with time to notice the details of your surroundings as the journey becomes the holiday instead of an inconvenience at either end.

It's good to get out of the fast flowing current of life once in a while, where so much is going on that sometimes you feel as if you're just treading water and making no headway. When I am very busy I say I am 'bows under' which is a throwback from my days in Chatham Naval Dockyard. You can imagine a battleship fighting to stay on course in rough seas, with its bows (that's the sharp end for you land lubbers) repeatedly smashing into wave after wave, sometimes with so much force that it seems the whole ship go under the waves and become a submarine! Life throws some pretty nasty stuff at us sometimes, and often when we're are least prepared to cope, or have too much to deal with already. 'It never rains but it pours' as they say.

Its at times like this when I am reminded of a particular event in the Bible when Jesus was crossing a lake with his closest friends in a small fishing boat. They were caught in a fierce storm, in the middle of the lake, and Jesus slept right through it. The disciples woke him, expecting him to do something spectacular, and he did. Concerned for his friends, he told the wind and waves to 'be still', literally to shut up, which they immediately did. But he also told his friends off for showing a lack of trust in him, thinking that he would let them come to harm. Sometimes we need to put more trust on God to help us through the rough seas, hearing him say those two words to us, 'be still', stop fretting, turn into the wind and take it one wave at a time, go with the flow. In this way, God tells us, we can cope with anything life throws at us, and even enjoy the journey.

May God comfort and protect you and all those you love.

Paul

The Bridge Group
Services for the month of August 2004

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 1st August Trinity 8		11.00 am Holy Communion Canon A Duke	9.30 am Extended Holy Communion Mrs M Clarke	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Hosea 11. 1-11 NT: Col 3. 1-11 G: Luke 12. 13-21
Sun 8th Trinity 9	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	6.00 pm Evensong Chris Maclean	11.00am Family Service Margaret Clarke	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Can Dr G Walker	OT: Is 1. 1, 10-20 NT: Heb 11.1-3,8-16 G: Luke 12.. 32-40
Sun 15th Trinity 10	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Is 61. 10-end NT: Gal 4. 4-7 G: Luke 1. 46-55
Sun 22nd Trinity 11	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Extended Holy Communion		OT: Jer 1. 4-10 NT: Heb 12. 18-29 G: Luke 13. 10-17
Sun 29th Trinity 12		10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion Rev P Filmer				OT: Jer 2. 4-13 NT: Heb 13.1-8,15-16 G: Luke 14. 7-14
Sun 5th September Trinity 13		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Jer 18. 1-11 NT: Phil vv 1-21 G: Luke 14. 25-33

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Sun 12th Trinity 14	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	11.00am Family Service & Baptism Martin Leggatt Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Mattins Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Jer 4.11-12,22-28 NT: 1 Tim 1. 12-17 G: Luke 15. 1-10
Sun 19th Trinity 15	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Jer 8. 18-9.1 NT: 1 Tim 2. 1-7 G: Luke 16. 1-13
Sun 26th Trinity 16	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss		8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Packer 6.00pm Evensong Margaret Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Jer 32.1-3a,6-15 NT: 1 Tim 6. 6-19 G: Luke 16. 19-31
Sun 3rd October Trinity 17		11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Harvest Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Lam 1. 1-6 NT: 2 Tim 1. 1-14 G: Luke 17. 5-10

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Diary for August 2004

- 3rd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
10th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
11th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
17th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, 8 Bridge Down 2.30pm
21st Councillor's Surgery, Bridge Methodist Church, 10am-12noon
24th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm

Diary for September 2004

- 2nd Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
Adult Confirmation Group 7pm
4th Parish Trip to London (all day)
5th Kent Chorale, Bekesbourne Church 7.30pm
6th Caring and Sharing 7.30pm
7th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
8th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10-11.15am
9th Adult Confirmation Group 7pm
11th Friends of Kent Churches Cycle Ride (all day)
13th Caring and Sharing 7.30pm
Bridge Digital Camera Club, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7.30pm
14th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
15th Lower Hardres & Nackington PCC 7.30pm
16th Horticultural Society, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
18th Book and Puzzle Fayre, Bridge Village Hall 10am-2pm
Bekesbourne Churchyard Working Party (am)
Councillor's Surgery, Bekesbourne Village Hall 10am-12noon
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21st Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
22nd Son-Et-Lumiere, Bekesbourne Church (Wed-Sat)
23rd Adult Confirmation Group 7.30pm
25th Lower Hardres and Nackington Harvest Supper, JBW Hall 7pm
27th Harvest Service, Bridge Methodist Church 7pm
28th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
30th Adult confirmation Group, 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events Patrixbourne with Bridge

- 10th Oct Harvest Lunch
16th Oct Coffee Morning
13th Nov Wine and Wisdom
Bekesbourne - 23rd Oct Wine and Wisdom
27th Nov Christmas Bazaar

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

04/07	Bekesbourne	William Edward Sydney Barker
11/07	Bridge	Alfie David Rowland
18/07	Lower Hardres	Matthew Hamish Alexander Tricker

Funeral

21/07	Bridge	Miriam Rosa Naomi Burgess
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ALM Authorisation

Pat Kusel (Bekesbourne) and Chris Maclean (Patrixbourne) have completed their training to become Authorised Lay Ministers within the Bridge Group.

To make it official they will each be commissioned on behalf of the Bishop of Dover at a service in their own church. Pat's authorisation will be during the Bekesbourne Harvest Festival on 3rd October. Chris will be authorised during Mattins at Patrixbourne on 12th September. We would love to see as many of you as possible at these services to support Pat and Chris as they mark the next stage of their ministry.

Confirmation Group

It's not too late to join our adult confirmation group which will meet for 6 evenings in September/October. For more information contact Paul Filmer (01227 830250).

The Annual Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride takes place on Saturday 12th September.

No other details are currently available but please look out for notices on the Church notice board (or notices given at services).

Bridge Methodist Church

Aug 1st	Mr Reg Ward
Aug 8th	Mr Peter Burt
Aug 15th	Rev. David Marshall
Aug 22nd	Mr John Ellis
Aug 29th	Miss Jean Hall

Children's Activities at Church

In May we launched 2 new children's groups in Bridge.

'The Works' now happens at the Village Hall from 9.45 to 11.15 every 4th Sunday in the month (except August.) We were delighted to see so many children for our first session. We built towers out of huge cardboard boxes, made clay statues and decorated gingerbread men. In June we made stone animals and lion masks. We have the puppets Peter and Mary, performing thanks to our brilliant young puppeteers. We have heard exciting stories, played games and learned some great action songs.

There's room for a few more children, please come along if you'd like to give it a try. The next session will be 26th September. Sessions have been free so far, but from September we'll ask for a contribution (50p per child/£1 per family) to cover the cost of art materials.

'The Upper Room' has also been a success. We love our venue upstairs at the Plough and Harrow (Thanks Chris and Melanie!) but here there's not room for many more! We meet at 9.15 on the 1st Sunday in the month (next session 5th September). We try to fit in a craft activity, story, memory verse, song and games before joining the adults in church for Communion. We've been made really welcome in church - it's lovely to be together as God's family of all ages. We hope you like our songs even if they're a bit noisy and not quite what you're used to!

None of this would have happened without the brilliant family services that are already established and Paul's great work in our school - Thank you! Also a big Thank you to the team of leaders who have been helping. Your prayers and support are both equally appreciated.

Ruth Washington 831156

Health and Healing

There will be no meeting in August but the cycle of prayer continues until we meet again on Thursday 2nd September, 7pm, at 7 Windmill Close.

Please let me have your requests for sickness, bereavement, anxiety, loneliness or any other situation you are concerned over, so that prayers can be added to the prayer list for the month of August and until we meet again in September. The group as individuals will continue to pray for those on the prayer list so that the cycle of intercessions is not broken.

Kath Pierce

830844

Fish News

The next two Coffee Pop-ins at Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday August 11th and Wednesday September 8th from 10 to 11.15am.

We are always hoping for more volunteer drivers. Please telephone Ann Medhurst on 830762 if you think you might be able to help, however occasionally. It's a great way to make friends.

BEKESBOURNE BELL AND ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

Since my last report in the July edition of 'On the Nail' we have received a further grant of £2,000 and local donations of over £200 bringing us ever nearer to our target of £45,000. Thank you very much to everyone for your support and generous contributions.

Fund raising Event

Mr. John Carney, Musical Director of Kent Chorale, has very kindly offered to give a recital of church music in St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on Sunday 5th September at 7.30 pm. Admission is free but donations will go to the Bell and Organ Restoration Project. Please make a note of this special event in your diaries.

For more details phone 831029

Romany Cowans
Committee Member

ST PETERS CHURCH BEKESBOURNE ANNUAL BOOT FAIR

The St Peters church annual boot fair got off to a busy start with 43 pitches turning up to sell their goods. The weather was warm and sunny on the day after a few very wet days. Thanks to the hard work of all concerned we were able to raise the grand amount of £410.60p for church funds. Thanks to John Ash for the use of his field, Nippers for sponsoring the advertising and to the many helpers on the day.

WORKING PARTY

There is to be an Autumn St. Peter's Churchyard working party Saturday 18th September. Please come and lend a hand, volunteers are needed, especially if you have a strimmer. Refreshments will be provided.

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We are pleased to have organised a talk by a member of the Brogdale Horticultural Trust on Thursday 16th September at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. Being the right time of year, we are also looking forward to sampling some of the fruit! Non-members are most welcome to come along.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The August meeting is by tradition a Garden Meeting and will be held on Tuesday 17th at 2-30 pm at 8 Bridgedown by kind invitation of Mrs Pat Hulyer. Although it is hoped that it will be a fine afternoon, in the event of rain, the meeting will take place at the usual time of 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall.

On Tuesday September 21st at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, Mr Peter Clarke will be giving a talk on the fascinating subject of the Bronze Age Boat of Dover. The competition this month is for an article beginning with the letter "H".

BRIDGE HISTORY SOCIETY

To start the new season, the Society has a special night at the Son et Lumiere at St Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on Thursday 23 September 2004 at 7.30 pm. Please telephone David Gilmour on 01227 832450 for further information.

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 5 October at 7.30 pm at Bridge Primary School hall, to be followed by a talk which will be given by Julia Page on the Napoleonic Defences.

ELHAM VALLEY TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Twinning Association are holding an informal "Boules and Barbecue/Buffet" at the top end of the valley at The Unicorn, Bekesbourne on Saturday 28th August starting at 12 noon.

This is an opportunity for members and non-members to get together for a chat over a "friendly" game of boules or just to catch up with friends old and new.

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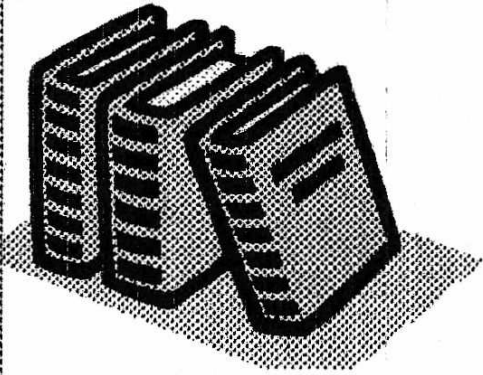


Traidcraft Stall

Just by way of background, the choice of charities to benefit from this year's Garden Party stems (pardon the pun) from the fact that Rajini works at Roper House where work is being undertaken to make the garden more accessible to residents, particularly those who are blind as well as deaf.

As to the Jubilee Sailing Trust, having experienced a fantastic week sailing the tall ship Lord Nelson, last year, this Charity was Chris's natural choice.

We hope we can count on your usual support for this event!



Patricbourne with
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Book and Puzzle Fayre

Saturday 18th September

10am-2pm

Bridge Village Hall

Coffee and teas available

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Bridge Village Hall

Saturday

2nd October 2004

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Nailbourne Group

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

16 members were present at the July 2004 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair.

Branch President, Hugh Wheeler, reported that the recent visit to Etaples War Cemetery had been an enjoyable venture.

We are holding our "Meet The Legion" Coffee Morning in the Littlebourne Memorial Hall Lounge on Saturday 11th September at 10am, in aid of the Poppy Appeal. There will be various stalls. So please come along and join us. The Beef Pudding Supper at the Unicorn, Bekesbourne on Tuesday, 19th October is getting booked up, so reserve your place soon. Ring either 01227 721237 or 01227 472023.

Once again, anyone of you reading this and interested in joining the Branch, can contact us on either of the above numbers for more details.

Our next two Branch monthly meetings are on Tuesdays 10th August and 14th September, both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.



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BRIDGE AND PATRIBOURNE SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are opening our lovely school library for pre-school children to come and share with us!

Toddlers are welcome to come and listen to stories, browse through books, take part in activities or borrow a book to take home.

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Please do use the facility. We look forward to seeing you!

Sarah Moore and Di Oxenham

KENT & MEDWAY BIOLOGICAL RECORDS CENTRE

Most of us know that our wildlife is under pressure from modern-day development. Even without reading a newspaper, many people will tell you that hedgehogs, sparrows, newts, slow-worms, etc, were more common a few years back. The UK government and EU have begun to tackle the threats to our wildlife and countryside with new legislation but can the rest of us do anything to help?



Primrose (*Primula vulgaris*)

During the last two decades, a network of biological record centres has gradually spread across the country. With one record centre per county, their aim is to collect and store information on local wildlife and habitats.

In order to provide up-to-date information, each record centre needs a constant stream of wildlife information going in. Simply put, how can a species be protected if they don't know where it is or if it is in decline?

This is where we can all help by taking note of the wildlife we see, either out in the countryside or in and around our gardens. All records of wildlife will be welcomed by record centres, not just those of rare and threatened species. Showing the health of different habitats and changes in population is important for focusing conservation efforts.

The new Kent & Medway Biological Records Centre (KMBRC) recently opened at Tyland Barn, near Maidstone, and is rapidly building up a database for Kent's wildlife and habitats. Everyone in the county can now help to safeguard local wildlife simply by passing on any biological records to KMBRC.



Hedgehog
(*Erinaceus europaeus*)

But what is a biological record? Basically, it consists of the four 'w's: who, what, where and when.

Who - the person who made the observation, preferably with contact details in case further information is needed.

What - the bird, plant or animal that was seen with as much detail as possible.

When - the exact date if possible.

Where - the location of the species. The address and postcode if it was in a garden or the nearest location if not, i.e. the name of a road, wood, or park.



Peacock butterfly
(*Inachis io*)

KMBRC would like records of all wildlife in Kent, including foxes, butterflies, fungi, grass snakes, etc, but the centre appreciates that it's not always practical to make a note of everything you see. So to keep it simple, you could limit the records to summer visitors in your garden or just to sightings that particularly interest you.

If you would like to find out more about biological recording and help to protect Kent's wildlife, visit the KMBRC website at

www.kmbrc.org.uk or contact the record centre on 01622 685646 or kmbrc.org.uk.



Art in Bridge

Autumn Exhibition

October 2004

Anyone living or working in or near Bridge is invited to exhibit up to three works of art. Children and young people are especially encouraged to exhibit.

Now is the time to plan your exhibits

Fuller details will be announced in September but if you require any further information please see the website

www.artinbridge.org.uk

or contact John Corfield 01227 830976

STREET WISE.

Bridge is a village most of us are delighted to be living in. I am sure we want to see it as safe and clean as we can. I have agreed to continue as Street Monitor on behalf of the Parish Council, reporting matters to them, SERCO direct, and the City Council for action.

It would be a great help if - in addition to my own observations - residents would inform me when they see matters that need attention under these headings:

Dumped rubbish

Fences/hedges/walls

Ply posting

Graffiti

Litter

Pavements

Potholes (over 2mm depth)

Litter bins

Street furniture

Street lights

Trees and verges

Vandalism

You can contact me on molesmith@tiscali.co.uk, (01227) 831075, or a note through my door at 18 The Close, Union Road, Bridge.

I would like to make a further plea for us all to pick up litter, particularly that near our own property. I do hope this request will not go unheeded.

Thank you, Maurice Smith

**Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in Bridge Village Hall
on Thursday 8th July.**

Notice of Proposed work to trees in a conservation area

Silver Birches, Patricxbourne Road, Bridge - Fell One dead silver birch tree, fell one elder and reduce the crown and thin one Lime.

Tanglewood, Patricxbourne Road, Bridge - Fell large Cyprus tree in close proximity to front of property.

Little Bridge Place, Mill Lane, Bridge, - Fell Ash tree in the field to the right of Little Bridge Farm as a result of storm damage.

Youth Activities

It was agreed that the Youth Group could use the recreation ground every other Tuesday night through the summer months.

Recreation Ground

2 picnic Benches are to be purchased, hopefully in time for the summer.

Bridge in Bloom Competition

Judging to be carried out at the end of July/early August.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th September at 7.30p.m. in Bridge Village Hall. Parishioners are invited to speak between 7.30 and 7.45 p.m.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 8th July.

Planning applications received:

The planning committee agreed that they had no objections to the planning applications listed below:

CA/04/00549/BRI- 1 Brewery Lane- single storey extension to side/ rear of dwelling (revised plans)

CA/04/00326/BRI- Garden Cottage, Bridge Hill- change of use from clinic to residential dwelling with single storey side extension (amended/ additional plans)

CA/04/00465- Sharnwood Bridge Hill- two and single storey extension to side of dwelling and revision to extensions previously granted under CA/98/1030/BRI

CA/04/00811/BRI- Archways Conyngham Lane- erection of two detached dwellings with associated garaging. Bridge Parish Council has no objections in principle to the use of this site or the design of these houses. However the Parish Council does object to the proposed access to the houses.

It was noted that the following applications are being granted:

CA/00/00695/BIS- Middle Pett Farm- use of land for storage of seasonal workers caravans during the winter months- Middle Pett Farm, Pett Bottom Road

CA/04/00468/BRI- 12a Windmill Close- single storey extension to rear of dwelling

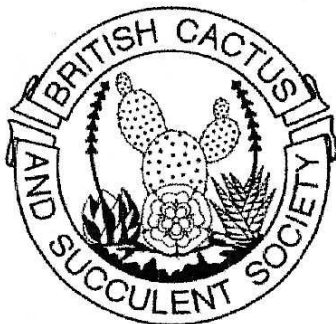
CA/04/00581/BRI- 80 Riverside Close- replacement single storey pitched roof extension to rear of dwelling

CA/04/00781/BRI- 72 Bridge Down- conversion of integral garage into additional living accommodation, porch to front and pitched roofs to existing conservatory and side extension

18. It was noted that the following application has been withdrawn:

CAL04/00059/BRI- 1 & 2 Old Renville Farm Cottages- single storey extension to side of dwelling.

The next of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 9th September at 7.15p.m. in Bridge Village Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.



BRITISH CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Interested in the care and cultivation of Cacti & Succulent plants? Then visit the Herne Bay Branch of the National Society. The branch extends a warm welcome to everyone living in the Canterbury, Faversham, Whitstable, Herne Bay & Thanet areas.

Monthly meetings with plant displays & speakers are held every third Wednesday in the month at the Red Cross Rooms, East Street, Herne Bay. The hall is open from 7.30pm.

For further details please contact Philip Andrews on 01227 830960 or E-mail purlins@hotmail.com

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- Occasional vacancies in all sections
- Players should be approximately Grade 6 - 7 or above
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Interested? Contact:

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The Bridge Group
Services for the month of October 2004

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patrixbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 3rd October Trinity 17	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Holy Communion Can Dr G Walker	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Harvest Service Mrs P Kusel Rev P Filmer	OT: Lam 1. 1-6 NT: 2 Tim 1. 1-14 G: Luke 17. 5-10
Sun 10th Trinity 18	9.30 am Harvest Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	11.00am Harvest Festival Chris Maclean	Joint Service at Bridge	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Jer 29. 1, 4-7 NT: 2 Tim 2. 8-15 G: Luke 17. 11-19
Sun 17th Trinity 19	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Harvest Family Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Tony Washington	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Jer 31. 27-34 NT: 2 Tim 3. 14-4.5 G: Luke 18. 1-8
Sun 24th Last after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	Joint Service at Patrixbourne	OT: Joel 2. 23-32 NT: 2 Tim 4. 6-8, 16-18 G: Luke 18. 9-14
Sun 31st All Saints Day				10.00 am Memorial Service with Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: Dan 7. 1-3, 15-18 NT: Eph 1. 11-23 G: Luke 6. 20-31
Sun 7th November 3 before Advent	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service and Baptism Mrs P Kusel	OT: Job 19. 23-27a NT: 2 Thes 2. 1-5, 13-17 G: Luke 20. 27-38

Officiating Ministers liable to last minute changes

Diary for October 2004

- 2nd League of Friends Table Boot Fair, Bridge Village Hall 10am-12noon
- 4th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 5th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 7th Methodist Church Coffee Morning, Patricxbourne Road,
Bridge, 10am - 12 noon
Health and Healing, Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge 7pm
- 11th Caring and Sharing, 12 Somme Close, Canterbury 7.30pm
- 12th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 13th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in, Bridge Village Hall 10am-11.15am
Horticultural Society Meeting, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 8pm
- 16th City Councillor's Surgery, Bridge Methodist Church 10am - 12noon
- 16th/17th Lower Hardres Flower Festival and Porch Sale,
St Mary's Church 11am - 4pm
Art in Bridge, Bridge Village Hall, 11am - 5pm
- 17th Conker Tournament, The Unicorn, Bekesbourne Lane
- 18th Caring and Sharing, 16 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 19th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 23rd Wine & Wisdom, Bekesbourne Village Hall 7.30pm
- 24th The Works, Bridge Village Hall 9.45am
- 26th Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm

Forthcoming Events

Bridge 13th November Wine & Wisdom

Bekesbourne 27th November Christmas Bazaar



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This summer saw the Olympics return to Athens. By co-incidence I was on holiday for these two weeks, and as the holiday house had cable TV I was able to spend far more time watching the events than I would normally. We couldn't fail to be impressed not just by our Olympic team but by all the athletes involved. It is hard to envisage the self-sacrifice, hard work and determination it took for each and every one of them to qualify to be there. As I write this we are about to be further amazed by the Paralympics. But it is not just about individual endeavour. Listening to many of the competitors when interviewed they were humble and acknowledged that they wouldn't have achieved success without the support, expertise and dedication of a team of people.

As I reflect on my life I realise that we are always part of a team and must value each other and work together, whether it be within the family, at work or in leisure, to be happy and successful. For those of us actively involved in the church there are many 'teams'. Often we only see and acknowledge the 'figure heads' such as the vicar but in order for the vicar to be able to carry out his duties effectively we mustn't forget there are an enormous number of other people involved. This may range from those who clean and decorate the churches and those who deliver the notices and magazines, through the PCCs and churchwardens to the ministry team, and beyond the vicar and the benefice to the clergy chapter and archdeacon. And so on. It takes an enormous collective effort for the church to function. This is true for any of us, whatever path we choose to take. We are all part of God's creation and need to find a way to value and work with all the other parts. We cannot succeed in life as individuals.

May God bless us all

Pat (Kusel)

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

12/09	Bridge	Christopher George Shirley
12/09	Lower Hardres	Daniel Michael Worsley
12/09	Lower Hardres	Georgia Myatt

Funeral

05/08	Bridge	Elsie Louise Gertrude Woolls
05/08	Bridge	Gladys Mabel Darby
08/09	Bridge	Bernard Clapson
14/09	Bridge	Monica Gowing Vince

Bibles for Confirmation

This year's confirmation group has 16 children and 3 adults working towards confirmation in Canterbury Cathedral in November. We would like to present each candidate with a bible to commemorate their confirmation and therefore need to raise new funds. Each bible costs £16 and donations for a bible or a smaller amount towards the total cost will be gratefully received by your churchwardens or the vicar.

The Benefice Service at Patrixbourne on Sunday 31st October will be designated as an **All Souls Memorial Service**. If you intend to be at the service and would like someones' name read out in memory, please give details to a churchwarden or the vicar by 24th October.

Harvest Collections

This year's Harvest collection from each of our 5 churches will be given to Kent Farmline which gives practical and moral support to all those involved in Kent agriculture (they worked very hard during Foot & Mouth). Children who collect money in Smartie tubes for the Harvest Collection will be given a new tube of Smarties to use for the Christmas Collection. This will once again be for the Children's Society.

SUNDAY 10TH OCTOBER
11AM
ST PETER'S CHURCH, BRIDGE

During this Harvest Family Service, to which you are all warmly invited, there will be a special presentation about the future life of our Church

This will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the School Hall at 12.30pm

'Please come'

If you wish to put your name down for the Lunch please contact Pat Dunderdale 830668 or Andrea Nicholson 830947 by Wednesday 6th October

During the Harvest Service there will be an opportunity for you to donate your harvest gifts which will be given to a local charity

Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting is on Thursday 7th October at 7pm at Netherbury, Meadow Close. It will be lovely to meet again after the August break, although the prayer cycle has not been broken. There has been so many tragedies and disasters during the month, the murder of innocent children and the three atlantic hurricanes claiming so many lives. Our prayers are so vital. If you have not been before, please feel free to come, there will always be a welcome and your prayers and petitions are important. If you have any special requests and are not able to come please let me know on 830844.

Kath Pierce

Fish (Neighbourly Help) News

The next Fish Coffee Pop-In will be on Wednesday October 13th in Bridge Village Hall between 10am and 11.15am. Please telephone Ann Medhurst if you would like to come but need a lift.

Usually the Fish Scheme Annual General Meeting is held in October but as a number of people will be away it has been delayed to the 8th December Coffee Pop-In and should coincide with mince pies.

Bridge Methodist Church

3rd October	Mr Ron Chadwick MA, DMS.
10th	Rev. Barbara Heather
17th	Rev. David Marshall (Holy Communion)
24th	Rev. Donald Lugg
31st	Mr John Ellis
7th November	Rev. Barbara Heather

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

In conjunction with the Bridge Allotment Holders and to encourage them to take part in our shows, we have organised an additional meeting to our programme this year.

On Wednesday 13 October at 8.00 pm in the upstairs room of the Plough and Harrow, our Chairman, Roger Austin, will be giving advice and helpful tips on growing produce and on how to present it at shows. I know that he will also be delighted to answer questions.

As always, everyone is welcome to come along.

BRIDGE WITH PATRIBOURNE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On Tuesday 19 October at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall, there will be a talk entitled 'Energy Saving' by Mr M Bundy. The competition this month is for an article beginning with the letter 'I'.

THE SMALLEST GARDEN PARTY IN THE WORLD

My thanks to all who came along and supported this event, which was blessed with a 'window' of fine weather. The total sum of £320 was raised, which was divided between the Roper House Garden Fund and the Jubilee Sailing Trust.

Two members of the Kent Fund raising Committee of the JST attended the event and confirmed that all moneys raised for the JST would be matched by a benefactor of the Trust!

In addition to the moneys raised, Traidcraft goods to the value of £215 were bought by those attending!

Our thanks again for your support.

Rajini and Chris

Bekesbourne Church. Recital of Church Music

Everyone enjoyed a pleasant evening of music when Kent Chorale visited St. Peter's Church, Bekesbourne on Sunday 5th September. The church doors stood open during the interval and people were able to wander outside into the churchyard with their refreshments.

Proceeds from the evening went towards the **Bell and Organ Restoration Project** and a grand sum of £218.00 was raised. Thank you very much to everyone for your kind donations which have helped boost the Restoration Fund.

The total money raised so far has now reached £27,379.00 which is wonderful news.

Over the coming months further fund raising events will be organised and we look forward to your continued support.

Church Yard Working Party

A very big thank you to every one that turned up for the church yard working party at St Peters church Bekesbourne, on the morning of Saturday 18th September.

We are very gratefull to have so many willing volunteers give up their time to help keep our church yard looking so neat and tidy. You are all very much appreciated.

Gill Moon

Lost Boules

Having recently taken up residence in Bekesbourne, one of the, if not the friendliest and prettiest hamlets in Kent, I am disappointed at having to have the following published in 'On The Nail'.

Following the annual Boules Competition held at The Unicorn and enjoyed by the attending families as a night of fun, I am very disappointed to learn that someone has forgotten to return two sets of boules from the competition. Since these boules belong to the Pfizer Company the lady who borrowed them is now faced with the cost of a replacement of two sets of boules. I now ask most sincerely that whoever forgot to leave them, they return them to Clive and Cheryl at The Unicorn and nothing more will be said.

When this happens we can all look forward to a good night next year.

Yours in gratitude

L Kingston

**FRIENDS OF BEKESBOURNE CHURCH
CONKERS AT THE UNICORN**

The Unicorn pub Bekesbourne will be hosting it's annual conker tournament Sunday 7th October to help raise funds for The Friends Of Bekesbourne Church. There will be adult and children competitions. Clive will supply the conkers. Hotdogs will be available, but If you want to eat lunch remember to book a table in advance.

**IN AID OF
THE BEKESBOURNE CHURCH
BELLS AND ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT**

**WINE AND WISDOM
BEKESBOURNE VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2004**

7.30pm

£3.50 PER PERSON

**BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK
TO BOOK A TABLE OF 6-8 PERSONS**

PHONE 830328

ST MARY'S CHURCH, LOWER HARDRES AND
THE CHURCH OF ST MARY'S, NACKINGTON



AUCTION OF PROMISES

FRIDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2004

The congregations of Lower Hardres and Nackington Churches are organising an Auction of Promises to raise money for church funds and the Church Restoration Fund on **Friday 12th November 2004** at the John Baker White Village Hall, Lower Hardres - **can you help by pledging a promise?**

You can pledge anything from a car wash, couple of hours gardening, making a Christmas cake/wreath, or an item, such as tickets to the theatre, selection of home made preserves, bottles of wine.... the sky's the limit!

If you would like to make a pledge you will find a pledge form inside the magazine, all you need to do is complete and return it by **12th October 2004**. Details of your pledge will be detailed in the auction catalogue, along with your name.

One last thing - make a note of the auction date in your diary - it will be a fun evening! We are grateful to Alan Mummery, local farmer's son and partner of Lambert and Foster Chartered Surveyors, who has agreed to be the auctioneer for the night and for producing the auction catalogues. Tickets will be £2.00 each (to include a free glass of wine) and will be on sale from mid-October. For further details call Jane Martin on 01227 830653.

Many thanks!

Margaret Clarke

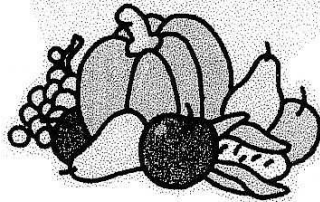
Lower Hardres Porch Sale

16th and 17th October

The children of Lower Hardres Church are organising a porch sale in conjunction with the Lower Hardres Flower Festival.

We will need donations of preserves, pickles, cakes, vegetables, pies, eggs and flowers for the sale to take place. All donations will be gratefully received.

If you are willing to donate any of the above items or help over the weekend please contact Jennie and Emily on 01227 830653 or Daniel on 01227 832936



LOWER HARDRES FLOWER FESTIVAL and PORCH SALE

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th October
11.00-4.00

Come and see the Church (including our recently uncovered chancel windows) decked out with flowers.

Enjoy a some light refreshments and buy something from the childrens' produce stall



Table Boot Fair
Bridge Village Hall
Saturday
2nd October 2004
10am - 12noon
Tables £10

Nailbourne Group

For details and advanced bookings
phone 830204

The League of Friends of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital raises money for the purchase of medical equipment and other items that benefit patients and their visitors, as well as providing volunteers to maintain services such as shops and tea bars. Its current policy is to buy only items that will continue to be used in Canterbury.

The Nailbourne Group has had a very successful year and greatly appreciates its local support. £1,170 in subscriptions and donations were received, many with Gift Aid declarations which will increase the total. We also raised money selling Grand Draw Tickets, at the Coffee Morning at the AGM in February, and at the very successful Talk about Pakistan by John Harris, which raised £350. We are very grateful for the donation made in memory of Jennie Moon. This year our group has purchased a hand-held CPM machine, a projector and a laptop computer (all for Rheumatology), a photo dynamic therapy machine (Dermatology), a DVD player (Neurophysiology), stroke tables (Harvey Ward) and contributed to a laptop computer for the Breast Co-ordinator.

Please help us to continue to support our hospital by making a donation and/or becoming a Friend (Friends' minimum annual donation of £5 for the year to 30 September 2005). Cheques should be made payable to 'The League of Friends, Nailbourne Branch'. Please post your contribution to: The Treasurer, League of Friends Nailbourne Group, (Mrs Maggie Fairweather), 62 Bridge Down, Bridge, Kent CT4 5BA.

MAIDSTONE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

"Maidstone Symphony Orchestra, Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 16th October 2004 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone.

The programme consists of four works ~ Respighi - The Pines of Rome: Chopin Piano Concerto No.1. Soloist Ronan O'Hora: Debussy - Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un faune and Janacek - Sinfonietta.

Music to enchant and entertain. Favourite pianist Ronan O'Hora returns to MSO in Chopin's youthful concerto, Elsewhere there's a world of musical perfumery, with intoxicating textures from Respighi and Debussy, and a heady sonic display of massed trumpets heralding Janacek's dazzling Sinfonietta.

Season tickets are available from the Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392 for five concerts at £66, £52 and £33. Students and children at £12. Single tickets are £18, £14, and £8, seats for children or students with a student card £3, available from the Membership Secretaries paid for and collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall, or from Mote Hall Box Office on 01622 761111 when payment can be made by credit card. This concert is sponsored by The Friends of Maidstone Orchestral Society."

Many thanks for your continued cooperation and support to the MSO.



BRITISH CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

Interested in the care and cultivation of Cacti & Succulent plants? Then visit the Herne Bay Branch of the National Society. The branch extends a warm welcome to everyone living in the Canterbury, Faversham, Whitstable, Herne Bay & Thanet areas.

Monthly meetings with plant displays & speakers are held every third Wednesday in the month at the Red Cross Rooms, East Street, Herne Bay. The hall is open from 7.30pm.

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You are warmly invited to
Come and Sing Carols
at St Peter's, Bridge
on Sunday, December 19th

and, more particularly, to join us in the **Bridge Choir**, which will be specially augmented as usual for the occasion of the Carol Service!

As in previous years, the choir will be supporting the congregational singing, and also adding another dimension to the familiar Christmas Readings with a varied, but not unfamiliar selection of short carols of their own. The present intention is to perform settings of *A Tender Shoot* (Goldschmidt), *Come thou Redeemer of the Earth* (Lumsden), *A Virgin most Pure* (Wood), *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (Shaw), *Past Three a Clock* (Wood) and *All and Some* (Shaw).

We are looking for all voices (SATB) from all age groups, and hope to welcome back many old friends as well as gain a few new enthusiasts. Some experience and/or ability to read music is necessary for the harmony parts, but not vital for the top line.

We will again keep rehearsals to a minimum, but for that reason it is crucial that most people can make *both* the main rehearsals as well as the Sunday! The rehearsals will almost certainly be held in Bridge Church as follows:

Wednesday, December 15th 7-8.30 p.m.

Friday, December 17th 7-8.30 p.m.

Sunday, December 19th 4-5.30 p.m.

Music will be available in advance and for private study!

If you are able to join us, please let *Bill Rose* know as soon as possible on 830560. I can then assess balance and viability of programme! You can contact me directly on Canterbury 787994.

With thanks & best wishes

[Martin Miles]

BRIDGE BRIDGE
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BRIDGE BRIDGE

Autumn
Exhibition

Art in Bridge

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
16th & 17th OCTOBER 2004

11.00 am - 5.00 pm Bridge Village Hall

Entrance free - refreshments available

Anyone living or working in or near Bridge is invited to exhibit up to three works of art. Children and young people are especially encouraged to exhibit

Information/Registration form

available from Colebrook Sturrock & Co, estate agents,
High Street, Bridge and on the website

Exhibits to the Hall: 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm Friday 15th October

For further information please visit the website

www.artinbridge.org.uk

or contact John Corfield (01227) 830976

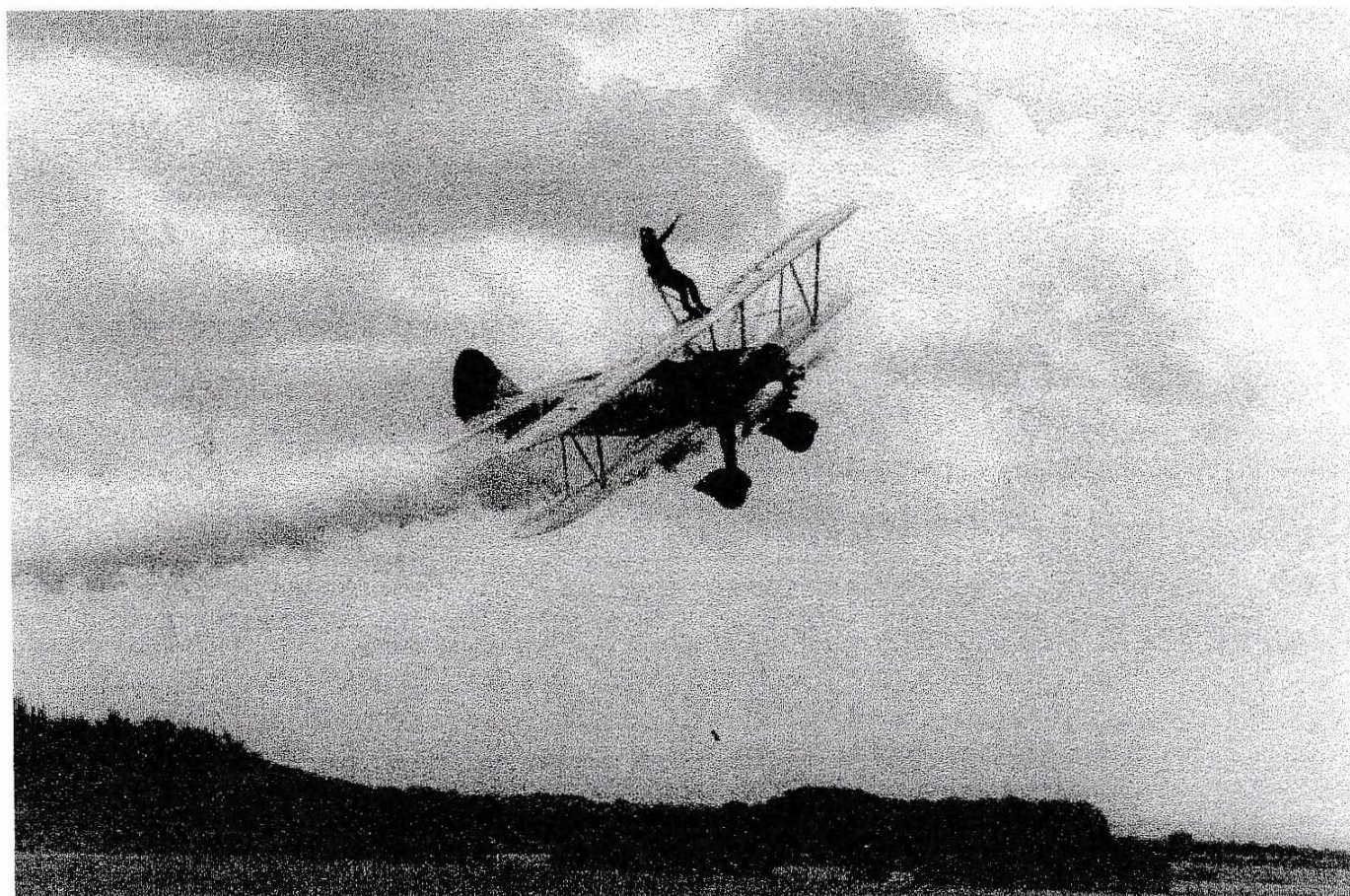
JAN KENT'S UTTERLY BUTTERLY WING WALK

It happened on Tuesday 20th July over the beautiful countryside of Cirencester in Gloucestershire, the home of Utterly Butterfly.

The weather was good and at 2pm, firmly harnessed into position, Jan from Patricxbourne took to the skies.

It was a truly amazing experience - fantastic, she said "I wasn't frightened and yes I would do it again."

The people who donated to her chosen charity "The Pilgrims Hospice" in Canterbury have been very generous. She will be presenting approximately £1750 to the Hospice.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

Despite a very hot and clammy evening, 14 members were present at the August 2004 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. He welcomed Mr Smith of Bridge to the meeting.

We are getting some very welcome offers of help with the Poppy Appeal Collection but, as always, we can still do with more helpers.

The Beef Pudding Supper at the Unicorn, Bekesbourne on Tuesday, 19th October has got places available. Ring either 01227 721237 or 01227 472023.

Our next Branch monthly meeting is on Tuesday 12th October, at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

BRIDGE FIREWORK DISPLAY

After last year's huge success, the same team will be putting on another spectacular firework display night on

SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Brewery Lane meadow, Bridge

Gates open: 5.30 p.m.

Tickets:	Adults	£3.50
	Children	£1.50
	Family Ticket	£9.00

Don't miss it

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 9th September 2004

Recreation Ground

2 picnic benches have been purchased and used throughout the summer.

The old shed is to be pulled down and removed together with the contents.

ROSPA have carried out their annual inspection of the playground equipment. They have highlighted some remedial work that will be carried out shortly.

The youth football team has not joined the football league this season, but will play some friendly matches at the recreation ground.

Notice Board for Bridge Downs

A new notice board has been ordered from JK Property Services and will be installed by Serco.

Rural Housing Trust Affordable Housing

A spokesperson for the trust is being invited to a meeting of Councillors and the Parish Plan Group

Traffic Issues in the Village

A meeting is to be arranged with Ruth Goudie of Kent Highways to discuss the current traffic issues in the village.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th October at 7.30p.m. in Bridge Village Hall. Parishioners are invited to speak between 7.30 and 7.45 p.m.

Notes from the meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee held in Bridge Village Hall on Thursday 9th September.

Planning applications received:

The planning committee agreed that they had no objections to the planning applications listed below:

CAL04/01160/BRI - 6 Bridge Downs, Bridge First Floor extension to side and single -storey extension to rear of dwelling.

CAL04/001173/BRI - 1 Middle Pett Cottages, Pett Bottom Road, Bridge, Porch and single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. Erection of detached double garage.

CA/04/01100/BRI - Samuel Court, Beech Hill, Bridge - Single Storey extension to rear of dwelling.

CAL04/00078/BRI - 15 The Close, Union Road, Bridge - Installation of new windows to front and rear of dwelling

The planning committee were unable to consider the following plans as they had not been received from Canterbury City Council:

CAL/04/00091/BRI - The Old Forge, 49 High Street, Bridge - Internal alterations. (Retrospective application)

Councillors were not happy with the following application, but have reluctantly agreed to it as the existing structure is already in place:

CAL04/01152/BRI - Base station, Nackington Farm, Bridge Road, Bridge - Extension of existing 15 metres high Telecommunications tower to 20 meters high and relocation of existing headframe and antennas

The following application has been referred to the Development Control Committee on 14th September :

CAL04/00811/BRI - Land South-east of Archways, Conyngham Lane, revised/additional plans for erection of two detached dwellings with associated garaging.

It was noted that the following applications are being granted:

CAL04/00924/BRI - Allotments, High Street, Bridge - Vehicular Access

CAL04/00483/BRI - Garages adjacent to 9 Dering Road, Bridge - Revised plans for erection of three replacement garages.

CA/04/00326/BRI - Garden Cottage, Bridge Hill - Change of use from clinic to residential dwelling with single-storey extension.

CA/04/00847/BRI 1 & 2 Old Renville Farm Cottages, Renville Bridge, Single - storey extension to side of dwelling

CA/04/01100/BRI - Samuel Court, Beech Hill, Bridge - Single Storey extension to rear of dwelling

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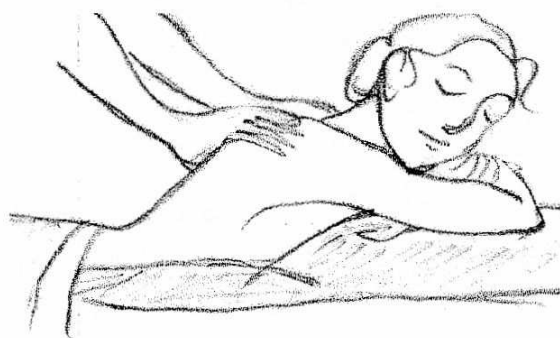
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FULL BODY MASSAGE

INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE

HOLISTIC FACIAL MASSAGE

BACK AND SHOULDER MASSAGE



The Bridge Group
Services for the month of November 2004

Year C	Nackington	Lower Hardres	Bridge	Patricxbourne	Bekesbourne	Readings
Sun 7th November 3 before Advent	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Job 19. 23-27a NT: 2 Thes 2.. 1-5, 13-17 G: Luke 20. 27-38
Sun 14th Remembrance Sunday	9.30 am Remembrance & Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong Rev P Filmer	11.00am Family Service Tony Washington	10.50 am Remembrance Chris Maclean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Mal 4. 1-2a NT: 2 Thes 3. 6-13 G: Luke 21. 5-19
Sun 21st 1 before Advent	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	9.45 am Family Service & Baptism Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon G Manley	6.00 pm Prayer & Praise Rev P Filmer	10.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Jer 23. 1-6 NT: Col 1. 11-20 G: Luke 23. 33-43
Sun 28th Advent 1	9.30 am Holy Communion Canon R Diss	Joint Service at Nackington	8.00 am BCP Communion Canon J Packer 6.00pm Evensong Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Can Dr G Walker	Joint Service at Patricxbourne	OT: Is 2. 1-5 NT: Rom 13. 11-end G: Mat 24. 36-44
Sun 5th December Advent 2	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Holy Communion Can Dr G Walker	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Is 11. 1-10 NT: Rom 15. 4-13 G: Mat 3. 1-12

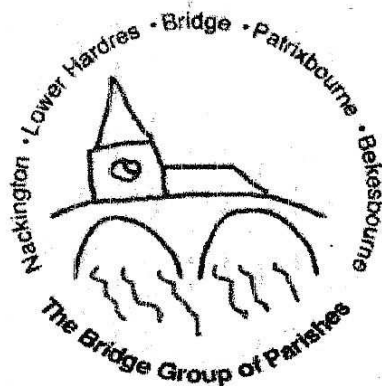
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Diary for November 2004

- 1st Caring and Sharing, 8A Conyngham Lane, Bridge 7.30pm
- 2nd Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 2.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne 8pm
- 3rd Confirmation Group(s), Bridge School 7pm
- 4th Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7pm
- 6th Parish Plan Day, Bridge Village Hall, 10am-6pm
- 8th Caring and Sharing, 20 Riverside Close, Bridge, 7.30pm
- 9th Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge, 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge, 8pm
- 10th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-In, Bridge Village Hall, 10-11.15am
Confirmation Service, Cathedral, 7.30pm
- 12th Lower Hardres & Nackington Auction of Promises, JBW Hall, 7pm
- 13th Bridge & Patricxbourne Wine & Wisdom, Bridge Village Hall, 7pm
- 15th Caring and Sharing, The Vicarage, 7.30pm
- 16th Holy Communion, Saxon Lodge, Bridge, 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm
After Eights, Fairview, Bekesbourne Lane, Bekesbourne, 8pm
- 17th Lower Hardres & Nackington PCC at JBW Hall, 7.30pm
- 22nd Caring and Sharing, 12 Somme Close, Canterbury, 7.30pm
- 23rd Holy Communion, Highfield House, Bekesbourne, 2.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge, 8pm
- 24th Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC, Methodist Church, 7.30pm
- 27th Bekesbourne Christmas Bazaar, Bekesbourne Village Hall, 10am
Lower Hardres & Nackington Christmas Fair, JBW Hall, Lower
Hardres, 2pm
- 28th The Works, Bridge Village Hall, 9.45am
- 29th Caring and Sharing, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge, 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events

- 6th Dec Salvation Army Carol Concert, Bridge School Hall, 7.30pm
- 14th Dec Senior Citizen's Afternoon of Entertainment, Bridge
School Hall, 1.30pm



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I was reminded the other day of a prank I once played on our children. I told them that if they behaved themselves over a few days I would show them our water otter. Excited, they were the very models of good behaviour. At the allotted time I agreed to show them the water otter. I showed them the central heating boiler. They were not amused. And we've all heard the old chestnut "Send reinforcements, we're going to advance" was received as "Send three and fourpence, we're going to a dance". Sometimes what we say, how we say it and how it is understood are very different. Working in a pub, double entendres are a daily occurrence.

There are three separate components of any message; the sender, the medium and the receiver. I know what I want to say to you but if I send it by e-mail and you haven't a computer the message fails. Or I tell it you in Japanese. Or if you simply do not want to hear.

As I continue my training I am often confronted with difficult passages of scripture. A piece I know to contain "truth" but which will not reveal itself to me. You know there is something in there but you cannot reach it. But with patience, with prayer and with humility, sometime the "truth" is revealed. And to me that is sometimes one of the most wonderful experiences I know. The joy of revealing God's holy word. It will not be the same message for every one of us. Each of it will interpret it slightly different. Some will have already seen it.

My children refer to it as the "Der" moment. "Der, Dad, of course it is" implying a level of supreme stupidity when I am bewildered by something. I guess they are still getting revenge for the water otter incident.

Chris Maclean

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

3/10 Bekesbourne Amelia Louise Holmes

Funeral

28/09 Patrixbourne Nancy Bell
04/10 Bridge Muriel Hoare
12/10 BridgeErnest James Beer

Christmas Nativity Play

YES, this year there will be a Nativity Play. The Christmas Nativity service will be at St.Peter's. Bekesbourne on Sunday December 19th at 10.00 am, replacing the usual communion service. If you wish to be in the play you must be available for the rehearsal the previous Sunday at 2.00pm at Bekesbourne. Parts in the play will be allocated before this rehearsal. If you don't want to 'act' but assist in some way you are still very welcome and need to attend the rehearsal.

You need to do one of the following to secure a part:

Telephone me on 830272 giving me your name, address and telephone no or Come along to The Works at Bridge village hall from 9.45 am on Sunday November 28th.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Patricia Kusel

Family services at Bekesbourne

November 7th 10.00am 1st Bekesbourne Brownies Church Parade.

December 5th 10.00am Advent & Gift service. This is our annual collection of goods for the local charity British Humanitarian Aid. Goods may include new or quality secondhand clothes (practical and warm please), basic toiletries, tinned or dried food, bedding and stationery and books for educating the children. If you are familiar with 'shoe box' collecting then these are always gratefully accepted but must be labelled boy/girl and approximate age. If you are unable to come to the gift service but wish to donate something then either deliver to me or give me a ring and I will collect.

God bless and thank you all

Patricia Kusel (830272)

Christmas Workshop at Lower Hardres

On Monday 20th December in the John Baker White Hall, Lower Hardres, there will be a Children's Workshop from 9.30am till 12 noon. Please book your place by phoning Margaret Clarke (765598) or Julie Cox (788316).

Parents - please stay with your pre-school child. Also it would be appreciated if each child could bring 50p towards materials (but its your children not your money that we want, so please come). We'll have fun.

Bibles for Confirmation

Following last month's item relating to the cost of Bibles to present to the confirmation candidates we are pleased to announce that over half the cost has already been received or pledged. If you would still like to contribute, any donation will be gratefully received by your Churchwarden or the Vicar.

Lower Hardres Flower Festival and Porch Sale

This event was well attended over the weekend of 16/17th October.

The Church was wonderfully decorated and the Chancel window looked splendid. The porch sale, organised by the young people, was also successful. Over £500 was raised - of which £240 was taken at the porch sale. There were also a number of generous donations towards plastering and redecoration of the Church.

Brenda Reynolds

Salvation Army Carol Concert

Why not start off the Christmas Season singing carols along with the Salvation Army Band and Bridge School Choir. The evening will start at 7.30pm in Bridge School Hall, tickets available at the door £2.00 each.

Refreshments will be served.

Senior Citizen's Afternoon of Entertainment

All Senior Citizens are invited to come along to the School Hall on Tuesday 14th December at 1.30pm to be entertained by the children. Refreshments will be served by Year 6 pupils during the afternoon. If you wish to come please contact the school on 830276, transport can be arranged if necessary.

Evelyn Andrews

Fish News (Neighbourly Help Scheme)

The November Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall will be on Wednesday 10th. If you would like to know what exactly the Fish Scheme does (and we don't try fishing in the Nailbourne), why not come to the AGM on Wednesday 8th December at 10am in Bridge Village Hall? You would be most welcome.

Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting is on Thursday 4th November at 7pm at 7 Windmill Close. Please keep your requests coming in. Relatives as far as Australia have been grateful for our support in their hour of need. Prayers are so vital. Please feel free to join us, you will be very welcome.

Kath Pierce
Tel: 830844

Church Fundraising Meeting

Have you any ideas for future fund raising? If so perhaps you would like to come to a meeting at 37 High Street, Bridge on 17th November at 7.30pm, so that we can share our ideas.

Pat Dunderdale
Te: 830668

Methodist Church Services

Nov 7th Rev. Barbara Heather
Nov 14th Rev. George Baugh
Nov 21st Mrs Marjorie Beckwith
Nov 28th Rev. Barbara Heather

*Patricxbourne with Bridge PCC
invite you to join us for a*



Wine and Wisdom Evening

**Saturday 13th November
Bridge Village Hall
7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start**

*Tickets £5 per head to include a Ploughman's
Supper.*

*Tables of 8 to be reserved in advance by
phoning Pat Dunderdale (830668) or
Andrea Nicholson (830947) by the 11th- or
we can help you join a table and make a
team of eight.*



Patricxbourne with Bridge is a member of the Bridge Group of Parishes

SON ET LUMIERE

David Gilmour's brilliant idea to update and restage the St Peter's Son et Lumiere, originally written and produced by John and Ann Purchase in the 1970's, came to fruition in September after months of preparation.

With a cast of around fifty local children and adults and a back stage team that was almost as large, it was a fantastic team event for the parishioners of St Peter's and their friends in neighbouring villages. The production was assisted financially by Canterbury City Council which contributed £500 from its Can Do Fund and the Millennium Awards for A11 scheme which provided £2000.

The show gave a captivating insight into the history of the village of Bekesbourne and through photographs and recorded voices brought to life the trials and triumphs of the people who have lived in the village over hundreds of years. Bekesbourne has long been a hop growing village and among the highlights of the show were the reminiscences about hop picking told first from a Londoner's point of view and then from a local viewpoint. Afterwards many in the audience had their own stories to tell about hop picking locally.

The church was both an evocative setting for the story and a player in its own right, having been at the heart of the village since Saxon times. The Son et Lumiere was timed to celebrate the ten year anniversary of the Friends of Bekesbourne Church and the show closed with a review of the work of the 'Friends' since it was formed in 1994 as a group intent upon saving St Peter's from the threat of closure. The Friends' fundraising events have been the catalyst for a renewed community spirit in Bekesbourne which, as the script reminded us, continues to thrive as a vibrant award -winning village despite having lost its post office, shop and school in the last decades of the 20th century.

Congratulations to all concerned and we look forward to the opportunity to purchase a CD of the show so that we can watch and listen again at our leisure.

Jill Thomas

BEKESBOURNE CYCLE RIDE

Once again the cycle ride was a great success thanks to riders Joan Atkins, Roger Nicholls, Victoria Greatorex and her sons Richard and Ben and Derek Dawson who rode for the first time this year. Between them all they raised £425.65 to be shared equally between St. Peters Bekesbourne and The Friends of Kent Churches. My thanks also to Romany Cowans, Jane Millyard, Gill Moon and John and Janet Street who manned the church, welcoming the riders and serving refreshments. (thank you John and Janet for doing the brass as well and Gill for cleaning). Last but not least a big thank you to all the sponsors for their invaluable support. Well done all!

Jill Gillanders

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BEKESBOURNE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

ON

SATURDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2004

FROM 10.00 AM

BEKESBOURNE VILLAGE HALL



**The
Children's
Society**

A Voluntary Society of The Church of England and The Church in Wales

Charity Registration No. 221124

The Children's Society Fund Raising

Goods sold from a small table at The League of Friends October Table Fair in Bridge raised a sum of £56 for the Children's Society. Many thanks to those who made this possible.

Christmas cards are now on sale (in packets of ten) at the Children's Society Charity Shop in Palace Street, Canterbury. Brochures are also available from the shop or from Kathy Eynon, (tel 830466, 19 Bridgedown).

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Advance notice of the Society's Social Evening to be held this year in Bridge Village Hall on Tuesday 7 December (and not as wrongly published on the membership card!). The evening will start at 7.30 pm and will include a quiz and light supper. Please watch out for further details nearer the time.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The Institute's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 November at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall. The competition this month is for an article beginning with the letter 'P'

Christmas Post

Nailbourne Scouts will yet again be operating a Christmas card delivery service around Bridge in December. Look out for details in next months magazine and on notices around the village.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, LOWER HARDRES AND
THE CHURCH OF ST MARY'S, NACKINGTON



AUCTION OF PROMISES
FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2004
7.30 p.m

John Baker White Hall
Lower Hardres

Thanks to the congregations of the Churches of the Parish we have a wonderful collection of promises to auction on the night. Come along and bid for over 85 lots which include;

1 return ticket to New York on Virgin Atlantic plane

2 tickets to football match – Arsenal v Norwich

(Saturday 2nd April 2005 at Highbury, London)

A visit to the Court of Appeal, a tour of the Royal Courts of Justice and lunch for 2 in Gray's Inn.

Home made Christmas cakes/Birthday cakes

Plants/gardening/car washing/ baby sitting/ironing.....

Tickets will be £2.50 each (to include a free glass of wine) and will be on sale from mid-October. Tickets can be purchased from Margaret Clarke (01227 765598) or Jane Martin (01227 830653). Numbers are limited so please make sure you purchase your tickets well in advance!

Remember, remember!

Bridge Bonfire and Firework Display

Saturday 6th November from 5.30 pm

Church Meadow, Brewery Lane, Bridge

Tickets: Family £9, Adult £3.50, Child £1.50

COFFEE MORNING

At The Old Palace, Canterbury Cathedral

Saturday 27th November

10.00am - 12 noon

Admission £3.00

This year The Lady Mayoress' (Mrs Jennifer Vye)

charity is supporting The Air Ambulance,

Relate and Kent Reading Scheme

The Coffee Morning is a rare opportunity to visit

The Old Palace

Cakes, Produce and Christmas Cards will be available

Entry from the Cathedral Precincts and Palace Street

November 6th 2004

10am - 4pm Bridge Village Hall

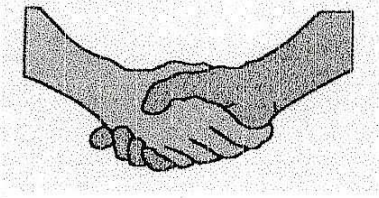
**BRIDGE
PARISH PLAN
DAY**

**Come along and tell us what you want
from Bridge in the future~its your
village!**

**~A chance to see our full photo exhibition, over
200 photographs taken by 14 village community
groups, what did they think about Bridge?**

Free tea/coffee/juice throughout the day!

EAST MEETS WEST 2005



After the most successful visit earlier this year with 14 Japanese Students staying with residents of Bridge, it is planned to repeat it again in March 2005.

The students come from the village of Tenryu, where Bill Rose was confined during World War II. Tenryu was the location of the Prisoner of War camp where Bill kept notes documenting his period of captivity. Bill's diary has now been incorporated into The Imperial War Museum collection.

Now in happier times a Junior High School occupies the site of the former labour camp. To continue our links with the community we are planning to place about 14 students with host families in Bridge over the Easter period from 20th to 29th March 2005.

We are currently planning a full itinerary for the Japanese students and their teachers. If you would like to host a student (approx £110 will be paid towards their expenses) or would like further information please contact:

Evelyn Andrews

01227 830960

e mail: purlins@hotmail.com

CAN YOU HELP

May I first introduce myself. I am one of the historians for the Canterbury and District Provincial Grand Lodge, of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, under the Grand Lodge of England.

How can you help us?

We know that the Nailbourne Lodge No. 7127 was open in Bridge around 1937 in the Plough and Harrow Hotel. We also know that it was no longer around in 1949. Owing to a fire at our Headquarters in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, some year ago, this is all we know. We would like to know more and we hope that someone in your Parish may have been a member or had a father or grandfather, or any male member of the family who had been a member of the R.A.O.B. around this time.

If there is such a person and if they have any photographs of members or odd bits of regalia i.e. jewels (medals) or sashes, cuffs, collars or aprons, or paperwork such as parchments or Minutes etc. If you do come across any of the above items I would be so grateful if you would get in touch with me at the above address or on the above telephone number.

There are other lodges in the area we still know little about so I ask you to look long and hard at anything with R.A.O.B. on it and please let me know.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - LITTLEBOURNE & DISTRICT BRANCH

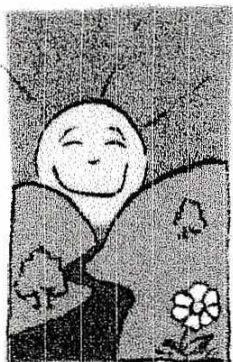
21 members were present at the October 2004 meeting held at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. The meeting was sorry to learn of our Padre, Revd Allan's recent illness and we wish him well.

The Branch has received a donation of £250 for the Poppy Appeal from the money raised at the recent Bramling Fete and members were present at the Hay Wain the evening before the meeting to receive this.

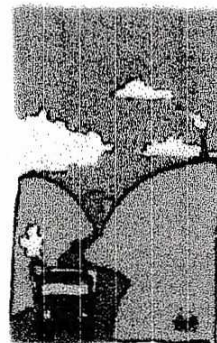
The Branch has now got new Poppy Organisers at Adisham - Mr and Mrs Philips are taking over from Mrs Mary Cook and we are grateful to them. Several Branch Officers are to visit schools in the area soon to give short talks about the work of the Legion and the Poppy Appeal.

Nominations for Branch Officers for the coming year were taken. Chairman - this was left open as the current Chairman wishes to stand down and there were no nominations. Vice Chairman - Fred Bennett, Hon Secretary - Barbara Hunt and Hon Treasurer - John Hewett.

Our next three Branch meetings are on Tuesdays, 2nd November (AGM), 9th November and 14th December- all at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne. Our Remembrance Service and Parade will be on Sunday, 14th November at Ickham Church. We will assemble outside the Lychgate at 10.45 am.



The Good and The Bad of Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty *In the Canterbury District*



We want to know your views. This competition challenges you to take photographs of exactly what you think is the very best and the very worst elements of the Kent Downs in the Canterbury district, and to show us any old photos of the area. There are three categories: **The Good, The Bad (Both with two age groups: 14&under and 15& over) and The Past.**

The parishes included in this area are Waltham, Petham, Chartham, Barham, Kingston, Upper Hardes, Lower Hardes, Bishopsbourne, Bridge, Patricbourne and Womanswold. You may enter all three categories if you choose and up to 3 photographs per category. Coloured copies and digital photo printouts will be accepted if good quality. So send your photograph (taken within the above mentioned parishes and no bigger than A4 in size) with your name, age and address on the back, a SAE (for return of your photo), and post it to the address below. Please also tell us a bit about your photo i.e. where it was taken and why you think it is good/bad or a story about the past. All photographs received will be returned but the KSCP reserves the right to copy and use the images. An exhibition of the best photographs will be put together and displayed at various venues throughout the spring, with a special event to promote the best photographs in early 2005.

So don't delay, start snapping today!

CLOSING DATE 3rd January 2005

For more information, call 01233 813 307, visit the website at www.kentishstour.org.uk or email jo.haskett@kent.gov.uk

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**CANTERBURY CHORAL
SOCIETY
FAMILY CAROLS
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL
SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2004 7.00**

Scheherezade and Belshazzar's Feast were part of the final concert of the 2003/4 season. As has become traditional Canterbury Choral Society were invited to perform the finale to the Canterbury Festival, Magyar Melody, which was attended by the President of Hungary - certainly a night to remember.

To start their 2004/5 season the choir will be at Canterbury Cathedral on the 18th December to encourage everyone into the mood for the start of the Christmas festivities. This traditional evening of Family Carols has become very popular and is an opportunity for parents to bring their children and share the experience. Richard Cooke involves the whole audience, both young and old and everyone is encouraged to join with the choir in singing many popular carols. Singing of Carols dates back to the 15th Century.

For this concert the choir is accompanied by a Brass Ensemble who perform solo pieces during the evening. This is certainly a Carol Concert with a difference - Richard Cooke who has recently celebrated 20 years with the Society introduces each Carol with amusing anecdotes which really make for a great evening. The concert will be sponsored once again by Pharon Independent Financial Advisers, enabling the price of tickets to be kept to a minimum. The Society are delighted that this is the 7th occasion on which Pharon have offered such generous support.

The Choral Society's January concert will be very special in that the society are performing Elgar's The Apostles with the Philharmonic Orchestra at Canterbury Cathedral. This performance will be recorded and will be the first recording of any of Elgar's oratorios in its authentic Cathedral setting.

Tickets for the Family Carols are priced at £6.00, £4.00 for children (under 16) and can be purchased from the Canterbury Information Centre on 01227 378188 - or by e-mail on boxoffice@canterbury.gov.uk.

Visit our Website on www.canterburychoral.co.uk.



Folk in the Barn are thrilled to have the wonderful **Colvin Quarmby** returning by popular demand to entertain us on **Saturday 27th November**, doors **7.30pm** in the **Kingston Barn**. Their strength lies in the power of **Gerry Colvin's** songwriting and performance. He has the rare ability to make his audience think, laugh and cry all at the same time and is a natural born entertainer. Great catchy melodies across different styles of song -folk, a little bit of country, rock, skiffle and jaw dropping ballads of such observation and poignancy they take your breath away. In fact I have been present on more than one occasion when an audience of 800 has collectively let out an audible sigh of awe at the end of one particular song. They received a standing ovation at Cambridge Folk Festival back in the summer and had a wonderful reception when headlining the Sunday afternoon Show at Broadstairs Folk Week in August. The audience wouldn't let them leave despite having run out of time. **Colvin Quarmby** are **Gerry Colvin**, **Nick Quarmby** (Phil Beer Band), **Martin Fitzgibbon** and **Dave Dutfield** (ex Albion Band). Top class entertainment on your doorstep. Don't miss out!

www.colvinquarmbv.co.uk

Tickets £10 or £8 cons from Debs Earl on 01227 831493 or 07799 790 738

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 13th November - 11.00am
in Bridge School Hall - in aid of School funds

If you have any items you wish to donate
please contact 830276 during school hours
to arrange collection, or you may deliver them to the
school from 9.00am on the day

Bridge Parish Council Meeting - 14th October 2004 7.30p.m.

At the October meeting of the Council a report was received from the Rural Housing Trust on affordable Housing. The matter would be taken further, hopefully after Christmas. The Canterbury District Forum and the Rural Area Members Panel had both discussed the issue of the change in the licensing laws that would affect the functions held in the Village Hall and other municipal property. Councillor Esdale presented a full written report from Canterbury District Local Plan, Little Barton Farm Enquiry.

Matters discussed at the meeting included the cost of the Tarmac proposed for the Recreation Ground play area practice goal and basketball hoop and it was agreed that this would be included on the budget discussion at the next meeting in November.

Several areas of concern were raised about overgrown hedges and low branches on trees around the Recreation Ground and a working party would be descending on the area on the 5th November at 2pm, any additional help from villagers would be appreciated.

The Clerk would be writing to the Highways department regarding several issues of concern. These included the increasing traffic dangers at the junction of Higham Lane and Higham Forecourt, the persistent illegal parking at the junction of Western Avenue and the High Street and to support a local resident's request for a disabled parking space between the Post Office and the pedestrian crossing.

The issue of the erection of the Christmas tree lights marched on, with the latest suggestion being that the job should be passed to Serco. Councillor Esdale was empowered to resolve the situation as a matter of urgency since the order for the trees needed to be placed and the festive season was fast approaching.

The Parish Council expressed its deep concern at the report from Councillor Lewis that the Neighbourhood Watch organisation in Canterbury was having its budget cut again this year by a further 17%. The Council felt the situation now required serious protestations to the Canterbury City Council about its attitude to this worthwhile and community inspired organisation. It was not felt that necessary priority was being given to the work that this organisation undertook.

A dog waste bin had been requested by the Parish Council for placement in the High Street, but instead a bin had mysteriously appeared at Beech Hill. It was hoped that the mysterious multiplication of bins would mean the requested bin in the High Street would appear very soon!

The next meeting would be at the Village Hall on 11th November 2004 at 7.15 Planning 7.30 main meeting.

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

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

PATRIXBOURNE WITH BRIDGE

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

Mrs P Pritchard, 2 St Mary's Rd, Patrixbourne (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.

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

BEKESBOURNE

Churchwardens Mrs J Gillanders, Cala, Aerodrome Rd, Bekesbourne

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

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

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

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

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

On The Nail Advertising- Mrs E Andrews, The Purlins, Meadow Close, Bridge (830960)

Items for *On The Nail* should reach Laurence Dunderdale by the 15th of the preceeding month.

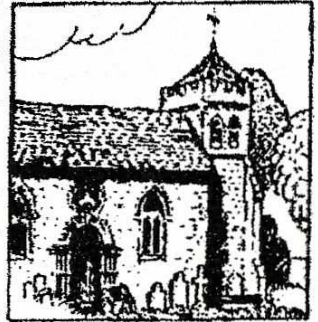
For Sale

Pet Transporter / Puppy Cage - One careful puppy owner!
Cost £39.

Will sell for £20.

Jill Thomas 01227 832573

On the Nail



Bekesbourne



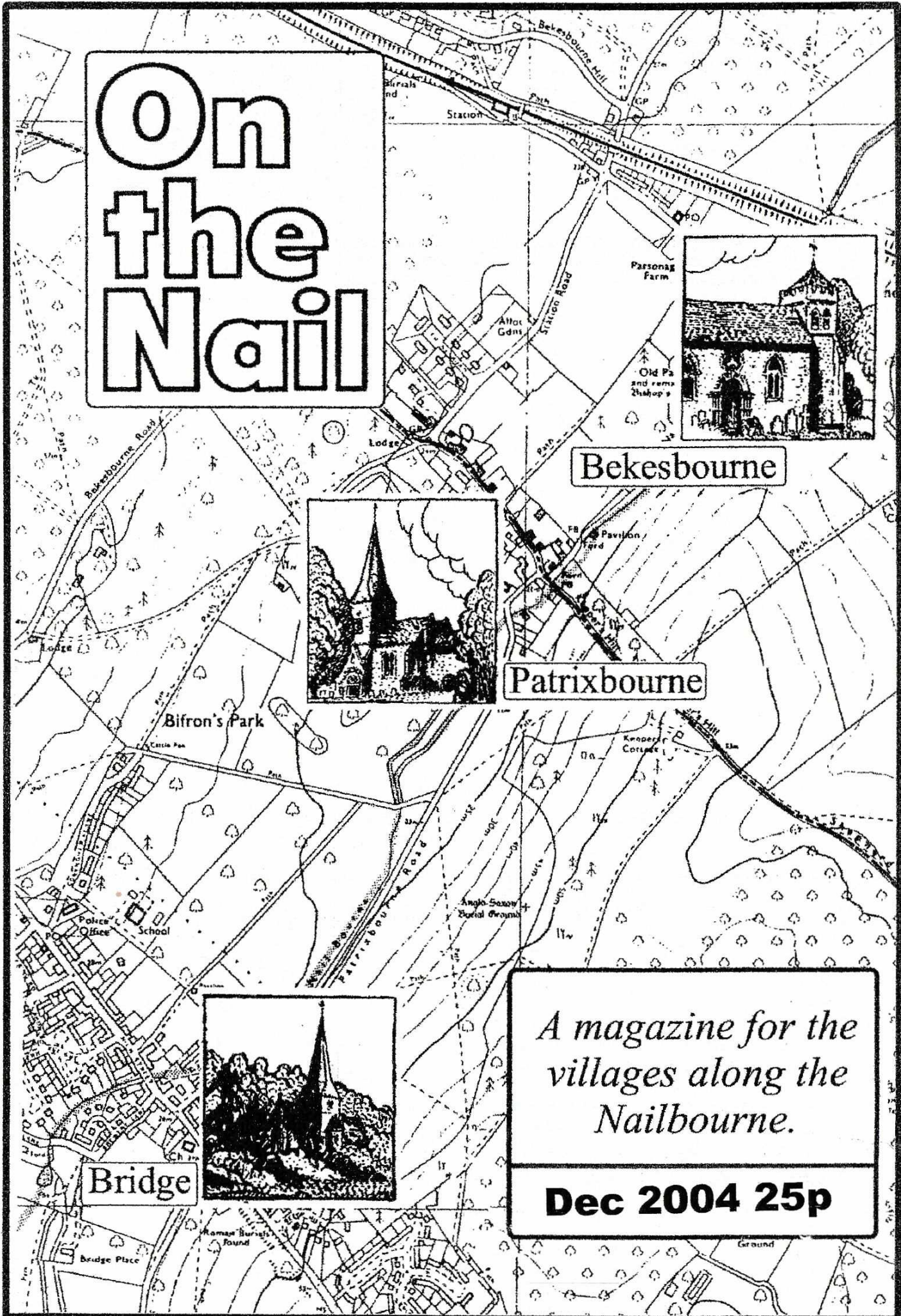
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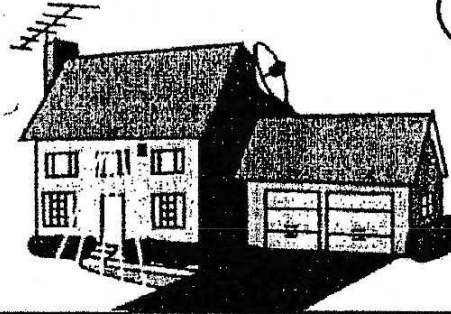


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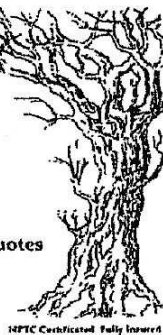
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Sun 5th December Advent 2	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	9.30 am Holy Communion Can Dr & Walker	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Isaiah 11. 1-10 NT: Romans 15. 4-13 G: Mat 3. 1-12
Sun 12th Advent 3	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	6.00 pm Evensong and Carols Mrs M Clarke	11.00am Family Service Martin Leggatt	10.00 am Mattins Chris McLean	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	OT: Isaiah 35. 1-10 NT: James 5. 7-10 G: Mat 11. 2-11
Sun 19th Advent 4	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev P Filmer	3.00 pm Crib Service Mrs M Clarke	10.00 am Holy Communion Canon & Manley 6.00 pm Carol Service	Joint Service at Bridge	10.30 am Nativity Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Isaiah 7. 10-16 NT: Rom 1. 1-7 G: Mat 1. 18-end
Christmas Week	24th Dec 11.30 pm Holy Communion Canon R Diss	24th Dec 11.30 pm Holy Communion Canon Humphriss	24th Dec 4.00 pm Christingle Rev P Filmer 11.30 pm Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	23rd Dec 7.00 pm Carol Service	24th Dec 11.30 pm Holy Communion Canon & Manley	
		25th Dec 10.00 am Family Service Mrs M Clarke	25th Dec 8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Thackray	25th Dec 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	25th Dec 11.00 am Family Carol Service Rev P Filmer	
Sun 26th Christmas 1				11.00 am Benefice Communion Rev P Filmer		OT: 2 Chron 24.20-22 NT: Acts 7. 51-end G: Mat 10. 17-22
Sun 2nd January 2005	Joint Service at Lower Hardres	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev P Filmer	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev D Bretherton	8.00 am BCP Communion Rev J Shorrocks	10.00 am Family Service Mrs P Kusel	OT: Jer 31. 7-14 NT: Eph 1. 3-14 G: John 1. 10-18

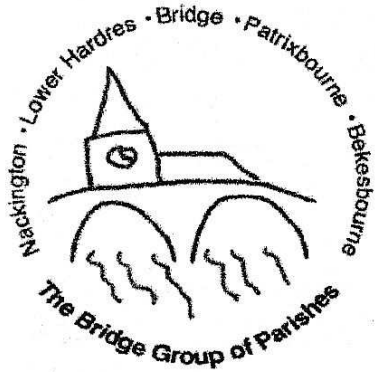
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Diary for December 2004

- 2nd Flower Arrangers, The Archways, Conyngham Lane, Bridge 2.30pm
Health and Healing, 7 Windmill Close, Bridge 7.00pm
- 6th Salvation Army Carol Concert, Bridge School, 7.30pm
- 7th Holy Communion, The New Close, Bridge 3pm
Horticultural Society Social Evening, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
- 8th Fish Scheme Coffee Pop-in and AGM, Bridge Village Hall 10.00-11.15am
- 9th Carols at The Unicorn, Bekesbourne (Evening)
- 13th Caring and Sharing, 32 Riverside Close, Bridge 7.30pm
- 14th Senior Citizens Afternoon of Entertainment, Bridge School 1.30pm
Holy Communion, Churchill House, Bridge 2.30pm
Women's Institute, Bridge Village Hall 7.30pm
After Eights, 58 Western Avenue, Bridge 8pm
- 15th Ears and Beers, Plough & Harrow, Bridge 7pm
- 16th Patricxbourne Carols Rehearsal, 7.30pm
- 19th Bridge Carol Service 6pm
- 20th Carols at Highfield House, Bekesbourne 2.30pm
Carols at New Close, Bridge 6pm
Patricxbourne Carols Rehearsal 7.30pm
- 21st Carols at Saxon Lodge, Bridge 3pm
- 22nd Patricxbourne Carols Rehearsal 7.30pm
- 23rd Patricxbourne Carols Rehearsal 5pm
Patricxbourne Carol Service 7.30pm

Forthcoming Events - Bekesbourne

- 29th Jan 05 Jumble Sale
March 05 (Date to be fixed) Wine & Wisdom



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Dig Deep

A little while ago I read the Miss Read book, "The Village Christmas". It's the story of the village of Fairacre and what goes on! A newcomer, Vanessa, with her cigarettes, her fluffy scarlet petticoat, her annoying habit of borrowing money and her generous ways, comes to live there with her husband and children. She is not welcomed! She is pregnant and when her husband is away the baby boy decides to enter this world. The two neighbours, Margaret and Mary, are forced to help even though it might spoil their own Christmas Day! Nevertheless they clean the cottage, care for the children and share their own Christmas dinner with them. They have a great time and it suddenly dawns on the two women that there is so much love in that young Mum and that messy cottage with new-born baby sleeping happily in the drawer! The final words of the story are from Margaret, "There's room for all sorts in Fairacre, Mary, but it took a new-born babe to show us."

You know this reminded me of another baby boy, born in a manger. He entered a grubby old stable and yet He was God's Son, God incarnate, who came to bring Good News of salvation to everyone. As John's Gospel says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life." This surely means that we can have a wonderful, forgiving relationship with God through Christ now because He took our sins on Him and was crucified.

Yes, I can hear you say, "What about the commercial side of Christmas? That is over the top - September Christmas cards!! I agree, but perhaps we need to dig deeper into the Christmas message and all it means. Jesus didn't stay in the stable. He strode out into our selfish world, where religion had become rules with little love. He befriended the outcasts, the 'sinners' and shocked the religious people of that day. He preached, he healed and he loved and cared for everyone. He was the human face of God; God in action, showing us how to live. The result? He was executed,

but God raised Him from the dead and He is alive for ever.

You see there can be no Christmas without Good Friday and there can be no Good Friday without Easter. We might go 'over the top' at Christmas, but perhaps the commercialism forces people to think about Our Lord, our family, our friends, our world and its problems and ourselves.

I end by saying 'Dig Deep' into the Christmas message, my friends because it took a new-born baby in Bethlehem to turn the world upside down. May you have a joyful, fun-filled, love-filled and blessed Christmas. God Bless.

Margaret Clarke

Your Parish Matters

Baptism

7/11	Bekesbourne	Leah June Boakes Danny Barry Boakes Natalie Jade Boakes
10/11	Bridge	Raymond Eric Ellis
21/11	Lower Hardres	Jack William Hope

Funeral

22/10	Bridge	Arnold Stephen James
3/11	Bridge	Sidney Thomas Foord

Confirmation

19 candidates from the Benefice joined over 80 other candidates from the Diocese at Canterbury Cathedral on 10th November and were confirmed by the Bishop of Dover. A picture was taken of all our candidates after the service holding their bibles, kindly donated by parishioners in the Benefice.

Smartie Tubes

Tubes given out at Harvest can now be brought back - full - to any service at any church in the Benefice over the Christmas period and the proceeds will go to The Children's Society. (You can always buy your own tube and fill it!) We will give out fresh tubes for collection at Easter.

HELP NEEDED

The Area Dean has received a letter from Mr Geoff Smithard in Dover regarding a charity based in Stodmarsh Lane, Canterbury helping to look after disabled children. They have recently been donated an adapted Minibus, but only have one staff member to drive it, and often have to hire drivers. They are hoping to set up a scheme of volunteer drivers to assist for 3 hours on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon to enable the children to go on local trips. If

you feel you can help, please contact Mr Geoff Smithard on
01304 242538 or 07968 162938 or
geoff@happy2bhome.freemove.co.uk.

Thanks

Sincere thanks to all the people who helped at **The Auction** (Nov 12th) - by giving, coming or buying. All the young Mum's were great helping in so many ways, but I would specially like to thank Jane (Martin) for all her hard work and dedication. Jane's brother Alan was fantastic as the auctioneer, and he was ably helped by his wife. I can only say thank you for a wonderful happy evening. We made about £5,000.

Reminders for Christmas

Christmas Workshop at Lower Hardres

Monday 20th December 9.30-noon at John Baker-White Hall, Lower Hardres.

CHILDREN DON'T FORGET (Details in November Magazine)

Margaret Clarke 765598 or Julie Cox 788316

The Crib Service will be at 3pm on Sunday 19th December at St Mary's Lower Hardres. Refreshments will be served after the service. Dress up as a Nativity character - there will be lots for you to do. Please, if you can bring a GIFT (any size) for children (any age) - UNWRAPPED. They will be given to the Children's Refuge. They bring a lot of pleasure to those young people.

St Mary's Patricbourne

Carol Service

Thursday 23rd December 2004 at 7.00 pm

*Please come and sing in the Choir-all voices welcome
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Rehearsals at 7.30 p.m. in the Church:

Thursday 16th, Monday 20th, Wednesday 22nd

Final rehearsal at 5 p.m. on Thursday 23rd

R.S.V.P to Rosalie Stacey on 830205 (Joslet, Keeper's Hill, Patricbourne, CT4 5BT) if you can attend any or all of the rehearsals



Health and Healing

The next prayer group meeting will be on Thursday 2nd December at 7pm, at 7 Windmill Close. If you are unable to come in person, please ring me on 830844 and let me have your requests, either for a sick person, or for a bereavement or for any situation.

Prayer is so vital and God knows our needs before we ask, but it is good to share our troubles and concerns and to receive God's healing powers.

His peace which passes all understanding, is for us to receive, if only we can give ourselves over to Him. May God bless you all.

Kath Pierce
830844

Fish News

Do come to the Coffee Pop-in in Bridge Village Hall on Wednesday December 8th from 10.00 to 11.15am and take part in the Annual General Meeting.

We welcome your ideas on how we run our neighbourly help scheme.

Flower Arrangers - St. Peter's Bridge

A meeting is to be held on Thursday 2nd December at 2.30pm at 'The Archways', Conyngham Lane to discuss Christmas Decorations in St. Peter's Bridge and to organise next years rota.

As always we are looking for new recruits. If you think you may be interested in meeting please do pop along for a cuppa and chat.

Viv Braiser
830981

Methodist Church Services

Dec 5th	Mr John Ellis
Dec 12th	Miss Jean Hall
Dec 19th	Rev. David Marshall (Carol Service)
Dec 26th	United Service, St. John's, Whitstable

Salvation Army Carol Concert

Monday 6th December 2004

7.30pm

Bridge School Hall

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Tuesday 14th December

1.30pm - 3.00pm

to be entertained by the children

Refreshments will be served by pupils during the
afternoon

Please contact Bridge School Office - 830276

if you would like to come

(Local transport can be arranged if necessary)

Bekesbourne Bells and Organ Project — we're almost there!

Thanks to the generosity of local donors and national charities, we are delighted to report that we are nearing the end of our fund-raising! Nearly £5,500 has been donated from Bekesbourne and the surrounding villages so far, including the proceeds of the recent most successful Wine and Wisdom evening run by Russell Feast and John Street. This is in addition to £4,000 offered by the Friends of Bekesbourne Church.

In parallel to the local campaign, we have been applying to charities and grant-giving bodies for help and have just received the splendid news that the Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded us a grant of £24,900 (over half the cost) towards the cost of the restoration of the bells and future open days! Taking other grants into account, this leaves us about £3,500 to raise before the work can commence next July.

The organ restoration will be carried out in the New Year, as the total for that side of the project has now been achieved, thanks to generous grants from the Brett Environmental Trust and the Council for the Care of Churches amongst others.

The PCC and the Project Group are most grateful for all the support they have received and are delighted that the bells and organ at Bekesbourne will be restored for the benefit of all who use the church and listen to the bells, both now and in the future.

Don't forget we still need over £3,000!

Jane Millyard

SON-ET-LUMIERE AT BEKESBOURNE

Bekesbourne PCC are very pleased to report a successful outcome to the Son-et-Lumiere Event staged in September.

About £2500 was raised and is to be shared between the PCC for church funds and the Friends of Bekesbourne Church to finance ongoing maintenance of the church building.

We are very grateful to all the supporters of this ambitious project, to the organisers and helpers who gave their time and to *Awards for All* and *Can Do* who provided grants to cover expenses.

Jonathan Cowans

CAROLS AT THE UNICORN

There will be an evening of carol singing at the Unicorn Public house Thursday 9th December to raise funds for Bekesbourne Church. Singing will be accompanied by Stuart Field on the fiddle and David Cutting on the piano. This is always a very popular and enjoyable evening. If you intend to eat a meal remember to book a table in advance.

BEKESBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Would you please give two months notice when making bookings for the hall which should be arranged with Joan Atkins, 01227 831127

Maidstone Orchestra Society

Maidstone Symphony Orchestra Conductor, Brian Wright, will perform on Saturday 4th December 2004 commencing at 7.30pm at Mote Hall, Maidstone Leisure Centre, Mote Park, Maidstone. The programme consists of three works ~ Maxwell Davies - Ojai Festival Overture ~ Dvorak - Cello Concerto - Soloist Adrian Brendel: and Franck - Symphony.

Adrian Brendel, the Cello-playing son of a famous pianist, plays Dvorak's ever-popular concerto. Either side, there's a sparkling overture by our new Master of the Queen's Music, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies - also to celebrate his 70th birthday - and the exciting, organ-like sounds of Cesar, Franck's well loved Symphony."

Concert tickets £18, £14, and £8, seats for children or students with a student Card £3, available from Membership Secretaries on 01622 736392, paid for and collected on the concert evening at Mote Hall, or from Mote Hall Box Office 01622 761111 when payment can be made by credit card. This concert is sponsored by Annabel Luzato.

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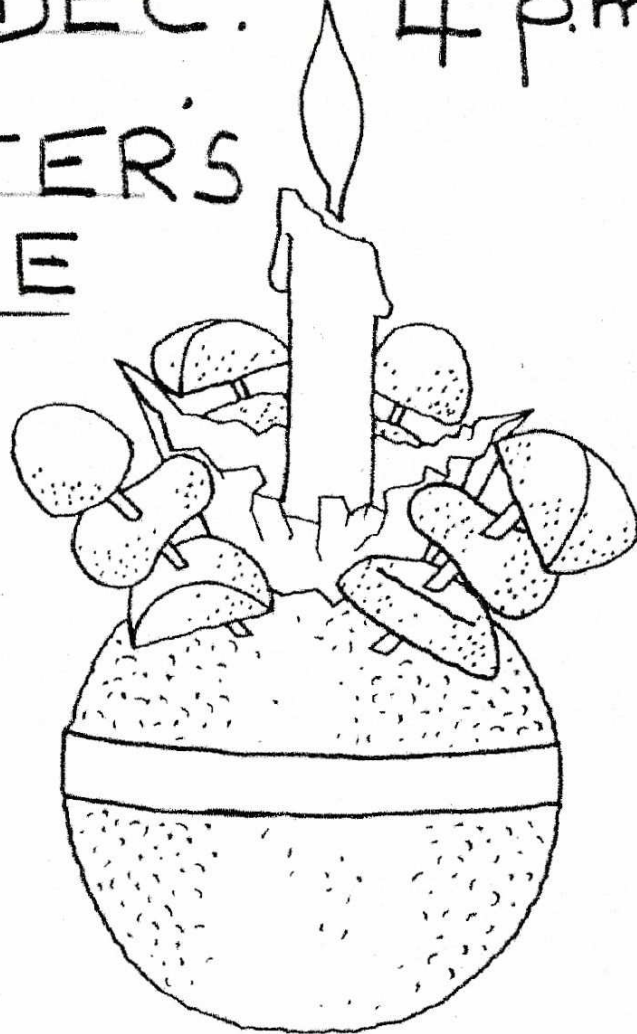
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Happy Holidays!

NAILBOURNE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our annual social evening is being held on Tuesday 7 December in Bridge Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm. The evening's festivities will begin with a quiz on a horticultural theme to be followed by a ploughman's supper. Tickets will be £3 per person and there will also be a Christmas raffle. We look forward to seeing members and non-members on the 7th.

Bridge with Patrixbourne Women's Institute

The December meeting of the WI will be on Tuesday 14 December, one week earlier than the usual third Tuesday of the month, at 7.30 pm in Bridge Village Hall when Mr and Mrs Bosworth will be giving a presentation entitled "Music and Magic".

As this is our Christmas meeting, each member is asked to bring a plate of finger food (either savoury or sweet) and the competition this month is for an article beginning with the letter "S".

Kathy Walder

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The NHS Trust runs a Hopper Bus Service between the main hospitals for its staff.

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It is hoped to have copies of the timetable(s) available at the churches once we have established it can be used by people other than staff.

Barbara Beinder

Parish Councillor

POPPY APPEAL 2004

I should like the good people of Bridge, Patricxbouune and Bishopsbourne to know that they have contributed the magnificent sum of £1677.92 to this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Since I took on the organisation of our local collection I have never ceased to be amazed at the continuing generosity of our combined communities especially when one considers the countless other charities making similar requests.

In fact since my first year (1993), - despite no longer boasting a R.B.L. Branch of its own -this independent area has given over £14000.00 towards the cost of the many benefits provided for ex-service men and women. Sadly the need never seems to diminish. In fact, since the end of the Second World War, there has hardly been a year when service personnel have not been killed or wounded, when on duty somewhere in the war-torn world!

In the course of collecting, we are frequently told that poppies have been obtained elsewhere. Of course, this doesn't really matter, since all monies eventually arrive at the same destination namely, the Legion's coffers.

However, I must admit that I would dearly love to see local folk take their poppies from local sources, since that would boost our final offering even further!

I am sure you must all realise by now that in the fortnight leading up to Remembrance Sunday, poppies can be obtained from every shop and pub, as well as from house-to house sellers

Thank you all so much for your support - and special thanks to our super team of conscientious collectors and counters of whom we are never short when the time comes

Barry V Whiting
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The Trio Campaign

The 'Trio' Team of the Parish of Patricxbourne with Bridge are very happy to report that the recent campaign has been very successful. Thirty more parishioners have joined the Planned Giving Scheme and over £400 has been given as single donations. thanks are also extended to original members of the scheme who have revised their giving in response to the campaign.

The result of the new and revised giving is in the region of an additional £8,500 per annum towards our parish finances, and this is before tax is reclaimed! This will certainly put our finances in a more stable footing for the immediate future. Once again, many thanks, for your generosity. Thanks be to God.

The Trio Team

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Members' Reps: Hugh Wheeler, Doug Fenn, Peter Murton, Ray Tupper. Poppy Appeal Organiser: It was agreed that the Branch Committee would organise this as a group.

After the meeting refreshments were served.

18 members were present at the November 2004 meeting at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne, with Doug Fenn in the Chair. Good wishes went to Tony Bevan who has recently been in hospital. Early indications on the Poppy Appeal Collection were thought to be very encouraging and our stand outside the Littlebourne Shop was doing very well. A Branch Dinner is being organised for February - date to be announced. We have had a busy time in the past few months so it will be nice to get together in the new year when things have quietened down again.

Our next two Branch meetings are on Tuesdays, 14th December and 11th January - both at 8pm at the Recreation Club, Littlebourne.

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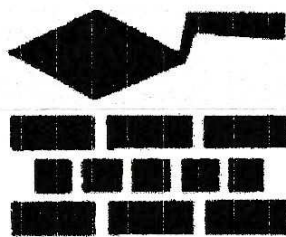
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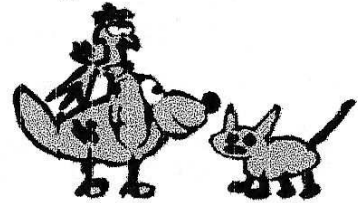
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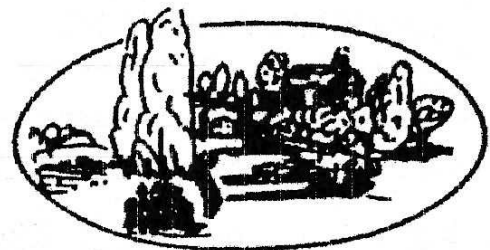
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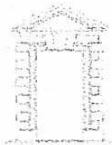
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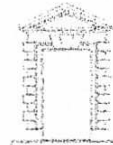
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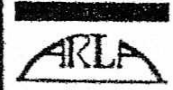
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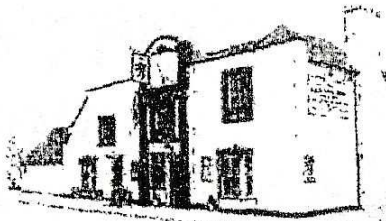
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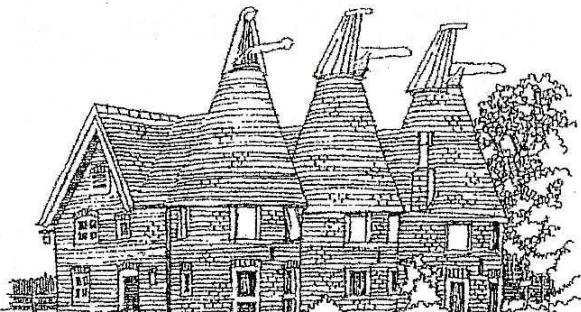
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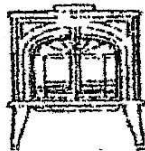
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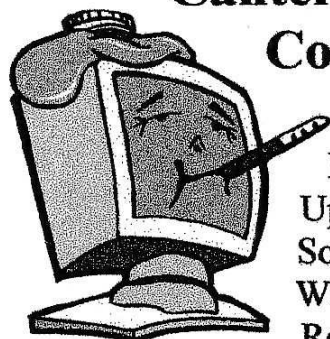
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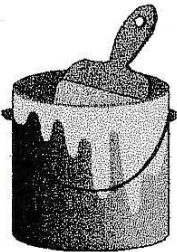
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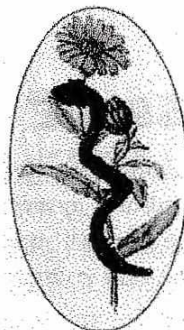
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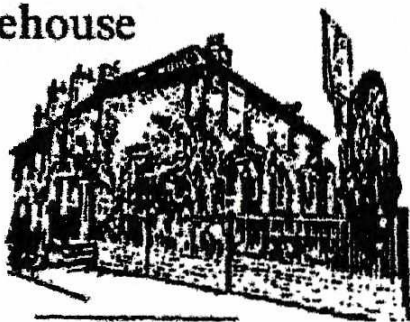
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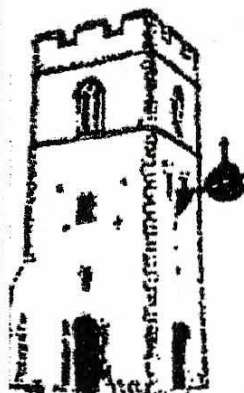


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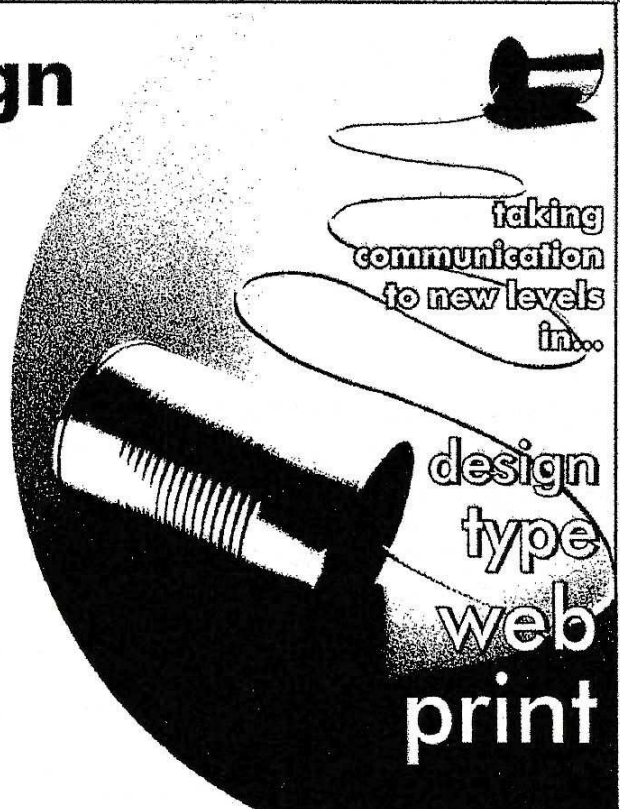
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